



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Introduction

Leadership is the ability to persuade others to see that these defined objectives are enthusiastically achieved. It is a leadership that binds a group together and motivates it towards goals. Leadership may also be described as the capacity to help others to achieve their desires. Unfortunately, some effective leaders of the world produced negative results because of confused sense of values. Adolph Hitler is an example of such kind of leadership, of course, in education; our efforts should always be towards positive influence. In the modern society there is a great emphasis on leadership; leadership is a basic trait of an individual's personality. A society seeks leadership constantly because under the guidance of a good leader nation can progress. Progress in any field is related to the quality of professional leadership. Leadership is often regarded as the important modifier of organisational behaviour. It can be superior strength; superior tact, superior intelligence, superior knowledge, superior will power, any or all of these may be the means to the attainment of leadership.

Meaning of Leadership

Student leadership is one of the most challenging positions that we can find our self, but it is also one of the most rewarding. The change that we can bring to campus and to our self cannot be quantified. Do not miss out on the opportunity to transform our college experience.

Leadership is the ability to build up confidence among people and to create an urge in them to be led. To be a successful leader one must possess foresight, drive, initiative, self-confidence and personal integrity. Different situation may demand different types of leaderships.

In the words of the great English Soldier Field Marshal Montgomery, "The capacity and will of an individual to rally men and women to a common purpose" is leadership. In other words leadership is the act of influencing other people to cooperate toward some common goals which they come to find desirable. This act is performed by a very few in a society. Leadership is a dynamic process that caters to the needs of the members of the group. Further, it emerges in the interaction of individuals with one another. Without right leadership, no home, community, organisation, discipline, institution, profession and finally not any nation can move on the path of progress. It means that the welfare as well as progress of society or the profession depends upon qualitative leadership. Therefore the leader is said to "give the lead" he makes acceptable suggestions, shows the right path, acts as a model for others, give commands, which are respected and carried out.

Each letter of “leadership” can be abbreviated as:

L: Loyalty

E: Enthusiasm, Endurance, Engaging personality.

A: Alertness, Adjustment, Ability to coordinate activities.

D: Discipline, Dutifulness, Dependability, desire to help others.

E: Energetic, Earnestness.

R: Reliability, Right-thinking and Right judgement.

S: Sincerity, Sympathy, Self control, Sacrifice, super motor capacity.

H: Health, Honey, Humour.

I: Intelligent, Industriousness, Impartiality, Interest in teaching

P: Patience, Perseverance, Personality, Physical skill, Public relation.

Element

Some effective elements of students’ leadership are :

1. **Clarity of vision:** Clarity of vision is a clear picture. Whether we answer the question for ourselves as student leaders, for a team, a division, or an organization, we need to envision an outcome as a future reality. A student leader has a vision and a conviction that a dream can be achieved. He/she inspires the power and the energy to get it done.
2. **Courage:** Courage is very essence of being authentic and developing trust in you and you’re taking the students- vitally important to a long-term and sustainable success of any business and leader. Courage enables the speed being sought- sharing what we really think and feel and listening as others share with us. Speed of respond, to take action to make decisions, to create value and to engage in constructive and meaningful ways with all the critical stakeholders in their leadership carrier and personal lives.
3. **Value creation:** College is the perfect place to acquire and hone the skills that are necessary for success in the post graduate gauntlet, but a skill that cannot come from classroom experience alone is leadership which naturally means value creation. Everyone involved in student leadership is in the business of helping make a better place for its students. These positions provide unique opportunities to bond with others that cannot be found other places.
4. **Learning:** A student leader should have the ability to learn and respond quickly, apply effectively and is generally informed.
5. **Communication:** Communication is a sum of all the things one person does when he wants to create understanding in the mind of another. Communication constitutes a very important function of management, since the student leader accomplish very little without it. Communication is the means by which the behaviour of the subordinates is modified and change is effected in their actions communication is always a two way process. It involves two individuals, a sender and a receiver. It refers to exchange of ideas, feelings emotions and knowledge and information between two or more persons. Nothing happens in management till communication takes place at different levels appropriately.

