



Teacher Responsibilities in the 21st century

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Abstract

India is one of the leading global education destinations, where education is viewed as the acquisition of knowledge and information. The process involves transferring skills and knowledge from one individual to another. With rapid technological advancements, nearly every aspect of life has evolved including communication, collaboration, learning, and teaching. Teaching in the 21st century presents a new perspective, as learning now occurs constantly, anywhere, and on any subject, catering to diverse learning styles. This brings us to the question: What does it mean to be a "Teacher of the 21st century"? Exceptional students are shaped by exceptional teachers. While student achievement is influenced by various factors, the most crucial element is a knowledgeable and inspiring teacher. Therefore, it is essential to focus on training and supporting both novice and experienced educators effectively. Today's students are more advanced and mature compared to previous generations. Modern education now emphasizes critical thinking, interpersonal communication, information literacy, technological proficiency, and essential life skills. To effectively teach 21st-century learners, teachers must understand their students and their perspectives on modern technology. Building meaningful professional relationships with students allows educators to inspire creativity and foster learning, helping students succeed in a globally connected society. Teachers should collaborate with students to create new learning experiences, function as active members of learning communities, and facilitate education through diverse methods. These qualities are essential for 21st-century educators, as millions of Indian students still strive for quality education. With India being home to the third-largest higher education system in the world, the role of a teacher comes with great responsibility.