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# Are You A Digital Citizen?

Varsha Prasad | Editor, TeacherTribe.world

The digital sphere has provided us with many conveniences and opportunities. However, it is often also riddled with scammers and cybercriminals affecting our experience of the internet.

What is 'digital citizenship'? Do teachers need to be mindful of their presence in the digital landscape?

The article emphasises the importance of digital citizenship and understanding one's space in the larger digital ecosystem.

**Introducing the topic of digital citizenship in the classroom can help students learn and elaborate on digital citizenship and safety.**

The article explores instances of cybercrime that one may encounter. It highlights the need to be educated and aware of the nefarious schemes plaguing digital spaces.





Former Director of Academics, CBSE. He helped initiate many innovative approaches at CBSE such as frontline curriculum and communicative approach to language teaching.

# Why Should Leaders Grow Leaders?

## G. Balasubramanian

The article emphasises the need for leadership to foster a growth culture in an organisation or school.

It details ways great leaders can promote the development of people and help grow future leaders.

In an organisation, it is essential to have leaders who promote growth among individuals. This can be integral to the organisation's dynamics and necessary for its trajectory. However, some leaders may have concerns regarding the mechanisms that may not boost growth. What is the reason for the same?

Leaders may learn to identify individuals' talents, competencies, skills and abilities and acknowledge them to enhance willingness and promote progress.





# Uncovering Student Potential

Dr. Joseph Emmanuel

Chief Executive and Secretary of CISCE , former Director, Academics of CBSE. Instrumental in helping CBSE bring out more than 110 Manuals, handbooks and textbooks in the last six years.

In an interview with TeacherTribe.world, Dr. Joseph Emmanuel discusses how a structured curriculum enhances learning, helping students transition beyond conceptual knowledge to conceptual understanding. The interview highlights the scope of digital integration in education and the significance of the teacher community's adoption of ed-tech technologies.

**Dr. Joseph Emmanuel discusses several measures implemented by the CISCE board to provide flexibility in subject selection and better integration of digital technologies.**

The discussion details the requirements of the new-age workforce and their implications for the education system. It delves into the need for systemic reforms across educational boards and societies to nurture future-ready students.





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# Recharging Ourselves as Educators

Shalini Nair

There may have been times in an individual's life and career, when one may feel overwhelmed and exhausted. This may be a sign to pause and recharge. Everyone has a preferred way to recharge and rejuvenate but there are a few commonalities and ways that one can utilise to recharge and reset.

Taking a step back from the routine, re-centring one's focus and encouraging one to try something new, picking up a new hobby or reading something are some of the ways to rediscover new aspects and interests in our routine filled lives.

The article focuses on different methods and ways to practise taking care of one's mental health and recharge.

For educators and teachers, prioritising time to recharge can renew one's energy and lead to a fulfilling life.

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# Gamifying Learning To Create Inclusive Classrooms

The Teachers Collective



Aims to reframe inclusion in schools through building teacher capacity, offline and online through customised masterclasses and self-paced courses.

In the past few years, teachers have begun to understand that they compete with a variety of media platforms and video games for a student's attention. As a result, the concept and application of 'Gamification' began to gain interest over time. Teachers who have integrated games into their classrooms have observed an increase in student attention, participation and engagement.

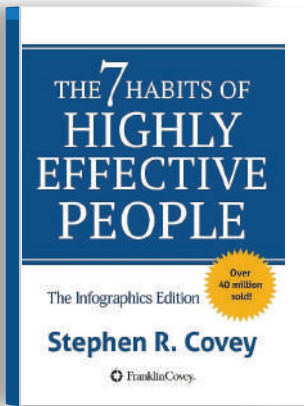
## Why should teachers look to Gamify their classrooms?

Gamification involves borrowing elements and aspects from games and applying them to an educational setting. Utilising the concept can help build an inclusive classroom that supports learners and makes the classroom creative and enjoyable.

The article discusses the need for gamification in the classroom and how the process can support teachers. It explores the process of selecting a game format and determining when a game can enhance learning in a subject.







# Seven Habits of Highly Effective People

Stephen Covey

Seven Habits of Highly Effective People is a guide to managing one's lifestyle and becoming a productive person. In the book, the author presents seven ideas and methods for achieving one's goals.

The book focuses on the central idea that to become a better version of oneself, one must take a few proactive steps toward change. These steps and changes in their lifestyle can help determine progress. When an individual prioritises their actions, it can lead to improvement over time.

The book can help teachers determine the importance of habit formation and skill development. It can also provide insights to help teachers develop leadership skills and culture in schools.

Seven Habits of Effective People can help build and incorporate responsibility and decision-making skills in students. The book emphasis the need to be proactive to create change, skills and culture in schools.



# PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST 2024

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Lahartara, Varanasi





**Melinda Alven**

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Pune

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Entrepreneur and financial literacy advocate. Promotes financial literacy for women through her platform, Sthreedhan.

