

## **30. Strategies to make teaching more effective in college or university level**

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Teaching is a dynamic process in which the learners are given instructions on the relevant area or subject with a view to bringing permanent modification in the learners' overall personality. The process of teaching helps and encourages learning on the part of the learners. From the dawn of human civilization, teaching had to take different shapes and forms depending on the socio-cultural, socio-economic and socio-political scenario of the then society. With the passing of age, the system of teaching had to undergo lot of changes complying with the need of that time and the role of teachers also changed from time to time. Teaching is a process of making someone know or learn something related to a definite area with definite purpose. In other words, teaching is a very innovative and creative system where a person called teacher, makes full use of his knowledge just to help and encourage another person called learner to widen his outlook in a certain area of study with the required modification in his behaviour. The teaching and learning goes hand in hand complementing each other. With the progress of time and the changing of era, our society has got more complicated with all the changes in the socio-cultural set up, and the role of teachers get also changed. Now, with the

emergence of science and technology in the field of education, teaching, starting from the primary level to college or university level, has been redefined. For the overall development of any nation, education plays a very instrumental part ,because it is only the educated society who can carry their nation to the path of progress and prosperity .Now, in every country, the higher education occupies a place of utmost importance because it provides the required skilled manpower and enriched human resource for the particular field. And in this regard ,the teaching in the higher education level and the role of teachers in this field are considered the most significant. Now, it becomes quite relevant a matter, how the techniques of teaching practice in this level can be improved. Following are the few strategies for the improvement of teaching practices in the higher education level of India.

### **1. Grabbing the students' attention with some side discussion:**

Teachers of college and university level most of the times make mistakes by starting their classes with straight forward lecture on their topic of discussion. This may not attract the students' attention from the outset, on contrary, the students can get inattentive with this approach from their teachers. So, the teachers can involve their students to their class by discussing something with the students according to their interest and attraction.

## **2. Preparation of the students to your topic:**

Teaching at any level demands the process of teaching according to the preparedness and mental readiness of the students. So, before starting the main lesson, the students should be made ready with all the preparatory knowledge and information so that they can understand the present topic in a very easy manner.

## **3. Building a good rapport with the students:**

Students of college or higher education level are at the prime of their youth, so their mental state should always be taken into consideration at the time of delivering the lectures by the teachers. So, teachers of this level should try to get familiar with students' family background, their daily activities, personal anxieties and emotional state of mind. It helps the teachers to be lot more effective in their delivery of instructions.

## **4. Technology based instruction:**

Lack of participation in the classes is a major problem among the students of higher education level. In this regard, the teaching techniques may be improved with the help of modern gadgets and effective devices. If the classes are arranged with the technology- based instruction, it can surely increase the students' participation in the class.

## **5. Show your passion for the subject:**

Teachers of higher education level should present their topic in a way that it may display their earnest passion for their own subject, it may help increase the students' love for their subjects also.

## **6. Showing the demand of the subject in the field of employment:**

Always the teachers should be practical in their discussion, hence, the teachers should highlight the value of their respective subject from the utilitarian field, showing the good prospect of the subject in ensuring employment.

## **7. Constant up-gradation of the knowledge:**

Every teacher of college or university level must be in constant up- gradation of their knowledge in their subject in accordance with the present need, else their instruction will not be as effective as it should be, considering the present need.

## **8. Raising the students' participation and involvement:**

Classes in higher level should be full of variety with the maximum involvement of the students. Teachers should encourage students' active participation in the class arranging debate, discussion and necessary interaction among the students. At last, it can be said that no particular technique is sufficient in

the teaching learning process, rather it is a judicious combination of some flexible strategies which help the teachers in the long run .So, it is well said –Ordinary teachers discuss, good teachers explain and great teachers inspire. So, teaching is always effective if it can initiate learning and bring permanent modification in the students' behaviour.