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Careers, Profession & Passion

Varsha Prasad

The days when the streams of medicine and engineering were regarded as the only pathways to success are long gone. Innovations and progress across various sectors and fields have opened portals to jobs unimaginable just a decade ago, such as social media manager, blockchain developer and AI specialist.

Each year, thousands of students face a dilemma as they stand at one of the most crucial moments in their lives: deciding which career path fits them the best.

What role do parents and teachers play in influencing children's career paths?

The article encourages teachers and parents to explore career opportunities along with children. As exam season approaches, students of classes 10 and 12 find themselves at a crossroads.

It can be helpful to research career opportunities and follow the passions and interests of the students.

Scan here to read more.





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Combating Negativity In Professional Environments

G. Balasubramanian

A professional environment that radiates unpleasant emotions and negativity can adversely impact the health of people in the organisation. Negativity is often seen as a tendency towards pessimism, skepticism and criticism.

Psychologists explain negativity as a thought pattern that leads to unwanted emotions, contributing to anxiety, depression and low self-esteem. A professional workspace populated by individuals with a negative mindset can create a sense of worry and distress within the organisation.

The ripple effect can demotivate people and create hurdles for innovation and creativity.

How do you combat negativity in a workspace?

The article discusses the impact of 'negativity bias' and the ability to deal with 'negative' people. It explains the impact of negativity on professional spaces and the need for a change in mindset.





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Schools As 'Solutionary Centres'

Dr. K. E. Harish

In an interview with TeacherTribe.world, Dr. K. E. Harish discusses the evolving landscape of education, the requirement for continuous professional development and fostering a positive school culture through a shared vision.

The evolution of technology and inventions has made a dynamic shift in the sphere of education. Dr. K. E. Harish, elaborates on this impact, noting the continued move from 'stackable' knowledge to a more 'floatable' approach. This change compels education systems to move beyond rote learning and instead develop skills and competencies.

Dr. K. E. Harish emphasises the need for schools to be 'solutionary centres' that produce 'solutionary' minds and help preserve the resources.

The interview further delves into the benefits of a professional environment that promotes collaboration and innovation.

Scan here to read the complete interview.





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Educating Students in the 21st Century

C. Ahladini

The educational sphere in the 21st century may be challenging but it is not impossible. With the changing landscape of education and society, students require more than just academic help in the schooling system.

Hence, it is vital for schools and institutions to focus on the holistic and overall personality development of a child.

Why is holistic development required for students?

The article discusses the roles of a child's home and school in their overall development.

It emphasises the role of parental involvement in building a child's character, as children learn through observing and imitating the adults around them. Teachers also play a crucial role as school often serve as a child's second home. **The article discusses the need to incorporate 'educare' to help children develop into responsible citizens of tomorrow.**

Scan here to know more on the need for holistic development.





Aims to reframe inclusion in schools through building teacher capacity, offline and online through customised masterclasses and self-paced courses.

Effective seating plans can improve and promote teamwork and engagement.

'Classroom Layouts' For Inclusive Classrooms

The Teachers Collective

The physical layout of a classroom can have a significant effect in crafting an inclusive classroom. It can facilitate elements in everyday teaching and enable teachers to enhance learning. Seating arrangements in the classroom help ensure teachers can easily reach each student.

The article discusses the advantages of various classroom seating layouts over the traditional format.

Standing desks are said to support students who require movement and 'cluster seating' allows for the use of activity centres and help differentiate levels in the classroom. Varied seating arrangements also provide the necessary space for a sensory break or an icebreaker.

What are some other types of classroom layouts?

The article further details ideas to shake up the traditional classroom layout and enhance classroom management.

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Effective Teaching Methodologies in Classroom

Kamala Nookala

In the education world of the 2020s, many teaching methodologies and ideas have entered the zeitgeist for the teacher. Several approaches to teaching have piqued the interest of educators and provide a variation to the pre-existing traditional models of classroom management.

What are some new-age teaching methodologies that can prove beneficial in the class?

The article discusses teaching methodologies such as Inquiry-based learning, Project-Based Learning, Blended Learning, Flipped Classroom among many others.

It provides a brief introduction to various terms and methodologies used in modern teaching. For instance, active learning involves engaging students through discussions, problem-solving and hands-on activities, which can enhance retention. In contrast, blended learning combines the traditional face-to-face model of instruction with online learning, allowing for flexibility.

Scan here to read more.





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How to Talk to Children About Money?

Aarti Tibrewala Darooka

Rachana, a consulting physician and single mom, makes a good amount of money. She has also been saving and investing her income.

However, she recently noticed that her pre-teen daughter was being reckless with money and did not appreciate what hard work provided for her. Rachana was unsure how to broach the topic of money with her daughter and asked friends and family for advice.

How can parents address the topic of money and financial learning with children?

Children often have a limited perspective and frame of reference regarding their lifestyles, particularly when it comes to money.

Hence, the article explores the various ways money can be discussed with a child. It emphasises the need for the 'work to reward' recognition and key differences between a person's wants and needs.

Scan here to read more.





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'Digital Detox' has become essential in today's world. This term has gained popularity as a way to counteract the negative effects of excessive screen time.

The Benefits of Unplugging in a Hyperconnected World

Dr Vivek Baliga

In the increasingly fast-paced, interconnected and technologically driven world, we rely heavily on digital solutions in our daily lives.