Significance of student's leadership-

Institution captains are the most significant student leaders in the school. Institution captains are expected to take an active role in aspects of the school community and work with others to achieve the best possible outcomes. They must be approachable, reliable and trustworthy, and their duties involving communication with staff and students, public speaking at assemblies and school events, writing for the institution magazine. Institution captain must be involved in arrangement of co-curricular activities such as sport, music, and debating, and be positive role models for all students with regards to behaviour and presentation. They must be coordinate between house arts and sports captain in organising events such as house athletic, swimming and chorals, and leading their respective house in these events.

In all democratic countries the building up of and the progress of the country depends on every individual. In our country every individual should be given complete freedom to progress one's personality according to one's wish. In free India the following is the importance of student leadership.

1. The progress of every student depends on leadership and the exchange of mimic.
2. Students are given full right to improve their personality.
3. The entire school tries to bring out the best personality of the students.
4. The basic of student leadership is to start important works and do its guidance.
5. To develop the leadership and fellowship qualities of the students.

Values of student leader

There are many factors that go into building a student leadership team. As roles and responsibilities are defined, it can be easy to get caught up in only what the students are supposed to do. However, it is important to help students think through who they want to be as leaders, not just what they want to do. Being a great student leader is more than having a strong resume and being a popular member of the institution community.

There are various values of student leaders as given below

1. Development of leadership qualities in student.
2. Foremost experience is gained to make life an ideal life.
3. Research work, study and administrative work becomes easy for the teacher.
4. Students' leadership is used for class captain. Group captains and unit captain.
5. To get the information and presence of students.
6. It helps in display of activities during research.
7. Help is taken in conducting exams.
8. Help is taken in organising competitions.
9. To take students from one place to another place.
10. To maintain discipline.
11. Helps in preparation of time table.
12. To convey information to student.
13. To organise sports meetings.
14. To help sick students.

15. To arrange and organise entertainment programmes.

16. To organise different excursion programmes.

17. To help in study of various activities of students.

18. Help in looking after the study material of class.

19. To have medical check up of students.

Selection of student leadership

The selection of student leader should be done in the following manner:-

1. The selection of student leader should be done in a democratic manner.
2. Students only should be allowed to select the student leader.
3. The teacher should act as a guide and helper during student selections.
4. Students should be given information regarding leadership qualities.
5. Students should be encouraged during student leader selections.
6. Student leader should be nominated by the teacher.
7. Student leader should be selected according to the ability.
8. Student leader should be selected according to his/her capability.
9. Student's selections can be done with the help of teachers and students.
10. According to administrative view a student leader should be selected amongst good students.

Training and recognition of student leader

The following should be the training method of student leader.

Leadership in education and physical education should be descriptive.

Leadership in education and physical education should be behavioural.

Leadership in education and physical education should be active.

Leadership should be like an animator in the field of physical education and education.

Leadership training should be filled with principles.

Training should be according to the rules.

Training should be based on responsibilities.

Training classes should be organised after the closing and before the opening of the institution.

Training classes should be organised on additional days.

Training arrangement should be made on leisure days.

Training should be organised during summer and winter occasions.

Conclusion

Leadership is the ability to build up confidence among people and to create an urge in them to be led. To be a successful leader one must possess foresight, drive, initiative, self-confidence and personal integrity. Different situation may demand different types of leaderships. In the modern society there is a great emphasis on leadership; leadership is a basic trait of an individual's personality. A society seeks leadership constantly because under the guidance of a good leader nation can progress. Progress in any field is related to the quality of professional leadership. Institution captain must be involved in arrange of co-curricular activities such as sport, music, and debating, and be positive role models for all students with regard to behaviour and presentation. The responsibility of student leadership comes on the shoulder of one who has his background of experience and training coupled with vital personal qualities, because these all add to the professional competence of the leader. One thing is certain that there are certain qualities which distinguishing a leader from other individuals around.