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Education is considered a highly essential element for any society. Shed light on the issues of education in Pakistan and their remedies.

Education At - A - Glance :-

Human's ability to learn is one of the distinguished features of the species and at the same time the nations that are advanced in education are

leading the world. No one can deny the importance of education in every aspect of life. Education is a tool for changing the individuals as well as collective thinking of nation.

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Education is the human right, a powerful driver of development, and one of the strongest instruments for reducing poverty and improving health, gender equality, peace and stability. It delivers large consistent returns in terms of income.

Importance of Education:-

For individuals, education promotes employment earnings, health and poverty reduction.

Globally, there is 9% increase in hourly earnings for extra year of schooling.

For societies, it drives long-term economic growth, spurs innovation, strengthens institutions and fosters social cohesion.

Education is further powerful catalyst to climate action through widespread behaviour change and skilling for green transitions.

According to Nelson Mandela;

"Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world."

Education is the stairway to the growth and development of a society. It is a source of growth and development of a society. A country's economic prosperity is highly depended on the educated population they have.

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Issues of Education in Pakistan:-

A report on the performance of the education sector released by the Pakistan Institute of Education has revealed a harrowing state of affairs in the sector, particularly the disparity in the availability of essential facilities - such as toilets, potable water, boundary walls - in different regions of country.

The Pakistan Education statistics ~~2021-22~~ ^{write latest figures} ~~released~~ underscored a lack of funds, poor pupil-teacher ratio, missing basic facilities as well as 26 million out of school children in the country.

According to world bank report, only 23% of primary schools in Balochistan had access to potable water. Azad Kashmir 31pc, 61pc Sindh and Gilgit Baltistan's 63pc primary schools have potable water.

According to the assessments conducted by the National Assessment

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Wing highlighted the urgent need to improve learning outcomes among students.

The report said that in 2021-22 spending on education remained 1.7pc of GDP. The quality of education in Pakistan is no less distressing.

Education - quality education is a fundamental human right that cannot be denied.

According to Aser National Report 2023, there is a huge gender discrimination in Pakistan. The percentage of out-of-school girls are higher than boys.

The report said 8pc girls are still out of schools compared to boys 6pc.

One of the most major issue is the no change in curriculum. The teaching methods and curriculum in Pakistan is being criticised for being outdated and failing to prepare students for the modern world.

Among other causes, corruption is the main contributing factor which

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has deeply affected the education system of Pakistan. Corruption in education is not a problem tormenting Pakistan alone. ~~It prevades the whole world.~~ For example, online education is offered by many universities to facilitate students, but many unaccredited and fake online universities offering degrees in higher budget than actual.

Remedies:-

- ① There ~~should~~ be sufficient ~~budgetary~~ allocation for education in the national GDP. This will provide the system with resources to take fresh breath of life.
- ② There ~~should~~ be quality institutions for the professional development of teachers from primary to higher levels.
- ③ Curriculum ~~should~~ be evaluated on annual basis. In this regard a vast survey should be conducted to seek opinions of all sectors.
- ④ There ~~should~~ be less political interferences. This will help the system to function

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smoothly and without any discrimination.

① Article 25A of the constitution must be implemented in the country which states education necessary for all.

② Policies should be implemented without any delay of time and resources.

The basic facilities should be provided in the educational institutes.

③ Government should increase the volume of funding to higher education commission for this purpose of promoting education.

④ In short, there is an urgent need to reform the system of education of Pakistan and for this purpose government should take major steps immediately.

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