

Challenges of parenting in modern times

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Ali had a beautiful bond with his parents. He always thought to give the same comfortable and loving environment to his children and he did. But, his children are never satisfied with Ali's parenting styles and they usually end up in arguments. It is not only because of the generation gap which is inevitable and will always persist. It is because the modern times bring modern challenges. Parents are the first and the most beautiful relation a child is exposed to. However, in recent times there most beautiful relation suffers due to the numerous challenges faced while parenting such as the technological void, intolerant new generation and difference in ideologies.

Back in times, when there were no technological developments and the life was as simple as a pie, relationships were pure and easy to be maintained. There was a trend of early marriages which contributed to a lower generation gap and things were easy. As time passed by and we entered an era of competition and a hurriedness where parents got busier in their lives to earn the livelihood and children went unattended, though unintentionally. The gap strengthened. Covid-19 acted as the last nail in the coffin, which gave children an unlimited access to the technology. Use of technology firstly began as a medium to study online due to the pandemic, but later it ended by complete reliance over it.

For instance, the latest AI tools, which

are the friends of nearly every student has created a void which can be ended with talks. Moreover Social Media has also played its role by making children more liberal and intolerant. Therefore, the evolution of different things in the world resulted in the birth of new challenges of parenting.

One of the most important challenge faced by parents is the technological void. The daily development ~~face~~ in the tech field are creating a gap between parents and children. Most of the parents are digitally illiterate and their children are overly relied upon technology. Parents face a problem to dealing with such generation.

Another challenge of parenting is that the children of today are more intolerant and sensitive. They do not accept anyone's interference or harsh behaviour. Parents have to be very secure while talking to the generation of today. This intolerance is also a result of the technology. The constantly changing reels and shorts have impacted drastically on the brains of children.

The ideological difference between parents and children is also the challenge. Parents are often overprotective in the affairs of their children while children on the other hand, demands complete freedom. What used to be a ~~stereotype~~ ^{taboo} for parents is a fashion for children. This difference in ideologies have also hampered the relationships.

Additionally, the communication gap between children and parents due to busy routines have

~~created~~ become a challenge. Nowadays, children's best friends are not ~~home~~ their close family relations but the new AI tools. Nearly every application has launched an AI feature for instance, Google's Gemini; Snapchat's my AI; Instagram and WhatsApp's Meta. These tools respond nicely on every prompt. Children are now interested to share their problems more with such tools rather than with their parents and friends.

Nowadays, despite the job routine of 9 to 5, yet many people do overtime. Today, job has no time as one can be called at any time and has to perform the task. Similarly, Children are overloaded with school work and academic burden. This busy schedules and work life imbalance is also a challenge faced by parents. Parents are unable to give the necessary quality time to their children and thus the children lack empathy for parents.

One of the other challenges faced by parents ~~are~~ ^{is} that the new generation is not attached to the traditional norms. They do not follow traditions. In their lives, tradition is replaced by peer pressure. They do what is acceptable in their friends groups ~~and~~ not in traditional norms. Many parents often give an overwhelling importance to the norms which are often neglected by their children creating more chotic relation.

Hence, there numerous challenges faced by the childre parents while treating their

children nowadays. However this situation demands pragmatic measures to revamp the ^{lost} glory in the children and parent relationships. Firstly, there is a need to end the over reliance of children on technology by giving them safe communication environment. There is a dire need to end parent children communication gap. Moreover, there should be a work-life balance giving children proper quality time. Alongwith this, children should be treated in a balanced manner neither overprotective nor unattended. Additionally, parents should work for the treatment of their child's intolerance and have to treat children with patience. Through such measures, there is a high probability, that the gap between parents and children could be ended.

In a nutshell, many new challenges have been faced by the parents ^{toward their} ~~and~~ children in modern times. These challenges, emerging from generation gaps to the technological advancements have strained the beautiful relation between parents and children. The unprecedented peer pressure and the lack of traditional values have together played their roles in creating overwhelming challenges for parenting. However, through numerous measures, these challenges can be resolved and the once beautiful bond can be restored.