



Integrating Art And Culture In Education

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Abstract:-

Art and culture both are important for integrating in education because these create a cooperative nature among the students. Not only bookish knowledge is helpful for the students but also through this art and culture students can conduct the education with the real life experience. Through integrating art in the education system students can build their critical thinking skills. They can relate their education with the practical life situation. And culture also helps the students for improving their social interaction, how to behave with their family members how to behave with their parents, how to behave with their peer groups and siblings and also how to behave with the social people. Education with art and culture helps students explore their emotions, encouraging empathy and emotional intelligence. By expressing themselves through various art forms, students learn to understand and respect diverse perspectives, fostering tolerance and harmony in society.

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Introduction:-

Arts and culture in education can develop children's creativity and imagination. Integrating art and culture can also make education more interesting and joyful to the students. Art and culture provide children with a unique platform to express their thoughts and feelings. Arts and culture can play an important role in improving thinking and problem solving. So the curriculum should involve art and culture so that students can understand the values, norms, cooperative behavior, empathy, peaceful living and so on. In simple words, art and culture

create social inclusion among the students and make the education inclusive and equal to all irrespective of all social background.

- Art and culture in education nurture the creativity, imagination, and innovative thinking.
- Students who receive a well-rounded education with art and education should be prepared for a variety of careers.
- Education should cater to the holistic development of a child through art and culture.

So, art and culture have the power to bring about social change. Through integrating art and education in education, students can address social issues, raise awareness about environmental concerns, and advocate for positive change.

Objectives:-

This article has some objectives, such as

- To understand the practical world through learning
- To help students to think critically
- To help students to relate the education with real life
- To engage the students with social activities
- To develop empathetic value among the students
- To build confidence level among the students
- To teach students about norms and values
- To improve the communication skills among the students
- To enhance the creativity among the students

Theoretical Framework:-

Arts and cultural education can lead to various valuable outcomes, such as personal, social, and intrinsic effects. It helps students interpret the arts, be aware of their own cultural identity, and accept others' values of culture and art.

Students learn how to behave with their other cultures. They give respect to the social people.

Through the integration of culture in education students know about more cultures around them and they can accept other cultures.

According to the 2020, it is mandatory to create a student-centric curriculum. And this should be happened by the integration of art and culture in education. So, following are some ways according to NEP 2020 for integrating art and culture in education:-

1. Building interdisciplinary connections
2. Promote opportunities for self-expression in classrooms
3. Appreciation of cultural diversity
4. Foster teamwork and mutual appreciation among students
5. Involving students in brain storming and quiz session
6. Making students aware against the gender inequality and stereotyping concept
7. Help students to develop their self-confidence in front of the other people

Art and culture integration helps teachers rethink the roles they play and their relationships with students. Teachers/Professors can implement the diverse cultural needs by taking the classes in multicultural classroom in the schools/colleges/universities.

Teacher/Professor should integrate the art and culture in education through the involving of students in different artistic works, for e.g.; poster making competition, music competition, collage making, cultural programs, and so on.

Implication of Study:-

We know that, education should be learner-centric. That means, education should be beyond the textbooks and syllabus. Teacher should play the role as a facilitator for each student. Students play the active role in the classroom. Now the question is how the students become active? Here, the teachers of the schools or the professors of the colleges and universities make the teaching more interesting by including art and cultural activity within the education.

By including the art in education, teachers/professors can arrange some artistic activities in the classroom, for e.g.:-

- Teachers can tell the students for drawing something from their drawing book,
- Teachers can arrange the drawing competition in the school,
- The school authority should arrange the intra or inter- school competition for poster making, collage making, drawing etc.
- The school authority can arrange the cultural program for the students so that students can take part in these programs.

So, the teachers, school authority can arrange different art and cultural program for the students, so that, students become more active and take interest in education.

Art and culture are important in education as they have a positive impact on students' development and learning.

Including arts and culture in the classroom has several clear benefits, such as:

- Students are encouraged to find their own creative actions by participating in the cultural program.
- Students who take part in the art and cultural activity are more likely to develop skills like cooperation, teamwork, and empathy.
- Students' cognitive skills will be developed by integrating art and culture in education.
- Students need to learn how to communicate with the other people and respect others.
- Students can innovate new ideas through involving different activities.
- Students can improve their ability to express themselves through participation in the arts as well.
- Students can build self-confidence level among themselves.
- Students become active for taking the right decision.
- Students can relate education with practical works.
- Students find more innovative ideas in their career.

So art and culture integration is very much important for every student for developing his/her practical knowledge. Without art and culture education is not possible, because students feel bore if they only learn the bookish knowledge and note down the questions-answers. So the curriculum should involve art and culture.

Conclusion

In conclusion, art integration provides students with numerous personal and professional benefits. Integrating art into core academic subjects equips students with essential skills to succeed in a fast-changing world. So integrating art and culture in education is very much important as well as for teachers and students for improving their skills.

India's diverse culture is a source of pride for its citizens. The preservation and celebration of this cultural diversity depend on art education. India is known as multicultural country. So here different cultured people are living. We should give respect to each and everybody irrespective of their culture. And the children learn to give respect to each culture through education. Thus integration of art and culture in education is very important. Through various art forms, students can learn about their own heritage and appreciate the traditions of others, promoting a sense of national identity and unity. The integration of various art forms like dance, drama, music, puppetry, etc. in the classroom teaching learning process makes the environment joyful in

which students learn with interest and it makes their learning more interesting. So it should be necessary to integrate the art and culture in education.

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