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INTEGRATING **21ST-CENTURY SKILLS INTO CURRICULUM**



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iving in a volatile and complex world where performance is equal to power, the path set for teachers is ambiguous and challenging. Hence, there is a need to move from subject centric learning to skilling. India has the world's highest youth population, with 50 of people below the age of 25 years. With so many youngsters competing for limited jobs, the move in the direction of "what interests me" and "rising above one's peer" is crucial.

Key 21st-century competency skills











ACCOUNTABILITY

CRITICAL THINKING & CREATIVITY



INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION



PRIORITISATION



The Indian education system till date evaluates students on the 3 Rs: reading, writing, and arithmetic. Although India produces the largest number of engineers in the world, only 19 per cent of them are employable. Tony Wagner says, "The world doesn't care what you know. What the world cares about is what you do with what you know." Therefore, apart from the 3 Rs, students must be equipped with a new skill set.

The 21st century requires learners to think, innovate, and come up with solutions, bringing about progress and benefitting the country. Curious members of a community have more and better answers.

Collaboration or team-based environment where one thinks of a team goal yields best results. It helps in the adaption of cultural and regional diversity. Our system is more about competing with others, instead of getting ahead of oneself. More sports and team-building drills should be part of the curriculum.





Institutions must do away with cramming. In a world where initiatives are wellreceived, practical communication skills help in nurturing leaders in every field. Educators are increasingly getting behind idea-organise learning and recognising achievements based on a student's set of competency skills.

While Indian schooling is still traditional in approach, information technology (IT) is an



indispensable part of education now. All learners must be IT savvy, and there is a need to increase the use of digital devices in schools. Teaching techniques need a revamp. They should be primarily driven by practical assignment and project learning. Project-based learning boosts creative thinking among students.

Schools must produce future-ready learners for taking on a world beyond books, classrooms, and institutions. Learners will prosper if 21st-century competencies are integrated into the school curriculum. We need more creators; developing human capital is the responsibility of the education system. Good-thinking education initiatives could be the catalyst for that change.



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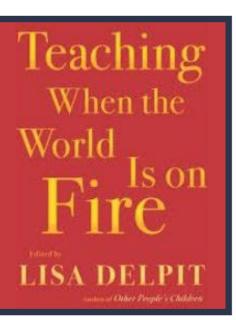
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BOOK CLUB Our Top Picks for Educators





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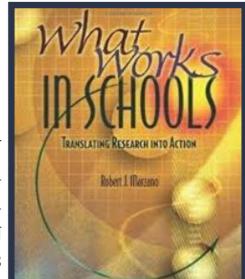
Edited by Lisa Delpit

Owing to the current period of massive social upheaval, it is an extraordinary time to be a teacher. This book comes in handy with its impressive collection of deeply moving and highly effective essays, penned by educators and school leaders who show students the way through delicate issues of culture, gender identity, police brutality, and climate.

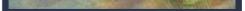
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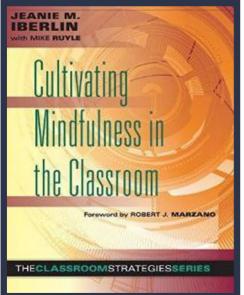
by Robert Marzano

A necessary item on the bookshelf of every teacher, this book is ideal for those seeking innovative ways to deliver instruction and manage a classroom in the age of technology. The author covers several pedagogical practices and relevant topics such as critical thinking skills, school effectiveness, assessment, cognition, and standards



implementation.





Cultivating Mindfulness in the Classroom

by Jeanie M. Iberlin

If you want to make your classroom a friendlier and more peaceful space, this is the perfect read for you—master the art of cultivating a compassionate classroom culture and learn how to cope with fear, anxiety, and depression. Iberlin's mindfulness-based tips work well with students of all classes as well as contribute to teachers' well being.





ADDRESSING THE CONCERNS OF ADOLESCENTS

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dolescence, the transition phase between childhood and adult life, is characterised by dramatic physical, cognitive, social, and emotional changes that present both opportunities and challenges to teenagers and their caregivers. Here are some abilities that all students of classes 11 and 12 require to excel in life.



Ability to excel in studies and exams

Examinations are necessary to evaluate and know where one stands and not to compete or judge oneself based on marks. One should understand that the preparation is done to learn, not to score.

Ability to handle peer pressure

Since each student has their potential, and their goals can be achieved only if they are determined and focused. So, having those friends who motivate and cheer them is essential to stay positive and driven.





Ability to select a suitable career

Students are often afraid of pursuing their passion as it may not offer them a luxurious life. Tell them that money comes from talent and focus. Chasing money should not be the objective; instead, going after their happiness will promise a

Ability to deal with their parents effectively

Many a time, children feel that their parents are expecting too much, building up stress and nervousness in them. Parents should guide and not pressurise. Treat the childparent relationship as teamwork to accomplish goals smoothly.





Ability to make effective decisions

Decisions need patience and a free mind, so there are no regrets later in life. Students must learn to stay calm and optimistic about all the decisions that they think of making in their lives.

