

Goal of Education



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What is the goal of education?

We all will agree that it is to transform a child into a complete, powerful and responsible citizen through continuous learning and independent thinking.

An ideal education system in today's technologically advanced world would be one, which is able to create global citizens who can easily adapt to and succeed in today's ever-changing technological age, as well as who possess the wisdom and passion to utilize their knowledge for the betterment of the society.


The rapid progress in science and technology has been accompanied with an alarming increase in value degradation all over the world. This is because the conventional education system followed


currently has not been able to generate empowered individuals through its processes which have resulted into rote learning and assessment oriented teaching.

It is essential that the children of today's modernized world, who are going to be the technocrats of the future, be empowered with essential wisdom and human values so that they are able to utilize and maintain a perfect balance in human and natural resources for eternal happiness and prosperity of mankind. ☆

MAA Foundation is a unique Indian NGO that understands the problems and hurdles faced by the Indian education system. Our dedicated team works tirelessly at the grassroot level in order to induce quality in education imparted in the schools, to provide holistic education to the children and give them a sense of direction in life. We have started with one district in one state, but we are building a model that is scalable, sustainable, process-driven and result oriented.



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1	MON 30	TUE 31		Our highest endeavor must be to develop free human beings who are able of themselves to impart purpose and direction to their lives. The need for imagination, a sense of truth, and a feeling of responsibility-these three forces are the very nerve of education. ~Rudolph Steiner			 SUN 01
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1			WED 01	THR 02 The intention of education must be the inner transformation and liberation of the integrated human being who is free of fear. From only such people, society can be transformed into a place of peace. ~J Krishnamurthy	FRI 03	SAT 04 	SUN 05
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It is true that we cannot make a genius. We can only give to each child the chance to fulfill his potential possibilities.
 ~Maria Montessori



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Meaning of education.

The word education has been derived from the Latin term 'educare' meaning to bring up or rear; closely linked to 'educere' meaning 'to lead forth' or 'bring out'. So education should essentially be able to draw out the strengths of each and every child and help him reach his highest potential.

However, in today's competitive, consumer oriented society; the meaning of education has been reduced to:

- ~ Achieving high marks in exams
- ~ Inculcating in children finishing skills like manners and etiquettes.
- ~ Obtaining popular degrees irrespective of interest areas
- ~ Getting admission into popular institutes/ colleges
- ~ Procuring a good job/job overseas

The conventional educational practices followed in most of the schools currently provides the basic academic knowledge and skills but the methods adopted in order to impart that education results in rote learning instead of concept clarity. Also it does not lay stress on development of essential human and ethnic values in the students. A typical graduate coming out of this education system has the professional skills required for earning enough to fulfill

the basic necessities of life, however he lacks:

- ~ the basic understanding required for processing and implementing the knowledge gained
- ~ inspiration and motivation required to utilize his abilities to the maximum
- ~ curiosity and inquisitiveness
- ~ visionary ambition
- ~ creativity
- ~ risk taking ability
- ~ ability to bounce back from failures
- ~ concern for the community and environment
- ~ compassion and a sense of equality
- ~ wisdom to utilize the limited resources of the world wisely
- ~ values required to live a life of simple living and high thinking
- ~ human values that would inspire him to utilize his knowledge for the betterment of entire mankind
- ~ a sense of meaning and direction in life.


The knowledge imparted in most of the schools has not been able to keep pace with the fast changing technological world outside the school. This results in issues such as educated unemployed or underemployment. The methods of assessment adopted by the schools tests a

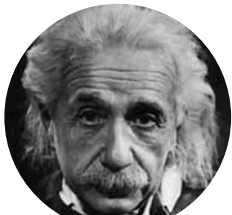
student's memorization ability but not his ability to process information or, evaluate possibilities or take calculated risks in life.

