

THE ROLE OF THE PRINCIPAL



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“Awake, arise stop not till the goal is reached .”

Swami Vivekananda

ABSTRACT

The key role of the principal is to provide leadership, direction and co-ordination within the college. His main focus should be to develop and maintain effective educational programmes and to promote the improvement of teaching and learning. He should strive to create an organization and climate which fosters students and teachers growth. He is both academic and administrative head of the college.

As per the Maharashtra University Act 1994 “Principal” means a head of a college specialized educational institution post graduate center or their recognized institution duly approved by university. In the broad sense of the term Principal refers to.

“Character is degree

Life is examination

Universe is university”.

He has a dynamic role to play in molding the alameter.

Teaching-Learning research and extension are three dimensional objectives which are part and parcel of higher education. Teaching style is a living creative art which is always subject to change. Research is the soul of education which refers to innovation. Extension activities provide practical knowledge which leads to social commitment and helps disastrous management. The principal being academic head has the skill to handle meticulously. He is basically from the teaching community. In other words he is a first teacher then principal like

the prime-minister who is first Indian then the designation. It is the duty of the principal to administer these three above mentioned objectives to the best of his capacity and efficiency he is the architect of budding youngsters who are the salt of the nation and builder of future nation. Handwork and sincerity are the only key for the success. He believes in honest work which builds and charity destroys.

A principal is expected to be morally good. “Morality is the basis of all things and truth is the substance of morality” says Mahatma Gandhi. There is binding on the principal to be model to the budding youngsters. Let other community leaders may or may not be morally ideals or models. Principal can be compared to the captain of the team who has skill to handle all academic as well as administrative affairs meticulously. He is a master planner who takes everyone in confidence to attain goals of education of all round development. Integrity, devotion, dedication and determination are the outcome of every member of the alma-mater. He, along with his colleagues instills the hope of national feelings among the budding youngsters irrespective of caste, creed, race, religion, language and region, etc. He can go one step ahead to establish international feelings in the field of globalization, free-trade, privatization and liberalization. His captainship is different in the sense that he has to face many challenges. He has no superiority and inferiority complex. Steadfastness is the only criteria to deal with the problems. In the same way fearlessness is the best virtue to face challenges in the educational sector.

Principal is the bridge between management and teaching and non-teaching staff. He is a mediator for management and staff it is generally presumed that discipline is the foundation of the education. Principals to maintain discipline from the beginning to the end. Some time he has to be bold to take hard decision to handle the situation. He should see that nobody makes misuse of his sober nature. He must give respect and take respect and must also know that respect is never demanded but it is always commanded. He should also learn a lesson to forgive and forget. His disinterested or impartial attitude is always respected.

Principal is authorized and responsible head of accepting and distributing as far as financial matter is concerned. For any misappropriation he is head responsible. So he has to be meticulous as far as financial transaction is concerned. Any grant received by U.G.C. , State



Government or University is only on the name of the Principal. U.G.C. gives grants to conduct conference, seminar and workshop to purchase science equipment's, books and research journals during respective five year plan. U.G.C. gives grants to build laboratories, renovation of buildings etc. Some grants are matching. Where the management has to provide some percentage for the purpose of construction. The U.G.C. gives grant to the extent of one crore for the purpose of construction of ladies hostel. This grant is given out of five year plan and whole grant is given by U.G.C with some terms and conditions. U.G.C. gives 100% grants to SC and ST students for extra coaching classes. Soon after completion it is the duty of the principal to send detailed reports along with a audited statement to the U.G.C. within stipulated period. The role of the principal is key because all the grants are given on the name of the principal so he is solely responsible for making use of the grant for which it is sanctioned.

The University also gives grants to conduct international, national, state level seminars, conferences workshops and symposia under the faculty improvement programme. All these grants are given on the name of the principal. It is the duty of the principal to make use of all the grants properly as per the direction of university and finally submit audited statement along with the signature of C.A. to the University within stipulated period. If the amount is not used or spent then the whole amount should be returned through cheque only to the University or the authority concerned.

Thus the role of the principal is pivotal and important in all respects as for as all round development of the alma-mater is concerned. He acts as a secretary of local management committee. He is designated as chairman of student council and other college committees.

Robert Frost says:-

*“ The woods are lovely, deep and dark,
I have promise to keep,
Miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep “*

“Heard melodies are sweet but those of unheard are still sweeter”

John Keats.

Swami Vivekananda says:-

*“ Truth, purity and unselfishness,
Wherever present
Equipped with these
There is no power below ,
And above the sun to perish”.*

“True equality is true morality and true morality is true wisdom .”

William Hazlitt

Thus the principal has manifold roles to play right from the uniform to cleanliness which is next to godliness or cleanliness itself is godliness and for the smooth functioning of the alometer both academically and from the point of the view of administration. That principal is great who reaps maximum benefits of grants of UGC and other funding agencies as per the terms and the conditions of the concern authorities. In my opinion his yeoman, holy platonic service is superior and provides great soul satisfaction and he is ever green and shining and he is ever green and shining star among fresh flowers of budding youngsters who are responsible builders of the future nation.

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