Ability to manage emotions

When the age of adolescence and pressure of studies merge, it is challenging for students. Some take it easy, while others feel depressed. Students can indulge in activities like painting and dancing to keep their mind diverted and calm.





Ability to handle social media

responsibly

Students use social media to look 'cool', but the high degree of risk is its compensation. They should be careful while talking to virtual people; revealing sensitive information may be dangerous. Also, pictures should only be shared with the trustworthy.

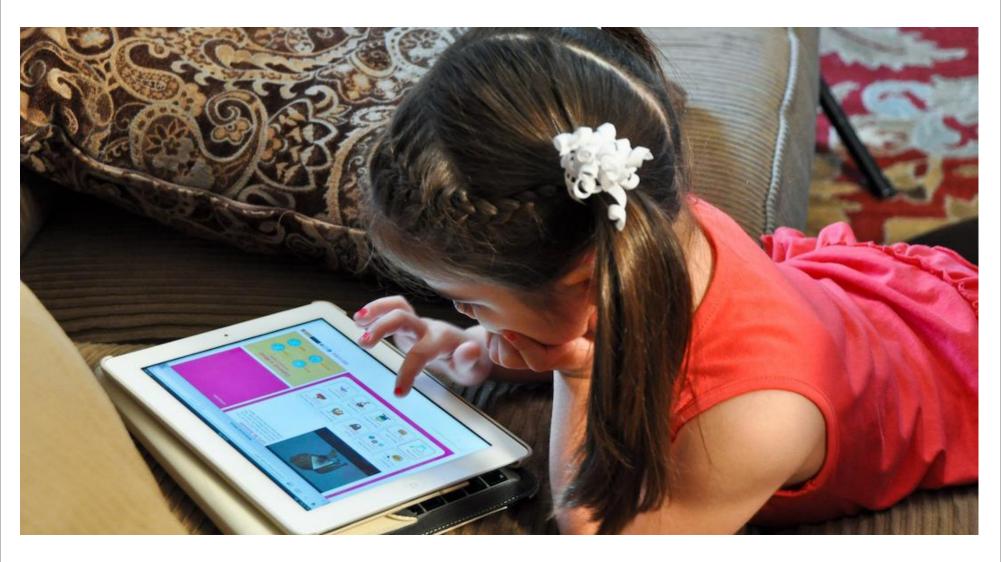
Ability to communicate effectively

Communication is one vital aspect of child growth. Introduce them to a range of vocabulary to help them communicate with ease and clarity. Reading provides an excellent opportunity for discussion, allowing a child to comfortably and confidently articulate their ideas.





EDTECH CENTRE BEST RESOURCES FOR SCHOOL DURING COVID-19



n response to numerous schools shifting to online learning due to the pandemic, Entab has stepped forward to help educators reach students digitally. Here are some of the resources for all stakeholders in school education.

CampusCare Placements

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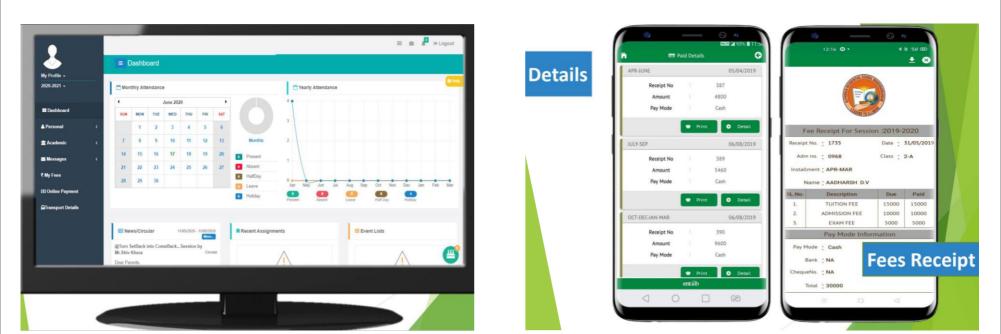


CampusCare EdTalks

Looking for 21st-century teaching strategies or innovative home activities for young learners? Tune into **CampusCare Live**, a series of invigorating webinars conducted by internationally-renowned motivational speakers and eminent educators, including directors, and chairpersons associated with prestigious schools.

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TEACHING PROFESSION A CHALLENGE



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very child is unique and a winner born to do something special. Right practice in the right direction increases the rate of success and student achievement. The diversity and requirements of each student must be respected. So, educators should examine what works and what does not before embarking on anything new. As educators, we must establish a healthy relationship with our students in a positive, supportive, and engaging learning environment. Students should know that their teachers are always there to help them. This faith in teachers encourages their inquisitiveness, innovation, and risk-taking abilities.



For a modern-day teacher, retaining enthusiasm in students is a challenge. For this, educators should embrace new methods in a contemporary classroom. Since children are exposed to technology at an early age, incorporating ICT tools into lesson plans can stimulate their creativity and increase engagement. The primary goal of a teacher is not only to empower the students to succeed academically, socially and emotionally but also to ensure that they take ownership of their learning and remain independent learners lifelong

Today, students have a brief attention span. Therefore, variation needs to be included in teaching methods based on their individual interests and needs as we all know that – "a bird cannot swim in the water and a fish cannot climb a tree."



