Impact Of Education On Society

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Abstract

According to Nelson Mandela, “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” Education plays a major role in modernization of society. Education enriches the knowledge, skills and personality of individuals to help the quality of individuals in the society. Through education every human tries to get employment opportunities and increase the progress of country. Education teaches us to live independently, by helping us to express our own views and opinions with the basic value and skill in life. The paper deals with impact of education on society – Education acts as a back bone of a society, Education helps to bring about social change, Education helps to build a democratic society, Education helps to create a secular society, Education makes a healthy society, Education helps to set up a transparent government, Education helps to create geopolitically stable society, Education helps to build women empowerment, Education helps to reduce gender inequality, Education helps to bring socialization.

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Introduction:

Humans are social beings, so it is impossible for humans to exist without society. Individual and society are opposite sides of a coin. They form society in order to survive. By helping to develop the inherent potential of the individual in the society, the creative personality develops and gets the opportunity to grow in the social environment. Society refers to a web of social relations i.e., a group of people who are bound together through the exchange of their ideas, feelings and actions. Society develops and manifests them. On the other hand, education and society are inextricably linked to each other. The education system of any country belongs to the social system of that country. The unity and cohesion of the society is strengthened through education. Education builds healthy relationships among people belonging to society. Education is an
important tool in rising to the higher rungs of society. It is through the welfare of the education system that the larger interests of the society are maintained, harmony is created and the wheels of society's progress are in motion.

- Education acts as a backbone of a society:

Knowledge, skills and culture are transferred from one generation to the next generation. A person acquires knowledge and skills through education and makes himself a good citizen in society. To run society properly, qualified leaders are needed. It is possible to develop suitable leaders only through education. In every sphere of society, health, industry, commerce, agriculture and military etc. are advanced by education. In a developed country like our India, poverty is a major obstacle to development. Modern education helps in eradicating poverty by creating well-rounded citizens in society. In keeping with the development of society, education continues to play a special role in eliminating unemployment through employment in various industries, trades and factories. Even in the 21st century, our country cannot be freed from the trap of bad. Only education can keep people away from blind beliefs and superstitions and make them scientifically minded.

- Education helps to bring about social change:

Without education we cannot think of social change and education is not possible without society. So, education is closely related to social change. Education and social change are two sides of the same coin that we cannot separate. Education is the most important tool of social change in modern times. Education changes people’s attitudes, mentality and philosophy of life and through that social change is achieved. Today, education imparts knowledge about science and technology and informs the latest research findings resulting in social change. Education has influenced changes in every aspect of society. According to Francis J. Brown, “education is a process which brings about change in the behaviour of society.” Through the process of education every citizen is able to play his own effective role towards the society and helps to contribute to the development of the society. With the help of education, women’s standards have been improved. In particular, public education has led to equal rights for women, which is a significant aspect of social change. Social excellence and integration is achieved through education which results in economic and social transformation of the society. Every student learns to be aware of their own rights and duties through education in a democratic state system. Through this, social and political awareness increases, resulting in social change. So, it can be said that social change is closely related with education. Thus, education helps bring about social change.

- Education helps to build a democratic society:

Both democracy and education are much debated issues; the emergence of democracy through education. The meaning of democracy is the rule of the people in the past and in the middle ages. Democracy is used in this sense. But in the modern era, we do not only understand this type of government, but also a type of social system. It can be said that democracy and education are inextricably linked with each other. Education must play an active role if the democratic system is to be implemented properly. Democracy, which may be the
natural need of people or democracy originated from the education system. Democracy is, at once, a philosophy of the individual and of the nation. Among the principles of democracy are freedom, equality, friendship, justice. Emergence of democracy through education.

- Education helps to create a secular society:

India is a secular country. Religious neutrality is the lifeblood of India. Education helps people understand the true meaning of religion. Nowadays, people are indulging in various evil deeds in the name of religion. If a secular society develops, society will be freed from religious disputes among people. The country will reach the peak of further development. Religious differences will be removed from the minds of people and this secularization is possible only through education.

- Education makes a healthy society:

A primary condition for a person to become a good citizen is to develop a healthy mind in a healthy body. If a society is to be run properly then the society also needs to be healthy. And in this case, education is the most helpful. A good quality education is the foundation of health and well-being. In everyday society, some unbelieving and self-satisfied people are constantly indulging in various anti-social activities to fulfil their own selfish interests. As a result, an unhealthy environment is being created in the society. Education plays an important role in bringing the society back from this unhealthy environment to a stable equilibrium. Education plays a special role in the formation of the overall excellence of the society, nationalism, human relations and sympathetic mentality through imparting various positive qualities of the society. Through values education, it is possible to develop the qualities of empathy, sympathy, nationalism etc. among the individuals of the society. That is, if we are able to deliver ideal education to every individual in the society, then we will be able to build a healthy and strong society.

