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STUDENTS AS HARBINGERS OF A BETTER TOMORROW

Sangeeta Saxena, Principal of Delhi Public School Ghaziabad, Palam Vihar likes to offer freedom to young learners to indulge in self-directed learning

Q How has the teacher's role changed over the years?

The contemporary world is an amalgamation of competitiveness, integrated learning, holistic education, empathy, morality and conscientiousness. It is indeed very important to impart education that makes students ready to accept challenges and empower them with multifarious dynamics of knowledge for effective multi-tasking. A teacher today is a facilitator of grooming students to have the judicious power of decision making, critical thinking, time management, creative exploration and effective communication. Today she is in tune with her trend for subject enrichment as well as development of various skills.

Q Do you think that in this career-oriented age, sports and other physical activities are getting due attention in schools? If not, how can this be rectified?

Yes indeed, sports and physical activities are getting due recognition. Students are being propelled to perform in sports like



judo, karate, archery and other off beta sports. Sports is an integral part of education and physical education has been receiving an impetus by the clarification of theoretical as well as practical concepts.

Q What would be your advice to students on the formula for success in studies and in most aspects of life?

My advice would be to clarify concepts properly to go for analytical studies. Research based studies would help students to develop acumen in academics. In the other aspects of life, students have to under-

stand their core competence areas. The demands of self-regulation ultimately lead us to self-realisation. The students should be encouraged to have a healthy mix of studies as well as lateral thinking, logical reasoning and communication skills.

Q It is said that one learns something every day. How much do students/teachers contribute in your daily learning process?

The schools have been growing by leaps and bounds, crossing many milestones and achieving fame. We are keeping pace with the global as well as national targets. We often

come face-to-face with dynamic educators and students who possess out-of-the-box of thinking skills. They are the ones who help us simplify concepts and develop logical reasoning. We are able to get a better picture of the academic scenario and they help us to integrate concepts. Simplification of ideas and respecting diversity come naturally to us if we encounter different students with unique values.

Q What is the most satisfying aspect of your work/profession? And the most challenging one?

The most satisfying aspect is to offer freedom to our students to indulge in self-directed learning through various programmes like social welfare, cyber security and entrepreneurial venture. It is important to pave way for students to be in sync with opportunities and challenges existing at the global platform. The most challenging aspect, however, is to deal with students who are first generation learners and do not wish to enrich themselves academically.

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