

# Meaning Purposive education

## Outline:

1- Introduction

2- Significance of Purposive Education

3- Why Purposive Education is necessary for a state?

a- Purposive Education in Governance and Politics.

i- Purposive Education is necessary to produce informed citizens and enhance their discretion abilities. (21 lessons of 21<sup>st</sup> century by Yael Noah Harari)

ii- Policy formulation and Implementation are better performed through purposive education. (Finland's education policies)

iii- Educated leaders communicate effectively and build their trust on citizens, which is necessary for states institutions. (Why Nations fail by...)

## **b- Purposive education brings economic growth.**

**i-** Purposive education boosts individual's earnings and improves their quality of life, thus help in economic growth.

(10% increase in earning, UNESCO Report 2021).

**ii-** Purposive education encourages entrepreneurship and small businesses giving a boost to a country's economy.

(Success of Startups in Israel's "Startup Nation")

**iii-** It brings sustainable development by ensuring long-term economic growth.

(South Korea's rapid economic transformation).

## **c- Purposive education uplifts society.**

**i-** It develops human capital and contributes to overall social well being.

(The Bolsa Familia Program : Brazil)

ii- It brings social cohesion and stability in a society.

(Canada's multicultural education system).

d- Purposive education is necessary to foster technological progress.

i- It fosters innovation and technological advancements.

(The Silicon valley of US).

ii- It fosters global connectivity and communication traversing the barriers of borders.

(The Arab Spring).

4. Recommendations to achieve the goals of purposive education.

a. Providing adequate financing to educational institutions could help in achieving purposive education.

Investment should be made

b- in teachers' training and professional development

c- Skill development should be focused more rather than rote learning.

d- Rational policies and plans

should be formulated by taking on board all the stakeholders.

e- A uniform system of education accessible to all citizens should be introduced.

## 5- Conclusion.

Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of mind to think (Albert Einstein).

This purposive education enhances mental capabilities, necessary for the development of a state. It not only benefits individuals but uplifts a state by improving society, helping in economic growth, fostering technological advancements and helping in governance and political sphere. It produces well-informed citizens with enhanced discernment abilities. Such citizens know their rights and participate well in democratic processes. Educated leaders are able to formulate policies aligning with the needs of the citizens and implement them appropriately. Well educated leaders run state institutions effectively and build public trust through effective communication. Moreover, purposive education brings economic growth as it increases income of skilled individuals. These individuals

contribute to economic growth by increasing consumer spending. It also ensures long-term economic growth by encouraging small businesses and bringing sustainable development. In addition to these, purposive education uplifts society by developing human capital and ensuring social cohesion and stability in a society. Besides all these, it fosters innovation and technological advancements and connects people globally by making online communications possible, thus traversing the barriers of borders. <sup>Achieving</sup> Purposive education faces many challenges. However, these challenges can be addressed by providing adequate financing to educational institutions, investing in teachers' training and professional development. For purposive education skill development should be focused more than rote learning. (Rati) Furthermore, rational policies should be crafted and a uniform education system should be introduced. Purposive education not only benefits individuals but also necessary for a country's economy, society, gover-

nance and political spheres. Though it faces many challenges, it can be assured through informed policymaking.

Purposive education makes nations. At individual level, it enhances mental capabilities. It makes people self-reliant in their decisions and help them improving their quality of life. Besides benefiting individuals, it develops successful societies and communities which make collaborative efforts to address social issues and also contribute to country's prosperity. In addition to these, it boosts a country's economy by encouraging entrepreneurship and small businesses, alleviating unemployment and poverty. It also contributes to technological advancements thus fostering innovation and global connectivity.

The governance and political performances can be improved by ensuring purposive education. As it produces informed citizens with strong disertation abilities, these can participate well in democratic processes.

Citizens are well aware of their democratic right to vote. They can assess proposed policies of politicians and being aware of the difference between reliable information and misinformation, make informed decisions.

**Yael Noah Harari** in his book **21 Lessons of 21st Century** reflects the importance of digital literacy in discerning credible information. Hence, informed citizenry could make informed decisions by getting purposive education.

Alongwith informed citizens, informed policymakers and leaders are also necessary to run a country efficiently, thus making it important to pursue purposive education. Uneducated leaders are unable to assess the problems of the nation. Such leaders make ineffective policies which do not align well with the needs of the society. **Finland's**

**education policies** are efficiently crafted by well-informed policymakers as these ensure overall social well-being.

Therefore, for efficient policy formulation and implementation, it becomes necessary to pursue purposive education.



