

Education system of Pakistan: ills and remedies

Outline

- I. Introduction
- II. Debunking the term 'education'
- III. Significance of education for nation
- IV. Issues faced by education system of Pakistan.

1. Lack of policy implementation, results in corruption, lawlessness and governance crises.

Case-in-point: More than 25 education policies including the national education policy 2009, have

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been formulated but none have been implemented in true spirit.

2 - Shortage of funds leads toward poor management of human and natural resources -

Case-in-point: According to International crises group, Pakistan is among 12 countries that spend less than 2 percent of their GDP on education sector -

3 - Non-uniform and outdated syllabus impedes the development of analytical minds -

Case-in-point: Outdated syllabus does not suite to the emerging job market.

4 - Lack of training and vocational centres adds into socio-economic grievance

Case-in-point: According to planning

Commission of Pakistan, only 6 percent students acquire technical education and only 2 percent of them implement it in their lives.

5 - Teacher's naivety towards modern methodologies, failed to produce skilled labour -

V. Remedies for education system

Case in point: According to UNES there are

- Sufficient allocation of funds
- Updated ^{syllabus} and uniform education trajectory
- Implementation of education policies
- Focus on teachers training in true letter and spirit.

VI. Conclusion

Essay :

Education, the kindling of flame, is a permanent character of human history, from darkness to light and ~~from~~ evolution of thoughts from ^{ashes to} phoenix. ~~It~~ ^{It has remained} been a powerful tool for securing growth and progress in socio-economic and political realm. It discerns human beings from rest of the creatures. But, unfortunately, Pakistan being a developed nation has faced several issues in education system since its inception, and therefore, remained fail to deliver according to nation's aspirations. There are multiple issues behind the ~~story~~ sorry state of education in Pakistan; including lack of political

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will to implement education policies, shortage of funds, and lack of techno-vocational and training centres.

Owing to all these greivances, Pakistan's education system remained unable to foster analytical skills

of its youth to compete the global market. Nonetheless, there is

always light at the end of

tunnel. Therefore, government should take some pragmatic measures, such

as, introduction of modern technologies and syllabus, sufficient budgetary allocation and encouragement of technovocational education, ~~st~~ to

help the coming generation may have a better education system.

Education is a process which starts at the birth and continues till the death. It discerns human beings

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from other creatures. The basic purpose of education is to shape a human being and prepare him a worker and as a member of larger society. There are two types of education: Formal education, which takes place in proper institute and informal education which does not occur in formally structured schools. The ~~purpo~~ difference between both can be seen in terms of purpose, timing and level of control. Education ~~is~~ play's pivotal role in nation's progress. It lays the foundation of socio-economic and political development. The founder of Pakistan had realized it earlier, so he in his first message to Education Conference, he said: "If we are to make

real, speedy and substantial
progress; & we should bring out
our education policy on the
lines suited to the genius of
our people, constant with our
culture and having regard to the
vast development of the world.
The future of our people depend
on we teach them. So, through
education, we should instill in them
a high sense of honour, integrity
and selfless services to the nation.
Thus, there is no denied the fact
that education plays an important
role in social, economic and psychological
development of an individual.
Pakistan's education system has
remained fail to reap the potential
of its youth due to several

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Barriers - The first and foremost is the lack of political will in policy implementation. More than 25 education policies including national education policy of 2009 have been formulated, but none have been implemented in true and genuine spirit due to corruption, lawlessness and inconsistency on the part of successive political regimes. Thus, lack of policy implementation has caused the failure of education system.

Besides, finance is considered the engine of the system. The education system of Pakistan has crippled mainly due to scarcity of funds. The successive governments have been spending less than 4 percent of its GDP on education sector.

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According to International Crises Group, Pakistan is among 12 countries that spend less than 2 percent of their budget on education system. This budgetary allocation is very insufficient to meet the ~~ci~~ needs of education system in present changing time. ~~Further more,~~ In whole, lack of finance is the major cause behind poor education system of Pakistan.

Furthermore, several education system are working simultaneously in the country, making it difficult for rural children to compete with urban students in job market. Along with it, there is a clear difference between

the students' ^{attitude} coming out from
public schools, Deeni Madaris and
a few elite private schools. ~~Thus~~
The increasing wave of terrorism
and ~~inter~~ seccertarianism is the
consequence of this divided system.
Thus, non-uniform education system
further aggravate the already
weak education system.

Similarly, there is a lack of
techno-vocational institutes which
confronts the economic arena of
the country. According to Planning
Commission of Pakistan, only
6 percent students takes vocational
education and just 2 percent
of them implement it in their
life. Technovocational education
is indispensable to compete with

the emerging trends of the world and to boost the entrepreneurship. But Pakistan's education system lags behind in this realm. Thus, lack of techno-vocational institutions has led toward poor education system.

Like wise, training is very necessary for quality performance in teaching as ~~teac~~ it is a challenging job. But in Pakistan, there are a few training centres most of which have been closed due to scarcity of funds and trained human resources. According to UNESCO, there are no proper training standards available

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in training centres of remote areas of Punjab, Sindh, KPK and Balochistan- The courses ~~teach~~ taught in the training centres are so updated that they do not cater to the needs of modern world - Therefore, inept ~~edu~~ training contributes nothing to teachers and as a result to students -

Nonetheless, there is always a light at the end of dark tunnel - ~~Pot~~ Potential of Pakistan's youth can be turned into diamond by educating them, how they deserve to be - There is a dire need to reverse our education system, so to align the country in the line of developed countries - The

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government should take concrete steps to improve the system. At first, finance should be raised. Majority of the Pakistan's schools lack infrastructure, modern tools and labs and other basic necessities. There should be at least 4 percent budgetary allocation for education system. So, that it may take fresh breath with resources.

Secondly, there should be modern and update syllabus. For this purpose, a vast survey can be conducted to seek the aspirations of parents, teachers and students. Moreover, education goals should also be redefined.

Thirdly, there should be no delay

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in policy implementation. There should be less to no political interference to help the system work smoothly. Government should set some educational goals and keep it revising with changing time. Lastly, there is dire need to revitalize the teaching process.

Teaching ^{has become} is a low paid profession in Pakistan. So, government should work to sort out the grievances of teachers so that they may work efficiently. 'Hire well,

pay well, should be the mantra.

In a nutshell, education is inevitable for overall growth of societies and only a viable education system can ensure the socio-economic and political growth

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of a nation. Pakistan's education system is currently facing various challenges due to which it remained unable to come up to nation's aspirations. However, some pragmatic measures such as policy implementation, rising finance and inculcating modern syllabus can make it a viable and required education system.