

RELEVANCE OF VALUE EDUCATION & ROLE OF TEACHER AND FAMILY IN PRESENT SOCIETY FOR AN OPTIMISTIC AND AFFLUENT FUTURE: AN INTROSPECTION

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Abstract: Value education plays a significant role in building a developed world. In today's society, there is no shortage of educated people, but there is a shortage of values among them. If a person has an abundance of bookish knowledge but lacks values, can they be called an ideal citizen of that society or country? In the present time, people are so busy with their own interests that they sacrifice their values. Everyone is now constantly running after money and wealth. The competition to move forward by leaving others behind has become a struggle. Everyone is willingly abandoning their morals and values. The values in the youth of the country are also showing evidence of degradation. In this case, only value education helps to inculcate values among students. This article aims to focus on the relevance of value education, the causes of value degradation, and the role of teachers and family in imparting values, which is important in present times.

Key Words: Value education, Society, Role of teacher, Role of family.

1. INTRODUCTION :

Value Education is the key to national development and integration, playing a special role in building ideal citizens and society. No citizen is born ideal; they are made so by imparting knowledge and respect regarding good and bad, wrong and right, desirable and undesirable issues in view of the norms and customs existing in society. Moral education inculcates in the individual the importance of honesty, compassionate behavior, respect for others, a sense of brotherhood, loyalty to the country and solidarity, playing an indispensable role in defining the individual as a complete human being.

Today, the world is embracing such a high level of development that new and creative ideas for living are available every day, but people's mood control, happiness in life, and peace of mind are constantly diminishing (Debbarma & Das, 2018). The degradation of values is evident all around. People are gradually turning human beings from social beings into violent animals. There is no sign of morality in society. By abandoning morality, people have pushed society and the country to the path of destruction. People now have more luxurious lifestyles and have higher standards of living as a result of industrialization. It has improved man's material wealth, but it has also weakened society's moral fabric. Humans yearn for wealth, authority and pelf (Aneja, 2014). They are ready to put other people's interests at risk in order to further their own interests. In the fields of religion, business, society and education, corruption is pervasive. The society we live in is full of societal evils. Young people are becoming juvenile offenders as a result of their media exposure (Radha, 2016). Value education can be the only light of hope in this path of destruction, and that light can enlighten every citizen. In today's rapidly changing world, where technological advancements outpace ethical considerations, value education provides a moral compass that helps individuals make ethical decisions and fosters a culture of respect for diversity and inclusion. Value education not only makes individuals responsible citizens of society

but also lays the foundation for a more just and sustainable society, ultimately leading all citizens and society to a brighter future.

2. OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY

- To study the importance of value education in the present society.
- To explain the strategies for imparting values.

3. STUDY METHOD

Qualitative content Analysis method was used for the present study.

4. DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS

The data collected through secondary sources such as website and journals was then subjected to qualitative analysis.

5. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

CAUSES OF VALUE DEGRADATION

Infanticide, rape, extortion, terrorism, counterfeiting and food adulteration are sad forms of societal decay. The people in society are not friends with anyone; Each is indirectly engaged in harming the other. In the absence of a proper ideal of life, families have now become institutions of indulgence and self-centeredness. Selfishness and materialism have created a society that is unbalanced. Value crisis is a problem that affects people not just nationally but also internationally (Behara, 2020). Our present society is not run based on morality but on self-interest.

- Lack of morality in people is one of the causes of the degradation of values. People cannot judge what is right and wrong for them. People today are not honest; they have no respect for human relations. They always forget about morals after engaging in unhealthy competition in society.
- The quality of leadership is another reason for the declining standards. Teachers do not teach values properly. Additionally, there are doubts about the extent to which the current education system emphasizes character development through education, and that doubt is reflected in the neglected character-building education.
- Today, there is no dearth of educated people; schools and colleges have been built for the education of people. However, the degradation of values is still observed because ethics are not prioritized in the academic syllabus.
- Nowadays, the number of dishonest people is increasing among honest people. This lack of honesty among people leads to the degradation of human values and moral values are lacking among the younger generation. They get involved in various immoral activities such as drug addiction, narcotics and disrespecting elders.
- Lack of spirituality is another reason of degeneration of moral values. They do not have time to pray to their deities, and their faith in spirituality is diminishing day by day.

IMPORTANCE OF VALUE EDUCATION IN PRESENT SOCIETY

Value education emphasizes the social and moral development of individuals to shape the future of our nation. It molds the students to discharge their social, moral, and democratic responsibilities competently and participate in building an ideal society. It prepares the students to perform their social, moral and democratic responsibilities competently and to participate in building an ideal society. Value education is helpful in character building of students. It helps to develop a strong sense of right and wrong, which is also important for personal growth and building a compassionate society. Ethical conundrums are exceedingly prevalent in the complex world of today. Value education provides students with the skills to make ethical decisions in challenging situations. It encourages critical thinking and a deeper understanding of the consequences of one's actions. It is very important to develop respect for people from different cultures. Value education helps individuals build a close-knit community. Value education inculcates the values and norms of culture and society, enabling everyone to distinguish between right and wrong. It encourages a sense of morality, integrity, and social cohesion, considering the consequences of their actions. So, proper value education ensures the well-being of future generations.

