Teacher: The Agent of Peace-Building

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ABSTRACT

Nowadays it is essential to establish peace in society for a healthy life. If it is not possible to establish peace, then this beautiful human civilization will destroy itself. Once upon a time "Lord Buddha" said in his philosophical thought that the main important cause of sadness and melancholy in human life is unconsciousness and wrong education. The lack of proper Education is the reason behind the misery in human life. So if we want to remove all the miseries of our life and establish peace in our life, then we have to go through the proper education. The teacher is the exponent who can establish peace in society through proper knowledge and proper education. A Teacher can work as an important agent of peace-building. Through this paper, the researcher is trying to show how the teacher will be able to establish peace in the minds of the students by removing the reasons for disturbance and unrest.

Key Word: Teacher, Proper Education, Peace-Building, Civilization, Unconsciousness

1. Introduction

A review of the history of human civilization can be seen that peace education is one of the most important aspects of every education system because; the existence of human civilization depends largely on peace. And today's students who will later retain their social responsibilities in different areas of society to establish peace among them there is no alternative to peace education. Different researchers have conducted different research studies on this peace education at different times. Bartlett T.A (2009) found that components of a peace education curriculum are observable in the Initial Teacher Education program. There is, however, no formal requirement for delivering peace education within the program. Al-Zyoud M.S et al. (2013) conducted a study on Peace Education in English and Jordanian Schools: A Comparative Study. The results indicate that peace education is a vital part of scholarly life in both countries. Sadatomo, T. (1996) conducted a study the finding of this study revealed that the mass media including newspapers radio, and TV have played an important role in raising the consciousness of regional communities among diverse national groups. Colordy E. (2008) studied 1000 peace crams: exploring children's meaning of peace. The children in this study extended the definition of peace beyond the prevailing absence of violence identified. Dogan Y. (2009) studied the concept of war and peace within the context of social science course with picture. Findings of this study indicated that girls tend to organize their behavior according to the behavior of the opposite side but the boys in a way punish the opposite side, passively and aggressively. Odejobi et al. (2009) conducted a study peace education and the school curriculum. Through this study, the researcher try to find out the goals of peace education and highlighted tenets in school subjects such as social studies, government, history, and religious studies. Srinivas A. (2009) examined the civil society peace education program in south Asia. The main objectives of this study are to identify civil society organizations and individuals who are working in the area of peace and conflict resolution education. The finding of this study indicated that there are many peace education projects in South East Asia. Udaykumar S.P. (2009) conducted a study entitled peace education in India. Through this study, the researcher tries to find out the various options that are available and also looks at how regional perspectives on peace through education can be generated. Mishra L. (2011) conducted a study on Pre-service teacher training for peace education. The findings of this study indicated that the philosophy courses and every core course of the bachelor of education are effective learning tools. Lakhyani S. (2012) conducted a study on developing inner peace and joy through art education. In this study, the researcher concluded that art education promotes peace and joy in an individual and it is important in one's growth.

2. Definition of Peace Education

1. Peace education is the process of acquiring values, attitudes, and knowledge to live in harmony with oneself, with others, and with natural circumstances.

2. Peace education is a process that helps the students to live patiently and nonviolently with his/her circumstances.

3. Peace education refers to the promoting attitude, skills and values needed to bring about behavior that will help the students to prevent conflict.

3. Objectives of peace education

1. **Developing peace among the students:** One of the main objectives of peace education is to help the students in developing personal and

social skills that help them to live in harmony with others. A very important goal of the present education system is to create an atmosphere of peace among the students. Talking about the main goal of education in the 21st century, the international education commission also said that one of the main goals of education is to help the students to live together or "Learning to Live Together". Only peace education can fulfill this core goal of the international education commission.

2. **Developing positive lifestyles among the students:** Peace education assists students in developing a positive life style among the students. When a positive attitude will be created among the students about peace they will lead their lives based on all the rules and regulations of society.

3. Peace education helps students to remove all kinds of conflict and healthily live them. It is also another main purpose of peace education because; only peace education can remove all kinds of conflict among the students and enable them to lead healthy lives.

4. Root Causes of Crisis of Peace among the Students

1. Lack of values among the students

The erosion of values is a very important issue in the present society. Values are declining among the students due to various reasons. And this lack of social values gives rise to a variety of problems among students. And this kind of problem is disturbing the peace of the students. So lack of values is one of the main reasons for disturbing peace among the students.

2. Lack of patience among the students

Today's human civilization is the civilization of science and technology. Discoveries in science and technology have made people's lives easier. With the unprecedented advancement of science and technology, people can solve a variety of problems in less time and effortlessly. As a result, there is a lack of patience among the students. Students are facing various problems while they doing all the work that requires patience. This lack of proper patience is one of the main reasons for the lack of peace among the students.

3. Lack of proper spiritual thought

One of the main aims of the present education system is to develop spirituality among the students. But most of the students have no proper knowledge about spirituality. Due to a lack of proper ideas and thought about spirituality among the students they do such kind of work that disturbs the peace among them.