- Education helps in set up transparent government:

Through education, socialized individuals judge the merits and demerits of their government’s action. Every citizen exercises their right to vote in the formation of a transparent government through proper education. Education has advanced towards the goal of ending the autocratic society and creating a democratic society. A good leader is capable of taking a country forward in the right direction, while education helps in building good leadership. Education plays a direct role in making the country corruption free by removing the dark cloud of corruption and shining a bright light.

- Education helps to create geopolitically stable society:

Geopolitics is very important for any country, because the geographical aspects of any country can control its national power. In today’s world where violence and hatred plague the social life, the importance of stable geopolitics is immense to protect the world from it. Through the study of geopolitics, one gets an idea about the structure of the state. Geopolitics believes that the formation of a state involves its political, economic, humanitarian, social etc. factors. The importance of stable geopolitics is very important in the proper governance of a state. Education helps geopolitics to determine how a state will relate to its neighbors. Also,
the geographical location of the state, the state’s wealth and its influence on the outside world etc. are all part of geopolitics. Through proper utilization of social resources through education, stable politics of society can be developed.

- **Education helps to build women empowerment:**

  Education empowers every woman and empowers her to make her own decisions. Even in the 21st century, looking at our society, it will be seen that far from being powerful, women are getting fewer opportunities than boys to get proper education. Again, they are being neglected in the workplace. In addition, they are denied the right to equal pay despite doing the same work as men. As a result, the progress of society is stopped. Education plays a special role in empowering women to free society from this curse. Currently, the government is making many changes in the power of women by providing reservations to women in education, workplace and political fields. Various government and private scholarships in the field of education are encouraging women to enter the field of education, as a result of which the issue of women empowerment is flourishing.

- **Education helps to reduce gender inequality**

  Today, our country has come into the age of science and technology, but it is still not free from the blind web of gender discrimination and gender inequality is hindering the development of the society and is pushing the society towards greater danger. Curses like gender discrimination must be removed to keep the wheels of society moving. Gender discrimination refers to discriminatory behaviour towards a particular sex, not only towards men or women but also towards the third gender where both men and women do not get equal opportunities in various social institutions such as education, military, political etc., as a result where gender discrimination is also observed. Currently, not only men and women are being talked about, the third gender is being given equal importance. Education will help to eliminate gender discrimination by creating awareness among individuals or society. School plays an immense role in removing gender inequality from the society because school is the miniature version of society. If we can master the strategy of eliminating gender inequality through schools, it will also happen in society and our society will move away from this curse of gender inequality and reach the peak of social progress. In order to continue the trend of development in the current social system, equal importance should be given to men and women as well as the third gender. Only then will our society reach the peak of further development. If gender inequality remains in the society, then our society will never be able to progress, so one of the tasks of education is to convey the light of education to all people in the society and try to eliminate the prejudice of gender discrimination among them. Therefore, the Sustainable Development Goal is also important in eliminating gender inequality, has been given the fifth goal of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals is to achieve gender equality.
Education helps to bring socialization:

The role of education is very important in the socialization of children. Socialization is a process through which a human child or a person can establish himself as a member of the society by mastering the customs, social rules, social norms, his relationship with the various subjects of the society, that process is called socialization. Education influences socialization in the following way – Education acquaints the child with socio-cultural traditions. Through this child respects the social, cultural, traditions and transmits it to the next generation. That is, education plays an important role in the socialization of children. Education plays an important role in the socialization of children by introducing them to moral values. Education has an important influence on the socialization process by developing the intellectual practice of the student. Education plays an important role in the socialization of children by spreading formal and non-formal education. The process of socialization of the child develops within the school. Education helps in the socialization process by developing the tolerant qualities of the learner. Education plays a significant role in the socialization process by removing instincts harmful to society. The role of education is important in developing co-operative spirit among students. The co-operative attitude of students has given certain momentum to the socialization process. Students are citizens of the future. Hence, it is imperative to develop appropriate leadership qualities in them. Education has helped in the process of socialization by developing all these qualities in the student.

Conclusion:

“Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another.”

-G.K. Chesterton

In other word, it can be said that education is a process that maintains the work of preservation of the society’s tradition by passing of the society’s norms, culture etc. From one generation to next generation Education is the process of enlightening a social sphere which aims to increase the wisdom and knowledge of the individuals in the society. If an individual's wealth of knowledge increases, it is definitely a positive aspect for the society.

Education brings consciousness, consciousness brings revolution. Education creates unity among individuals in society and helps them understand their rights. There is a sincere relationship between the society and the institutions belonging to the society. Society is like a human body, there are different parts of society that work together to help society move forward. And education plays an important role in working together. Education helps the society to become more prosperous by creating social movements within the society. Education is an important social process to change various aspects of social life. The most important and urgent thing is to reform education in such a way that it is relevant to life and able to fulfil the needs and aspirations of the people. As a result, education can be used as a powerful tool for economic and cultural change in society, so we can say that an educated society can present its country to the world, that is, education works to increase social capacity.
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