Huge reforms are required in the manner currently adopted for imparting education as well as the processes adopted in assessing students' knowledge, skills and

abilities. It is in the interest of mankind that the focus of education should shift from providing only academic knowledge to all round grooming and development of an individual's mind, body and soul. ☆



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	2	MON 02	TUE 03	WED 04	THR 05 Mahavir Jayanti	FRI 06 Good Friday	SAT 07 SUN 08
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5	MON 28	TUE 29	WED 30	THR 31	Imagination is more important than knowledge. ~Albert Einstein 	

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Seven sins of life: Politics without principle. Commerce without morality.
Wealth without work. Education without character. Science without
humanity. Pleasure without conscience. Worship without sacrifice.
~Mahatma Gandhi



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Different schooling systems.

Over a period of time, based on situations and requirement of students different type of schooling systems have developed in India.

OLD LEGACY SCHOOLS

There are a few schools focused on imparting holistic value based education to children. These schools essentially maintain a low student teacher ratio and primarily focus on all round development of the students, both academically and emotionally. However these schools are not open to changing their educational methods with the changing times. Due to this they are not able to take advantage of the technological advances and innovations happening in the field of education.

Way ahead for imparting complete all round education.....

The changing times demand that such schools, along with maintaining their strong base of value education also adopt latest methods of teaching available in the field of education that are interactive, interesting and which can bring the world of information to their doorsteps. This will help them groom the children into complete, powerful and responsible global citizens of tomorrow.

ELITE SCHOOLS

Recent times have seen development of a few elite schools which cater to the classes. These schools utilize the best in infrastructure and technology in order to educate their students. They deliver high quality of academic and soft skill knowledge through methods like project work, activity based learning and extracurricular activities. However, they normally fail to lay adequate stress on inculcating vital human qualities of love, simplicity, honesty and integrity in their students. This results into dissatisfaction, sense of unhealthy competition, lack of respect for the society and the environment and a lack of sense in direction in life; in spite of normally possessing abundance of material wealth.

Way ahead for imparting complete all round education.....

It is essential that these schools undertake activities that can instill fundamental human qualities of compassion, love and respect, so that the students can strive towards removing the inequalities existing in the society and find a meaning and sense of direction in life. It is essential that the students are taught the importance of being good human beings along with being successful professionals in life.

MAJORITY OF THE SCHOOLS

The bulk of the schools follow the conventional method of education, which results in rote learning and assessment oriented teaching. These schools are now gradually adopting new and advanced technology available in the field of education in order to provide quality education to its students. However most of them are not able to do justice to both the quality of academic as well as moral education imparted in schools due to a high level of student teacher ratio and the methods of imparting education adopted by them.



High student; teacher ratio - **Majority of the schools**

Way ahead for imparting complete all round education.....

For such schools it is essential that adequate emphasis be laid on inculcating fundamental human values in the children. They should also adopt new technological methods of education in order to cater to the needs of different types of learners, expose the students to hands on education and shift towards knowledge oriented assessment. They should also aim at enhancing the soft skills in each and every student so as to make all the students coming out of this system an ideal citizen working towards making a better tomorrow for himself as well as his nation. ☆



Hands on education - **Elite schools**



Outdoor class - **Old legacy schools**

Ideal schooling system.

Keeping in view the need of the hour it is essential that the education system today should essentially be able to:

- ~ Nurture a child's creativity and imagination.
- ~ Enhance the feeling of self respect and self esteem in each child.
- ~ Encourage children to see and admire beauty around them and learn to appreciate life.
- ~ Treat each child as a differently gifted individual and remove the sense of

unhealthy competition existing amongst children.

- ~ Develop soft skills in children which will increase their confidence and clarity of thought and expression
- ~ Teach the children the art of collecting information from appropriate sources and processing it to convert it into useful knowledge.
- ~ Impart clear and conceptual knowledge to children which they can understand and utilize in practical life.



