

The only knowledge worth having is that which is applicable to some part of the economic life of the community.

The statement discussed above considers knowledge as a source of economic well-being. It is quite sure that many people would disagree and refute the compartmentalization of knowledge. They would rather say knowledge is knowledge. However, in poor countries like Pakistan people prefer knowledge which effects some change in their lives in terms of money. They deem knowledge as an only option which can improve the living standards of lower and middle class people. Otherwise seeking knowledge is, in any form, beneficial for mankind. Hence, for poor countries, it has become need of the hour to furnish their people with the knowledge which can change their fortunes.

Thanks to the investment in Research and Development, western countries are standing far superior in everything to underdeveloped countries. While by virtue of their right priorities west is reaping fruit of its efforts, + east is navigating the quagmire of poverty and dismal living conditions. In this context, if east has come to realization that it should better its people's ^{lives} by knowledge, it is a commendable step. Its efforts in this direction would come to fruition, if it pursues them consistently. East

should set its priorities aright; invest in Research and Development; prepare its home-grown models; and tap in its untapped economic potential. This is how it would eventually reach its long-awaited destination of prosperity and progress.

Despite the challenges like poverty, illiteracy and underdevelopment, east has promising prospects ahead if it just sets itself aright. Moreover, pursuing knowledge-based economy would unlock enormous opportunities for its youth. However, it would be naive of the rulers, if they ignore the benefits of literature. With the provision of education which assists people to live a well-resourced life, it is necessary to teach them literature as well. Because it is literature which actually promotes humanism. Otherwise, under the guise of humans, there would be robots walking in the streets. Therefore, in lieu of giving one-sided focus to economic part of knowledge, a balanced approach should be adopted to better equip the youth for future challenges.

To take a bird-eye view, it is the time east took pragmatic measures to effect real change. In order to improve its conditions, it should invest in R&D. Similarly, it should promote balanced view of life where there is economy and humanity live side by side.