

# Education in Pakistan

Literate society is necessary for every state for development. The first verse of quran is about education, "Read! in the name of the Lord who created man". And our last holy prophet gave the lesson about education, "Seeking knowledge is an obligation upon every muslim".

Even Constitution of Pakistan give the protection of basic education, Article 25-A said that, state will provides the <sup>free</sup> basic education at age 5-16. And Article 37-B said, state remove the illiteracy and provides the free secondary education. Even its include in state goal, SDG4 tells improve and quality education is included in state goals.

There are around 146185 schools are providing the primary education in Schools. And 42147 schools are providing middle education in Pakistan. And 29874 schools are providing secondary school education. But AEPAM reported, 22.84 million Children are not going to school in Pakistan. This is the huge number. And in the world Pakistan

is the second country and Nigeria is first according to the report of UNESCO.

The literacy in Pakistan is 60%, 68% of boys and 52.8% of girls, according to the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics. The contribution of GDP in education is 0.8% according to economic survey of Pakistan. But in economic survey of 2023, it was 1.7% of GDP.

The number is downfall. World bank reported literacy rate in India is 78% and its spending 3.8% of GDP. And in Bangladesh spending 1.8% of GDP and literacy rate is 74%. And our friendly neighbour China is spending 4% of GDP in education and literacy rate is 96%. And USA is spending 5.4% of GDP in education and literacy rate is 99%.

Pak is facing the critical crisis in education sector. Total universities in Pakistan is 269, 160 public and 109 is private. And have only 37% PHD faculty. HEC allocation only 61.1 billion but the required amount is 125.1 billion. The shortfall is 48%. UNESCO reported, 5 Lakh Teachers in Pakistan are Untrained.