For better policy formulation and implementation it is necessary for state institutions to build public trust, which is possible through educated leaders with effective communication skills. These communication skills can be acquired through purposive education.

As reflected by **Daron Acemoglu** and **James A. Robinson** in their book

**Why Nations Fail**, state institutions are largely responsible for the success or failure of a nation. If governing bodies are uneducated, it will ultimately lead to failure of nations. Therefore, purposive education is vital for the good governance and success of the nations.

Beyond the importance of education in governance and political spheres, it is also important for the economic growth of a country. Citizens, which are well equipped with education, can earn more wages. These citizens then consume more to improve their quality of life. These increased consumer spendings then ultimately contribute to economic

growth. According to UNESCO's report 2021, there is 10% increase in earning in developing countries for people with one more year of schooling. Therefore, purposive education help in driving national economic growth.

Besides increasing income, purposive education boost's economy by creating employments. It encourages enterpreneurships and small businesses. Such businesses hire more people and overtime these convert into large businesses. It paves the way for the growth of the economy and makes a country able to compete in the global market. It is evident from the success of startups in Israel's "Startup Nation". Thus, national economic growth necessitates purposive education.

Moreover, purposive education makes sustainable development possible by ensuring long-term economic growth. Sustainable development requires informed and properly formulated policies. These policies should be

practical and should benefit in the long run. This is only possible through purposive education which enhances the cognitive abilities making stakeholders able to devise practicable and efficient ways to achieve sustainable development. This ensures long-term economic growth, as it is evident from **Rapid economic transformation of South Korea**. South Korea's investment in education and informed policies rapidly transformed its economy. Hence, to uplift economy, purposive education should be given its due importance.

Besides the role of purposive education in governance, politics and economic spheres, it is essential to uplift a society. It contributes to the overall social well-being as it develops human capital. It ensures education, health, and other basic needs to the individuals of a society. Educated people can earn enough to have a stable family, they can meet their basic needs and can equip their children with education, can take

better care of their health. The Bolsa

**Familia Program of Brazil** provides families with their finances if their children are regular in their schools.

This helps alleviating the vicious cycle of poverty, education, and economy, thus meeting their basic needs. Therefore, education helps in improving human capital by alleviating poverty.

Besides alleviating poverty, education also fosters social cohesion and stability in a society. People, when equipped with education learn to tolerate and respect different viewpoints and avoid conflicts. This leads to social cohesion and results in the formation of a stable society with less number of conflicts. Canada's multicultural education system provides the evidence of the role of education in fostering stable communities. Thus, forming a stable society requires purposive education.

In addition to all these, the technological progress also requires purposive education. Purposive education instills skills, creativity making innovation and technological advancements possible. **The Silicon valley of US** is a hub of technological advancements, which became possible only by investing and giving due importance to education. Moreover, technology made diagnosis <sup>and cure</sup> of diseases possible and easy, thus increasing lifetime of individuals. Therefore, education must be focused to compete in this innovative and technology-driven world.

Furthermore, through purposive education people learn to connect globally. Education and technology have made communications easy throughout the world traversing all the physical barriers. People can connect, share ideas, make collaborative efforts and can also raise their voice against atrocities they face and can demand their rights. These collaborative efforts prove more effective as it is evident

from the historical event of **Arab Spring**. Therefore, to take advantage of technology and to seek their rights people must be equipped with the purposive education.

Despite all these advantages, purposive education has to face many challenges worldwide. However, "A journey of thousand miles begins with a single step", these challenges can be addressed by making even small steps and moving towards taking larger steps. These steps may include focusing on skill development more than rote learning. Investment should be made in teachers' training and professional development. Adequate financing should be provided to educational institutions that could help in achieving purposive education.

Alongwith these solutions, rational policies and plans should be formulated by taking on board all the stakeholders. Last but not the least, to foster purposive education that will benefit individuals, society and state, a uniform system of

education should be introduced and it should be made accessible to all citizens, to harness maximum benefit from it.

To conclude, purposive education is necessary for all the spheres and is a key to successful future of individuals as well as nations. As **Malcom X** said:

**"Education is a passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it."**

Education is not only necessary for individual's personal growth and development but it also remains a factor of paramount importance for a state's governance, politics, economy and society. Though it faces many challenges, it is possible to reduce hurdles by following proper policy options thus ensuring a successful and prosperous nation.