

Becoming a **ROCKSTAR** Teacher



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What is a Rockstar Teacher?

A good teacher explains. The success of a good teacher is seen in the examination results and in the student's success in high stakes test and competitive exams.

A great teacher inspires. The impact of a great teacher is seen in future leaders, who attribute their success in life to the inspirational wisdom that they received from their teachers.

A Rockstar teacher uses 21st century ICT tools to create self-directed learners acting as agents of change, who will transform the world in several different spheres of activities. Their students are achievers, creators, thinkers and innovators, driven by passion and commitment, to make a difference.

Where do they Teach?

Traditionally teachers teach in classrooms in Schools, Colleges, Universities or other Institutions of Higher Learning. Long ago we had traditions of Gurukul where great teachers like Dronacharya taught the royalty. In Europe the Universities of Bologna in Italy, Paris in France and Oxford and Cambridge were seats of learning about a thousand years ago. Our own Nalanda and Takshila are also about a 800 year old tradition.

But these teachers impacted a few learners every year and maybe a thousand over a lifetime.

The Rockstar teacher of today and tomorrow teaches in cyberspace (using e-mail, World Wide Web and Internet) to life-long learners from across the globe and impacts thousands in a single cohort and

millions over a lifetime. Gilbert Strang a Professor from Stanford put his course on linear Algebra on the Internet and had 7.3 million students do that course. The Khan Academy is used by millions of learners, including Bill Gates' son to learn Mathematics.

The time is ripe for many more Rockstar Teachers to be successful.

"In 5 years from now, the best education will come from the web."

— Bill Gates



How is a Rockstar Teacher Trained?

Certainly not like a B.Ed in an NCTE approved training program. Though having done such a program is not a disqualification. But there would be a significant amount of unlearning and re-learning.

The ideal candidate for being trained as a Rockstar teacher would be having a degree in an allied subject, with excellent communication skills and about 5 years teaching experience either in an educational Institute or with private learners.

Those who have never done any teaching before, may find the going a bit difficult and those who have more than 5 years experience of teaching may find themselves somewhat inflexible in their ways, though agility or rigidity is not an attribute of any specific age.

Programme Structure (Courses)

- Asking the right questions? Developing an enquiring mind
- Teaching with Tablets, Mobiles and Handheld devices
- Co-operative and Collaborative Peer Learning with Social Media Tools
- Reputation, Image, Style and Ethics (RISE)
- Developing Innovative Teaching Methods
- Coaching for Success
- Mentoring for Leadership
- Developing Thinking Skills
- Preparing Self-directed Learners
- Curating Learning Resources
- Developing Educational Apps

All those who complete the above courses, submit their work for evaluation and pass the assessment requirements, will be awarded a "Diploma in Teaching Internationally" by QAI, a private awarding body in UK.

Design and Delivery of the Courses

All the 11 courses listed above are delivered in a number of flexible ways to suit the participants. These range from a fully residential weekend program to entirely self-access through e-mail and the Internet. There is also an option of a 'Hop ON Hop OFF' (HOHO) model where one can choose to do part through the Internet and part through on-site face to face learning.



ABOUT PROF. M.M. PANT



Prof. M.M. Pant (www.mmpant.net) is an internationally renowned expert specialising in pedagogy, technology and the development of tools and curricula for 21st century education.

He has been known for developing, working models that enhance the pedagogy using latest available technologies. He is especially noted for his efforts in leveraging social media for improving learning and bringing the mobile and handhelds into the classroom where they have been traditionally banned.

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His past roles include being the Former Pro-Vice Chancellor, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) and being on the faculty of IIT, Kanpur (the premier engineering institution in India), MLNR Engineering College and Faculty as well as Visiting Professor, University of Western Ontario, Canada. He has been a visiting scientist at European research centres in Italy, England, Germany and Sweden.

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