



The Necessity to Inculcate Moral Values to the Students

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Abstract

Moral principles and ethics are necessary for success in life. One truly needs to possess a great deal of character strength in order to succeed. Professionals have been created successfully, but not humans. Tradition and moral values have not received enough attention in the current educational system. Virtues like honesty, integrity, responsibility, respect, and empathy should be highly valued. The curriculum ought to incorporate these principles. It is the duty of educators and other staff members at educational institutions to consistently model moral behavior for pupils by acting morally and interacting with them. As a result, since students are more likely to emulate and adopt the behaviors they see their teachers and other role models modelling, it is important to establish an environment in the classroom that values kindness, respect, empathy, and inclusivity for all students. These programs can foster the development of commendable qualities through organized activities, group discussions, and self-reflection exercises. Now Rather of instilling moral principles in their children, parents are more preoccupied with their education. The majority of them are aware of what their kids get up to when they're not home. The goal of social media development was to provide a platform for interaction between individuals from various socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds. But, unfortunately, the negative impacts on youth from social media are manifold compared to the positive outcomes. This paper focuses on the need to inculcate moral values among students.

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1. Introduction

Moral principles are generally quite important in students' life. They contribute to the development of positive character attributes including kindness, humility, respect, and compassion. They can help pupils choose between good and bad or right and wrong. Moral principles and ethics are necessary for success in life [1]. To succeed, one needs to possess a great deal of character strength. It is impossible to attain this strength without upholding strict moral principles and ethics. Character is characterised by ethics and ideals. Character cannot be conceived of without them. There can be no light without the sun and similarly, there can be no character without ethics and values. Therefore, moral principles must be instilled in children by their parents in order for them

to be sensitive to other people's feelings and empathetic. They need to learn that it is improper for them to deceive and harm other people. They ought to understand that there is a power bigger than themselves that observes what we do and rewards us for deeds well done. Instilling ethical values in pupils is an essential part of education since it helps them develop their personalities, behaviours, and decision-making abilities. Without a question, our level of life has increased in the current materialistic society. However, it is questionable if the value of life is taken into account. Mankind has begun to travel in the wrong direction due to the explosion of the population, the explosion of knowledge (science and technology), and the development of materials. They



believe that worldly material things are the source of true happiness. Men are living in the lowest and darkest realms of their awareness in today's society because of greed, self-aggrandizement, egregious injustice, violations of human rights, power perversion, callousness, insensitivity, deceit, dishonesty, thefts, bribes, smuggling, corruption, and exploitation [2]. Man's power is being abused and religion and morals are being suppressed. The younger generation is at a crossroads due to the growing impact of harmful parts of Western culture. Education founded on moral and ethical principles should be given to young people in order to make them aware of such ills and help them develop into logical humans who can distinguish between right and wrong and prevent themselves from becoming perverted.

1.1. Roles and Responsibilities of Parents

In today's world, the roles and responsibilities of parents play a vital role in bringing up a child. In a nuclear family, especially where both father and mother are employed; have no time to spend time with their child. The feelings and emotions of the child remain unentertained. Moreover, all the schools have moral classes to teach the moral values through our culture and tradition. Teachers tell stories from our epics, tales and short stories like 'Honesty is the best policy' through woodcutter story. After the privatization of schools, the moral classes are not conducted. The Government is also not taking any action on such schools. Now –a- days there seems to be a cultural depravity. Sometimes excess freedom to the youths attract them towards undesirable activities like, gambling, rocking, trafficking, etc. which ultimately turns into grave crimes.it . Parents have to tell bed time stories for example "The Giving Tree" by Shel Silverstein is a beloved children's book that tells the poignant story of a selfless tree and a boy who grows up interacting with it. The book has been widely praised for its emotional depth and simplicity, making it a classic in children's literature. However, it has also sparked discussions on the interpretation of its themes, particularly the dynamics of giving and taking in relationships. Despite varied interpretations, the book remains a staple in children's literature and continues to be cherished by readers of all ages.

