

# 'Teachers should facilitate students in active learning'

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*"Success comes to the person who does today what you were thinking about doing tomorrow."*

The role of teacher is changing with the advent of smart and active learning methods. Today, the teacher is a facilitator in learning. Teaching and learning are being modified due to such upcoming innovations.

Teaching is a crucial word, holding much importance, for teachers. Teachers know the meaning of this word and know how to teach. Sometimes they do not know the difference between teaching and facilitating in learning and it creates a rift between the students and teachers. We all have to understand the difference between "teaching" and "facilitating in learning" because both the words are correlated and can be confused with each other.

Teaching is an activity in which teacher helps the student in learning. In several classes teachers go to the class, teach the students, supply the homework, conduct some daily routine activities and leave it at that. How much the students achieve, is not a matter of concern for teacher? This is a persisting problem although I cannot comprehend why.

To me a teacher must be innovative, active, and interested in her subject so that he /she make learning fun. A teacher must modify his/her attitude in order to be a facilitator in the teaching process.

I will suggest active learning processes in every institution as it provides very smart teaching, learning opportunities to teachers as well as students. If teacher is able to create an active learning environment in her classes she can help students learn in a myriad of ways, other than just following instructions. Active learning processes are able to make teaching very smart and easy. Teachers may use collaborative learning, conduct exciting experiments, in order to make learning for participatory and collaborative.

In modern learning environment, I feel, "learning" as a word gains more popularity as compared to "teaching". Less emphasis is laid on the teaching part and this is where the problem lies.

Teachers have to understand and grasp the modern trends in teaching-learning processes. Teachers have to make learning more interesting



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and interactive, so that students can learn better. Learning by activity is quite simple and effective. For example, before starting a particular chapter, students should be shown relevant videos pertaining to the lesson. An audio-visual experience can help the students understand and retain the concept.

The teacher should have passion for teaching, she should facilitate education. Nobody can teach anyone unless and until they harbour the spark of learning in themselves.

I would like to conclude my words with a quote, "Teachers have to sow the seeds in the fertile mind of students so that they can become good human beings."

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