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The Role of Drama in Education

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Abstract:

In the present day time there is an increase of technology. Every one has become mobile mania and Net savvy. In this atmosphere it is a big challenge for the teachers to teach the content in an effective manner. There are various ways of teaching the content, various methods, techniques and tactics to enable the learning process effective. Today there is a flair of online education and distance learning so many learners are leaning by sitting at home. They won't get the exposure of traditional class in the online classes. The present paper presents the meaning of education along with the definitions of various authors and philosophers. It also reflects the light on the performing art and the concept of performing art and the importance of it. The paper ends with importance of drama in education.

Key words: Communication skills, performing art, street play, folk drama, thinking process.

Introduction:

It is not hidden that a good education has the power to alter an existence. What is new is the demand for that transformation. Governments are investing more than ever before on educating their society, enthusiastic for them to struggle in the global workforce. A budding global middle class is spending more of its own money on educating their families. Employers are looking for a new sort of coworker - someone with the skills to flourish in the 21st century. Combined with technologies that continue to develop at breakneck speed, the result is a world that has the want, and the means, to learn at scale. Yet there is so much to be done. One in five adults lack the written communication skills they need to progress in life, and 57 million children do not know what it's like to step inside a classroom. Many millions more are in education, but not learning effectively. There are many worlds' leading learning companies who can help make a difference but they face challenge to tackle alone. A 21st century education is about giving students the skills they need to succeed in this new world, and helping them grow the confidence to practice those skills. With so much information

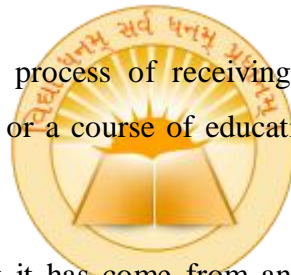


readily available to them, 21st century skills focus more on making sense of that information, sharing and using it in smart ways.

The meaning of education varies from person to person. Education is not just to read and write but to make use of it for their own advantages and to utilize the knowledge for their growth. Also one can lead their own life without depending on others. It is not about making people literate, as literacy is entirely different from education. Importance of education tells us the value of education in our life. Education means a lot in everyone's life as it facilitates our learning, knowledge and skill. It completely changes our mind and personality and helps us to attain the positive attitudes. We must give importance to the education than other targets in life as it is the only source of real happiness in our life.

Concept of Education

One may say an education is a process of receiving or giving systematic instructions especially at school or university, or a course of education. It also may be an enlightening experience.



A group of educationists say that it has come from another Latin word "Educare" which means "to bring up" or "to rise". ... It is defined by western philosophers.

The Concepts of Education as given by prominent Indian educationists are as follows.

According to Aristotle "Education is the process of training man to fulfill his aim by exercising all the faculties to the fullest extent as a member of society".

"By education, I mean an all-round drawing out of the best in the Child and man body, mind and spirit."

Gandhiji

"Education is something which makes man self-reliant and selfless". **Rigved**

Education is for liberation".

Upanishad



Education is the manifestation of the divine perfection, already existing in man.”

Vivekanand

“Education means the bringing out of the ideas of universal validity which are latent in the mind of every man”.

Socrates

It is to state that the perception of different people on education also changes according to time and space. The education involves various methods, techniques and approaches. A teacher who educates the child uses various methods to teach the content and makes him a skilled personality. The importance of drama and performing arts in education is significant. ... For example, drama students learn to approach situations in an array of different manners which can help to develop creative thinking and new study techniques. Further, it builds confidence which benefits public speaking opportunities.

Performing Art:

Performing arts are forms in which artist use their voices and the movements of their bodies. It is often in relation to other objects to convey artistic, expressions in front of a live audience.



According to the above definition the performing art deals with body, vocal, and dietary acting in front of the live audience.

The Concept of Performing Art:

The target of the artist in the performing art is audience. It is a representation through acting, singing, dialogues, movements, equipped with stage variation and decoration in front of the audience in the real like situation. With this art the artist presents his views through various intonation, facial expression variety, various equipments, make-up motions, body organs etc.

The features of the performing art are mentioned below.

1. This is art is live and performed in front of the audience.



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2. The feedbacks of audience create valuable effect on the mind of the artist.
3. The artist performs the other's views through acting.
4. The artist adds music, light management, background music, and the facial expression of the assistant artists; colour etc to make the performance effective.
5. There can be dancers, musicians, actors, magician, instrumentalist, singer, circus artist, comedian or speaker in the category of artists.
6. This art needs long term labor.

There are many types of performing art like drama, music, dance, oratory etc. Here the drama form is discussed. The word 'drama' is originally Greek word which means 'to do' means to do something and to make others to see it. In the Indian society the drama is considered as an art which is performed by 'nat'. The drama is a branch of Eastern and western way of performing art. There are three types of drama, comedy, tragedy and satire. According to the introductory level we can divide the drama into many types from the performance view point. One act play, two act play, street play, folk drama, mime, Dance drama, mono acting etc. Drama plays vital role in the teaching learning process especially in the learning of languages. As language learning involves listening speaking reading and writing. There are many points which express the importance of drama in the education.

The importance of drama:

1. Through teaching of drama a teacher can make a learner to develop expression skill in front of the other people.
2. The learner gets the chance to working in groups that will increase the feeling of cooperation.
3. Through the dram a learner can get rid of the boredom of routine classes. As a result the classes can become live.
4. The content can be retained in the mind for long term by teaching through mono acting and drama.
5. By teaching through drama the aloof, disappointed, and inactive child can start taking part in the learning process and get inspired.



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6. The learner can develop the feeling of active learning by doing activity.
7. Various learners learn through team work the habit of discussing the ideas.
8. Through drama the content can be made interesting and increase the self confidence level.

Conclusion:

At last to conclude that in the era of technology, to devolve the creativity, skills, thinking process, expression skills, and self confidence of the learner dramatization of the content is very necessary and it will create the interest of the learners. This will make them to communicate in a better way. This will increase the of listening speaking especially public speaking.

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