



# The Role of a Teacher in Modern Primary Education

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**Abstract:** Primary education is important to prepare the student mentally and academically for further higher education. There are limitless roles present for the teachers. The teacher must focus on holistic development of the students by playing different roles at different times. Teaching at grass route level is the key to form a strong base of the student for the future learning. Variety of role playing by the teacher in efficient way can impact a student's life positively.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

According to Article no. 45 of Indian Constitution, all persons below 14 years of age are considered as children. The level of education is divided as 3-5 years aged for pre-primary, 6-11 years for lower primary, 11-13 years for higher primary, 16-18 years for higher secondary and 18-22 years for higher education [1]. A teacher makes a child into a social citizen day by day [3]. The role of socialization of the child is taken by school and teacher. At present, the whole world has accepted that a person needs minimum education to lead a meaningful life, otherwise he cannot be properly informed about his responsibilities, rights and duties. Therefore, every country in the world has given importance to making primary education compulsory. The importance of a teacher in child development is to make the student a self-reliant and responsible citizen of the future society. Primary education is necessary to increase the productivity of individuals through the application of science and technology. Primary education is important to prepare the student mentally and academically for further higher education.

## II. ROLE OF A TEACHER

**Philosopher:** As a philosopher the teacher has to impart knowledge in the students not only the syllabus content but also the outer world related to it. Being a philosopher means opening up all the possibilities and opportunities related to a topic to the

students, so that the students can understand the meaning of the context in true sense.

**Guide:** Teachers are meant to guide the students at every phase of life may it be academic or personal. The teacher deals with the student's problems scientifically and resolves more realistically. Remedial teaching is also arranged for weak students. From the measurement of intelligence, the teacher can develop the child's character.

**Researcher:** As a researcher the teacher always try to find out new avenues of teaching. She more focuses on evidence-based learning practices that are affordable, easily accessible, implementable and more quickly grasped by the students. By intensive researches the teacher can make learning easier and contribute to the betterment of education system.

**Manager:** The main functions of a teacher as manager are planning, organizing, supervising, directing, co-ordinating and controlling the teaching process. The teacher can understand group dynamics and act accordingly.

**Leader:** A teacher functions as a leader of the class. Academic leadership is most important role as it shows the path to the students. The teacher helps develop a sense of empathy, co-operation through direct teaching process.

**Counsellor:** As a counsellor the teacher builds rapport with students and their parents, helps the students to discover their potentials, finds the objectivity of the individual student approach and helps in career counselling of the student [2]. The teacher helps to bring a backward child back to the main stream of society by creating a friendly school environment.

## III. Conclusion

There are so many other roles of the teacher. As a whole the teacher must focus on holistic development of the students by playing different roles at different times. The primary teacher is the first form of academic contact to the students that is



why she should be soft, kind and benevolent to the kids. Also, the primary teacher is the first role model to so many children so she must play her role so thoughtfully that can positively impact the children's lives. Actually, there are limitless roles present for the teachers, all could not be mentioned. Knowledge, experience, empathy and an open mind are the keys to become an ideal teacher. Therefore, the importance of primary education and primary teacher in the current education system is undeniable.

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