

CAMPUS LIFE

HOW TO BE PREPARED FOR THE REAL WORLD?

One thing, that as a student we should definitely learn and paste into our minds, is that 'true education' is not merely learning few facts of science or history it's the art of character development. Also, it is evident that school has a vital role to play in character-building. What we learn in our early life, in our school life prepares us for whatever struggles lie ahead. In my opinion, the most important thing that should be added to our school curriculum is the moral session. By moral sessions, I don't mean learning from moral science books. Children should be shown videos



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on how a child faces various problems while growing up and how those problems can be tackled. Videos and visual images have a great impact on a child's mind. Counselling is equally important because whenever students deal with difficult circumstances they need help which the school can best provide and that is how they learn to accept and courageously face real-world problems. Another thing which I would like to highlight is that there should be regular discussions on current problems emerging in the world and nation. As students tend to build a cocoon around them and like to live in their fantasy world, they must also know what the reality is like and thus should be trained to overcome the difficulties of the real-world.



When one starts to ponder upon the deficiencies of the Indian Education System, he or she can very well end up opening a Pandora's Box of problems. Taking a pick from the wide array of problematic aspects, let's talk about the Indian schools' curriculum. Over the course of my high school education, I've often found myself sitting in the middle of an 'important' class - questioning the significance of what is being taught. Now, some would say that the redundancy of a topic is debatable; I agree, but it cannot be ignored that there are topics of far greater significance that are evidently left out of the syllabus. One such important topic is sex education.



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In a country with a population of more than 1.32 billion (World Bank statistics), sex education is of prime importance - in order to develop an emotionally more mature, stable and healthier society. With over 62,000 AIDS-related deaths in India every year (UNAIDS data 2017), I believe students must be sensitised about such topics in the school itself so that they can become aware adults in the future. Unfortunately, even in 2017, we lack quality sexuality education for over 243 million adolescents. (UNICEF India)

However, it is not only the fault of the Indian education system for not including this aspect in streamlined education, but also the conservative attitude of the Indian society is to blame. And as long as this subject is considered taboo in households and classrooms - the dream for a better, safer and healthier India is blurred.