The easy access to entertainment and conveniences can provide numerous advantages. However, being reliant on the screen can also have various effects on our health.

In the article, Dr Baliga discusses the requirements and practical tips for a successful digital detox.

An average adult is said to spend approximately 10 hours on their screens for various purposes. Although phones and subsequently internet have many advantages, the drawbacks can cause sleep disruptions, physical health issues, reduced productivity and attention span.

To begin a digital detox, scan here.





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Less Explored Careers in Law

Shравan Shetty

Are your students inclined towards a career in the field of legal professions? Exploring these lesser-known pathways in law may provide some insight!

The gateways of opportunity in the domain of legal services are immense. The field that has flourished since the dawn of human societies, has some well-treaded as well as some off-beat, unique paths to explore and pursue. The field of law often is said to encompass a traditional linear pathway, however, modern opportunities allow for various non-linear and dynamic pathways for an engaging career.

The article details the less travelled careers in the field of law including- Space Law, Legal Journalism, Entertainment Law, Sports Law, Legal Tech and Innovation among many others. It provides a detailed list of criteria for a student desiring to opt for a career in law.

Scan here to learn more about the different legal paths.





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Understanding LSRW in Language Learning

S. Indira Narayan

Language has a huge impact on us. It shapes thoughts, emotions and the way we express ourselves to others.

The way we communicate in a language, through diction, pronunciation or vocabulary also serves as a barometer to form an impression on others.

How should a language teacher help students learn beyond the syllabus?

The article discusses four skills required to learn a language- Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing (LSRW). It emphasises that the LSRW is a concept that can provide support to teaching. The article suggests teachers blend these four skills into the teaching methodology.

To learn more about integrating the concept, scan here.

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Bring on the Learning Revolution

TED Talk

**Does the
education system
address and
recognise talents?**

In this famous TED Talk, 'Bring on the Learning Revolution', British author and orator, Sir Ken Robinson spoke about the need for a revolution rather than mere reforms in education.

Here, he emphasised the need to unlock human potential, arguing that society often underutilised its talents, as many individuals fail to recognise their own capabilities.

The TED talk critiques the industrial model of education that values conformity and suggests a personalised, organic approach instead. The educational system requires a fundamental innovation that challenges the status quo.

The video encourages educators to look beyond traditional educational models and assumptions.

Watch here to know more!





**Donalyn
Miller**

The Book Whisperer: Awakening the Inner Reader in Every Child

Book Recommendation

Who are 'Reluctant' or 'Dormant' Readers?

In 'The Book Whisperer', author and teacher Donalyn Miller presents techniques to help educators create a positive reading experience for their students.

The author highlights that all students have their own capabilities. The book discourages labelling students as reluctant or struggling readers due to several reasons. Dormant readers are students who may perform well in exams but do not truly engage with reading. Hence, teachers can foster a supportive environment that encourages a love for reading.

The book can help teachers understand why required coursework often fails to inspire independent reading. It also provides strategies to integrate reading into various subjects.





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Leadership Through A Disposition Of Inquiry

Minakshi Balkrishna

In a standard school environment, educators frequently collaborate to enhance classroom practices, teaching methods and improve outcomes. This enables them to tap into a crucial role in a professional setting- teacher-to-teacher learning. Daily interactions among teachers such as discussing lessons, analysing student work, deepening the understanding of content or reflecting on student performance can promote teacher learning and teaching practices.

The article discusses why teachers and leaders are central to a well-functioning school environment. It discusses leadership and its significant role in creating, developing and broadening intellectual, social and emotional capital within the school.

It further elaborates the need to engage in ongoing inquiry and knowledge-building cycles to help leaders and teachers reflect on their practices and foster flexibility to meet student needs.

Read here to know more!





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The New Era of Digital Gaming

Asmita Sharma

How Has Gaming Evolved Over Time?

Over the course of human history and civilisation, the art of entertainment has played a vital role in the way we socialise and build community. From all thing's theatre and dramatics to music, dance and games, these activities are not only designed to entertain en masse but also provoke thought among people.

The evolution of gaming throughout history reflects human creativity and intellect. The article discusses the progress and rise of digital gaming in the modern era.

Low stakes, vocabulary games, puzzles and brain teasers have also surged in popularity since the 2020s. This phenomenon has piqued the interest of players and traditional media companies alike.

However, Do Word-Based Games Help Your Well-being?

Scan to read more.



Unlocking the Word

Acronyms have been a part of our lives and language. Can you decode them?

1. "We need to change the SIM card on the phone."

What does **SIM** stand for?

2. "I'll locate an ATM near by". Can you guess what **ATM** stands for?

3. Wi-Fi is a necessity in the modern-day technology-driven world. What does **WIFI** stand for?

4. CCTV cameras help provide footage when needed. Can you guess what **CCTV** stands for?

5. You're travelling to an event and somebody asks for your ETA. What does **ETA** stand for?

6. Many of us own a PAN Card. Can you guess what **PAN** stands for?

1. Subscriber Identity Module,
 2. Automated Teller Machine
 3. Wireless Fidelity,
 4. Closed Circuit Television
 5. Estimated Time of Arrival,
 6. Permanent Account Number

Answers:

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