# Making Small Changes To Save Big

Aarti Tibrewala Darooka

## How to ensure one has enough money to invest each month?

Rishika is a research analyst with a big firm. Her monthly salary is allocated to living expenses, rent and entertainment. She has often been advised to start saving money and investing. However, she soon realises that she does not have enough money left at the end of each month.

### How can one reduce expenses?

Rishika's friends and family advise her and share their money-saving and investment methods. One such mode is SIP or Systematic Investment Plan, wherein the same amount gets invested each month.

The article highlights the importance of saving and investing one's money. It discusses the various available options and modes of reducing monthly expenses.





Educator with 25 years of experience in teaching English. Trained in developing and conducting workshops on soft skills, parenting and interactive English learning methods.

# The Significance of a Teacher's Role in Life

Seema Pandey

A good teacher can create a significant impact throughout our lives. A teacher can help create a ripple effect in our decisions and choices, much like a pair of guiding hands leading the way.

In this short story, we follow the character, Stuti Sharma, who is a newly elected Prime Minister of the country. The story explores the impact of her teacher in her life's journey.

**The short story lays emphasis on the role teachers play in shaping children's lives for the better.**

The story further highlights a few lessons learned along the way and how the journey carried the character to the largest platform in the nation.

Scan the QR code to read the short story.







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# Uncovering the Past: The Fascinating World of Archaeology

Shravan Shetty

## What is Archeology?

Archaeology is said to have emerged as a scientific discipline in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, shifting from mere treasure hunting to a field of rigorous study. It integrates sciences, technology and humanities to reconstruct and discover human history.

The article discusses the various career paths one can pursue in the field of archaeology. It also shares the colleges that provide the course as well as the scope of the domain

Have your students envisioned themselves discovering the secrets of civilisations, hidden away for centuries? If that's the case, a career as an archaeologist may be the answer!

The article outlines the field's interdisciplinary branches and specialisations in metallurgy, maritime studies and botany.





Educationist with more than 35 years of experience. Associated with St. Ann's High School, ICSE, ISC, Secunderabad, teaching English language and literature for over three decades

# Making Literature Classes Fun

S. Indira Narayan

Literature, be it prose or poetry, leaves an open canvas of interpretation and explanations in its wake. The written text can provide a multitude of analyses, albeit with an underlying condition that the reader does not stray far from the author's intent.

- | The article states the significance of being
- | equipped with more than
- | required as a teacher.
- | It would help the teacher
- | when a student asks a
- | pertinent doubt.

How to effectively teach literature in the classroom?

A piece of literature can be taught in many ways and explanations can be as detailed as required. A poem taught in classes 10, 12 or in college may have variations in the amount of information provided to the students.





Consultant physician and cardiologist. Director Baliga Diagnostics, Bengaluru. He is a keen advocate of patient education and loves to blog about health-related things.

# Mental Health Crisis in Young Professionals

Dr. Vivek Baliga

**The constant pressure to keep up and excel in demanding jobs leaves no room for a healthy work-life balance.**

The article discusses the various concerns plaguing working individuals. It details the reasons for a myriad of health concerns including sleep disorders, anxiety and physical ailments. The article emphasises the need for a healthy work-life balance.

In recent times, there has been a growing concern for the mental health and well-being of young professionals in the country. Many individuals tend to work extended hours leaving little time for self-care and spending time with loved ones. In the grind of a demanding work culture, mental health tends to bear the brunt.

Engaging in discussions on mental health can foster an accepting and supportive environment.

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# New Things to Learn in the New Year

Harvard Graduate School of Education

As the year draws to a close, many head back towards the drawing board and list a few new resolutions for the upcoming year. It may seem harder to set new habits or change existing ones as we age, however establishing new patterns can still be effective.

The article by the Harvard Graduate School of Education shares a few tips for adult learners. It emphasises building on existing knowledge and leveraging what one already knows. The article also discusses older learners being driven by personal interest rather than external pressure.



In the new year, choose enjoyable challenges to enhance one's personal learning.

The article emphasises on discovering one's motivation, identifying interests and potentially finding new avenues to explore in the chosen area of interest.





# Are We Experiencing a Decline in Attention Span?

Asmita Sharma

Team TeacherTribe

Our societal and cultural landscape has significantly changed in recent years. The early 2020s era has changed the way we consume content.

There has been a dramatic rise in short-form and bite-sized content, with hundreds of reels and YouTube shorts populating our social media 'timelines'.

These videos and content are crafted to be engaging, short and particularly cater to our needs for instant gratification.

However, this has also impacted attention span among children. Many students have attributed their decreasing concentration and focus to the amount of short-form content consumed.

The article delves into the reasons for reducing attention spans across generations. It discusses the solutions to help students recharge their minds, build focus and excel in their coursework.





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