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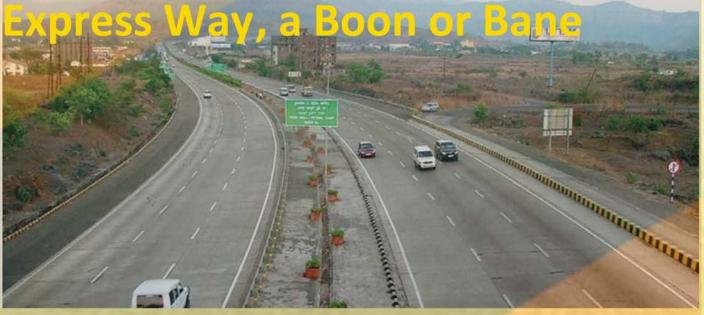
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EXPRESSWAY - A BOON OR BANE?

This article analysis different views of people in all the departments about the Salem-Chennai expressway dispute and provides a neutral conclusion for the dilemma which is, whether to consider the perspective of environmentalists or to accept the justification of our government. At present, it takes five hours and 45 minutes to travel from Salem to Chennai via Viluppuram. But the estimated time for the proposed expressway, would reduce the time to three hours. However, some say that the estimated time is not true. Among the modes of transportation, roadways are more preferable as it is the cheapest mode and we can travel to long distances by road. So, all the foreign investors consider expressway as an important profiting segment. Our government insists that this project would mainly improve the ratio of Indian land area to the expressway as it is less in India compared to other countries.



If the ratio becomes moderate, then the foreign investment might increase in our country. In 2011, NHAI (National Highways Authority of India) introduced a project called, "Bharathmala Yojana" which seeks to improve the standards of road transport by 2022. The new expressway passes through Kancheepuram (59 km) Salem (38.3 km), Thiruvannamalai (122 km), Krishnagiri (2 km) and Dharmapuri (53 km). The forest department has stated in their official website that the proposed highway would pass through five forest reserves such as Nambedu, Aliyamangalam,

Anandhavadi, Ravandhavadi and Chengam.

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EXPRESSWAY - A BOON OR BANE?

Mountains, ponds, rivers, lakes, wells, Malgova mango forests, agricultural lands, houses, schools etc. will also be affected. Recent arrests of Environmentalist Piyush Manush, actor Mansoor Ali Khan, and student activist Valarmathi show the differences of opinion between people and the government. They were held with the reason that they instigated people against the government but in reality they are the real saviours who tried to stand for the nature. Eight mountain ranges such as, Theertha malai, Kavuthi malai, Jarugu malai, Vediyapan malai, Javaadhumalai, Kalrayan malai and Sheraron malai would be affected. Though our Chief Minister has promised that the roads will be constructed with tunnels and the mountains will not be destroyed, the actual fact is that nothing can be done without damaging nature.



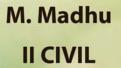
The ten thousand crore project was started mainly to encourage the Japanese and Korean investors and so, there is a chance that this might lead us back to someone else' control. The advantage of this road is that it would save time. The government says that they will give compensation not only for the land but also for houses, cattle, trees, agricultural lands, wells etc. Salem district collector has assured that skill based training will be provided to the farmers to improve their livelihood and a reha-

bilitation program will be undertaken.

Expressway – a Boon or Bane?

Some people in social media compare the Indian roads with Brazil roads that were trending in recent days, where the roads were built without affecting or creating any harm to natural resources. But in fact, the deeply curved roads in Brazil lead to many road accidents in recent years. This shows our stupidity because we easily consider things without looking at the differences. Before sharing any message, we must have some basic knowledge about the issue and technical background. The recent order by the forest department to stop the project is appreciable, however, further steps for starting the project has been already taken by Tamil Nadu government. Whatever may be the advantage, if the expressway project is once implemented, there will be no assurance for acquisition of more agricultural lands. New shops, real estates, apartments, colleges, may come on the new pathway. This may lead to the destruction of more forests and agricultural lands. Another important thing to be considered is the toll charges. The very high toll charge is not acceptable for middle class people and people below poverty line. I would like to conclude my article with a basic question, is it a development for the rich business class people or for the ordinary people!

