

# Higher Education: Ills and Remedies

## Introduction

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" (Nelson Mandela)

In 1990 when Nelson Mandela walked free after 27 years in prison, he did not talk about revenge. He spoke about education because he knew that freedom of any individual and nation mainly depends upon the learning, critical thinking and opportunities.

Once Pakistan was enjoying the prestigious status in higher education across the globe. In 1962 Pakistan became the first country in the South Asia to a launch a rocket to the space. (Rahbar Dr. Abdul Qasim was given Nobel Prize for his groundbreaking work on electroweak unification theory. Dr. Ata-ur-Rehman and his team

made a splendid intervention in the field of agriculture by inventing a low-cost diagnostic kit and helped to produce new varieties of crops. This was a appreciable effort for food security. Bataal engineering works contributed in making industries self-reliant and produced sugar mills machinery and textile plants and reduced import of these materials. Nowadays, Pakistan has many ills in higher education like outdated curriculum, poor infrastructure, expensive education and lack of efficient human resources. Immediate remedies are introducing modern curriculum, improve infrastructure, providing affordable education and hiring efficient humans. If these steps are not taken then Pakistan will remain unable to attain a remarkable status in the global rankings of higher education.