



Summary

Teaching is one of the oldest and most respected professions in the world. The noble task of shaping the future citizens is entrusted in the hands of teachers. The nature of this task is determined by the expectations of society. In ancient India, the teacher was well versed in temporal as well as spiritual knowledge, and the aim of education was to equip the learner with the worldly as well as spiritual knowledge and prompt him for self realisation. In the medieval ages, the task of the teacher was to impart knowledge to his pupils. But in the twenty first century teacher has to act as 'interpreter of knowledge'. In tune with the changes in the role and task of the teacher, the pattern of teacher education is also varied from time to time.