"Compensation and money may give us joyful life for few years but agriculture and land may help us live peacefully for thousands of years"



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WILLINGNESS IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS

Willingness is one of the most important characteristics that stems from one's personal interest to accomplish something. As the saying goes, where there is a will, there is a way, thus it's one's willingness that would move mountains and perform miracles. We can understand from the above quote that if we are interested, we can make it. Sometimes, it may be hard but if we are ready to suffer for what we have to achieve, we would be on the track.

THE WILLINGNESS TO DO CREATES THE ABILITY TO DO



There are lots of motivational examples in this world that proved that nothing is impossible, if one has faith in it. One of the greatest innovators who lighted our lives is Thomas Alva Edison. When Edison started working for his invention, he failed thousands of times and finally his invention became a guiding light to various other inventions. This enabled the common man to get access to lights thus coming out of darkness. Another great example, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam beautifully portrayed his failures in his book, "Wings of Fire", and explained how he defeated his failures to become a strong man of our nation. All the great minds endured great pain and sacrificed many things in order reach that height. The energy mentioned here first comes from our mothers during her delivery time. If she refuses to beget her baby because of pain, she would lose one of the greatest gifts from God, the creator.

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Secondly, let's have a look at our own Adrenaline gland which pumps faster, when we are in a critical situation. For example, when a dog chases us, we can even cross a 10 feet wall. The same thing is not possible during a normal time for a human being. Here, our willingness to escape from the dog matters a lot than the 10 feet wall that seemed to be impossible a while ago. Even Holy books and novels portray the cause of willingness. Almost all the scriptures say that everything is available for humans to learn from it. From the above quote, we can understand that nothing is impossible and everything is available in the environment for humans to develop things from the scratch.

Finally, we need to make sure that when we build hope, we also need to start making a leap because nothing matters than one's willingness. Apart from these things, only willingness without any effort or strategy does not help. We should create opportunities and show our willingness and then we should work towards achieving it. This can be stated with the help of a quote, Make hay while the sun shines. Starting from our birth till our death, everything depends on our own willingness, when our mothers gave birth to us their willingness mattered. Remember, even when we stop our last breath after giving-up to struggle to live, willingness matters to born again.

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KILLING IS NOT A SOLUTION

A never ending debate

There are several perspectives regarding capital punishment in the society and these views change from person to person. These differences of opinions have initiated enough debates in various countries. In early days, serious offenders such as thieves, rapists, and serial killers were sentenced to death and some countries even hanged these offenders publicly. The method of execution differed depending on the type and severity of crime. If the crime was serious, the punishment was also severe. Some punishments such as ripping the head off, electric shocks etc. struck terror in the minds of the future criminals. Most of the religions say that the offenders should be punished. There is also another view that there is no need of capital punishment. Humanitarian views suggest that no one has the right to take another's life. The reason some say is that everyone should get a second chance.



Sometimes, the "SECOND CHANCE" is something which can be given to a person to prove him. If a person had killed someone, it doesn't mean that his life must also be taken because most of the crimes happen out of emotional imbalance. At least we can give them an opportunity and most of them would change their ways and regret their actions. All it takes is a bit of time, solitude and introspection as these would make them feel peaceful and make them live their second chance. They won't commit the same crime again, so, killing a person will never be justified.....! Life brings lots of difficult situations to everyone and it is one such difficult thing for the accused. Everyone must be given a chance to prove oneself because an eye for an eye won't

be a solution.

