

Educational Dilemma in Pakistan

Outline

I- Introduction

Has been facing challenges and issues

~~Thesis statement:~~ Pakistan has been facing educational dilemma since its inception in the form of low budget for education, limited educational institutes and lack of basic infrastructure among others.

~~These problems can be solved by taking~~

~~certain appropriate measures.~~

II- Education: A prerequisite for development

III Educational dilemmas in Pakistan:

A- Low budget for education

B- Limited educational institutes

C- Inadequate infrastructure

D- Lack of modern teaching equipments

E- Less access to technical education

F- Lack of qualified teachers

G- Low quality of education

H- Outdated syllabus

I- High poverty rate

J- Sexual harassment in educational institutes

IV- Some suggested measures to decrease educational dilemma in Pakistan:

- A- Increasing public awareness regarding education
- B- Enhancing budget for education
- C- Improving teacher training

V- Conclusion

Education is indeed the bedrock for the development of any country. It plays a crucial role in the progress and prosperity of people those that are behind the developed world and help them stand with those nations that have achieved their targeted goals. When it comes to developing nations such as Pakistan, it has not achieved prosperity as compared to the other countries that got independence with it. The reason behind this lack of development lies in the education system of Pakistan that has

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developed with the changing circumstances.

There are various educational dilemmas in Pakistan such as low budget for education, limited educational institutes and inadequate educational infrastructure.

In addition, lack of modern teaching equipments and less access to technical education limit the fruits of education in Pakistan. Similarly, lack of qualified teachers, low quality of education and outdated syllabus impede prosperity of Pakistan. Moreover, high poverty rate and

social harassment in educational institutes of Pakistan disrupt the education sector.

Therefore, some appropriate steps such as increasing public awareness regarding education, enhancing budget and improving teacher training programs can tackle the educational dilemma in Pakistan. In a nutshell,

Pakistan has been facing educational dilemmas since its inception in the form of low budget, limited educational institutes and others. Therefore, certain serious steps are needed at the hour in order to improve education in Pakistan.

Education plays key role for the progress and development of nations. It requires proper attention of every sector and of every aspect of life in order to give fruitful results. If one looks at the developed world, one can clearly see that it ~~has given~~ gave proper time and finance for education sector and made both short and long term policies and made a proper and functional system for the education. On the other hand, it is crystal clear from the volatile nations that they did not give priority to education. Pakistan is not different from the other countries that remained behind in education sector.

To start with, Pakistan allocates low budget for education that does not allow it to bring prosperity. Pakistan is a ~~scarce-economic~~ country that does not have too much finance to spend in education sector. ~~When it does not get proper funding then it becomes almost impossible for education to~~

bring positive results. For example, according to the Economic Survey of Pakistan, less than 2 percent of the Gross Domestic Product was ~~spend~~ spent on education. Hence, low budget is a major problem for the education sector of Pakistan.

In addition, Pakistan has limited educational institutes that can not compensate such a huge population. Lack of finance restricts educational institutes and they can not have the capacity to accommodate large number of students. Restricted institutes get large number of admissions but these numbers could not do justice and result in increased failure ratio. For instance, according to a report by Pakistan Institute of Education, there are total 313418 schools while the number of students are 42576130. These ^{few} limited educational institutes can not bring desired results with such huge number of students.

Similarly, most of the schools in Pakistan have inadequate infrastructure. In order to achieve objectives, schools need proper and functional infrastructure.

that is absent in Pakistan. It includes strong buildings, availability of safe and clean water and other basic necessities.

Due to lack of finance, most of the schools in Pakistan don't have these facilities. According to a report by Higher Education Commission, only 23% of primary schools in Pakistan have access to clean water. Resultantly, inadequate educational infrastructure is a serious issue for the education in Pakistan.

~~Availability~~ Shortage of modern teaching equipments is another dilemma of education. As the world is moving progress, it is moving towards digitalization of education. It provides visual presentation of lectures that helps students in better apprehending the topics. These digital equipments are rarely seen in government schools and they are completely absent in rural areas of Pakistan. According to a research study "Online Education and Pakistan", rural areas of Pakistan do not have digital equipments for education. ~~In this way~~ lack of modern ~~digital~~ teaching equipments creates significant ~~problem~~ for education in Pakistan.