4. Lack of adequate communication between administrator and students

Only a human relationship between the administrator and the students can move an educational institution forward. But the conflict between students and administrators is a common occurrence in the current education system. Every educational institution is now plagued with this problem. And the main reason for this is the lack of adequate communication between the students and the administrator. This lack of actual relationship between the student and the administrator is often the root cause of student unrest on campus.

5. Lack of proper human relationship between teachers and students

In the ancient Indian education system, the relationship between teacher and student was said to be like a father-son relationship. It was said that the teacher and the students would share each other's joys and sorrows. The human relationship between teacher's students in the current education system is no longer seen. But the human relationship between teachers and students is very necessary to create an atmosphere of peace among the students. The lack of proper human relationships between teachers and students is one of the root causes for disturbing peace among students.

6. Lack of proper psychological knowledge about the pupils among the teacher

Due to a lack of proper psychological knowledge about the pupil among the teacher, sometimes teachers treat the students wrongly. Teachers try to impose the burden of their knowledge on the students without giving importance to their needs, abilities, and capabilities. This creates a kind of fear among the students towards those teachers. As a result, the teacher-student relationship gradually diminishes. And when it reaches its peak, conflict is born among the students.

7. Parents expect unusual expectations from their children

Most parents have to lack psychological knowledge about their children. As a result, most of the time parents expect some unexpected thing from the students without focusing on their interests, needs, abilities, etc. Many times parents expect unusual expectations from their children. They want to fulfill their own unsatisfactory needs for their children, which is beyond the ability and capability of the students. The peace of the students is disturbed when they go to meet the unusual expectation of their parents.

8. Competitive examination system

This competitive examination system of the current education system is one of the main reasons why the peace of the students is disturbed. In this competitive examination system, students do various activities to advance themselves which disturbs the peace among them.

9. Increase in unemployment

One of the burning issues of the present society is the increase in unemployment. The minimum amount of money that is needed to make a living today's youth are deprived of even that minimum amount of money. And this burning problem is gaining momentum day by day. The government is not taking any positive steps to solve this deep problem. This is pushing them towards various kinds of antisocial activities.

10. Lack of personal and social skills among the students is also another cause of disturbing peace among the students. Currently, most students suffer from a lack of social and personal skills. One of the main causes of student unrest is the lack of personal and social skills among the students.

5. Roll of the Teacher to Inculcating Peace among the Children

1. Provide value education among the students

Deterioration of values among the children is one of the main causes of unrest among the students. A student spends his/her most of the time in the school environment. Where, the student acquires a variety of behavior through daily school activities and by imitating the teacher's behavior. A teacher can inculcate values among the students through proper education. The teacher will inculcate values among the students through his/her daily activities which help in resolving the disturbance of peace among the students.

2. Development positive lifestyle among the students

The teacher will focus on creating a positive lifestyle among the students. By which students will spend their lives based on certain rules. This will bring back peace in the life of the students.

3. Respect the individual differences of the students

Due to a lack of proper psychological knowledge among the teacher sometimes they are trying to represent the subject matter to the students without focusing on their difference. They treat the children as a stored house of information. This gives rise to a kind of doubt about the student's abilities and potential. This gives rise to unrest among the students. So a teacher needs to teach students based on their difference of the students.

4. Develop a human relationship between students and teachers

Another major cause of student unrest in the current field of education is the lack of human relations between teachers and students. The human relationship between teacher and student is a very important factor in education. Teachers will focus on building human relationships between teachers and students.

5. Develop a good relationship between Administrator and students

Not only the teachers and the students but also the teacher needs to pay attention to build a good relationship between students and the administrator. This will help establish peace among the students in the school environment.

6. Give more emphasis on yoga education

Yoga education not only strengthens the students physically but also gives them peace of mind. Yoga education provides peace of mind among students. So it is necessary to provide proper yoga education to the students in the school environment. And teachers need to take on this responsibility.

7. Competitive learning method

The competitive learning method creates a kind of violent attitude among students towards each other. They want to rise above others in any way. And as a result, they often follow a path that harms them. So give more emphasis on co-operative learning rather than on competitive learning. Therefore, teachers need to focus on a co-operative learning method, not a competitive one.

8. Collaborative examination system

There is a need to reduce the emphasis on competitive examinations and focus on collaborative examinations. And for that, the examination system should be reformed based on the overall performance of the learners. Students need to be assessed with an emphasis on overall development.

9. developing personal and social skills

The teacher will try to develop different social and personal skills in the students in their daily activities. And he also tries to awaken values among the students through his ideal character. That helps establish peace among the students.

10. The teacher has to become a role modeler to the students and when students come in contact with them, they will be happy themselves. And teachers should not behave in a school environment that will harm students' behavior.

6. Conclusion

It is essential to establish peace in society for a healthy life. If it is not possible to establish peace in society, then this human civilization will be destroyed prematurely. And the teacher is the only person who creates peace in every human being through his action. The teacher will create an atmosphere of peace among every child in the society through his proper education which will make the society suitable for every person to live in. so, every one of the

issues mentioned above is an obstacle to establishing peace among the students need to be solved and give people a beautiful human civilization. And a teacher has to take this responsibility.

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