



Role of Education in the Development of Society

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Abstract

Education is the key factor for the development of society. The association between education and development of the society is absolute and unsuspecting. Without the education, the social, economic and political development is impossible. Education increases consciousness among the people of society. It helps in reducing the conflicts which are based on caste, creed, religion and sex in the society. It helps in eradicating many social evils like female foeticide, child labour, child marriage etc. Educated people are actual means for the development of the society. Education motivates self-assurance and provides us with the things we need to participate in today's world. Thus, this paper first examines the importance and role of education in the development of the society from the perspective of experts, and then, discusses the place of education in the development of the society.

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Introduction

Education in each and every sense is one of the key aspects of development (Ozturk, 2001). Education has been accepted as one of the indispensable keystones of human development and societal progress. It is an effective means of reducing poverty and inequality, with mainly marked benefits for the poorest sections of society. Education means attaining knowledge. It brings all round development in the society. It opens the eyes and minds of public to the realities of the world and arouses them to bring a world of greater justice, equity and human rights for all. A person who has awareness of his atmosphere can easily survive in this society. Education helps us not only in surviving but also make individuals aware of their rights and duties towards the nation. Education helps people in becoming



independent, builds confidence and self-esteem, which is very essential for the development of a nation. It provides many chances in various fields for the development of the country. Development of the country consists of development in fields like IT, medical sciences, economy, agriculture, etc. These developments come only when people are educated in these fields. When people have sufficient information about a certain field it is easy to bring about new reforms for the development of the society. If the people of a country has educated by its side then no one can stop it from developing itself. Education itself is a basic right of every individual. It develops people's understanding of themselves and of the world. It increases the excellence of their lives and leads to wide social benefits to individuals and society. It increases people's efficiency, creativity, promotes entrepreneurship and technological advances. In addition to this, it plays a very decisive role in safeguarding economic and social development and improving income distribution. Education can be seen as both an objective and component of development, as well as "fundamental to the broader notion of expanded human capabilities that

lie at the heart of the meaning of development" (Todaro and Smith, 2011).

Education and development

Education is the key factor for development. It raises the standards of living of the people and plays a major role in the economic development of any country, may it be developed or developing. Education is one of the most significant aspects that lead a country to sustained economic growth. Educated and knowledgeable people have more possibility to select valuable objectives in life, such as having stable access to food for their household. Even in this argument, there is a gender factor. Mothers showed to assign a higher value to the wellbeing of their children, allocating more resources to health, and nutrition (Sen, 1999). Education helps people to become better citizens. They became aware of the socio economic scenario of the country and can help in the progress of the country. Educated masses know how to contribute towards the country's well-being. It helps people in choosing their leaders for the country. Education has therefore, become a very important part of every government policy. It is a fundamental factor in achieving food



security for rural populations in developing countries. The basic idea is that being educated increases rural people's capacity to spread assets and activities, to access information on health and sanitation, to increase human agency in addition to increasing productivity in the agricultural sector; these are all essential elements to ensure food security in the long-run. Education provides a psychological contribution to food security, making people more ambitious and self-confident. Education is one of the significant factors to build a modern country. It plays an important role in the development of any country as it is the backbone of any country. Education is the birth right of every citizen of the country, so, the government of the country should run the programs through which every citizen of the country becomes educated and after the government, it's the responsibility of the people to educate their family members. Education is not only the factor that affects the development of any country, but it affects the surroundings or the person himself also. Education increases the personality of a person in many ways like education changes the behavior, life style, the way of dressing, sitting and talking

also. Education is also the most important factor for our freedom or democracy.

Education and society

Education and Society complete each other. Without education society cannot carry on and vice versa. Education touches not only the person being educated but also the whole community by starting from his/her family. In other words, educating abundant number of efficient people for more wealthy society is the duty of education and educational institutions which have certain functions in the community. Each educational institution establishes relationships throughout mutual interactions. Education, as a phenomenon, is both a social basis and a process happening in the society. If established a prior and hierarchical sequence, society can be regarded as the objective and the education can be considered as the indispensable means of this objective (Türkkahraman, 2012).

Education has a great social importance particularly in the modern, complex industrialized societies. It has come to be today as nothing more than an instrument of livelihood. It yields a skillful and intelligent generation that will be the future ruler of the

country. Moreover, if civilians have been trained with proficient education, they will have an acceptable life. Therefore, education is essential for development within a country due to the brilliant generation that is produced by it. Students are the most chief resource — if we educate them, we indirectly educate and improve our country. Students are expected leaders of a nation. Students absorb basic knowledge and develop skills in educational institutions. They are the ones, who will certainly become a future doctor, an interior architect and also President of a nation. Moreover, education supports students with fundamental knowledge and perception of world. Education brings maturity, it helps in improving skills, it makes the person more responsible. It brings development and the country moves ahead (khan,2014).

Education plays a key role in the progress of a country. It acts as an integrative force in society by collaborating value that unites different sections of society (kumar, 2011). Whether it is a simple thing like using water sparingly or taking a bus to work instead of using the bike or car in order to save fuel, the educated mass somehow or the other knows how to contribute towards the country's well-being.

One of the reasons for their awareness is because they have been taught these values in school, colleges and work places. People who aren't educated don't have hints about these facts as they haven't been in a learning environment. Education supports us to decide whom to vote in order to make a difference in the economy of a country positively. Being educated helps in deciding why to vote for a specific party over the other. Uneducated people are unaware of the importance of choosing the right people to vote for. Hence, being educated shows us the importance of voting also.

Education helps in getting jobs. It goes without saying that unless a person is educated, he or she cannot get a worthwhile job (Samuel, 2013). Unemployment is a serious hindrance in the development and progress in a country's economic status, thus posing a hindrance to the growth of the nation. The economic status of so many countries in the world is pathetic, due to the lack of educated people who do not possess adequate skills and thus are unemployed.

Education in every sense is one of the fundamental factors of development. It improves people's understanding of themselves and world. It also improves the quality of their lives and leads to broad

social welfares to individuals and society. Education increases people's productivity and creativity and encourages entrepreneurship and technological advances. It also plays a very crucial role in securing economic and social progress and improving income distribution (Ozturk,2001).

It is not only an institution but also a performance taken place in society.The education helps to socialize the members of society and spread the culture to the nextgeneration. Second is to fulfill society's needs relating to human resource.Major socializing agencies are community, family, peer group and formal educational institutions. Moreover, there are many other functions ofeducation like social mobility and intergenerational change.

Conclusion

In conclusion, we can say education is necessary for development and the world has recognized the role of education and its many benefits in improving the economic and social world. The improvement of social, political,economic development of the country depends on education.In every

sense ,it is one of the basic building blocks of development .It can improve the quality of life. Education is the most important element in the evolution and development of the nation. It plays a key role in poverty reduction. It opens the eyes and minds of public to the realities of the world and arouses them to bring a world of greater justice, equity and human rights for all.So, education develops the capabilities to fight against the injustice, violence, corruption and other factors. Education in itself cannot do the work but educated people can be used or bring about the necessary development in the society. When the people are educated, it will be easier to lead them. When people are educated, they will be able to think better and apply innovations into the ways of doing things in the environment .All the individuals should make every effort to expand and raise the standard of educationso that development can be rapid in the society.

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