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No one is a born criminal and everyone knows that it is the environment and the upbringing that decides whether one would become a criminal or not. Although no one is perfect, the size or intensity of the crime can be attributed to the society in which the person lives. Mistakes are copied and learnt from one generation to another. No one tries to correct them but contribute to further crimes. The society never gives them the space to correct themselves as once a criminal is branded as always a criminal. All they need is a bit of courage and will power. I'm not trying to imply that a rapist must be hanged. In general we have rape news every day, but nothing has changed much as it still happens. If it is still happening then what's the use of death sentences. Something must be done before it becomes very serious. A teenage guy sexually harassing a five year old is not a good sign of a healthy society. The impatient question is that from where does that thought come from. Why such thought should linger in one's mind? At schools, colleges and even at home there is no personal security for a girl then, what is the use of calling our society the safest place? It's not going to end but could be made better. Death sentencing is not the ideal solution to correct a person and the society. As long as corruption in law and politics persists, there is no use of doing such an activity. If at all death sentence is supported, it must be to the greedy ones, who screws up other poor people's lives for money and fame. But, this is never going to happen in our country. So, as far as I'm concerned, death doesn't change anything. All the serious offenders know to break the law and escape using the loop holes in the Criminal Justice System. Laws are made to ensure a peaceful society and happy living. Changing the law cannot change people and the society for sure.

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GOD ALWAYS HAS A BETTER PLAN

"Mom, I am hungry! Make me something" said Kristine. She was a young girl who was just 6 years old and she was a cheerful kid from birth. Being a small kid, she had nothing to worry about nothing other than going to the school. All she did was to play all day with her friends. Angela, her mom was a beautiful woman around her early thirties, she loved Kristine more than anything else in this world. Adam, her dad was a wrestler and his income was just enough to satisfy their basic needs. Adam was a kind of guy who never carried his emotions from his workplace to his personal life whatever the issues or the situation maybe. He always kept the stress in the office, thus acting out cool in the evening. He worked really hard to feed his family. In spite of his busy schedule, he managed to spend time with his kid every day. All three of them lived happily together in a small town called Mandivia and they were really grateful with what they had. Adam was also an amateur boxer who attended a sports club.



One day, after a boxing session, Adam had a big quarrel with the opponent after the fight and the referee had to separate both of them or else, they both would have fought till one of them died. Both the competitors left the place with intense hatred towards each other in their hearts. Three days later, Adam shared his experience of the fight with his wife. She found Adam to be troubled and she touched his face with her palm and said "Don't worry everything will be alright, we are with you, no

matter what happens".

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She looked directly into his eyes and for a second, he saw his mother inside her. He thanked God for being so blessed to have such a life companion. They had their dinner and both of them put Kristine to sleep in her room and went to bed. That night around 2 am, in the morning Angela heard a loud slam downstairs and she woke up Adam. He went to check what that sound was. Few minutes later, Angela heard a loud sound "BANG". She rushed downstairs and cried out for Kristine to come out. Because of these noises, Kristine woke up and was wondering why her mom was shouting out so loud around two in the morning. To her shock, she found her dad lying shot in his chest with his head on her mother's lap.



Tears rolled down her eyes and she sat down beside him. Adam was living his last moments and he looked at his daughter and then looked at his wife and said "Take care of Kristine, Angela. I love you both". It was the most painful sight for both of them to see their beloved dying. Later that day, they came to know that it was none other than the exasperated opponent who shot Adam. He surrendered in the police a few hours after the incident. Both Angela and Kristine were left heartbroken about the incident. Days passed on......

GOD ALWAYS HAS A BETTER PLAN

Things weren't the same in the family without Adam. Angela didn't study much and

she was not a qualified person to work anywhere. She wasn't even allowed to go to school at an early age. So, she had no other choice but to become a house maid. From cooking to washing toilets, she did everything to survive. In spite of her situation, she managed to pay the tuition fees for Kristine and never assigned any tasks or jobs to Kristine. Like Adam, she even managed to spend time with her every day. Due to poverty, Angela had no other choice but to vacate the city nearby where she could find more ways to make money. They both shifted to Glazcovia. Kristine joined a new school and lost touch with her old friends as she came to Glazcovia. In the new school, things weren't the same as it used to be. Angela was determined to put Kristine in a good school despite her financial hardship, thus she admitted Kristine in "The School for Gifted" which provides good education and offers various opportunities and other extracurricular activities. In a nutshell, it's a perfect school for Kristine to finish her schooling. Even though the fees for the school was a little beyond Angela's earning capacity, she was willing to work really hard to pay her fees. Time flew on......