Parents utilise the cultural activity programs and makes them to share in front of the students. It gives motivation as well as to inculcate good attitudes among them. Today's parents have not been vigilant about their kids' activities. Some parents can't keep up with their kids' demands, which drives them to engage in unethical behaviour. Parents have to be more cautious in child development Children generally learn from the environment so to inculcate good habits, preaching a child is of no use. We should also practise what we preach. Parents have to spend time in bed time stories even though it is an oldest method. By that, children feel comfortable after their frivolous daytime activities. Hence, sharing short moral value tales at bedtime is a great way to impart ethics to the children. Parents have to insist some of the valuable moral values such as gratitude, honesty, sharing, empathy, compassion, respect and equity. Children often commit mistakes. In that situation, parents have to tell them what is right and what is wrong [3]. The students should be trained to find out the good and this ability to differentiate right and wrong should be acquired very early in childhood as they grow. They should nurture the good and refrain from choosing bad. It makes them compassionate and helps to instil moral values in children.

2. Responsibility of the Educational Institutions

"Education means that process by which character is formed, strength of mind is increased, and intellect is sharpened, as a result of which one can stand on one's own feet." Indian culture is firmly based in moral and spiritual principles [4]. The purpose and meaning of education will be lost if these principles are not ingrained in people's lives. Without a transformation within each person, a fundamental shift in society cannot be achieved. The primary force behind society and personal transformation is education. The type of education we provide children will influence how society is shaped from the ground up. Above all, one needs to be a human being. In order to meet the problems of modern life, people must have an adequate philosophy. This can only be guaranteed if the philosophy is brave enough to strike a happy balance between the educational process and other factors. Swami Vivekananda once said, "Real education is that which enables one to stand on one's



own legs." In recent years, the definition of education excellence has become more practical. It is now closely associated with being employable and ready for the workforce [5]. The moral education, or personal growth as a human being, is given less thought. We place too much emphasis on living standards rather than life standards. Education has the power to instill positive values, even when many people have demonstrated a decrease in their morals. Today's culture places more value on formal education than it does on developing moral character. Overall, civilisation descends into lawlessness and mayhem. In this case, accumulating wealth and material advantages are taking precedence over core human principles. As a result, we require an educational system that can assist a person in genuinely ingraining moral principles into his life.

3. The Way to Establish Moral Values

3.1. Be a Role Model

Teachers and faculty members, from elementary school through college, bear the ultimate responsibility for providing a model of moral behavior for their pupils by consistently exhibiting moral principles in their interactions and activities. As a result, pupils are more likely to emulate and adopt the behaviors that they witness their teachers and other role models modelling.

3.2. A Culture that is Uplifting and Supportive

Starting in elementary school, we must instill values by establishing a classroom environment that values compassion, respect, empathy, and inclusivity for all students. By forming wholesome relationships and cooperating, students can foster a sense of belonging and treat one another with respect. By clearly discussing moral standards in the curriculum and lesson design, teachers can teach moral values in an unambiguous manner. Allocate time for deliberating and exploring fundamental principles including truthfulness, moral rectitude, compassion, understanding, accountability, and deference. Stories, anecdotes, and real-world experiences can aid students in understanding how these ideas are applied in practice.

3.3. Programs for the Education of Character

The main role of the teacher or faculty to teach moral values by telling stories or they have to refer the book

title to go through it. "The Catcher in the Rye" by J.D. Salinger is a seminal work in American literature that has garnered both critical acclaim and controversy since its publication. The novel's candid exploration of teenage angst, sexuality, and rebellion led to its frequent banning in schools and libraries. Despite the controversy, it has become a cornerstone of high school and college literature curricula and has influenced countless readers and writers thus "The Catcher in the Rye" remains a significant and provocative exploration of teenage life, and its themes continue to resonate with readers. Its portrayal of a young man's search for meaning and identity in a confusing world makes it a timeless classic. Create character education initiatives that prioritise the development of moral principles and individual honesty. These programs can foster the development of commendable qualities through organised activities, group discussions, and self-reflection exercises [6]. Give students access to a safe space where they can freely express their opinions and thoughts about ethical issues. Encourage kids to take part in free-flowing discussions so they can express their opinions, hear others', and hone their moral reasoning. Helping is no longer in vogue; no one is even showing gratitude or showing etiquette these days. Give students access to a safe space where they can freely express their opinions and thoughts about ethical issues. Encourage kids to take part in free-flowing discussions so they can express their opinions, hear others', and hone their moral reasoning.

