Role of Education for Sustainable Development in India

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Role of education for sustainable development in India is very crucial and inevitable. In the knowledge base society of 21st Century, education can be proved as a miracle. Advancement of various branches of knowledge can play a vital role in promoting acquisition of new knowledge and skill. Education provides inspiration and insight for looking forward in changing future. The highly educated intellectual, talented, committed and oriented mass is most needed for sustainable development of our country.

In 21st Century human society faces the daunting inspiring task of forging a new relationship with the natural world. This new relation thus has emerged from analysis of regional and global trend in population, development and environment. Sustainability implies meeting human needs while preserving the environment and natural resources needed by generations.

As we begin our journeys in 21st Century, Peter Duck says, "The next society will be knowledge society in which knowledge be the resources and knowledge worker will be dominated force made up of the under fifties and over fifties."

Duck mentions some steps for sustainable development of countries like India as under:

1. Use of various branches of knowledge like AT, ITCT, BT and NT for eradication of disparities in opportunity, education, job, income, human rights, women empowerment and gender, caste, community and religion.
2. Eradication of poverty and extreme hunger. We must take strong steps to bridge the gap between rich and poor between forward and SC, ST.
3. We must provide school education, sex education and prevention programs to tackle the problem of population explosion.
4. Widespread problems like violence, brutality, sexual perversion, rape, Dowry and other heinous crime could be removed by imparting moral, social and human values through education for development.
5. Education provides inspiration for true democratic, pluralistic and secular society.
6. Government must take strong steps to bridge the gap between the developed and the poor, only taking the best tradition wisdoms higher education, technologies and combining with cutting edge science can meet these challenges.
7. Widespread knowledge by education for consumption of natural resources like water, land, air and forest.
8. Use of communication technology like computer, mobile phone, C.D. Internet for spread out of modern knowledge.

Role of education in developing country like ours is very crucial and inevitable. We know that education is a powerhouse for developing country. Today we live in knowledge based society and education can be proved as a miracle for the modernization of our country. Our social structure has been changing because of advancement in various branches of knowledge like science, technology, agriculture, computer, bio-technology, communication, mass media, and space science. Education has been providing enough roles in social changes, political awareness, industrial growth and economic
development. Thus we can say education plays a vital role in promoting acquisition of new knowledge and skill for development. Education has a pervasive and influential impact on sustainable development of physical and human resources, of transfer traditional values and attitude to build a new society and of developing a climate for creative thinking and growth for individual. In country like India, education is a vital too: for intellectual, cultural and aesthetic development and means for achieving wider social aspiration. It also has an increasing crucial role to play in producing change agent for moving the country along the development continuum. The role and responsibility of education in context on changing scenario the world over in economic, political, social, technological and environment has obviated the need for change and improvement in every walk of life and society. Education provides inspiration and insight for looking toward a fast changing future. Education can be most precious asset of the individual and society as well nation. The highly educated, intellectual, talented, committed, oriented and motivated mass is most needed for sustainable development of our country.

In the 21st Century human society faces the daunting yet inspiring task of forging a new relationship with Natural world. This new relationship is best defined by “Sustainability.” A question thus has emerged from analysis of regional and global trend in population, development and the environment. Sustainability implies meeting current human need while preserving the environment and natural resources needed by generations.

Remarkable result of science and technologies has led to advances that have been of great benefit to humankind at the sometime scientific advances and the rapid growth of material world have led to environment degradation, contributed to social imbalance and made possible weapons of mass destruction. As we begin our journey in the 21st Century Peter Ducker says

“The next society will be a knowledge society in which knowledge will be the resource and knowledge worker will be the dominated work force, in future, there will be two work force made up of the under fifties and over fifties.”

- Knowledge and sustainable development is two side of one coin various branches of knowledge like A. T., I. T., C. T., B. T., and N. T. has created a huge opportunities for young generation yet goal of sustainable development is not achieved and country is faced many formidable challenges. In our country still exists large disparities in income, wealth opportunities, education, housing, health, job, power sharing, life standard prosperity and human rights, empowerment, women, nutrition, gender cast, community and religion. In such phenomena education is the only rays of hope for sustainable development.

- The challenge of “Eradication of poverty and extreme hunger, inequality are incompatible with sustainability. The challenging is chasing to reduce disparities through capacity building and providing the poor and disposed access to knowledge and resources needed? For meaningful life. For sustainable development of society we must take strong steps to bridge the gap between rich and poor, between forward and SC / ST, between urban and rural areas of country.

- Population explosion is a great challenge against sustainable development of our nation. We must provide school education, sex education and prevention programme to tackle this burning problem. Women empowerment can solve many personal and social problems and this empowerment can achieve by increasing the rate of women education. Gender inequality survives in most part of world. India's over all female to male ratio is the lowest among world's most populous country. This gender discrimination can be solving through education.

- Violence, brutality, corruption, fraud, cheating, intolerance, hatred, communality, favoritism discrimination, fundamentalism, Sexual perversion, exploitation, rape, dowry and other heinous crimes are speed breaker for sustainable development of our nation. We find solution for this problem in education by imparting moral, social and human values. Education can save the country from serious crisis of characters which is wide spread, and affecting the entire nation.
Our society is an authoritarian or religion society, education provide Inspiration for true democratic, pluralistic and secular society which provide equal opportunities and where individualism can flourish.

In our country population growth is very high the west population control the rapid growth. Per capita growth remain low and 30% people live under the below poverty line. Government must take strong step to bridge the gap between the developed and poor. Only taking the best in traditional wisdom, technologies and combining with cutting edge science can meet these challenges.

Due to the best population environment deteriorate day by day and natural resources like air, water, land, food, forest, sea are being polluted at high rate. Consumption of these natural resources is beyond the limit. By education we must move toward the sustainable pattern of consumption behavior. We must find out sustainable technologies for ensuring the protection resources, education can guide and inspire proper use and consumption of natural resources.

The pace of technology changes has accelerated mass communication is spearhead with knowledge explosion. Internet communication is easily available. Computer, mobile phone, C.D. has expanded beyond the limit of place, time and distance, education for these new fields will surely effect on the sustainable development of our country.

The optimism about India’s growth prospect is shared by international observers India has now potential to achieve sustainable growth. By 2040 India is expected to be the third largest economy in the world after us and china this could be possible by our talented, hard worker youth and with the application of new knowledge, technologies and science. It is very obvious that for sustainable development of our country government must take reasonable strong steps to bridge between disparities pertain in our nation.

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