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EDUCATION AS AN INSTRUMENT OF SOCIAL CHANGE

EDUCATION AS AN INSTRUMENT OF SOCIAL CHANGE, INFLUENCE OF EDUCATION ON SOCIETY, FAMILY AND THEIR PRACTICES

Acc to Prof. RB Mathur (1964)

“Social Change refers to the modifications in the organization and behavior of the group expressed in its laws, institutions, customs, modes and beliefs. When change supposedly for the better it becomes progress which is essentially an evolutionary concept”

Acc to SP Ruhela

“The term social change might imply changes in social attitudes, behavior, customs, habits, manners, relations and value of people, in social institutions and structures, in the ways or styles of living”

Types of Social change

Progressive/ Positive

The change from social evils to scientific thoughts

Digressive / Negative

In a well going society new evils emerge

NATURE OF SOCIAL CHANGE

1. A Universal Phenomenon
2. The spreading of social change is not uniform
3. Variations in the Speed of social change
4. Unpredictable
5. Results in interaction of number of factors
6. Modifications or replacements.

Aspects of Social Change

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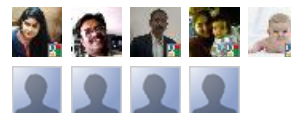
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Factors affecting Social Change

- 1) Cultural factors
- 2) Geographical factors
- 3) Environmental factors
- 4) Economic factors
- 5) Factor of migration
- 6) Technological factor
- 7) Factor of population
- 8) Psychological factor
- 9) Ideological factors
- 10) Factor of war
- 11) Diffusion of cultures
- 12) Urbanization
- 13) Visual and print media
- 14) Westernization
- 15) Industrialization
- 16) Actions of exceptional individuals
- 17) Legislation
- 18) Secularism
- 19) Democratization
- 20) Materialistic attitude

Obstacles in Social Change

1. Superstitious beliefs
2. Conservative nature
3. Cultural fanaticism
4. Castes
5. Classism
6. Religion
7. Fear
8. Regionalism
9. Parochialism
10. Isolation

Role of education in Social Change

- 1) Education perpetuates eternal values
- 2) Promotes capacity to welcome social change
- 3) Evaluation of social change
- 4) Transmission of culture
- 5) Removal of obstacles
- 6) Increasing the areas of knowledge
- 7) Leadership role
- 8) Mother of new changes
- 9) Spreading knowledge
- 10) Stabilizing democratic values
- 11) Control channelizes and modifies thoughts of new generation
- 12) School as a workshop for citizenship training
- 13) Awareness against social evils
- 14) National and international understanding
- 15) Equality among masses

- 16) Social Awakening
- 17) National Development

Influence of Education on Family

According to Maciver

“A family is a group defined by a sex relationship sufficiently precise and enduring to provide for procreation and bringing of children”

A family unit is the unit which builds up a person's personality. How you behave and what you become in life is very much dependent on your family life. Psychologists believe that a child learns the most from his or her family life

According to Burgess and Locke

“A family is a group of persons united by the ties of marriage, blood or adoption constituting a single household, interacting and intercommunicating with each other”

. The way your family members deal with you has a lifelong effect on your personality. Keeping in view all these facts the importance of your family life cannot be denied. Family unit happens to be the most important part of your life till you grow up. The children are usually closer to their parents and their siblings as compared to any other person in the world. As the children grow up they find good friends, spouses, their own kids and colleagues to share their lives with. Although time brings this change but the importance of family remains there. The children who have a sound family background and who belong to a family with strong family ties are almost always happier. Thus one cannot deny the importance of family life.

Types of Family

Extended family

Nuclear family

Extended Family: The unit in which the adults and children of more than two generations are closely combined. The family in this system extends vertically over three or more generations.

Nuclear Family: The nuclear family is a small unit consisting of parents and children usually two. In this unit the parents are sole authorities and emotional relations among family members are concentrated and intense

Roles Of family

1. Cooperation of family in education
2. Proper Physical Development
3. Proper moral development
4. Blossoming the interest of children
5. Opportunity to participate in household responsibilities
6. Development of intellect
7. Free expression of child's desires and urges
8. Religious education

Influence of Education on Family

1. Improve home management
2. Recognition of worth of home

3. Production of educated elite (Families)
4. To discharge productive duties towards home
5. Family Planning
6. An efficient member of family
7. Social efficiency of family
8. Adjustability in family
9. Co-ordination of family and school
10. Education of parents
11. To maintain better homes
12. Cultivation of higher values
13. Propagates cooperation within and outside the home
14. Create liberal and wider attitude
15. Increasing productivity of family members
16. Optimizing Economic efficiency

Influence of Education on society

Education plays a very important role in moulding the character of an individual. It is one of the concrete sources from which one gets information and knowledge. It affects the society. We can make sense of its effective role from the following points.

1] *Preservation and transmission of our social, moral and cultural values.*

In Education, through curriculum, students will be acquainted with social, moral and cultural values and teachers make them familiar with values and ideal through different activities, games, story-telling etc. Education makes them familiar with constitution, rules and regulations of citizens and so on. As we find in NPE 1986 major objectives to produce a productive citizen has been fulfilled by education so education preserves our value and it makes others to imbibe those values.

2] *Awakening of Social feelings*

Through education individuals become aware about the importance of unity, love, fraternity and other values. Education makes all people get awakened of being a part of society and how they can contribute the world as society. People know different values and life skills and thus they develop concern for society including social mindedness, values life skills, learning to be, learning to do, learning to know, learning to live together via different activities story telling dramatization.

3] *Political development of society*

Education makes all aware about rights and duties of all, which are their responsibilities and duties so that they can develop their civic sense. Through different lessons of political leaders and stories education develops ideal leadership quality so that in future citizens can lead the state as a society.

4] *Economic development of society*

Education develops skills in individual and makes him a productive citizen. Through education everyone learns how to earn money and as per their qualification he gets job or labour and on the whole with the help of education more or less everyone gets work and earns money so due to increasing literacy per capita income will increase. As we find govt takes help in the form of tax and thus our economy develops. Because of education people migrate to other countries and their earnings help to develop society, country. Thus education affects the economic development of society.

5] *Social control*

Education makes all aware about customs and duties the same as it makes aware about the rules and regulations as we find the rules in Indian constitution. People know how to preserve their lives via education. They also become familiar with crimes. Thus education provides a guideline and it controls all society.

6] *Social changes and reforms*

Education makes individuals perfect and aware about the rights. So can claim

against dwelled superstitions, beliefs which are harmful for them. Through education everyone learn grow to live and how to save from difficulty and how to inculcate values and ideals in their lives and ideals in their lives so they can appeal in court having of felling injustice. Education makes all aware about how to live peacefully and how to face difficulties ion their lives .They become aware about the proverbs like 'nothing ventured, nothing gained' so they develop their risk taking attitudes via education.

7] **Socialization of a child**

Education trains the mind of a child and it teaches him how to inculcate values in his life. It makes the child understand what is society, how he is a part of society, what are his roles in society, how he should behave, how he should interact with others etc. Education helps him to understand who is he? And it develops a sense if a social being in him. In short education socializes a child.

Thus, education produces productive citizens it helps everyone how to flourish and makes them ideal citizens of society. To sum up, Education influences the society.

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