



HIGHLIGHTING THE POTENTIAL WITHIN COLLEGE FOR INNOVATIONS IN THE TEACHING LEARNING PROCESS

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Abstract

No two teaching styles are alike, and any teacher with classroom teaching experience will agree that their style of teaching is uniquely their own. An effective teaching style engages students in the learning process and helps them develop critical thinking skills. Traditional teaching styles have evolved with the advent of differentiated instruction, prompting teachers to adjust their styles toward students' learning needs. There are also lots of Modern Methods of teaching that had made it easy for a teacher to deliver the required information with great ease.

This article deals with highlighting the Potential within college for innovations in the teaching learning process. The article discusses about the various traditional as well as modern teaching aids available in the market today.

“The best teachers are those who show you where to look, but don't tell you what to see.”

Introduction

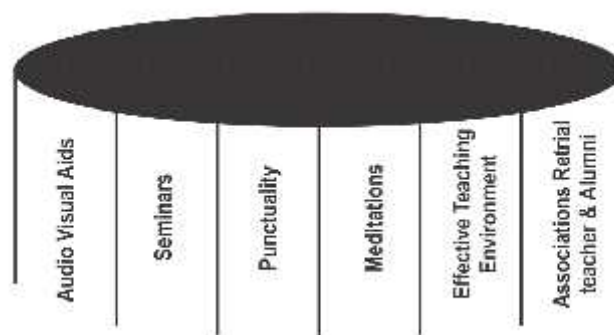
There is no universally accepted method of teaching; it is to be stressed that the principles of learning central education can be adopted in any situation with a view to reduce the cost of education. Depending upon the type of students and the subject matter the lecture may adopt regular teaching for some lessons; require the students to learn certain other lessons from the seniors and the rest through self-study. Thus in this system, the contact hours with the students can be reduced and the students use the rest of the school hours for learning from seniors and by self-study. This will provide the opportunity for the lecturer to teach more number of the class.

Yoga is such a discipline of life which paves the way for healthy life. It is an integrated way of living encompassing physical, mental, social, emotional, aesthetic, moral and spiritual aspects of human existences. As concomitant effect of yoga, it works as a therapy as well. By living in a yogic manner, one cultivates higher states of consciousness that are joyful to experience.

Effective Teaching Environment

It allows perfect learning to take place. More effective teaching and learning takes place when a variety of teaching strategies are provided in the classrooms for better understanding rather than just right answers. Further, we believe that if teachers will try to realize and prepare thoroughly with some qualities relating with their subject contents, then they can teach effectively in the classroom. For an effective teaching environment we must need some basic elements of teaching; like effective speaking mean speak at suitable rates, loudly & fluently without excessive pauses. Effective presentation means use facial expressions, bodily gestures, make eye contact with the students; move around the classroom; do not fix on a desk. Use black boards, other audio-visuals aids. Let students feel free to question teachers; to think independently; and to express different views.

Management & Principal, in particular, have an important role to play in turning is the go around. They can take numerous proactive steps for the creation of a more supportive teaching-learning climate so that both the teachers and their students can excel. All these steps are easy to implement where the present capacity and power of each college Principal.





- The most important thing is to become accountable as an Educational Institution. It means being punctual, taking all lectures and tutorials, teaching well, reading the latest books and journals, sharing knowledge freely, turning the interest of the students in the subjects they learn, completing the portion on time, helping students to learn, evaluating student answer books fairly and declare the result on time.
- Since most college teachers simply go through their profession without any Training in teaching learning, evaluation-techniques rest. They are unable to give their best in the classrooms. At least one or two week training for every teachers would generate tremendous confidence in them, especially the beginner and make them more effective in contributing to the quality of education.
- Providing each classroom at least with an OHP is a must for better teaching & Learning. Even in the America, professor use as OHP around & not LCD to teach a class of 300 students. So, why not buy 15 to 20 OHP in every college (instead of one LCD, which can be hired for special occasions) it is a question of using the available resources to maximum advantages to create a climate conducive to quality environment.
- Better to partner with retired teacher of our college and with the parents of the students. Retired teachers renowned for their teaching practice with their younger colleagues and mentoring them into excellence.
- An alternate way of improving quality with less; to give autonomy to the teachers.
- To conduct work map in college on adolescent life skills, career planning & HIV/AIDS.
- To collaborate with the activities of the department with NSS-NCC and Women's Development Cell functioning in the college.

