

An Amazing Teacher

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The teachers I have pleasure of working with, have been truly exceptional. Some of them have gone above and beyond expectations and they have even made their subject fun for the students. It is their core characteristic of resilience, a positive mind set and adaptability which makes teachers great and that has never been more apparent than it is now.

The first example I found when I initially joined KVS, as PGT Commerce in 2008. I felt that in my Vidyalaya, Social Science teacher was very popular among the students, parents and staff. Some of my class XII Commerce students were also great fan of her teaching style. They told me that madam had made social science real fun for them. Her teaching lessons and concepts are still afresh in their memory.

I was surprised that class XII Commerce students were talking about their class VI and VII experiences. It was really very surprising that even after five or six years they still remembered her class and her style of teaching. I was very curious and wanted to witness her class to experience that happiness. One day, I was sitting in my room at first floor and saw that she brought class VI students in the playground and asked them to stand in a specific manner. The process appeared very interesting to me. There were two senior students of class VIII who were guiding their young friends to make that shape properly with the help of a paper in their hands. Suddenly they all formed outline of India map. Now the teacher started calling the students by their roll numbers and asked him/her to go to a specific city (like Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai etc.). The young students were required to run to the right spot where the city was actually located in the map and in case of any problem the other students of the class were helping him/her. It was totally a different style of teaching map work. All the students were happy and wanted to be called again and again. In just one period almost all the students were aware about the locations of major cities of our country in the map.

My second experience of effective teaching was from KV Azamgarh where I joined as In-Charge Principal in February 2021. On the day of my joining, I took a routine round of Vidyalaya building and while visiting the Physics Lab I found that the lab was divided into two parts. The



blackboard side of the lab was maintained like a photo studio equipped with various light diffuser umbrellas, digital camera, a laptop, table fan etc. whereas, on the other side of the lab was full of waste material like old cycle rim, its old spokes. I asked the teacher about the use of those things and he informed me about his way of teaching. It looked interesting. The next day I visited the Physics Lab again and found the teacher was surrounded by some students. Suddenly the teacher switched off all the lights and now there was only a table lamp throwing light on the lab wall. The teacher used the table lamp, old cycle rim, a glass, two stools and a simple optical bench to teach the concept of Simple Harmonic Motion. He adjusted the cycle rim on the optical bench with a glass fixed between its spokes and the light of the lamp projected the image of setup on the wall. When the teacher gave some torque to the cycle rim, its two-dimensional images appearing on the wall and the glass, fixed between spokes, appeared to move left and right on the wall. The teacher then delivered his statement that the “Motion of projection of an object (glass) moving on a circular path with uniform speed is called Simple Harmonic Motion”.

The next day I enquired about him with some senior teachers, they all informed me that the Physics teacher is one of the most dedicated and hardworking teachers of our Vidyalaya. He has created his own youtube channel 'Physics Commune' and has uploaded almost 400 videos of his lectures of Physics concepts for classes VII to XII consisting of his live classes and prerecorded classes. The URL of his YouTube channel is <https://youtube.com/c/PhysicsCommune> .

Teaching a subject like Physics with some household materials (for giving them real life experience) is really good and after the activity the sense of happiness and satisfaction is clearly visible on the face of all the students.

Now the job of a teacher has become more mentally draining, emotionally challenging than ever. Teachers are playing the role of a guardian, a friend and a mentor along with their primary job. Due to the pandemic and temporary shutdowns, there is a turmoil in the lives of students but the teachers, being strong role models, are adapting now new methods to stay in contact with their students through technology. They boldly face the challenges like maintaining decorum in offline and online classes, adjusting their teaching style to suit the changes, getting comfortable with technology. Like good counselors, they help students who need emotional and mental support.

Thank you, teachers!

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