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IMPACT OF EFFICIENT GOVERNANCE

Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam's vision for 2020 was something that fascinated all the millennial kids. This is because we, as future citizens, wanted to see our mother nation superior to other countries. India had to be at its developed position in terms of technology, economy, medical and defence. But, is it the case right now? We are about to reach 2020, and have we achieved the vision? In spite of having all the resources, young minds are not able to exhibit their talents independently, even if it is for the wellness of the nation itself. The reason to all these problems is those hands who run the government.

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India, being such a rich country with its wealth, intelligence, medical remedies and agricultural growth has still not achieved the "developed nation" status. The British took away a lot of wealth from our treasure but we still flourish with whatever we have. But in today's scenario, most of the wealth is available with a small part of the population. That's why the rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer. This small population who holds the wealth are mostly the people who run the government too. They influence the government either directly or indirectly. In the name of government projects, they build their own institutions or complexes that further increases their wealth. The import and export of our country that are the main areas that contribute to the growth of the economy, is keenly managed by the government, but due to political influence and bribery, import incur more financial

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loss to the government.

IMPACT OF EFFICIENT GOVERNANCE

Many products that are banned in other countries, are allowed for sales in our mother nation. The sole reason behind this trend are those MNC's who are throwing a large amount of cash to the officials. The recent issue of Sterlite in Tuticorin is one such example to be remembered. Everyone knew that establishing such a company would totally destroy the present environment, but still those MNC's wanted their company to be established there while the owners live abroad in clean and serene environment. When we pay tax, we are citizens of this country but we are given a polluted environment to live in. Why should such people be granted permission to destroy our country? Demonetisation, a word that was very famous and often discussed in order to reduce black money, hasn't achieved for what it was intended to. Do you think that people keep that much money as cash itself? Black money can be in the form of anything, real estate, jewellery of gold or diamond or platinum or any other form of investment. Removing the prevailing money and printing new notes was a total chaos! There were different sizes of 500 rupees notes available in North-East. Even the RBI was confused about their printing process. While that situation existed on one side, few officials who held the black money in cash exchanged for new ones by giving bribe on the other side. Was this really needed? Products from small scale industry are advertised less and this reduced people's concern to buy products too. A lot of small scale business people were affected due to demonetisation which significantly reduced the GDP, contrary to what was expected to increase the growth of India. Thus, the economy is greatly affected by the government and only with change in governance we can become a developed country. Government may keep





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IDIOT BOX AND THE CHILDREN

The world is becoming increasingly digital and people are influenced and forced to adopt to the changing technologies. Most of the things and gadgets are becoming the things of the past as the world is introduced to new gadgets and technologies almost every day. During our childhood, we had very good care and guidance from our parents and grandparents. Because of that we maintained very good attitude towards our elders and our society. But now-a-days, "NUCLEAR FAMILY" is struggling to impart that guidance and care to the children as both the parents work. Thus most of the children are left without any elderly care, so they seek some consolation from the gadgets.



No one is interested in spending time with the neighbours. During this situation, parents leave their children in the hostel or the children get addicted to television until their parents return home. Our parents followed the words of their parents but now-a-days, children develop their attitude based on movies and other TV characters. Numerous television channels and reality shows are telecasted every day that affect the behaviour of the children. In addition to that, there are advertisements and cartoon channels that play a major role in making the children addicted.

