

The Nation Rises with the respect  
for teachers.

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**"The ink of the scholar is more sacred than the blood of martyr."**

**(Al-Hadith)**

The reverence and respect for teachers leads to the growth and rise of nation. It serves as a corner stone in building the future of the nation. As the custodians of knowledge and shapers of the future, teachers deserve to be respected and esteemed because it adds to the confidence and high morale which ultimately leads to the prosperity and growth of the nation - Once the teacher is respected and honoured than the students like Quaid-e-Azam and Allama Iqbal are born who can fight for the rights of the people and lead to an independent nation. **Prioritizing the respect of teachers means investing in the most important resource i.e human capital which ultimately leads to the success of the nation.**

There are many examples from the history where the teachers have changed the whole nations. The way people used to think, their beliefs, ways of living. all were reshaped by the exemplary teachers. Before the arrival of Holy Prophet (SAW) people of Arab were dwelling in the darkness of misconceptions and wrong misbeliefs but with the advent of Islam they found the purpose of life, ways of living. It was the remarkable living example of Holy Prophet (SAW) which

moulded the whole structure of Arab civilization.

For the country like Pakistan, in pre 1980's teachers were considered prestigious and were honoured the way they should be but now there are certain challenges faced by people regarding education system and respect of teachers which ultimately leads to the downfall of the nation.

Those nations where there is respect for teachers, they have set examples of being successful nations because once the teacher is respected it increases the morale and spirit of the teacher and the teacher put all their efforts to make the future heroes and nation builders. The best leading examples of successful nations and their education systems are **Finland, Japan, South Korea and Singapore.**

In the above mentioned countries the education system are at the highest level of prestige. Teaching is considered as the most noble profession and teachers are the most prestigious in these areas. The teachers in these countries lead to the positive role modeling and character building. The teachers in these countries not only educate the student academically rather they taught moral values, ethics of life, eating habits and minute details of life. Their school timings are for the whole day where not only they are guided to academic education rather certain

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activities are arranged by teachers with the motto of helping others, cooperation, respect, personal growth and serving the humanity. These countries and their teachers produce the critical thinkers and great leaders of the future. This is the reason that these are all successful nations.

Similarly we have certain leading examples of the great teachers in the history who have changed the fate of the nations. For an instance **Socrates** who was revered for his wisdom, integrity and method of questioning. He inspired critical thinking, self examination and pursuit of wisdom. His legacy extends to western philosophy influencing prominent thinkers.

Another great teacher is **Confucius** who was respected on his teachings on ethics, morality and governance. His teachings shaped East Asian thoughts, politics and culture. He modified the nation to the new beginnings.

Similarly **Plato** was admired for his political ideas and philosophies. His students included **Aristotle**. He contributed to the western philosophy particularly in metaphysics, epistemology and political philosophy.

Moving forward if we observe the era of our Holy Prophet (SAW), he <sup>is</sup> was the teacher of all the times. The teachings and the life of Holy Prophet (SAW) is enough for any nation to rise and prosper. Holy Prophet (SAW) is that light which

Illuminated the whole world. Before Holy Prophet (SAW) the world was under the deep well of darkness but Holy Prophet (SAW) enlightened the whole world with his teachings. He reshaped the structure of the world.

**"Indeed, I have been sent as a teacher."**

**(Al-Hadith)**

The first school opened by Holy Prophet (SAW) in Madina was **Suffa**. It was the place under the tree where Holy Prophet (SAW) used to teach Quran and other ways of living. The Holy Prophet (SAW) himself was the practical example of Quran. Holy Prophet (SAW) emphasized on the importance of reading and writing leading to the significant increase in literary rate. There was so much impact of teachings of Holy Prophet (SAW) that people from far away places flocked to Madina to seek knowledge. The Holy Prophet (SAW) invoked critical thinking among the individuals.

It was the result of the teachings of Holy Prophet (SAW), his wisdom and his influence that people started believing in **Oneness of Allah (Tauheed)**

After the death of Holy Prophet (SAW) the companions of Holy Prophet (SAW) including **Hazrat Abu Bakar, Hazrat Umar, Hazrat Usman and Hazrat Ali** they lived leading examples of good teachers. Hazrat Abu Bakar was known for his

knowledge and wisdom. Hazrat Umar was famous for his justice and leadership. Hazrat Ali (RA) once said that:

**"The one who taught me a single world is my mentor." (Hazrat Ali)**

Abdullah Ibn e Abbas was known as an Ocean of Knowledge. Similarly the compilers of six books of Hadith (**Sahah-e-Sitta**) are the leading examples of the teachers.

