



## Value Education: Importance and its need

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### Abstract:

*Values are essential for positive human behaviour. Education from time immemorial has focused on values. Values form the core of educational goals and objectives. Education is inherently valuing oriented and must develop in learners caring, co-operation and respect for others. In addition to equipping them with life skills and attitudes, it must prepare them to lead a full life.*

*Today there is deterioration of values in the society. The values have been neglected not only at the social level but at the national level also. There are several factors with the modern higher education which are making people literate or educated undoubtedly but on the other hand responsible for forgetting the basics or values of a good human being or a responsible citizen of the society.*

*Values education is teaching and learning about the ideals that a society thinks is important. The aim is for students not only to understand the values, but also to reflect them in their attitudes and behaviour, and contribute to society through good citizenship and ethics. Moral education, character education, ethics and philosophy have attempted to do similar things.*

*The need of the hour is to impart value-based education. The stress should be on the values such as patience, honesty, tolerance, sympathy, and love for fellow brethren and sisters. The students must be indoctrinated to keep values as top priority. The youngsters need not only to be taught how to develop their skills, talents, and abilities, they must also be taught how to use these skills, talents and abilities for the welfare and betterment of all.*

*Once values become everyone's priority in life, all the negative aspects of life will automatically decline. The world needs people with high values to make it a better place to live in.*

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### 1. Introduction

Education is the vehicle of knowledge, self-preservation and success. Education not only gives a platform to succeed, but also the knowledge of social conduct, strength, character and self-respect. The greatest gift education gives us is the knowledge of unconditional love and a set of values. These values include the simple difference between right and wrong, a belief in God, the importance of hard work and self-respect. Education is a continuous learning experience, learning from people, learning from leaders and followers and then growing up to be the person we are meant to be. Value-based education is a threefold development of any individual of any gender and age, but most importantly of a child. Education tries to develop three aspects: physique, mentality and character.

Even though physique and mentality are important, they are menaces without the third because character is the greatest of these. Education plays a huge role in precisely this area. Value based education is a tool which not only provides us a profession which we can pursue but also a purpose in life. The purpose of our life is undoubtedly to know oneself and be ourselves. We cannot do it unless we learn to identify ourselves with all that lives. The objective of education in a country like India, which has a

glorious heritage and can boast of diversity in geography, culture, values and beliefs very rarely seen in this wide world, should be to educate a student of the value system which is indispensable to live successful life.

Values are essential for positive human behaviour. Education from time immemorial has focused on values. Values form the core of educational goals and objectives. Education is inherently valuing oriented and must develop in learners caring, co-operation and respect for others. In addition to equipping them with life skills and attitudes, it must prepare them to lead a full life. As a society, the concern with Values Education is not unique to our times but the erosion of values has forced introspection and reflection in education. Values Education is integral to education of any kind and has been focused upon in many educational committees reports in India. Meaning of Value-Education. A value is one of the many alternatives that a person chooses and acts upon because it increases human development. Values constitute that which is accepted by the group, community or society. Hence, all the aspects are important and linked to each other. Value means primarily to prize, to esteem, to appraise, to estimate, it means the act of cherishing something, holding it dear and also the act of passing judgment upon the nature and amounts of values as compared with something else. A value stands for ideas men live for. They are the part and parcel of the philosophy of a nation and that of its educational system. They are the guiding principles of life.

The meaning of **Value Education** is to teach universal values like moral values, patience, honesty, etc, to the students. The purpose of value education is the development of the personality of the student.

The children should develop in all dimensions so that they can serve the nation more democratic, cohesive, socially and responsibly.

- The full development of children's personality in its physical, mental, emotional and spiritual aspects.
- Development of good manners and responsibility towards citizenship.
- The way of thinking and living should be developing at the democratic level.
- Developing patience, honesty, moral values etc.

Value education should not be seen as a separate discipline but as something that should be inherent in the education system. Merely solving problems must not be the aim, the clear reason and motive behind must also be thought of. There are multiple facets to understanding the importance of value education. Here are the major pointers that exhibit the need and importance of value education in 21<sup>st</sup> century:

- It helps in taking the right decisions in difficult situations thus improving decision-making ability.
- With age comes a wide range of responsibilities. This can at times develop a sense of meaninglessness and can lead to a rise in mental health disorders, mid-career crisis and growing discontent with one's life. Value education aims to somewhat fill the void in people's lives.
- Value education also plays a significant role in awakening curiosity and developing values and interests. This further helps in skill development.
- Moreover, when people study the significance of values in society and their lives, they are more convinced and committed to their goals and passions. This leads to the development of awareness which results in thoughtful and fulfilling decisions.
- The key importance of value education gets highlighted in distinguishing the execution of the act and the significance of its value. It instils a sense of 'meaning' behind what one is supposed to do and thus aids in personality development.