IDIOT BOX AND THE CHILDREN

In many cases children, are very adamant to get things which they see in the advertisements. Due to their wealth, in spite of their busy schedule, parents also buy those unnecessary things for their children without caring about the health conditions. Because of watching cartoon channels continuously, children's vision gets affected. It is one of the major causes for many children wearing spectacles. Health plays a major role in every one's life because health is wealth. Only when there is a wall, one can draw something and they can't build castles in the air. In olden days, our ancestors used to write in black slates to learn their basics. But now the scenario has changed where even the new born babies know to use Tablets, Mobile phones, Laptops etc.... They even play video games and watch movies, cartoons and many more. Now, children choose their food, dress, hairstyle, way of speaking, their toys, and their way of playing and all these are projected by the television shows and movies they watch. Children usually prefer the advertised food to the healthy one prepared in home. It doesn't only affect their behaviour but also their health. We must take care of our children, by making them concentrate on real things and not on the virtual world which is brought home by the televisions. Real approaches take time to accept, fake approaches are believed even before told. Our children have started loving the material things and use people which should have been the other way around. They do not know the value of anything but the price of everything. This is going to change the entire value system and land great trouble in the society. Children need real people to play with them, motivate them, teach them, guide them and care for them. This would happen only when the parents start spending more time with the children.



TECHNOLOGY KILLS IMAGINATION

Knowledge is the mother of wisdom and imagination is the birth place of creativity. Creativity makes your thoughts unique. Your thoughts transform into unique actions and your unique actions define "You". You will be noticed among a crowd only when your actions and thoughts are different as said by Shiv Khera in 'You can win" because "winners don't do different things but they do things differently". To transform oneself from a common man to an uncommon celebrated human, one's thoughts and actions should stand ajar. But unfortunately, things fall into a "loop", thus making everything and everyone common. The magical word "loop" mentioned above describes our "technology".



As days pass, the so called term technology is growing at the cost of human imagination. Literally, there are two sets of people just as a coin has two sides. One side of the coin are those people who try to put all their imagination, creativity and thoughts to improve the technology, so that the daily chores of human are made easy. On the other hand, lies the poor folks. Here, thinking the growth of the technology as a boon to mankind, people started sticking to the technologies that they find it in their everyday tasks. Let's take some examples that justify this and try to view this issue holistically by applying our common sense.

TECHNOLOGY KILLS IMAGINATION

The rate of people reading books and the rate of people who listen to radio have dropped. Instead, the rate of people who watch television has increased. When you read books and when a character is described in it, we ourselves in our mind would imagine it. When a castle is described, one could imagine a castle in golden colour and another one can imagine it in red colour. While some other can imagine the same in white colour with purple border and a red flag flying at the top. This improves the creativity of an individual. But on watching television, there is a fixed colour for the castle and there is nothing for us to imagine. Here, it is very clear that the development of technology clearly kills creativity and imagination at one go.



Now, let's take an example of the usage of social media. It consumes our time as how a bike consumes its fuel. Many people wisely use social media to spread news and for advertising, etc. But when an individual has his/her own thoughts upon a particular issue, they won't accept the content that is forwarded by someone. The uniqueness, like the individuality of a person is lost wherein everyone is made to accept one single thought. Conversations, arguments and discussions can bring valuable solutions to many issues that are found in our society. But technology, most of the time uses forwarded messages which people personalize and accept as their own. This persuasive aspect of technology enabled gadgets are bit dangerous.

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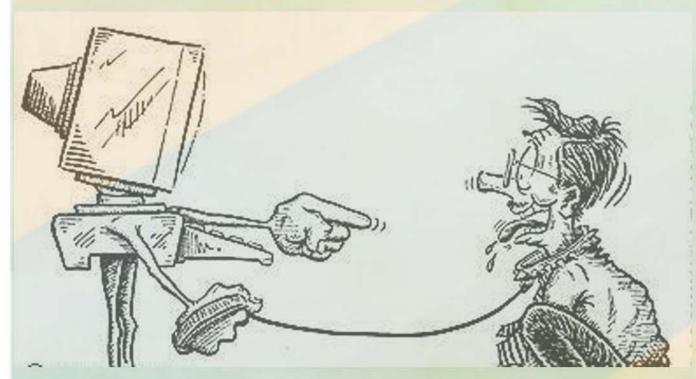
The act of thinking over an issue is decreasing among people, since there is something called Google which can give all the information one needs. When there is no thinking and creativity, there is no individuality or imagination. There is no use in technology, thus draining human imagination. The aim of a good technology is to improve human creativity and at the same time improve itself. A technology that shrinks human imagination cannot be celebrated as good one. If technology helps people become lazy and less creative, it should be thrown in the bin. Human jobs are replaced by technology but it's human beings who invented those technologies. The creation replacing the creator is not a good sign.