- ~ Utilize new assessment methods which will test a child's understanding and draw him away from rote learning.
- ~ Align the skills and technological knowledge of children with the present day need of the industry and global jobs. Inculcate in children essential human values and teach them the importance of being 'good' over 'successful' and being 'helpful' over 'smart'.
- ~ Turn them into responsible citizens who are concerned about the community, the environment and the world at large.
- ~ Promoting ethnic and human values in children for betterment of their own lives as well as the society.

For an education system to be able to offer the above it will be essential that it imparts quality and value based knowledge keeping in mind the need of the hour. Also its assessment methods should be more human and the role of a teacher should be that of a friend, guide and a mentor to the students. Only when the education system is able to deliver all of the above, will it be able to overcome the evils of corruption, unemployment, increase in inequality, ecological imbalance, crime and violence. ☆

Howard Gardner: Five minds of the future, based on the premise that students are entering an accelerating world of change in every area of life should be:

1 Disciplined mind


Synthesizing mind 2


3 Creative mind,

Respectful mind 4

5 Ethical mind



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The highest education is that which does not merely give us information
but makes our life in harmony with all existence.
~Rabindranath Tagore



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5	MON 29	TUE 30	WED 31	Literary education is of no value, if it is not able to build up a sound character. ~Mahatma Gandhi			



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The highest function of education is to bring about an integrated individual who is capable of dealing with life as a whole.
 ~J Krishnamurthy



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Maa Foundation projects.

Issues faced by the education system	Aim of the project	Project Name
1) Lack of quality education in rural schools	To turn each rural school into a 'Role Model School'	Ken
2) Insufficient number of classrooms and teachers per standard	Activity based learning to allow each student to study at his/her own pace	Step Up
3) Lack of social skills and sense of direction in life	To instill values through personality development camps and providing guidance through career guidance program	Parvarish
4) Deserving children loose out of quality education due to insufficient funds	To provide financial assistance to the deserving and needy students	Vidhya
5) Teachers not receiving adequate recognition, motivation and training	To felicitate teachers in order to motivate them and providing them essential teaching skills through training programs	Gnyan
6) Parents coming from rural areas and weak financial backgrounds do not understand the importance of education.	To equip the first generation learners who come from financially weak backgrounds, with quality education and skills to drive home the message of 'Prosperity through education'	Udaan
7) Rural graduates are found to be unemployable due to low skill sets, lack of English language and computer knowledge	To turn a rural arts college into a 'Role Model College' by grooming the graduates with various skillsets in order to increase their employability	Vikas
8) There is no one stop web portal that can cater to the needs of the entire educational community	To providing a single window of information on all aspects of education, entirely free of cost	Samarthan
9) Interactive and interesting methods of learning Science are not available to rural students	To improve the concept clarity of rural students and attract them towards Science	Science on wheels
10) Children are not able to relate Math concepts learned in school to real life situations	To remove the phobia students have towards Math and make it enjoyable and interesting for them	Math Fair
11) Lack of knowledge about career options and lack of sense of direction in life	Providing career guidance through career fairs and aptitude testing	Disha



Disha- Career guidance



Gnyan- Newspapers for children



Ken- Computer education



Math fair- Math made interesting



Parvarish- P.D.Camps



Samarthan- Window of knowledge



Science Bus- Display of models



Step Up- Activity based learning



Viaks- Computer education



Vidhya- Scholarship interview

Way ahead....

The goal of education cannot be achieved without laying adequate emphasis on all the aspects of an individual's development i.e. of mind, body and soul. The lack of quality and holistic education in today's times has brought the world on the brink of a potential nuclear war; has led to breakdown of the joint family system and increased divorce rates and has resulted in children suffering from low self confidence. Social issues like that of poverty, educated unemployment and pollution are continuously on a rise.

Irrespective of the education style being followed, it is essential that each school provides moral, application based, practical, academic as well as soft skills education to all the children in order to ensure their all round development. It is time we move towards a holistic as well as a progressive method of education which can cater to the educational and development needs of each and every child. Only when this happens can the children grow up to become responsible citizens who can contribute towards maintaining a healthy order in the socio- economic system of the country for betterment of themselves as well as the nation.

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