**EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING: AN ESSENTIAL APPROACH TO**

 **EFFECTIVE CURRICULUM**

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**ABSTRACT**

*It is an admitted fact that experiential learning is an essential aspect of curriculum in educational system. Education has a responsibility to equip the youth with the real knowledge and skill, by which they will be able to build up their characters to enter into the world of good and great men. Education today is undergoing diverse changes. Educational System in India has to change drastically if it has to serve the needs of the emerging 21st century society. Experiential learning is a method of educating through firsthand experience. Skills, knowledge and experiences are acquired outside of the traditional academic classroom setting, and may include internships, studies abroad, field trips,* field *research and project work. In experiential curriculum, students can process real life scenarios, experiment with new behaviors and receive feedback in a safe environment. Experiential learning assignments help students relate theory to practice and analyze real life situations in light of course material. India needs multi dimensional and broad based quality education to maintain its leadership in the 21st century. It is high time to find out ways to make experiential classroom possible to see how our education system succeeds in remaining broadly traditional and yet adaptive to new learning paradigm in order to achieve its goals at different educational level.*

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