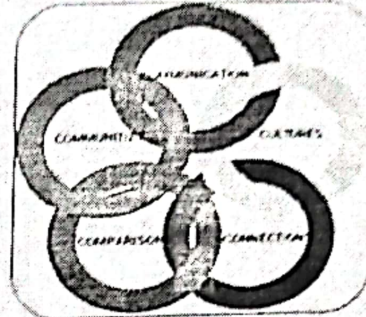




INNOVATIVE METHODS OF TEACHING

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ABSTRACT

In the age of globalization and liberalization new technologies are helping the teachers and learners. Innovation is one of the important concepts which bring significant improvements in the field of teaching and learning. It helps our children to face the challenges at the global level. Research and innovations play an important role in improving the quality of teachers. They propel the teachers to introduce new ideas, techniques, and practices in the classroom. They also introduce new concepts in curricular or co-curricular activities. Teaching is intended to bring about the desired change in learners' behaviour. The use of innovative methods is boosted in educational institutions. The purpose of innovation is to maintain the interest of the students. It has the potential to improve education and also to empower people. The present paper mainly throws light on innovative methods of teaching.

KEYWORDS : *Innovations, research, and innovations, challenges at the global level, education, change in learners' behaviour.*

INTRODUCTION :

English as a language has great influence. It is the most important language in India. It is

taught all over the world. It has been referred to as 'global language'. English is said to be the world's most important language. It has communicative and educative value. The English language has the status of associate official language. The importance of English language teaching was realized. It gained momentum after Macaulay's Minutes of 1835. The teaching of English as a foreign language aims to show innovative methods. The regular classroom teaching of the prescribed syllabus could be supplemented through various ways. Sometimes it may focus necessarily on the use of digital media.

IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION:

"Education is the manifestation of perfection already in man" - (Swami Vivekananda). They are not students of our generation, where they sit down and listen. I think things have changed now; they want to explore, cut and paste. The purpose of education is to show the right direction. It helps them to literate and develops the students' rational thinking. Creativity and innovation are important which can be developed and benefited to students and teachers. The meaning of innovation is to create something new from the existing resources. Everyone should not be hurry to try something

new in their classroom interactions. There are several innovative methods which are followed in regular classroom transactions. These methods motivate the teachers to contribute to the teaching-learning process. Nowadays most of the students are exposed to media. It enables them easy and permanently available access to knowledge. It has started competing with the tradition of the teacher. The numbers of students have started declining considerably over a few years. Hence it has become important for a teacher to be innovative.

Teaching must include two major components sending and receiving information. Any communication methods that serve this purpose without destroying the objective could be considered as innovative methods of teaching. Improve process and strengthen the governance are the benefits of innovative methods. We think of the effective teachers we have had over the years with a sense of recognition, but those who have touched our humanity we remember with a deep sense of gratitude. We think too much about effective methods of teaching and not enough about effective methods of learning.

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I hear and I forget. I see and I believe. I do and I understand. - Confucius
 The empires of the future are the empires of the mind.- Winston Churchill
 The innovative methods which can be used in today's classrooms are as follows:

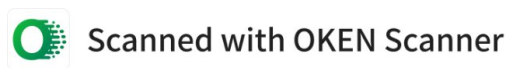
1. Multimedia: Multimedia means the combination of various digital media types which are used to convey the information to an audience. Teaching is based on the principles of problem-based learning. It enhances creativity and reasoning among students. The teachers who use the multimedia can modify the contents of the material. It also will help the teachers to represent in a more meaningful way. It also helps the students to learn better and to pay more attention to the information. They work in groups to complete their assigned tasks. This technique helps in building team spirit among the students. We should evaluate the traditional methods of teaching as well as multimedia teaching methods.

2. Mind Mapping: A mind map is a diagram which is used to represent words, tasks. It is arranged around a central key word or idea. Mind maps are arranged according to the importance of the concepts. They are also classified into groupings, branches or ideas. Mind maps are very quick to review. It is easy to refresh the information in our mind. They provide an effective study technique. Sometimes they are adopted as study techniques. Any particular information can be explained with the help of graphs, charts. It makes the impact on the minds of the people. Then the teachers may try to visualize the concepts to the students.

3. Synchronous Teaching: Synchronous online teaching sessions occur in real-time. Its virtual classrooms mirror the traditional face-to-face experience by allowing collaboration and learning and between students and teachers. Students can interact with teachers and with each other by using an internet connection with voiceover. As a facilitator, a teacher leads the class by lecturing and moderating discussions. Students involve actively by using the text-chat features, raising their hands, responding to surveys, and laughing and clapping. Online classes offer the number of benefits to students in terms of accessibility, flexibility and accommodating different learning styles. Students are not restricted by physical limitations. Synchronous online courses are very useful for shy and hesitant students.

4. Asynchronous Teaching:Asynchronous teaching methods do not occur in real-time. But the students and teachers can communicate asynchronously without having a common time available in their calendars. Discussion boards, bulletin boards, listserves email are examples of asynchronous communication. Entire class sessions are conducted in some courses by using the discussions board. The discussion is the possible expansion of an in-class discussion.

5. Play-Way Method: The Play-Way Method creates fun and enjoyment in the learners. It pays rich dividends in the long run. According to Caldwell, "good work is more often the result of spontaneous effort and free interest than of compulsion and forced application." (Stella, 2004



p.129) It also creates fun and humour and makes the whole of teaching and learning process enjoyable and amusing. The method is based on the laws of learning. It provides great incentives to original work. It also provides suitable outlets. It believes that the Play-Way method can make each and every student accomplish proficiency and mastery over the English language. In fact, this method has a deep force and influence on the native students.

6. Teaching with Sense of Humour: It means the humour is an effective medium of teaching. Everybody loves a teacher with the communicable sense of humour. Using humour in teaching is a very effective tool for both the teacher and the student. Humour reduces stress, makes a course more interesting and strengthens the relationship between student and teacher. It has the ability to relax people. It also reduces tension. Humour in the classroom is created by reading books of jokes. It is also created by listening to professional comics. Humour plays a very important role in education. If there is a willingness to change, there is an expectation for progress. Students enjoy humour in forms of funny tales.

7. Mnemonics Words: It is the mnemonic words approach in which the teacher is not supposed to talk on a particular concept for a quite long time. But in order to make it clear to the students, the teacher can just go on saying mnemonics. He can also say its associated meaning in words. Here the teacher goes on saying only words instead of sentences. It is also called Words-Words Approach. It increases the word power. In teaching language courses mnemonics can be used as an effective medium to develop word power by the teacher.

8. Role Play: Role-playing is an activity in which students assume the role of another person and act it out. In a role play, students are usually given an open-ended situation in which they must make a decision, resolve a conflict, or act out the conclusion to an unfinished story. Role-playing is designed to promote student empathy and understanding of others. By acting out the role of another individual it is easier to see others' points

of view, including how other people think and feel. Role-playing can give students the opportunity to learn behavior appropriate for various situations. Role-playing is also useful for developing critical thinking, decision making, and boldness skills.

CONCLUSION:

The use of innovative methods has the potential to improve education, to empower people and strengthen governance. Innovation is the path to progress for any nation and the future of the nation in its classrooms. Nowadays, the role of a teacher is changing to that of a facilitator. This changing role is unavoidable with the introduction of multimedia technology. Therefore, in our country, we need to esteem such innovations and support innovation-centric methods of teaching in our schools, colleges, institutions, and universities.

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