4. The Effects of Social Media towards Imparting Moral Values among the Youth

Social media has become a part and parcel of our day-to-day life. It has become our compulsory entity. Social media was introduced with the intention of creating a forum to allow people from different social and cultural backgrounds to interact among themselves. Our education system fails to impart moral and ethical values among today's youths for various reasons. Excessive media usage is leading adolescents and children to spend large portions of their time in the bedrooms instead of family or communal areas of the home. Adolescents also report that internet usage does not improve their



relationships with parents and it also consumes time that could be spent with family members. Playing time and family time are both lost in the internet surfing. They play on phones instead of going to playgrounds. It has affected their health also. They play and live both in isolation. Now a days, everything is their inside room. Study, shopping, playing, meetings and chatting, everything is virtually carried out. They cannot learn to deal and adjust with others physically. Social media usage allows individuals opportunities to reach out to family members that they do not reside with, to share information and communicate. The modern youths receiving education are losing their idealism and there is spiritual depravity. Moral values have no respect. Highest respect is being placed on wealth and power. Human relations are becoming impersonal and secondary [7-9]. According to a survey majority of parents in the UK believe that social media harms their children's moral development. Just over half (55%) of 1,700 people with children aged 11 to 17 strongly agreed that social media hinders or undermines moral development. The poll was part of a project by the Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtues at Birmingham University. Researcher Blaire Morgan said some of the findings were surprising. "Not least [of these is] the low level of agreement that social media can enhance or support a young person's character or moral development. "Whilst parents acknowledged that positive character strengths, including moral virtues such as love, courage and kindness, are promoted through social networking sites [10]. They were reluctant to agree that these sites could have a positive impact on their child's character." It's now widely accepted that our children have lost their capacity for decency, respect, and responsibility. In fact, the public is calling for action and education due to the decline of our cultural ethos.

Conclusion

Encourage pupils to participate in community service projects that highlight the importance of social responsibility and compassion for other people. Students can better understand the relevance of moral values in making a positive influence by engaging in activities such as volunteering and participating in initiatives that benefit the community [11]. Faculties

must reinforce the moral values throughout the year, it is essential to stress and review important moral ideals continually. Incorporate regular reminders and conversations on ethical principles into the activities, routines, and interactions that take place in the classroom. The creative mind of youth is diverted towards unsocial activities such as smoking in public place, eve teasing, misbehaving in class, drug addiction, misconduct in the household and juvenile delinquency. Social values are uprooted by indulging in antisocial activities. So regional movement, conflict, bias, enmity, etc., take leading role over all the downfalls of the society [13]. Privatization of educational institutes is another major cause for the decline in the ethical values in education. Undoubtedly, TV, print media, internet blogs and websites, cinemas, role models (movie actors/actress) play an important role in honing and shaping the personality of the youth. There is a lack of extra-curricular activities based on the human values and professional ethics. There is a great importance of curricular & extracurricular activities for the student's life. But now the scope of extra-curricular activities is limited to only sports, literary competitions, quizzes, a few games, dance or musical events only. Morning meetings, prayers, literary works, discussions over social problems and other cultural activities have disappeared. National festivals are celebrated only for the sake of formality. Excess and improper use of social media may affect our health, relationship and many more. "Social media is not going away. So by learning more about this relationship, we should be able to maximise the benefits of social media use and avoid the pitfalls." It should also be kept in mind that moral lessons have to be repeated and reinforced from time to time until they are firmly ingrained in the young minds. Though we have made progress in knowledge but still we are not above the levels of our past generations in ethical and moral life. In some way, we have declined from their standards. Today we have been successful in making professionals but not the human beings. It is the responsibilities of everyone to build a society with both knowledgeable and moral.

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