## 2. Objectives of Value Education

In the contemporary world, the importance of value education is multifold. It becomes crucial that is included in a child's schooling journey and even after that to ensure that they imbibe the moral values as well as ethics. Here are the key objectives of value education:

- To ensure a holistic approach to a child's personality development in terms of physical, mental, emotional and spiritual aspects
- Inculcation of patriotic spirit as well as the values of a good citizen
- Helping students understand the importance of brotherhood at social national and international levels
- Developing good manners and responsibility and cooperativeness
- Promoting the spirit of curiosity and inquisitiveness towards the orthodox norms
- Teaching students about how to make sound decisions on the basis of moral principles
- Promoting a democratic way of thinking and living
- Imparting students with the significance of tolerance and respect towards different cultures and religious faiths

### 3. Role and Purpose of Value Education

The purpose of value education can be identifying in different aspects. Various purpose of Value Education:

- To develop the child's personality in all possible aspects.
- To develop good moral values in the children.
- To develop thinking in a better aspect and a democratic way of living.
- To develop good citizenship and standard of living and behavior of children.
- To develop tolerance and make a kind person to the children.

### 4. Importance of Value Education

Value Education plays a quintessential role in contributing to the holistic development of children. Without embedding values in our kids, we wouldn't be able to teach them about good morals, what is right and what is wrong as well as key traits like kindness, empathy and compassion. The need and importance of value education in 21st century is far more important because of the presence of technology and its harmful use. By teaching children about essential human values, we can equip them with the best digital skills and help them understand the importance of ethical behaviour and cultivating compassion. Value education also provides students with a positive view on life and motivates them to become a good human being, help those in-need, respect their community as well as become more responsible and sensible.

Values are extremely important because they help us grow and develop and guide our beliefs, attitudes and behaviour. Our values are reflected in our decision-making and help us in finding our true purpose in life and become a responsible and developed individual.

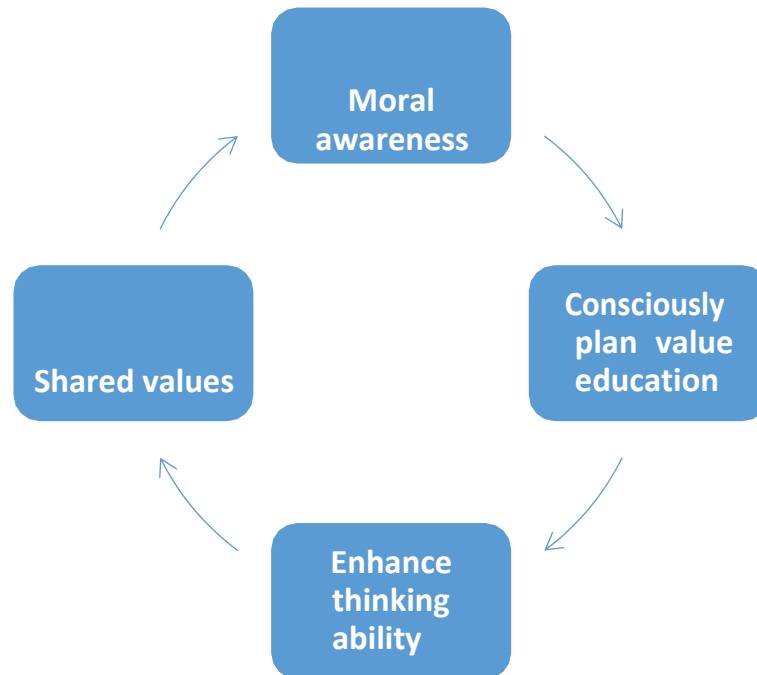
The importance of value education at various stages in one's life has increased with the running pace and complexities of life. It is becoming difficult every day for youngsters to choose their longings and pursue careers of their choice. In this demanding phase, let our Leverage Edu experts guide you in following the career path you have always wanted to explore by choosing an ideal course and taking the first step to your dream career.

### 5. Needs of Value Education in Today's World

- Moral awareness should be endorsed to orient the progress in science & technology towards the welfare of mankind.
- Common values should be re-discovered to unite human beings with the general decline of traditional values.
- Teachers pass values to the students both consciously and unconsciously through their conduct in and out of class rooms. Therefore, the need for a consciously planned value education program is obvious to establish a formal learning.
- The students might face more complicated decision-making situations about issues involving values.

They should be helped in developing the ability to make proper choices in such situations through value education.

- Increase in Juvenile delinquency is a crisis to youth who under goes the process of personal growth. In such situation value education assumes a special significance.
- Value Education awakens curiosity, development of proper interests, attitudes, values and capacity to think and judge about oneself.
- Value Education helps in Promoting Social and Natural Integration.



1. **Moral awareness:** Moral awareness should enhance the progress in science and technology towards the latest trends.
2. **Shared values:** This will enhance the traditional and social benefits of the person, which is essential for the nation to develop.
3. **Consciously plan value education:** This will establish formal learning as sometimes teachers pass values both consciously and unconsciously. There should be the encouragement of only conscious values.
4. **Enhance thinking ability:** The value education enhances your thinking ability and moral values. The mental and social thinking increases to enhance good value towards society.

## 6. Conclusion

Science and technology which is a great triumph for human kinds in this new era which makes human's life better and easier. Due to the gift of technologies, the world is connected and seems as one small city or village. People of this globe more voracious on material comfort which makes people's life more competitive. Hence, material wealth has become major indicator for measuring the success in every society instead of value-based person. However, human's civilization fundamentally depends upon the cultivation of values, those values which shape human's lives and craft real human. Indeed, it is observed everywhere the values are degrading constantly which results increasing of inhuman activities. Thus; there is a great need for imparting value-based education in each stage of education. Although education is an agent of change and the expected process of inculcating values to equip the learners for their successful life with the cherished values and contribute to ideal and healthy society.

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