

Higher Education: Ills and Remedies

During the second world war, Churchill received a message from Hitler. Hitler made him an offer if Churchill did not bomb German universities, he would also not destroy his ones. Churchill immediately accepted his offer and said if England was destroyed and Cambridge and Oxford Universities were spared then English culture would also survive. This highlights the importance of higher education for any nation. Unfortunately, Pakistan is facing plethora of issues related to higher education. The plight of educational institutions include poor and out dated curriculum, lack of infrastructure and lacking basic training for Teachers. Other than that the fee structure of a number of universities is beyond the means of mediocre middle class. This puts pressure on both parents and their wards. Apart from this, another problem unfolds about the shortage of universities in areas which are away from major cities. This in return, puts the student on the horns of dilemma between choosing expensive study programmes and travelling cost. Thus, there is a dire need of the time for the government to revise educational policies. Reforms in educational sector are utmost necessary. This include the subsidies funds and scholarships awarded to the institution as well as students. Building of proper infrastructure based on classrooms, grounds, rest areas, prayer halls, libraries, indoor cafeterias and laboratories will work as a silver lining for transforming the conditions of universities in Pakistan. Similarly, hiring lecturers as permanent faculty will also play an important role in increasing the standard of education. This essay will lay bare the ill's and remedies associated with higher education in Pakistan.