

## **A New Preparation of Society: Need of Time**

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**ABSTRACT :** *Society which is changing time to time having an essence of new face. What we are having today will change tomorrow and it's completely a continuous process. A process which can never be ended and recovered. In every era society needs preparation, renovation and differentiation. As one can think about the Education which sets a preparation of change in society. Education leads to expected change in human society. Being a student of Sociology, I personally defined "Prepared and Modern society must be such society which ought to be literate, educated, hi-tech, flexible, accessible to globalization and more institutionalised". In the present scenario of globalization many more aspects are needed to be studied by an individual; at least fundamentals of many things should be known to persons.*

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### **I. INTRODUCTION**

Education in its general sense is a form of learning in which the knowledge, skills, and habits of a group of people are transferred from one generation to next generation through teaching, training or research. Literate society is a visionary which always leads toward development and peace. Literacy is a ability to read and write. The definition of literacy limits as the ability to read and write. Some definitions consider it "the ability to read, write, spell, listen and speak." Some have argued for expansion of it. In the United States, the National Council of Teachers of English and the International Reading Association have added "visually representing" to the traditional list of competencies. Literacy has been defined in Scotland as "the ability to read and write and use numeracy to handle information, to express ideas and opinions to make decisions and solve problems, as family members, workers, citizens and lifelong learners. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) define literacy as the "ability to identify, understand, interpret, create, communicate, compute and use printed and written materials associated with varying contexts. Literacy involves a continuum of learning in enabling individuals to achieve their goals, to develop their knowledge and potential and to participate fully in their community and wider society".

The National Literacy mission (in India) defines literacy as acquiring the skills of reading, writing and arithmetic and ability to apply them to one's day-to-day life. The achievement of functional literacy implies i) self-reliance in 3 R's, (ii) awareness of the causes of deprivation and the ability to move towards amelioration of their condition by participating in the process of development, (iii) acquiring skills to improve economic status and general well being and (iv) imbibing values such as national integration, conservation of environment, women's equality, observance of small family norms. Literacy is beneficial in Non-formal education as every Adult Education programme (may be of any mode), achievement of literacy is expected. Other objectives may change as per the policy adopted by sponsoring agency or local requirements. In most of the cases, the programmes are government sponsored. Literacy is also important in measuring the achievements in formal education. The scales of the literacy can change according to the strata of classes. One of the important factors is that, literacy can be measured. Most of the Adult education programmes are measured by attainment of literacy. Literacy is considered as a primary or fundamental aspect in education. Education leads to expected change in human beings. Though education comprises of non-formal and informal streams (besides formal one), there is a general conception that Education 'lies in Formal Stream'. Literacy (whether it is through formal school education i.e. primary school or through non-formal adult literacy programme) is first step of education. It imbibes confidence in a person not only for further learning, but for entire life. It sows seeds of 'analytical view point'. It leads for self-learning.

### **Essentiality of Education**

For preparing a new society education becomes an essential part and source. A Right to Education has been also established and recognized by some governments. At the Global level, Article 13 of the United Nations' 1966 International covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights recognized the right of everyone to an education. Although education is compulsory in most places up to a certain age, attendance at school often isn't, and minority of parents chooses home-schooling-learning or similar for their children. These all are the

planning's for creating the prepared society which is definitely need of time .Now a days education and literacy even plays an vital role for maintaining Peace and Harmony in society . As such education and literacy make an individual acquaint for inculcating the spirit of civic sense.

Education can bestow upon certain information, skills and attitudes (useful for life) to a person such as,

- a) Inculcating moral values
- b) Creating awareness regarding civic rules, rights and duties
- c) Teaching important aspects relating to health and nutrition
- d) Creating awareness regarding certain legislations

**a).Inculcating moral values**

Values can be described as the beliefs or attitudes about what is good, right, desirable, worthwhile etc. Values decide what is important in life. Some values refer to how one should act (e.g. to be honest, self-disciplined, kind etc.), while some refer to what one wants to accomplish or obtain in life (e.g. to want a lot of money, security, fame, health, salvation, wisdom). The values are based on certain aspects, such as knowledge, aesthetic considerations, practicality, and moral ground or in a combination of some of them<sup>4</sup>. Here are some examples of moral values: equality, simplicity, justice, alertness, self-respect, honesty, kindness, gentleness, optimism, Co-operation, modesty, understanding, tolerance, respect for people, telling truth, self-reliance , positive attitude Education helps a person in following regards: exploring several values, analyzing them and to choose positive / moral values which benefit the person and the society, applying them. Education is described as bringing about expected change in human beings. It may inculcate (positive / moral) values among persons.

