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Teacher, as we have been told, plays an important role in our life. All of us retain some faded memories about the teachers from our school years to our college time. In our formative years, mother and elementary teacher hold an eminent position and an astounding referential authority, so much so that the words of teacher are revered more than even the mother at home. However, this respect gets diluted with our promotion to every new class and by the time, we are finished with our school and ready to enter college, teacher is just considered as a person selling education and we as consumers, pay for the same in the shape of fees and donations. The sense of obligation that a student must have towards the teacher gets into oblivion with the passage of time.

The reason for writing on this particular field is that the attitude of being disrespectful to the seniors is imbibed from this series of events. The said attitude is carried forward to our career life also and therefore, the learning curve of a new entrant does not become steep but remains flat.

Teacher or Guru is a person who has learnt the tricks of the trade of this life and therefore, can guide others to follow a suitable path by not repeating the mistakes committed by others in the pursuit of excellence. Thus, the role of a Guru is to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the student in order to increase the input output ratio. The significance of a Guru can be realised from the incident of epic Mahabharata, where, given a choice between Krishna and his army, the Kauravas chose the fleet of army while Pandavas were elated to get the companionship of Krishna. The result of that war indicates that the guidance of a teacher that can act as a friend as well as a philosopher helps in achieving many feats. **Krishna**, whose birth is being celebrated today as *Janamashtmi*, in that process of guiding Pandavas guided the world at large with the philosophy of **Geeta**.

The reasons of undue respect towards teachers can be on account of unworthy teacher or unworthy student. So far, we have discussed, the unworthiness on the part of the student, but, in present times, *teaching is taken as a last resort of employment by any qualified and capable person*. Thus, the quality of persons becoming teachers is not always appropriate. This lack of capability on the part of teacher aggravates the inept attitude of the students. Ultimately, it again boils down to the fact that we choose our

Profession not on the basis of our capabilities and strengths but that can earn us more money. We do not realise that satisfaction and contentment is not directly correlated with money but putting our capacities to a usage that we enjoy. *Alas, this can also be told by a good teacher only* early in our life, instead, in the race to grab more from this material world.

Educational institutions that ask for hefty donations also do not pay their teachers well and are always on the lookout for collecting money from students on the pretext of one thing or the other. This makes the parents repel on the activities of the educational institutions and that gets percolated in the minds of the students as well. The first seed of disillusionment is sown at that time. Then, in order to secure a place in the competitive exams, the coaching institutes charge an exorbitant fee that makes a student believe that those without adequate money will be bereft of this coaching and can not attain a good position in life. This starts a vicious circle in their life, whereby, there get accustomed to collect money in their life for their present and future needs and aspirations.

In order to rectify this situation, it is pleaded that the parents should inculcate the habit of simple living in the minds of their wards. The impressionable mind of the youngsters should be trained to find out the content rather than the form and the aim of life should be moulded as to perform duties and not to assert the rights. Each one of us acts as a teacher at one time or the other for the child, junior staff member or young members of our family and by inculcating these values, we can ensure that a suitable environment is created in the society that cherishes knowledge.