While we emphasise academic achievements, social skills, and improved behaviour, we should understand the challenges our students may face in future. For that, our teachers need to be equipped with ways to prepare our students for tomorrow. Growing technology is the biggest challenge for today's teacher. Today's classrooms have computers, smart boards etc. to facilitate the teaching-learning process and in this digitalised world, we must evolve as per the changing scenario.



The digitalisation of the education system has tremendously helped students in their study and research. Teachers must learn to adjust to these new changes and make students aware of the benefits and misuse of technology.

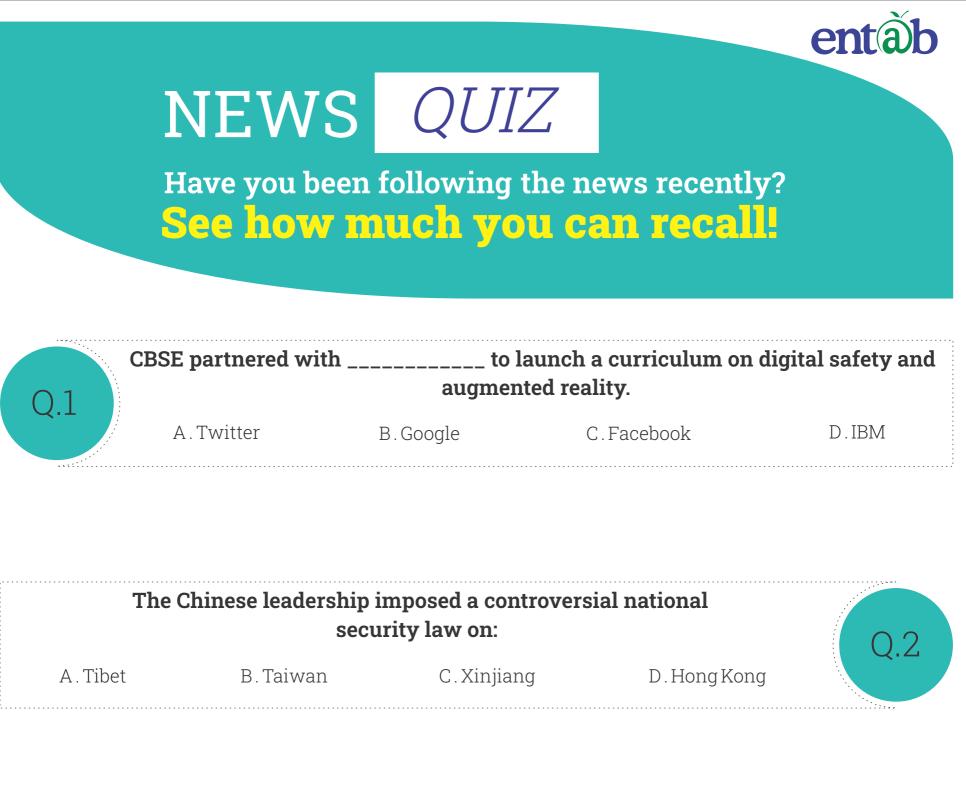


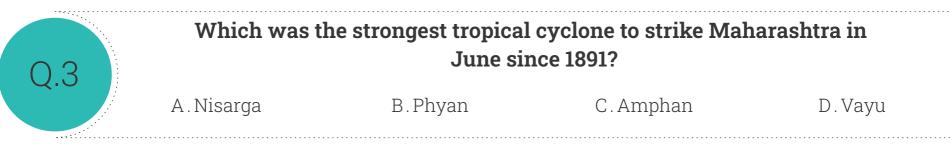
Four key Ps in a student's life

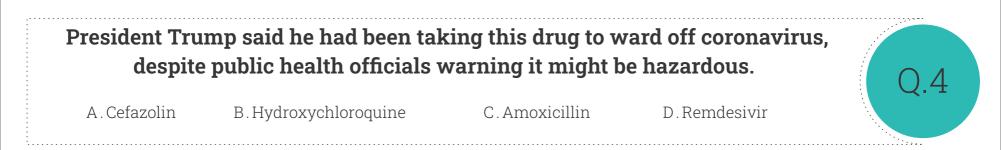


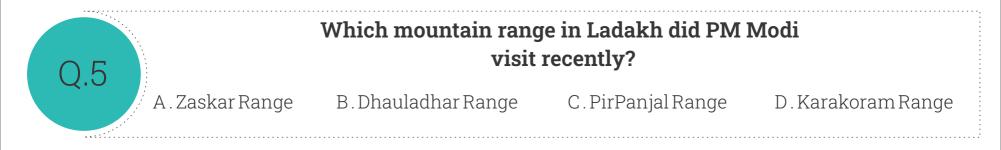


Classroom transaction is a dynamic process, which defines the efficacy of learning outcomes. It is vital that a teacher is enthusiastic, passionate, sensitive to the needs of different learners and takes the initiative to assist them in knowledge construction through enriching experiences.









The European Union agreed to reopen its borders to 15 countries from July 1, but
this country will remain excluded.A. JapanB. CanadaC. AustraliaD. United States

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