Both creativity and imagination are congenital to human beings. It is available in us right from our birth. But it is all in our hands to give it life and use it for our favour. It is all in our hands to inculcate and develop our creativity and imagination. Creativity and imagination are like fire that is in our hands and it's up to us to decide whether to use this fire to light the candle or burn the roof. It is only humans who develop all these technologies. And again it is only humans who use the technologies. So, authority is with the humans to develop the best technologies that can kindle the human curiosity to learn more and think more and to choose the best technologies that does the same. To shine as a best human being, we need to watch our thoughts. Since, thoughts transform into action that defines an individual. Since creativity and imagination determine the thoughts of a person, it is mandatory for him/her to opt for the best technology to boost curiosity that tenders creativity!

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ARE HUMANS TOO DEPENDENT ON COMPUTERS?

Now-a-days, humans depend too much on computers because many works are done quickly, easily by the using the computers. But one serious issue is that human beings have become slaves to the so called God, the computer which was invented for the analytical and statistical purposes. Now, the usage has changed and people have started using computers for many other unnecessary works. Let's have a look at the situation that would prove that humans are too dependent on computers. It has reached a stage where people have become addicts and they are becoming less productive by getting distracted while working in a computer.

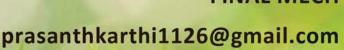


Initially, computers were mostly used to solve calculations. After the development and industrial revolution, computers were mostly used at all place like small to big industries. This revolution has made even common people use the computers in the name of personal computers. It has helped individuals in completing most of their works accurately. Earlier, the letters sent to other people took few days and even few months to reach them. But computers throw away this problem in the form of emails. If messages or e-mails have to be sent, it can be done within few seconds. Now-a-days, messages and e-mails are used instead of letters and many other works such as banking, shopping, booking etc. are done with the help of the computers and internet.

ARE HUMANS TOO DEPENDENT ON COMPUTERS?

Every coin has two sides, similarly, each product has good side and bad side. The bad side of computers is that they have started ruling the humans without their knowledge. They have made an artificial dependence which has become the most important issue in the society. If this situation continues, humans would become too lazy to do their own works. This would make humans lazy and undisciplined creatures. In olden days, tradition and culture were the most important things to be considered. We have the responsibility to protect them but today, tradition and culture are being destroyed by the computers as human beings forget their cultural rituals and festivals. They are not celebrating their traditional functions and festivals in an appropriate manner. Humans have become too much dependent on the computers because without computers, we would become handicapped. We have created a situation where we feel that without computers, human beings are nothing. We have to use computers, but not at all the time because the health risks associated with the use of computers is huge. One cannot risk one's health by becoming addicted to the computers. Continuously sitting, lack of exercise, constant looking at the screen, continuous typing in the key board etc. would contribute to the health risks in human beings. As the saying goes, "If wealth is lost nothing is lost. If health is lost, everything is lost", a healthy person can make wealth at any time but an unhealthy man would lose whatever wealth he had amassed. So, it's time to come out of the computer dependency, it's time to come out to breathe some fresh air and it's time to talk to our loved ones. Let's be the masters of the computer and not the other way round.

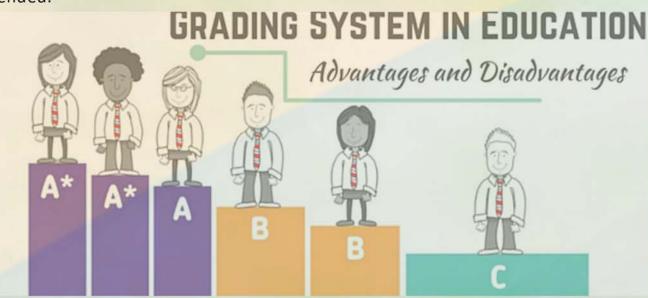
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GRADING SYSTEM IS EFFECTIVE IN COLLEGE

Grading system is essential for judging a student when no other details are known about him at the time of placement. Corporate companies set a particular grade or percentage of marks that the students must possess in order to appear for their company placements. The college management also judges a student and awards him based on his scores and grades in the examination. This grading system helps everyone compete with others and accumulate more knowledge leaving the skill part unattended.

