

Neglect of Enhancing Intellectual Ability in Our Education System.

1. Introduction

Thesis Statement: Pakistan's education system is seriously plagued with the neglect of enhancing intellectual ability. As a major reason behind intellectual, economic and social crisis in country; Immediate steps are required to counter this problem.

2. Importance of enhancing intellectual ability in education system

3. Factors contributing to enhancing intellectual barrenness.

- a. Fixed syllabus for decades despite a great intellectual and material shift.
- b. Untrained or poorly trained instructors
- c. Flawed examination system
- d. Lack of availability of funds to educational institutes
- e. Lack of encouragement of innovation.

4. Negative impacts of lack of intellectual ability

- a. Lack of innovation in society.
- b. Bending of society towards nostalgic attitudes
- c. Increased unemployment.
- d. Frustration among youth
- e. Intellectual and material defeat from other nations.

5. Recommendations to enhance intellectual ability
- a. Regular review of syllabus taught at different institutions
 - b. Proper and regular training of teachers
 - c. Innovation in education system
 - d. Allocation of more budget for education.

6. Conclusion.

A famous educationist said that if Pakistani students are asked to write essay on any creative topic they will, somehow, transform it into any traditional topic. This analysis seriously puts the intellectual ability and creativity of Pakistani students under question. Enhancement of intellectual ability is fundamental for the growth and prosperity of any nation. Unfortunately, fixed syllabus for decades, poorly trained instructors and flawed examination are primary factors behind this lag. Moreover, lack of availability of funds and lack of encouragement for innovation often contribute to this intellectual defeat from other nations. This neglect of enhancement in intellectual ability results in technological and intellectual defeat,

increased unemployment and frustration among youth. Hence, immediate steps are required to enhance intellectual ability among students. In short, Pakistan's education system is seriously plagued with the neglect of enhancing intellectual ability. It leads to intellectual, economic and social crisis across the country. Hence, immediate steps are required to counter this problem.

Enhancement of intellectual ability is fundamental for any nation to make progress. Europe came out of the dark ages, only when intellectual activities succeeded in making room in society. Many modern scholars emphasized that if Muslims want to make progress in society they must enhance their intellectual ability instead of curbing it. The major scholars linked with this thought

thought include Pakistan's national poet Dr Iqbal. But enhancement of such an ability is quite difficult number of factors are barricading it.

The first and fundamental factor leading to this neglect is fixed syllabus for decades. Although technology and intellectual debates change on daily basis. To compete with such rapidly growing factors with fixed and traditional syllabus is possible in no way.

Along with fixed study courses, the teachers and instructors are often poorly trained. Most of the teachers have their abilities limited to that course. These teachers do not have any exposure to real practical applications. These concerns have been repeatedly shown by educationists like Dr Pervez Hudaib on different platforms. This grave

situation makes it obvious that intellectual growth under such fixed courses with taught under fixed minds makes intellectual growth practically impossible.

The third factor which contributes to this disaster is flawed examination system. This factor is fundamental to the level that it boosts the first two factors. Similar kind of examination systems are prevalent in many states across the world, but it has highly been criticized in international academic centres. Many intellectuals openly criticize it by considering its importance nothing more than giving goosebumps to the students.

The poor economy of the state is often crucial in this regard. Lack of availability

of funds is major factor in limiting the growth of education sector. Pakistan only contributes 2% of its GDP in the education sector. It is quite less keeping in view the fact that GDP of Pakistan is often not appreciable

Another major but very less talked factor is prevailing intolerance and fundamentalism in society. It is factor which delayed enlightenment and growth of Europe for centuries, and is now hurting Pakistan's progress. Social media trolling and humiliation of intellectual scholars is quite common and has often been an issue of debate in international arena.

The number of factors leading to this neglect are often impacting the society

negatively. Its negative impacts can be seen in every area from sciences to art and from individual to collective life which taints the individual and national attitude and character and future.

The country has, unfortunately, been plagued by the lack of innovation in society. This lack is not limited to any particular field of study or to any particular section of society. Despite the number of engineers and Technologists more than the population of many European states, Pakistan's rank in innovation and entrepreneurship is among the last countries in this list.

The lack of intellectual activity in society seriously hurts the economic and social fabric of society. The state lacking in intellectualism has to depend

upon other states to import material technology and ideas.

This lack converts nations into dependent and slave nations relying upon others for even small progress.

The lag in materialistic intellectualism leads to increase in unemployment in society. The unemployment not only destroys useful energies often gives big blow to economic sector leading to frustration in youth. This frustration most likely comes out in the form of crimes. A point which has often been confirmed by modern science.

Those who control the minds and bodies control the past and present and resultantly the future. The intellectual power enables one to control media and often to control thoughts.

and minds powerful propoganda tools are in their hands. It leads to a victory in the fifth generation war: The war of information.

The above given arguments clearly depicts that victory is for those who are modern and advance in intellectual ability.

Hence certain measures are immediatly required to enhance intellectual ability of students. So that the results could be reaped in future.

The first and foremost step that can be taken in this regard is regular review of syllabus taught at different institutions at different levels.

Committees should be formed in this regard and people from diverse backgrounds should be

included so that innovative kind of syllabus could come out of it.

The second major step that can prove to be effective is proper and regular training of instructors. First of all, severe kind of testing system should be introduced which must include test of teaching quality of candidates. Secondly national and international programmes for teacher training should be launched. The last but not the least step could be the introduction of surveillance system to ensure the application of all these efforts in the educational institutes.

A major step which is fundamental to every step is increase in allocation of budget for education. As each and

every progress is linked with it. Without the allocation of more and appropriate budget the dream of improvement in education sector could never be materialized.

In conclusion, Enhancement of intellectual ability is of Primary importance. Unfortunately, Pakistan's education system is facing neglect in this regard which is leading to severe crisis in diverse areas. Although, the current situation paints a bleak image but through appropriate working on institutions, teachers and students, the situation can be improved which can often ^{positively} impact the growth of the country at all levels and in all sectors as Plato famously said, "Wisdom is highest of all the virtues."