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Team Teaching..an important strategy for B. Ed. programme with special reference to one of its component..Lesson planning

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Abstract

Teachers are said to be the nation builders. They are the persons on whom the responsibility of shaping the personality of the children is bestowed on. Therefore we can say teacher holds the most noble and heavy responsibility." The destiny of her nation is being shaped in her classroom" ...is best quoted by The Kothari Commission (1964-66).The teachers are the person who can only bring the change in the total scenario of mankind. This is only possible through effective teacher education programme. The institution for teacher education aims at producing effective and successful teachers. Therefore the techniques and strategies adopted in teacher education programme should be effective to achieve its desired goal. TEAM TEACHING is one among them. Team teaching is an instructional situation where two or more teachers cooperatively plan, teach and evaluate one or more class groups in an appropriate and agreed teaching plan. Lesson planning is an important aspect B.Ed. programme or any other program of teacher education. Team teaching can be best executed for imparting the theoretical and practical knowledge of lesson plan. This study aims at throwing a light into the team teaching as an important strategy in the B Ed programme.

Key Words: Teacher education, B Ed programme, Team Teaching.

Introduction: Today's education system is totally modernized. Use of technology in the field of education has brought tremendous changes in the total scenario of education. Education system is the key to success. It is only the education system which can bring development. Because education and development go side by side. Development is the another name of education. Education system is the base of all kinds of hopes and expectation. If we actually want to cause development, it is essential to modify the education systems. Teachers are the integral part of total education system. They are the person who play the vital role in shaping the future of the children and bringing the desired development. Therefore the education system is directly dependent on these group of people. The role played by the teachers and their effectiveness in discharging the multi-faceted roles in the premises of educational institutions means lot. Indirectly it means to the fact that success of education depends on the effectiveness of the teachers. In an educational institution, there are varied personnel playing varied roles to achieve the desired goal of education. We can't ignore their presence in the scenario as well as their importance. But teachers are bestowed with not only the

responsibility of teaching but also many other duties and roles which will contribute towards the all-round development of the children. In today's technology oriented society, the responsibilities of the teachers have become more complex to prepare the children to cop with such up-dated and modernized society. In such situation, teachers ability and effectiveness are measured very minutely keeping in mind the objectives of modern education. In such arena, the question of training comes. Training for the teachers is as much important as training for a physician to deal with a patient's body. Teaching is not a very easy job which just denotes the standing of a teacher in front of a group of people called "students". It is much more than that. Teaching is an art. To carry out this art one has to possess the qualities of T=Teachability, E=Efficiency, A=Ability, C=Character(Good),H=Sense of humour, E= Eloquency, R= Readiness...as a whole these essential qualities of teacher by which he/she will be called as a teacher. To be called as a real teachers, one should not limit to acquire these qualities only. The qualities of a Good teacher are as broad as the scope of education.

The formal training institutions for teachers are the base where the teachers can acquire these qualities to being termed as so. Teacher education is an important programme of general education programme. Teacher education programme is that integral part of education which aims at producing effective and successful teachers. Teachers can get training from the institution of teacher education both at pre-service and In-service levels. B ed and M.Ed programmes are meant for the aspiring teachers at pre-service levels. At present, essentialities of these programmes have increased in keeping in view the dearth of good teachers.

Lesson planning: Teacher training not only provides the teacher students the opportunity to acquire the qualities of good teacher but also helps them to equip with the instruments through which they can contribute in realizing the actual objectives of education. These instruments are nothing but the tactics, techniques, skills, methods of handling, managing the students and the classroom environment. It helps the teacher in three important ways—planning, executing and evaluating. Planning in its formal sense means the classroom planning.

The lesson planning means the planning made for the instructional work carried out by the teacher on a day-to-day basis. We know planning is the pre-requisite condition for bringing success in any activity. Planning of the lesson helps the teachers to carry out his day-to-day activities without any hazards. Lesson planning with regard to the teaching of a school subject means the planning of a daily lesson related with a particular unit of that subject to be covered by the teacher in specific school period for the realization of some stipulated instructional objectives. It is a sort of theoretical chalking out of details of the journey that a teacher is going to perform practically in the classroom along with the students. As Classroom teaching falls at the top in the list of the duties performed by a teachers, therefore one of the most important responsibility of the teacher educator in the training institute is to give both theoretical and practical knowledge of lesson planning, which falls at the pre-active phase of teaching. To get them more elaborative and clear picture of lesson planning the teacher educators in the training institute can make use of one important and innovative means....TEAM TEACHING..an innovative technique recently added to the field of teaching.

Team Teaching: Team teaching signifies the teaching work and activities organized by a team of individuals comprising teachers, resource persons, and other employees. It is added in the field of teaching and learning in our country as an attempt to seek ways and means for bringing improvement in the process and product of teaching through collective efforts by a group of teachers. *In the words of S.G. Callahan (1971) Team Teaching is that teaching-learning process where two or more teachers cooperatively formulate a plan, carry it out and evaluate its*

Team Teaching..an important strategy for B. Ed. programme... Archana Adhikary & Hridaya Nanda Borah effectiveness as it relates to a specific group of students". In team teaching, two or more teachers join hands for achieving the desired teaching-learning objectives. It is called cooperative teaching. In team teaching, joint efforts are more important than the total individual efforts made by individual members in an unrelated way. Therefore team teaching can be termed as the important means to be applied in the field of teaching-learning situation to realize the actual objectives of education. *In the teacher training institution, this team teaching can prove very beneficial as it can simplify the training process as well as it can give encouragement to the teacher trainee to develop the sense of cooperation in teaching.* The teacher training programme is comprised of both theoretical and practical course content. The teacher educator can take help of the technique of Team Teaching in providing the knowledge of practical content specially the Lesson planning.

Team Teaching as the important means to provide training in Lesson planning: Team teaching is the most important technique in the field of teaching-learning process. Lesson planning is the essential component of teacher education programme. Each teacher should know to carry out the classroom teaching through appropriate planning of lessons. That is why, in teacher training programme, much emphasis is given in training lesson planning. Team teaching is an important means in training of lesson planning...

- _Team teaching can be proved more beneficial in clarifying the theoretical concept of lesson planning through the different attitude, views of different teachers.
- _Team teaching will help to care the need and interest of the students in comprehending the lesson planning.
- _Team teaching helps in utilizing the resources in a proper way and at the proper time in practically carrying out the lesson planning by student teachers.
- _Team teaching allows the formation of students groups in varying sizes in giving practical knowledge of lesson planning.
- _The student trainee will get appropriate knowledge of lesson planning through supervision of the group of teachers.
- _Through appropriate responsibilities of responsibilities, teachers can give best and reliable knowledge of lesson planning to the student teachers.
- _Different views of the different teachers can clarify the doubts of the student's teachers in respect of lesson planning.
- _Interaction with the experts and teachers will help the trainee to grasp lesson planning theoretically and practically.

Conclusion: Team teaching is a collaborative efforts of teachers in realizing the objectives of teaching-learning. In team teaching, teachers plan, execute and evaluate by joint efforts. It aims at bringing improvement in the quality of instruction by making the best use of available resources. It minimize the wastage and errors occurred in the instructional process. This team teaching can be very much beneficial in teaching-learning process. In the training programme also, team teaching can be best utilized. In providing the practical knowledge of teacher education like lesson planning, team teaching is the best technique which not only help the trainee to clarify with the process but also develops the sense of cooperation.

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