

Role of Education in Nation Development

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Abstract

“All the wealth of the world cannot help one little Indian village if the people are not taught to help themselves, our work should be mainly educational, both moral and intellectual.”

---- Swami Vivekananda

Education has been recognized as the most powerful and vital tool for India's development. Various researches both at national and international levels have proved that education significantly contributes in social and economic advancement of a nation. Education plays a very critical role in deciding growth of nation. Educated citizens of the country bring fame, wealth and prosperity to the country which helps in development of a country. Today, India needs to overcome many obstacles to achieve its goal of becoming the new superpower. A pool of educated and empowered citizens will drive the country towards the realization of this dream. People who are educated are aware of what is right and what is wrong. Their minds work in somewhat in similar way. Thus, educated people are united by the sense of thinking, by the sense of right and wrong. Education is a weapon, an instrument that remains silent but has the greatest impact on a nation. How we develop, how we deal with our daily challenges and how we excel in every walk of life depends directly on our level of education. Education plays an extremely crucial role in long term growth and productivity of a nation. Whether it's at national level or just in a household, education is the one thing that brings the positivity in our lives. It teaches us not only theoretical material but also the practical and successful way to lead lives as a responsible citizen. Education helps in dream building. It helps a person in analysing the path which will help him achieving his dream; it will give him a sense of fulfilment in his life. Also, it is a fact that such citizen respects their country the most. This citizen work for their country in which way they could, hence help in nation development. People like Sunder Pichai (CEO of Google) etc. reaches to the height where world not only sees them as a brilliant mind but also praises the country which laid the foundation of such brilliant minds. It is education that helped them move up and it is India that laid the foundation.

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Introduction

‘Education is the most powerful weapon; we can use to change the world.’

Nelson Mandela

The Indian education system is presently facing several issues and challenges. Education is a continuous process. It deals with over growing man in ever growing society. The importance of Education is today's need as it is not only the development of intellectual skills and knowledge but also to effective growth and development of Indian Economy. The Education system needs to make students as learners', innovators, scholars, researchers and trainers. In the past century, we progressed from a stage where the application of science to manufacturing techniques becomes the basis for production and to develop the Indian Economic system.

Education is a vital component for a nation. The education level of a country decides whether a country is developed or not, because only the educated population can lead to better capital formation. Education is the pathway to any nation-building enterprise. Education gives people the skills they need to help themselves out of poverty or, in other words, into prosperity. As we know that the agriculture plays a very important role in the development of a country. The education plays a great role in the field of agriculture. If we gives the agricultural related education to the students then they can perform better in the agriculture field, they can invent the new ideas which improve the rate of agriculture and their quality. Therefore there is a need to understand that an educated population will lead to overall growth of any nation. Education gives us knowledge about various fields. We will have wider outlook and vast opportunities. Education helps to develop our nation. We will get to know what is right and wrong for our nation. We become bold and smart towards our nation. Smart laws and legal rights would be promoted and other people also be given ideas about right and wrong. It will also make us loyal and enable us to control corruptions.

It has been very well said that no nation rises above the level of its education. As the literacy rate in India is improving, so does the living standard of its people and also moral fundamentalism. Today the world looks at India as an emerging giant due to its knowledge centric approach. Aggressive investment in education has brought about a high degree of economic transformation.

It is not surprising that our country has been applauded at a lot of international platforms for encouraging education among masses and supporting educational institutions by fulfilling all their needs to safeguard the delivery of quality education. It is due to this commitment that the best educational institutions in the world are opening their centres in India. This is also building great industrial linkages.

We need better facilitators who realize that education is the central component for India's developmental process. The education implementation plan needs to be clearly defined. We need to adopt modern techniques of teaching. In all educators must create awareness that being literate is a way of being liberated, it is a mode of touching new horizons and encompassing difficulties to realize one's complete potential.

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Government Initiatives

Globalization has not only increased completion in world economics but also within and between the education systems. India is a low income developing country. There is no doubt that nearly one fourth of its population lives in conditions of misery. Poverty is not only acute but is also a chronic malady in India. The Indian Government has done commendable job by launching programs like free and compulsory education till the age of fourteen years , Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan , Adult Education, Vocationalisation of Education, Teacher Education, Science Education , Educational Planning, Administration and Supervision, Physical Education, Games and Sports, Scholarship , Language Development , Book Promotion, Libraries , Youth Service Schemes , Cultural Institutions and activities, special initiatives to encourage education of girls, reservation for children belonging to economic weaker sections (EWS) in private schools. Gradually opening up more and more schools throughout the country has worked out in favour

of the national development strategy. The investment in education has brought positive returns like better skill set among people leading to greater employment.

