SKILLS FOR A BETTER LIFE

Imagine a world in which people roam in the streets, savagely mauling people who look weak and rich. Imagine the filth of twenty years just lying on the streets because the street cleaners are on strike. And worst of all, imagine the rich not giving a care about it. Now imagine a world in which everybody lives fitfully and with the support of the government and thefts are extremely rare because of increased communication skills between the police and residents. Which would you prefer? The slums or a house? Most people would choose the house, but ultimately the way the future turns out is based on whether the people of today want to learn skills essential for a better life.

- Human beings, who are almost unique in having the ability to learn from the experience of others, are also remarkable for their apparent disinclination to do so.-Douglas Adams

Our brain can think of limitless possibilities of skills for a better life, but we do not want to do so. But in this world, one has to find certain skills needed to survive. That is the harsh reality of life in the twenty first century. If one born in the twentieth century attempts to find a job today, one would find it extremely hard to do so. A person born then was raised to study hard, go to a good college and university, preferably with a scholarship, and find a good job. That was the mindset that most twentieth century people were raised up on. And, at the time, that plan worked. But now, one is expected to study smart and be creative in school, college, university and even job interviews.

They want people with a different point of view, a person who is not afraid to present his or her views boldly. Basically, they want a leader to lead their staff or people onwards, through times like the Great Depression, war and someone who knows how to make split second decisions that will eventually influence the wellbeing of that company or country. That brings out the essence of the topic: What skills are needed in the ever changing world of today and how do we employ them?

The world needs people, people born in the 21st century who can make critical decisions for a better life. These people have to have a unique set of skills i.e. social skills, debating skills, persuasive skills and people skills who will listen and talk appropriately.

To foster these unorthodox qualities, we must reach out into the unknown and try different methods of achieving our goal. In this century, we have to learn to develop special skills like social skills, debating skill, persuasive skill and many more. But are the people of today ready for that challenge?

Firstly, and also most importantly, we have to learn to foster our social skills. For example, learn how to talk and to hold ourselves, learn how to be confident, and other social skills that will most definitely apply in our daily life. If we learn how to talk and learn how to listen, people will start to think our way and agree with what we say. Even so, we must listen to the views presented to us by others. Those views might reveal another point of view, thus letting us know what the opposition or audience might think.

Furthermore, one also has to learn to speak politely. If we do not speak politely, it will lead to a permanently lasting bad first impression if we speak rudely to any strangers. After all, a first impression is a lasting one, in the eyes of a stranger. If we are polite towards any number of people, that technically means more allies and support if you are
trapped between a rock and a hard place, and might guarantee a way out of a one sided argument or debate.

Lastly, we also have to learn how to think out of the box. That way, in a debate over which candidate to choose for a job, a boss would most probably choose the candidate that thinks in a way different from others over the candidates that think logically. Thinking in a logical way is in a human's brain. It is practically programmed that we have to utilise our common sense to survive. But what if we banish those limits and start to think in a different way than we have ever thought before, and start to think unorthodoxly?

To sum it up, if we do not employ our skills and learn new ones and also improve our old skills, we will falter in society. We need better skills for an even better life. And, if we become an eventual leader of society, other people will have a better life, too.