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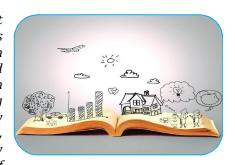


SOCIAL CHANGE AND EDUCATION

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ABSTRACT:

Education is a medium for social change and development which constitutes an essential input into the development process itself, which is widely accepted in modern society. Any society can bring about the desired changes and cope with the rapid development of technology only through education. It has played an important role in securing socio-economic progress, improving income distribution, eradicating poverty by generating new employment opportunities; it also removes class discrimination, gender bias and promotes equality and justice. Undoubtedly education can be a very important collateral factor in the process of



social change. It can help to accelerate and work out that process by disseminating knowledge, awareness, information, skills and values to the changing socio-economic issues of the planet.

KEYWORDS: social change and development, promotes equality and justice.

INTRODUCTION:

Education is the fundamental method of social development and reform, which enriches an individual's understanding of themselves and the world. Every aspect of a man's life has witnessed a phenomenal change through education. Education has acted as an agent of socialization of the younger generation to meet society's expectations. It also guides the child towards new values and assists the development of intelligence and increases society's potential for its own transformation.

Education, society, change, social, system, individual, role, nation Introduction Education plays an important role in analyzing a change that takes place in society. Such as it provides knowledge to the people about the nature and form of change, the society can consequently decide about the adaptation of a change. Education is considered as a major agency of socialization that brings about social change both to the individual and the community at large. Education is such a strong weapon that helps in the development of modern thoughts in society. It updates the attitudes, ambitions and outlook of individuals to a great extent and helps in the eradication of social problems like the caste system, , dowry system and female feticide are eradicated from the society by educating people through public awareness programs with the help of electronic and print media etc. In this way the social patterns of the people have changed.

The current social structure or network of social institutions is unable to successfully identify the current needs of individuals and when new materials offer advanced systems of meeting individual needs. It can bring about a change in the pattern of social connections and thus may cause social change. Role of education in social change the role of education as an agent or tool of social change and social development is broadly recognized; it is a key component of the development of the nation. It is seen as

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a vector for social change but it is mainly allocated a conservation role since its key function is in the socialization of the young and upholding of the social order. In times of rapid social change, the role of education in the services of the state is highlighted. Social changes take place as a response to the many types of changes that take place in the social and economic environment.

All nations of the world are equipped with some form of the educational system though these systems differ significantly. The socialization of the young and maintaining proper social order is among the main functions of education. It not only performs as a means to bring regarding social changes in society but also to excel and to increase the rate of such change in society. Education is playing an active role in preparing the way for the development of science and technology. It has brought about unique changes in every aspect of men's lives.

Education preserves culture and keeps a record of facts that will be used by future generations. It prepares people with skills and tricks of the trade that will strengthen them economically. It also enables them to think, make better decisions and become innovative in their approach. It also creates consciousness among the masses about the causes and effects of various social changes from time to time. Education as an instrument of social change Society has undergone vast transformation throughout its history. New ideas have come into view and social changes have been brought about by both individual and collective actions. Changes in society are inevitable due to the existence and amalgamation of different cultures, languages and religions throughout society.

Education can change society by providing opportunities and experiences through which humanity can cultivate the means for change through the emerging needs and philosophy of a changing world. Healthy social progress requires cautious planning in every aspect of life: social, cultural, economic and political. Education must be planned in a manner that is in keeping with the needs and ambitions of the people as a whole. Education in perspective of social change Different educationists and philosophers have viewed education as a process of development, whereby the means of education are manifold. It encompasses the all-around or holistic development of the child and also includes teacher education as an independent field of study. Further it has the fundamental economic value of being a tool of social change and control. Education is both the foundation of a society and the architect of it.

Education helps people remove blind faith and prejudices and accept new ideas. It helps to establish values that act as a condition for the analysis of social change. Leadership in social change Education in India must be able to make suitable leadership at each level if social changes favorable to democracy are to be introduced. Talented leaders can be produced only because of education. Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Swami Dayanand Saraswati, Swami Vivekananda, Mahatma Gandhi and other highly educated and enlightened Indians all made efforts at a conscious level to bring about social change.

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