

Role of Wikipedia in Modern Education

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Introduction: The term 'education' in the broad sense is not only a pedagogical one but punctuating down to the basic meaning of the term, it means to plunge a man's body, mind & soul of ignorance. Education is an effective tool to realize the actual potential & makes this society a better place to live in. It is a vast field where one can keep on learning throughout his or her life without failing to secure moral victory. There are several accredited universities & educational institutions to choose from. Education has become more than just a means to have better carrier options available in the near future. The core objective is to develop humanistic feelings towards one & all.

"There are innumerable proposals/suggestions for reforms and changes in educational system and there are infinite number of good ideas and research results. The target is not just to pick one of them but rather is to have comprehensive attitude and approach within which to bring to action many good works known to us. Introduction of semester system can be said to be the product of these investigations" -*Myron Tribus (1994)*

Wikipedia- The name "Wikipedia" is a suitcase of the words wiki which means a technology for creating collaborative websites, from the Hawaiian word wiki, meaning "quick" and encyclopedia. Wikipedia's articles provide links designed to guide the user to related pages with additional information.

Wikipedia is written collaboratively by largely authorless unconstrained who write or presents their information without pay. Anyone with the help of Internet access can write and make changes to Wikipedia articles, except in limited cases where editing is restricted to prevent disruption or heathenism. The internet users can contribute anonymously, under alias, or, if they choose to, with their real identity.

Five Pillars of Wikipedia: The Fundamental principles of the Wikipedia is epitomize in five pillars that shows how the project works which are as follows:

1. Wikipedia is an Encyclopedia:



It may combines many features of general and specialized encyclopedias, calendars, and brochures. The Wikipedia is not a soapbox, an advertising platform, a haughtiness press, an experiment in chaos or democracy, an reckless collection of information, or a web directory. It is not a dictionary, a newspaper, or a collection of source documents. Wikipedia is not the place to insert personal opinions, suggestions, experiences, or arguments.

2. Wikipedia has a neutral point of view:



which means the learner endeavour for articles that advocate no single point of view that means it explains article or document from the major points of view which can be presents accurately providing context for any given point of view, and presenting no one point of view as "the truth" or "the best view." It means citing verifiable, authoritative sources whenever possible, especially when the topic is on controversial or is on living persons. Personal experiences, interpretations, or opinions of the author or the editor do not belong.

3. **Wikipedia is free content:**



All the editors freely license their work to the public, no editor owns an article and any contributions can and will be heartlessly edited and redistributed. Respect copyright laws, and never plagiarize any content from other sources. Taking loan from non-free media is sometimes allowed as fair use, but endeavour to find free uncertainty first.

4. **Wikipedia has a code of conduct:**



Respect your fellow Wikipedians, even when you disagree with them. Apply Wikipedia decorum, and don't engage in personal attacks. Seek accord, avoid warfare, and never dislocate Wikipedia to illustrate a point. Act in good faith, and assume good belief on the part of others. Be open and welcoming to newcomers i.e. new authors are welcomed to introduce their studies and researches anytime. Authors should discuss the whole content calmly with each other.

5. **Wikipedia has no firm rules:**



Wikipedia has some standard policies and guidelines, but they are not carved in stone; their content and explanation can cultivate over time. The maxims and spirit matter more than literal wording, and sometimes improving Wikipedia requires making detraction. Be assertive but not careless in updating articles. And do not palpitate over making mistakes: every past version of a page is saved, so mistakes can be easily corrected.

Need & Importance of Wikipedia in Modern Education

Need:

- Modern Education is a life-long process therefore learner can access anytime and anywhere to it.
- Information outburst is an ever increasing event therefore there is a great need to get access to this information.
- Modern Education should meet the needs of diversification of learners and therefore wikipedia is an important aspect in meeting this need.
- Wikipedia is a necessity of the society so that the individuals should possess technological literacy and grasp the modern education easily.
- Learner need to increase penetration and bring down the cost of education to meet the challenges of illiteracy and poverty and provide equal opportunity to gain education.

Importance:

- It access to variety of learning resources and learning material.
- It provides immediacy to information and knowledge.
- The learner can do anytime learning.
- The student is able to learn anywhere.
- It helps to do collaborative learning.
- It endues the multimedia approach to the modern education.
- It provides authoritative and up to date information.
- The learner can access easily to online libraries.

- It helps in teaching of different subjects made interesting
- Wikipedia can store the educational data.
- It also provides the distance education.
- The learner can access to the source of information.
- It provide multiple communication channels like e-mail, chat, forum, blogs,etc.
- It provides better accesses to children with disabilities.
- It can also reduces time on many routine tasks.

Study Skills of the learner: Study skills or academic skills, or study strategies are accessibilities applied to learning. They are generally censorial to success in school, considered important for achievement of good grades, and useful for learning throughout one's life.

Study skills are phalanx of skills which seize the process of sponsoring and taking in new information, inhibit information, or dealing with assessments. They include mnemonics, which aid the assumption of lists of information; effective reading; concentration techniques and efficient note taking.

General Study Skills Guides

- Study Skills Checklist
- Discover Learning Style of students
- Good habits of Highly Successful Students
- Improving Reading consciousness
- The Cornell System for Taking Notes
- Improving Note Taking Skills
- Improving Memory Power
- Effective Listening Skills can be improved
- Using Effective Time Management To Optimize Studying
- Selecting a Good Study Location by learner
- Using Studying Groups
- Provide different Strategies for Reading Textbooks
- Provide guideline for Studying Math
- Solving Math Word Problems
- Vocabulary Building Strategies
- Give suitable basics of writing An Essay
- Writing Research Papers and articles
- Setting and Achieving Goals of education

Types of Study Skills

- Buzan Mind Maps.
- Rehearsal and rote learning.
- Reading and listening.
- Flashcard training.
- Keywords.
- Visual imagery.
- Acronyms and mnemonics.
- Exam strategies.
- Spacing
- Time Management
- Study Enviornment

Sisters Project

For those who engaged in self-study, some of Wikipedia's sister projects may help. These have different and definite purposes which can help a lot to the students:

- **Wikibooks** is a collection of collectively-written textbooks by different authors, by combining their study or researches. Wikibooks are early known as Wikimedia Free Textbook Project and Wikimedia-Textbooks, is a wiki-based Wikimedia project amphitryon by the Wikimedia Foundation for the manufacturing of free content textbooks and remarked texts that anyone can edit.
- **Wikisource** is a fund of free texts of all modes. Wikisource is an online fingered library of free content textual sources on a wiki, operated by the Wikimedia Foundation. Wikisource is the name of the project as a whole and the name for each paradigm of that project
- **Wikiversity** is a collection of teaching materials. Wikiversity is a Wikimedia Foundation project that justifies learning communities, their learning materials, and resulting activities. It differs from more structured projects
- **Simple English Wikipedia** is a version of Wikipedia that is readily available for both children and adults who are learning English.

CONCLUSION:

In the today's era, Wikipedia helps the students as well as the teachers in the study or for the teachers in the researches. Anyone can easily access the Wikipedia at anytime and anywhere. It helps to reduces the time of the person. In the modern education, new technologies, method of teaching, learning material, learning resources and content were introduced. Wikipedia helps the learner to understanding the new techniques. The learner can grasp the distance education through Wikipedia. Therefore, in the 21st century, the Wikipedia plays an important role in the trending education or modern education.

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