**Imam Bukhari** who travelled thousands of miles to gather Hadith and compiled the most authentic book of Hadith **Sahih**

**Bukhari** which is the source of light for all the Muslims till the day of Judgment.

Similarly **Imam Abu Hanifa**, **Imam Shafe**, **Imam Ahmed bin Hambal**

and **Imam Malik** are the leading examples whose works are source of guidance for the Muslim world in every walk of life. These teachers through their knowledge have build the strong nations leading to another level of success.

They have insighted the values of truth, honesty, respect, manners at workplace, manners at public place, manners at home indeed all the basic ways of life from home to public, individual to family are taught to us without knowing which a nation can never prosper.

Respect for directly <sup>teachers</sup> directly leads to the progress of the nation because those nations where education and respect of teachers is prioritize the individuals like Quaid-e-Azam,

Allama Muhammad Iqbal are born with a visionary mind. **Quaid-e-Azam** is the teacher of the nation who invoked the spirit of separate identity among the Muslims of the ~~Arab~~ sub-continent which ultimately resulted in the creation of a separate homeland for Muslims.

**Allama Muhammad Iqbal** who was the greatest poet of all the times. He taught through his poetry the spark of separate homeland among Muslims. He taught the humanity through his poetry.

As far as pre-~~in~~ history of Pakistan is concerned there was the huge respect for teachers. The teachers were considered as the spiritual parents and the students at that time were having high valued knowledge. With the advent in technology, though the education system has been advanced yet still there are many challenges regarding the respect for teachers and that is why we are still struggling as a developing country. Now a days students don't prefer to respect their mentors though there are some of the students who consider their mentors as their spiritual parents but this is only one side of the picture. The main reason for the challenging rise of nation is shortage of good teachers and if the good teachers are available they are payed very low wages. Teachers lack autonomy. Whenever any policy regarding education system



is made, the teachers who are the main pillars of the system are not involved. Their views are not considered so the soul of education system is deteriorated. Apart from that there is an increased brain drain in the country as talented teachers seek opportunities abroad and our country remains deprived of talented teachers.

Similarly, teachers are demotivated because of low incomes, their morals are down so if teachers are not motivated how could they be able to ignite spark in the individuals who are supposed to change the future of the nation.

Another dilemma of nation not rising with regard to teaching is privatization. It involved corrupt policies, political instability and growth economic challenges which overburdenizes teachers. Teachers are more concerned about making both ends meet rather than imparting quality education to the individuals who pay handsome amount of fees to change their future.

I have experienced personally that students now a days do not respect their teachers.

During the break after my coaching I have observed two students who were whispering about the teachers and instead of using the words like sir or ma'am they were calling them by their names. Such a pity.

There is a need for policy changings regarding the education system prioritizing

the respect and regard of the teachers who are the future shapers of the nation. As Article **25A** of the constitution marks the free education of the students from the age 5 to 16, such p. an ammendment regarding the teachers should be made the part of constitution to allocate some fix amount of budget for the teachers. Similarly funding for the teachers to be increased so that once teachers are satisfied by their way of living they will be able to impart quality education.

So, prioritizing the respect of teachers means investing in the most important resource i.e human capital which ultimately leads to the success of the nation. By giving reverence and respect to the teachers it serves as a cornerstone for the growth and prosperity of the nation. Respecting teachers lead to the better outcomes because it increases motivation and engagement. Secondly, it improves morale and job satisfaction. Moreover, it leads to the positive role modelling. For an instance-

**USA** the super power of the world, they pay huge respect for their teachers. They have separate funds and budget allocation for their teachers and which is a proof that how America is leading the world. Similarly **China** which is an emerging power, they also pay huge respect to their teachers that is why China is growing on the world's map.

as an emerging new power in competition to America. So, it is the respect of teachers that make nations successful.

Nasl-e-Adam par mualem ka barha ehsan hai  
Uske hathon sy jo bna wo bna insan hai  
(Iqbal)