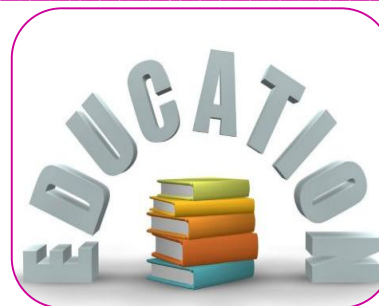_____

EDUCATION AND SOCIAL CHANGE

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ABSTRACT:

Social change refers to an alteration in the social order of a society. It may refers to the notion of social progress, the social idea that society moves forward by dialectical evolutionary means. Social change may take place when human needs change. Social change is a universal phenomenon and its occurs in all societies. No society can escape from social change .This paper begins with a compact definition of social change and progressive social change, this paper goes on to explores the characteristics, role of education, school and teachers role of social change . We come to understand that education, teacher, and school play a major role in bringing about social change. In fact without education, knowledge of social change is impossible and it cannot be presented and promoted. Hence, education is the means through which all progress in the society is made. Education brings about changes in the thoughts, ideas, habits and attitude of the members of the society. This paper concludes by examining a number of social changes in recent time.

KEYWORDS : Social change, Education, Social progress, society.

INTRODUCTION

Change is the law of nature and social life. Change is an ever present phenomenon in the world. Similarly, society is not a static phenomenon, but it is a dynamic concept. Social change has occurred in all societies and at all time. Society is influenced by many factors and forces that irresistibly cause change. This changing process may be rapid in some societies and slow in others, but no society escape from change. In our Indian society, different types of gadgets, computer, machine, television, mobile that we use today but never used of our forefathers. We cannot even imagine social change without education; similarly education is not possible without society. Education prepares the minds of people to welcome and adopt desirable social changes easily and gladly. It can bring about a change in the pattern of social relationship and thereby it may cause social change. Earlier educational institutions and teachers used to show a specific way of life to the student and education was more a means of social control than an instrument of social change. Francis.J.Brown re marks that education is a process which brining about changes in the behavior of society. It is a process which enables every individual to effectively participate in the activities of society and to make positive contribution to the progress of society.

OBJECTIVES
* To find out relationship between education and social change.
* To find out importance of social change towards social institution.
* To study role of teacher towards social change.

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NATURE OF SOCIAL CHANGE
- Social change is continuous
- Social change is temporal
- Social change is human change
- Social change results from interaction of a number or factors.
- Social change may be planned or unplanned
- Social change related to time

EDUCATION AS AN INSTRUMENT OF SOCIAL CHANGE

      The role education as an Instrument of social change and social development is widely recognized today. Every society has some eternals values which stabilize and consolidate it. Education protects the eternal values and saves them from the pernicious effects of social change. Education helps to analyze each and every change that takes place I the society. It provides knowledge to the people about good and bad changes.

- Education prepares the people for social change. It will make to think abilities and disabilities of existing social system and identifies whether needs change.
- Only a properly organized system of education can generate in the people of a society the ability to adopt some social change.
- Education has been playing a great role in getting occupations which are key determiners of general social status. Thus, the schools are agents in realizing the desire for upward social mobility.
- When education is a condition of social and economic change it is more likely to produce intended consequences. This happens because educational change is following other in society.
- Education increases political awareness among poor people also. This world bring about wider political changes with the increasingly organized participation of people in national politics
- Modern education has changed our attitude and outlook. It has removed to a great extent the superstitious beliefs and unreasoned fears about the supernatural beings.

      So, Education is considered as a powerful instrument for social change, it deals mainly with the thought patterns and behavior patterns of younger generation. The axe of education can cut down the thick roots of traditional superstitions, ignorance and the backwardness. Education prepares the people for social change.

SCHOOL AS A SOCIAL INSTITUTION AND AGENT OF SOCIAL CHANGE

      The future of mankind depends upon the education imparted in school. School is a social institution that plays a major role in molding the habits, attitude and ideas of children with a view to producing well planned personalities. The development of scientific temper has been emphasized on all school programmed. When such an attitude is sown the minds of the students, social changes are brought about in the scientific way. School preserves and transmits our cultural heritage from one generation to another. The Education commission (1964-66) observed, "The density of India is now being shaped in her classroom."This clearly explains the importance role of the school in social change.

Elements in the school contributing to social change:
- School climate and environment
- Contents of the curriculum
- Methodology of instruction
- School discipline
- Self government in school
- Co-curriculum programmed
- Teacher attitude

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- School relationship with the community
- Training to live together
- Presentation of culture

TEACHER AS AN AGENT OF SOCIAL CHANGE

Basically role of social change to depends on Teacher's performance as an educational activity. It is said that the density of a nation is shaped in its classroom and it is the teacher who is a very important instrument in molding that density. It is very necessary that the teacher must become conscious of his role towards society. The national commission on school teachers (1983-85) states, "We underscore that the prime task of the teacher is concerned with man making namely the making of the India of tomorrow. Teacher should welcome new social changes like; women education, adult education, education of SC and ST, population control measures etc. When the government wants to bring social change by ensuring educational opportunities to all or family planning or reservation for women in employments, the teacher should welcome these activities of govt. and help to break down the resistance of people. Hence, teacher can play a very important role brining about social change.

- Teacher should welcome new social change.
- The duty of the teacher is to remove and help to eradicate the obstacles which impede change.
- The teacher should give suggestions for change.
- Teacher should support modernization in our country.
- Teacher as a promoter of global thinking.

CONCLUSION

Education is one of the influential instruments of social change in India. Without Education, The knowledge of social change is impossible and it cannot be preserved and promoted. It brings about a remarkable change in social, cultural, religious, moral and aesthetic aspect of human life. Hence, education is the most important invention of mankind by which the society is being shaped and molded in a desirable way. It has led to the mobilization of people's aspirations for development and change. School and teacher play a major role of social change. School preserves and transmits our cultural heritage can be propagated from one generation to another. Teacher should support modernization in our country according to the progress of science and technology. Thus, educators and school have a tremendous respectability in social change. In this way, education brings changes in the society and social changes bring changes in education.

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