~~Further on~~ Pakistan's ~~Education~~

System lacks technical education that restricts employment opportunities for the students. Technical education is compulsory in some of the developed countries that paves ways for employment in various fields irrespective of educational background. Pakistan lacks technical education ~~that~~ and by producing a thousands of students each year, employment ratio is increasing ^{by} every passing year. According to an article in Express Tribune "Vocational Education and Economy", China ~~has~~ uses schools as the primary mechanism for offering open and flexible vocational education while Pakistan lacks this system. Thus, lack of technical ~~&~~ education is a serious concern for education in Pakistan.

Likewise, lack of qualified teachers in Pakistan is a serious issue ~~of~~ education. Efficient teachers with ~~excellent~~ experience play important role for the progress of education ~~in~~. However, in Pakistan, ~~delighted~~ and experienced teachers are leaving the country ~~due to~~ since opportunities and less resources. They do not

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life. In her book "Teaching and Teacher
Education in Pakistan: Historical and
Contemporary Perspectives", Dr. Hameed says that
due to ~~some~~ economic and educational
opportunities, specialist educationists are looking
for European countries for better ~~fulfill~~. In
this regard, lack of qualified teachers is
a serious dilemma for education in Pakistan.

~~Additionally, outdated curriculum~~
in Pakistan ~~demands~~ ~~educationalists~~ to
deliver according to the needs of the
time. The education syllabus is decades
old and lacks multiple innovations
and developments that have discovered
and experienced in the last few years.
This old curriculum restricts students'
thinking level and can not help teachers
to grasp the topics completely. In an
article in "Dawn" news paper, named, "Education
Reforms in Pakistan", Pakistan follows decades
old education syllabus that has become
obsolete in developed world. Hence, outdated
education syllabus impedes educational development
in Pakistan.

Along with high poverty rate in Pakistan restricts people to provide basic education to their children. Education requires nearly fourteen to sixteen years in order to be able to get a job and earn.

However, in the times of high poverty, it has become impossible for most of the people to provide education to their youngsters. Therefore, they prioritize child labour over education.

According to a report by Pakistan Institute of Education, 26.2 million school aged children are out of schools in 2024. International Labour Organization states that child labour has increased enormously in last few years in Pakistan. Therefore, high poverty rate impedes education in Pakistan.

Last but not the least, sexual harassment in educational institutes of Pakistan causes immense damage to education sector. Sexual harassment has become a norm of the day as there are various cases circulating in the country where teachers harass their students. Students are blackmailed by their teachers for academic marks in exams and are forced to be ⁱⁿ physical

relations with the teachers or with the head of department. The dean of Islamic Department of Gomal University Dera Ismael Khan was exposed by a famous anchor person, Syed Iqbal Hossen, for harassing female students for their exams. Hence, social harassment are causing damaging education structure.

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~~The fundamental arguments explain various educational dilemmas in Pakistan. The following points suggest some suitable measures to overcome educational dilemmas in Pakistan.~~

To start with, increasing public awareness regarding education in Pakistan is mandatory for educational development. There is a very little consciousness in the rural areas of Sindh and Balochistan about education. They do not enroll their children into schools and due to this very reason the schools of these areas are in abject misery. Therefore, government needs to collaborate with different organizations in order to increase educational awareness in ~~in~~ all over the country and particularly

remote areas.

Similarly, enhancing budget for education is prerequisite for its development. Finance plays key role in the betterment of education institutes in the form of plenty of educational institutes with proper and functional equipments that are the need of the time in order to make progress. Therefore, this needs factor needs to be considered as immediate step for educational development.

Lastly, improving teacher training programs are required at large level. The government of Pakistan and civil society need to take this step on serious basis as they are important for teachers' development initiatives. These programs and initiatives could provide essential training through seminars which would be beneficial for education. This training initiatives are important for increasing teachers' experience.

At the end of the discussion, it is evident that educational dilemma persists in Pakistan in various forms

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Such as low budget, limited educational institutes and inadequate infrastructure. Similarly, lack of modern teaching equipments and shortage of technical education restrict educational progress in Pakistan. Moreover, low quality of education, outdated syllabus, high poverty rate and others are educational dilemmas in Pakistan. Therefore, certain serious measures such as increasing public awareness and enhancing budget for education among others are required to eliminate issues in the education sector of **Good** Pakistan. There is a great potential in Pakistan in every field and the only sector that can pave ways to the prosperity is education that needs proper attention and time-frame in order to generate fruitful results. It would uplift the political, economic and scientific domains that are the cornerstones of developed world.