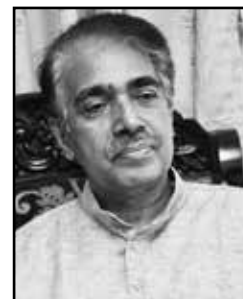


## EDITORIAL



Purpose of education is not just to impart skills and knowledge to enable the student get employment. Media coverage on who got the highest paid job from among the IIT and IIM graduates turns the young mind in the wrong direction. We must draw their attention to role models who have excelled in their profession and contributed to Society, and inspire them to become achievers and add value to the Society. For this, education should focus equally on wisdom, humility and such other qualities which will prepare the young for sacrifice and service. Educators and Educational institutions must set good examples of themselves. Corrupt practices in Education will impact the young minds and distort their value system. Education should enhance the dignity of human life and inspire to lead a righteous life.

Many of our sages have pointed out the significance of building human excellence such as humility, sacrifice, service to society, honesty and integrity as important part of education and character building. In the ancient Gurukula system, it was a practice not only to train the students in knowledge and skills but also in being excellent as human beings. Swamy Vivekananda has often exhorted the significance of developing human excellence as an important part of education.

It is very interesting to note that a UNESCO report prepared on Education for a better world was titled 'Learning to Be'. The Commission was headed by the then Education Minister of France Mr. Edward Faure (who later became the French Prime Minister). The content of the report emphasis the need to change from 'learning to do' to 'learning to be'. 'Learning to do' has too much focus on material benefits, whereas 'Learning to be' focuses on character building.

Sri Sathya Sai Baba among his many exhortations stated that "Education should make all virtues emerge and shine in students. Education without culture makes a man forget his true humane nature and take to evil ways".

*"Vidhya Vinayena Shobhitham"* - Knowledge shines with humility.

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