STRATEGIES OF FOSTERING VALUES

- Inclusion of the study of moral values in education at all levels should be made compulsory in the school education as well as values at the higher education level. NCF 2005 recognizes the importance of the subject in promoting values and emphasizes changes in the areas of language, mathematics, science and social sciences to make education more relevant to present day and future needs.
- Co-curricular activities should be arranged to promote values. Schools can do various things like, elimination of social evil, environmental awareness, AIDS prevention awareness etc. Drama, music, sports and games can be organized to inculcate values among students, as these are the highest forms of value inculcation. Group based strategies can be done where students will develop cooperation, solidarity, brotherhood and they will be prepared to play social role.
- In the modern era, people have become dependent on technology. Addiction to the use of various social media is increasing. So, people can be motivated by posting various ethical topics on social media.
- Values can be inculcated among the people by producing movies, serials on the topics of values of different cultures.

ROLE OF TEACHER

The values of family, society and state develop and spread around the teacher. However, it is a matter of great regret that many educational institutions are being established in our country day by day, thousands of teachers are teaching. Nevertheless, the deviation of values is happening. Unhealthy competition of marks is seen in educational institutions. Youth are the key to any nation's future development. Unfortunately, young people in India are becoming increasingly attracted to social problems, violence, and disrespect for teachers and elders (**Gupta, 2016**). Teachers are unable to play a role in creating education and social values expected by the society. Therefore, teachers should play a vital role. Teachers can revive the decaying values of the society. Teachers can establish values through discussion, experimentation and demonstration. Teacher can build up the young generation as ideal citizens of the future. Teachers have the ability to identify talented youths and assist them in realizing their full potential by fostering physical and mental health, as well as the development of appropriate interests, attitudes, moral and intellectual values (**Saroja, 2016**).

- Teachers should try to incorporate curricular and co-curricular values and organize co-curricular activities in schools to instill values in human life. In order to make students aware of these values, teachers should select elements of experience or knowledge that are significant in terms of students' real lives.
- Teachers can organize various social service programs to inculcate different types of values among students and motivate them to participate simultaneously, cultivating social values and a service attitude in them.
- National and international days, as well as the birth anniversaries of great individuals, must be celebrated to promote values among students.

ROLE OF FAMILY

In ancient times, values started from the family, but due to materialistic preoccupation, our society has undergone significant changes. It has become impossible to give time to family members. The joint family has broken down and turned into a nuclear family. Parents are often impatient with their children. The decline of middle-class and lower-middle-class families begins with family competition, work pressure, unemployment etc. On the other hand, the image of the upper-class family shows that both parents work separately and children grow up to be working class people. Prevalence of affection, disrespect, treating one's child as superior to other children and ignoring any complaints due to overconfidence in the child. Remote controls and mobile phones are handed over to them to pass the time. Children and teenagers indulge in cartoons and games. Older people mostly indulge in immoral activities. A large section of women is consumed with cereal, where values are on the brink of decadence. At some point, everything starts to spoil his fun. The first step into the world of addiction begins. Smoking, and drugs become a part of life. Low moral standards have led to social instability and turmoil (**Rajguru, 2022**). Families can play an important role in solving the value-related problem in this complex situation.

- All the family members will try to live together and not bring family problems in front of the children.
- Parents will treat all children equally.
- Parents must be role models for their children.
- Parents should take care of their children and teach them ethics and values.

- Advising children on good deeds and forbidding bad deeds.
- Working parents must give time to their children.

6. CONCLUSION

Value education inculcates values in young students and creates a conviction of self-strength and self-discipline in practical life without merely materializing knowledge. This education can play an important role in the present time when moral values are degrading day by day. It helps to build the character of young learners. Today's young students are the future citizens of tomorrow. Due to the continuous erosion of values, a lack of manners, and emerging criminal tendencies among the youth of today's generation, the only way to solve these issues is to spread values education, as it can build an ideal society and provide people with a real education. Value education plays an important role in the development of both society and the nation. Therefore, specific educational policies, curricula, and syllabi should be formulated, keeping in mind the value of education. Teachers, students, and family members need to be humble and supportive of each other. If the responsibility of inculcating values in people is not limited to a single educational system and values, individuals must strive to bring goodness to our society and build a hopeful and prosperous future. Only then will a new and hopeful dawn break through the dark depths of the crisis of social values.

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