**b) Creating awareness regarding civic rules, rights and duties**

We are citizens of some country. The rules of the country (whether written or not) are binding on us. e. g. traffic rules, rules regarding conservation of environment, some rules to be followed in certain circumstances etc. people may not be aware about such rules. They can be taught formally or informally through education. The Constitution of India has specified certain rights to people (e.g right to equality, right to freedom, right against exploitation, right to freedom of religion, cultural and educational rights, right to constitutional remedies). These rights along with duties of a citizen can be taught through different modes of education.

**c) Teaching important aspects relating to health and nutrition**

As health is an important part of human life, aspects regarding promotion of good health can be taught through education. Following aspects regarding health are important. social, physical, mental, psychological aspects of health. Aspects which affect health such as employment, financial status, type and structure of family, social surrounding etc., Aspects promoting health. Diseases-preventive and curative measures in their regard. Mental stress & strain and such bad aspects are emerging. Education makes person aware in its regards. Fast life, changing lifestyle, changing family structure (e.g. emerging nuclear families), eating habits are affecting adversely. Balance diet which is useful and helpful for human life is being side-tracked. Through different channels and modes of education, these aspects can be taught.

**d) Creating awareness regarding certain legislations**

Legislations are made for social control and to bring about social order. In view of creating a society, based on justice, certain legislations are created by countries, some legislation are meant to prevent involvement in antisocial and antinational acts, while some legislations are helpful for backward groups such as handicaps, farmers, socially backward persons, women etc. Through different modes of education, they are taught to people. Literacy which is an entry point for education can open chances for knowledge as well as development of individuals and the society. Ignorance, which comes from illiteracy and lack of education keeps person in mud. Mahatma Gandhi opinioned as illiteracy is a big stigma on our nation. Gadgebaba differentiated educated person from un-educated individual and said that "Education is a wealth. Some persons, who get education, do deliver lecture at the seat of Delhi, some labour at railway station, as they are not educated. "Considering the importance of education for downtrodden people, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar advised the people to get educated, get organized and to fight. The above mentioned reformers visualized the development of individuals and the society through education. Mere 'Touch and Go' (imparting education for once) approach is not sufficient in education. When a person acquires education, it should be retained. Relapse leads to white-washing of the entire effect. Continuation of learning is so essential. Motivation to a person for further education is possible in educational environment, which should be in existence in society. People are living species. However, only education differentiates a person from other living species as special. It makes him a human being. Education is important for the development of individuals and society. At the same time, it promotes a person to create and develop a culture. It leads to civilized society.

Thus, literacy which is a first step for education is essential. It is a common; person should not stop at it. He should continue learning; he should utilize it for development.

### **Globalization and Current Situation**

Globalization (which is described as an integration of economies and societies) and current situation expects person to be aware of several aspects. These essential aspects may change place to place. However, certain common aspects are as follows:

- [1] There is a need of awareness regarding diet, eating habits, few first aid and medical treatment.
- [2] Information and communication technology is becoming part and parcel of our life. Certain primary information regarding it should be known to a person.
- [3] Things related to environment such as global warming is an important factor.
- [4] Strategies regarding management of water and management of all types of energy should be known.
- [5] Invasion of several channels on television and appreciation of T.V. should be thoroughly understood.
- [6] Changing political scenario should be analyzed.
- [7] Preventive and curative measures for certain diseases such as AIDS, Swine Flu, Chikun Gunia, Dengue, etc. should be taught to people.
- [8] Awareness regarding immunization to children should be introduced.
- [9] Aspects of education and employment should be made known.

### **Need of Time**

Education is a need of time. A man with literacy only can survive in a competitive society, at least. A person should be aware of few things, fundamentals of the things, essential in life. The Institutes imparting formal education have several limitations. However, the Institutes providing non-formal education can fulfill the requirements. Literacy, which is considered as imparting fundamental skills concerning alphabets, can be described as imparting and acquiring fundamental aspects in a particular area. The Globalization has brought the World 'closer'. However, the 'man' has become 'alone'. He has to face day-to-day variety of problems and be self-sufficient, self-dependent to live comfortably. In that sense, fundamentals should be known to every one. It can be called literacy in a particular field, such as, Health Literacy, Nutrition Literacy, Political Literacy, ICT Literacy, Environment Literacy, Traffic Literacy etc. where as education modifies a behavior of an individual. Society is changing day by day and man becomes a new source for overall change.

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