Since all educational reform begin with classroom instruction, we can experiences the pride of an achiever who has risen to meet the stimulus of challenging time with the right dedication, attitudes, energy and response.

What Are Teaching Aids?

In a very simplistic manner, we can define teaching aids as tools which the teachers or tutors or whoever is involved in the field of teaching including laboratory assistants in the science labs of schools to help the learners in a way that can make them easily understand and comprehend what is taught to them. The teaching aids can improve the reading, writing and speaking skills of the students. In an easy illustrative way, the teaching aids can reinforce whatever the ideas, facts or skills have already been learnt by the students. The user friendly and interactive teaching aids help to remove the anxiety, fear, boredom or any other complex feeling which the students may develop while learning their subjects of study. **Modern teaching aids** are very helpful in this respect because they use the play way method and make teaching like playing some games especially in the case of very young learners. The use of graphics, audio and visuals in the modern training aids makes them very impressive as they leave an imagery of the lessons in the minds of the students.

What Are Traditional Teaching Aids?

Let us first discuss some important teaching aids and methods of teaching which we had been using and are still using in many of our schools. The usual **traditional teaching aids** are blackboards, textbooks, charts, pictures, posters, maps, atlases, globes, flash cards, flip cards, worksheets, science lab apparatus and materials, models, crossword puzzles, quizzes, storytelling, dramatization, one act plays, dictionaries, encyclopedias, reference books, learning toys and abacus. Let us learn about these teaching aids one by one.

- Blackboards and chalks
- Text books
- Charts, pictures and posters
- Maps, Atlases and globes
- Flashcards, flip cards and worksheets
- Scientific apparatus, materials and models used in classrooms and science labs
- Crossword puzzles, quizzes and storytelling etc.
- Dramatization and plays
- Dictionaries, Encyclopedias and other reference books
- Toys and other objects used as methods of teaching
- Use abacus as a teaching aid
- Mathematics including geometry kits

What Are Modern Teaching Aids?

The modern teaching aids include computers, internet surfing, laptops, electronic note books, e-readers, computer educational games, online dictionaries, online encyclopedias, picture dictionaries, talking dictionaries, online tests, online e-books, audio



- video teaching aids for learning various subjects including languages; **PowerPoint slides and games**; flash educational games; Lesson relayed on radio through satellites; lessons on TV relayed by certain TV channels; Educational CDs and DVDs, projectors; interactive white boards also called smart boards etc. Let us discuss some of the most important of the modern teaching aids.

- Computer as a tool in modern teaching.
- Role of PowerPoint slides and games in modern classrooms.
- Interactive electronic white board as a tool in modern teaching.
- Overhead projectors and slide projectors, Projector screens, VCRs, VCPs, DVD players etc.
- Online dictionaries, encyclopedias, picture dictionaries, talking dictionaries, online tests.
- Educational CDs and DVDs, Televisions.

Conclusion

Teaching became as important as tools of teaching in the past that you could not think of classroom without a teacher standing at the blackboard with chalk in hand, drawing diagrams and pictures or writing the lesson notes on the blackboard which the students busily copied in their notebooks. Though the same methods are continuing in most of the Indian schools, but many schools have changed to the modern methods of teachings as explained above. The best is to make use of both the traditional as well as the modern methods of teaching. Teachers of today have to keep abreast of the modern technology available for teaching and use each and every opportunity to get their classrooms equipped with the same. The teachers of today will need to change their teaching strategies according to the need of the hour. They have to be selective in choosing teaching aids relevant to the lessons and subjects they teach. "Guru-Shishya parampara" also should be maintained along with the modern ways of teaching.

“I Love to teach because it allows me to be a positive influence in a student’s life.”

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