There are NGOs like Prayaas Corps etc. who have taken up the responsibility of providing education to the needy in whichever way they can. Helping the deprived to get the best education possible with missions like Shiksha Mission etc. Spreading awareness among the masses regarding the importance of education to children and by motivating these children that education can help them in breaking the chain. By Getting involved in such NGOs, we can also contribute in strengthening our education system and thus helping in nation development by unification among masses and by having more Sunder Pichai(CEO of Google) like citizens who make our country proud on an international stage.

Education has the most important role in nation Development

Through Industrial Revolution in European countries, especially western ones became masters of the world.

1. The best among these had migrated to America and developed the country, what is United States today.
2. During II World War, only teacher's salaries were never touched in UK, all others were reduced to 25%. Churchill, Prime Minister of UK, said that if teachers are disturbed, the next generation will be trash.
3. If the number of students in science stream goes down marginally in UK, its Education Department will be highly alerted, would try to find out what has gone wrong in its education system/ schools/teachers/ facilities that has led to such situation. The department will immediately take corrective actions on a war footing.
4. Only President and Professor are allowed to jump a queue in U.S.
5. Teachers are very strong pillars of any society in nation building.
6. China has imported many English Language teachers from world including India. Reason? It wants to beat India in IT sector of India. China will do this in a decade. China knows the potential of IT and it wants its own piece of cake.

7. The IQ of Japanese students is the highest among all nations. Japanese govt. is taking special care on education sector to see that the country produces technocrats and sustains itself.
8. For technical services, Japanese has to first prove himself in very hard field exams first and only after passing out can he appear for written exams. This is one reason why Japan is progressive.
9. Many African countries have plenty of natural resources. Since education is nothing over there, development is very slow.
10. In Indian scenario, Education is super in all 5 south Indian states. Any school and college is far better than most of those of other states. On a comparative basis there are more no's of officers from south India in all - India services. Even in private sector they are simply excellent. Even an ordinary grocer in South is a graduate. Girls out shine boys in these states.
11. Consider states like say J&K, Punjab, Haryana, UP, Bihar, Interior Maharashtra, MP, Odisha etc. where education has not made any dent - except in very few pockets.
12. Almost all the migrants from developing countries have been successful in developed countries and they have gone there on the strength of their education.

Scope and Indicators of National Development

Scope refers to the range of perceptions, thoughts, or actions and breath or opportunities to function

- Education
- Political Development
- Moral Development
- Cultural Development
- Religious Development
- Economic Development
- Technological Development

Barriers in National Development

- Casteism
- Communalism
- Linguistic Fanaticism

- Regionalism
- Social Disparity
- Economic Inequalities
- Unemployment
- Illiteracy
- Poverty
- Educational Disparities
- Ignorance
- Religious Fanaticism
- Racism
- Frustrated Youth
- Economic Differences
- Lack of National Character

Conclusion

Education is a vital investment for human and economic development and is influenced by the environment within which it exists. Changes in technology, labour market patterns and general global environment, all require policy responses. Traditions, culture and faith all reflect upon the education system and at the same time are also affected by them. The demand of twenty first century is novelty, creativity, and integration of knowledge at global level, research, critical and analytical thoughts. Rapidly social changes are creating uncertainty and complexity in the society. To prepare the children and youth to cope with the present situation needs to develop analytical and critical thinking, skill and attitude that would make them more flexible and innovative to deal with uncertainty and crises at national and global level.

Education reforms currently planned or implemental throughout the world need to include deeper and more comprehensive analysis of what and how schools and leaders should do in order to contribute to the development of Indian economic system of the countries. The emergence of the network society and knowledge based economics appear to be a powerful justification for education reforms in developed countries. Living in and working for a world of innovations requires fundamentally different attitudes, knowledge and skills from the citizens.

When all the forces and factor endeavor to provide a unity in the integration of national activities and challenges which encourages the people to meet their aspirations and goals related to their personal and social benefits which willingly or unknowingly geared to the national progress is known as National Development.

“National development refers to the ability of a country or countries to improve the social welfare of the people, for example, by providing social amenities like good education, infrastructure, medical care and social services.” - Braddell

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