

Significance and Functions of Teacher Education:

The need and importance of the teachers and their education is increasing day by day. Teachers play a vital role in improving the quality of education. They are regarded as the builders who determine the destiny of a nation. Teachers can make or mar the society. Prof. Humayun Kabir rightly stated, "Without good teachers, even the best of system is bound to fail. With good teachers, even the defects of a system can be largely overcome."

The significance of teacher education can be made more comprehensible mentioning the following points:

i) Knowledge of the Child:

Helps the teacher to understand the nature of the child i.e. his abilities, aptitudes, emotions, instincts, sentiments and developmental level etc. It helps the teacher to understand the problems of the pupils and to assist them in making better adjustments.

ii) Knowledge of Teaching-Learning process:

It assists the teacher to understand the principles, methods and techniques of teaching-learning process. It helps them to know how to use various teaching devices, a-v aids and instructional materials judiciously in classroom teaching.

iii) Organization Co-curricular activities:

It helps the teacher in organizing, supervising & participating in co-curricular activities of the

School.

iv) Organizing guidance services:

It helps teacher in organizing guidance and counselling services in the school.

v) Knowledge of methods of evaluation:

Evaluation is an important component of t-t process. It helps the teacher in assessing and evaluating student's achievements by various methods and approaches.

vi) Developing favorable attitude:

It helps the teachers developing in them a favourable attitude towards teaching profession. At the time of training, many doubts of the teacher trainees are removed. It helps in creation of love and respect for the teaching profession.

vii) Improving standard of education:

The quality and standard of education largely depends upon the quality of the teacher. Teacher education programme helps to develop teachers teaching skills and competency leading to the enhancement of teacher's quality. Hence, a teacher trained or educated in the real sense can assist in raising the quality or standards of education.

viii) Creation of social insight:

Teacher is said to be a social leader. He has to shape the destiny of the nation or society.

It helps the teachers to develop a sense of community life. Education is necessary to create a social insight in them.

ix) Familiarity with the latest in education:

It familiarizes the future teachers with all that is most recent in education. It gives information regarding the recent research and experiments in the field of education. This makes the teacher more informative and up to date.

x) Pre-requisite for better planned education:

It may be regarded as one of the pre-requisite for the promotion and continuation to more purposeful and better-planned education.

xi) Essential in Organizing Learning Resources:

It is essential to inform the teachers in organizing learning resources so that they can identify the remainder. This clearly shows the strong linkage between the socio-economic development and education.

xii) To become effective Curriculum designers:

To accomplish the teachers to become effective curriculum designers, choose appropriate teaching strategies, preparing lesson plans, using proper instructional materials, using innovative teaching method of inquiry, discovery, problem solving projects, discussions, dialogues and lecture.

xiii) Carry out effective interaction:

To train teachers how to carry out effective

interaction with students to promote individual and group learning in the t-l process.

xiv) Make Competent to cater to the special needs of differently abled & gifted children:

To make them competent to cater to the special needs of differently abled and gifted children prevalent in the classroom.

xv) Make them Capable to develop democratic citizenship in students:

To make the teacher capable to develop in their students the qualities of Democratic citizenship like tolerance, concern for others, co-operation, responsibility, commitment to social justice, sympathy etc.

xvi) Develops professionalism:

It works on those professional commitments or dispositions that are susceptible to modification. As we can't remake someone's personality, we can reshape attitudes towards the other and develop a professional role orientation towards teaching as a practice.

xvii) Development of technical skill:

It is very helpful in development of technical skill which are essential for achievement of professional competences.

xviii) To make right decisions and judgements:

It prepares the teacher to make right decisions.

and more grounded judgements about their students with respect to their development, learning differences, language and cultural influences and individual temperaments, interest and approaches to learning.

xix) Cox-relate knowledge with experience:

It helps teacher to correlate their knowledge with experiences.

xx) Enables to understand necessity of behaving dignified:

Enables teacher to behave in a dignified manner so that others (students) imitate him/her.

xxi) Develops professional commitment:

It is significant for professional commitment towards the profession of teaching.

xxii) Beneficial in time saving:

It is beneficial in saving time, energy and efforts of teachers.

xxiii) Makes teacher confident:

It makes the teacher more confident, mature and effective in carrying out their tasks.

xxiv) To gain understanding of educational process:

It enables the teacher to gain an understanding of the different aspects of education process.