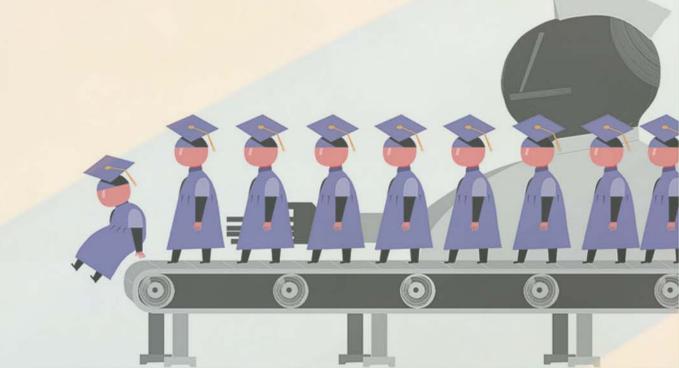


A coin has two sides, similarly, this system has also got its own merits and demerits. This system improves student-teacher relationship by creating a rapport between them. If the students understand more, then the teacher becomes eager to share more information. Grading system also makes the students know more about things. They study in such a way that they gather more knowledge from inside the book rather than trying things from outside the book. People who study more and write as it is in the books are given more marks but if one writes something on one's own, one wouldn't be given any marks because the teachers know only one answer which is in the answer key. These marking system also helps students from a poor family to bloom because they won't have enough financial support to pursue their studies. Institutions which search for such type of students from the schools see their grades and they come forward to help them continue their studies by providing them schol-

arships.

GRADING SYSTEM IS EFFECTIVE IN COLLEGE

This grading system fails to look after students who have enormous passion for different things but poor grades in their examination. Those students who are not good at academics have great practical knowledge which helps them succeed more than the others who are good at academics....But our grading system doesn't look after those students instead keep on awarding and congratulating only students who are good at their grades. Most of the time, students who are practically good keep attending various competitions but they are limited to attend those competitions and made to study and clear their subjects because of their grades and mark percentage.



Degrading is not the best way to gain attention...Parents also curse their wards for not getting high grades by comparing them to their colleagues. Actually, they are the ones who see their children from the time of birth. They were happy when the child did naughty activities and didn't scold the child but, when they sent the children to schools or colleges, they forget everything and start to think like other parents and they fail to support the child. Parents need to support their own children in all their ups and downs. They need to help their children score high marks and indeed teach the children that scoring marks is not the only thing to judge a person and it is just the criteria for them while entering a particular institution. They need to teach them practical knowledge and the outside environment to become strong human beings.

GRADING SYSTEM IS EFFECTIVE IN COLLEGE

person is the one who is ruling the whole world and educated people work under his institutions for daily wages. Only few things are to be considered in order to become a successful person in life. The main things are knowledge and confidence not money and grades. It's passion and entrepreneurship that drives one's creativity and spirit. People who do not focus on education shouldn't be forced to study because no matter the number of times they write the exam, they can't focus but if they are asked to do some projects and invent some products in whichever field they are interested in, they would definitely do it. This could be considered for making them pass. If memorizing and putting them down in the paper is considered a parameter for a genius, people with the most memory power would always lead the chart and others would keep failing. It may be the right time that the governments and the educational institutions think of reinventing their assessment method. It's time that they try to appreciate skills rather than mere knowledge as knowledge is the byproduct of skill. So, it would be much better if the colleges follow the policy of educating students based on their interest and make them achieve his goals and treat all the students alike without separating them based on their grades. The parents also need to be of moral support for their children when they struggle academically without comparing them with anyone else. Thus, the education system and the grading system will be effective if only they judge the students not only by grades but also by their skills.

Studying is not the only thing and there are lot more to do in life. An uneducated

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