

Neglect of utilization of Educated youth in Pakistan

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Allama Muhammad Iqbal, the renowned muslim philosopher, thinker and poet is regarded

as 'the poet of the East'. His poetry, much of which is mainly focused on renaissance of the Muslim world, revolves around the youth. He called the youth his 'Shaheen's' (falcons) for their potential role in the uplifting of the Muslims of the sub-continent. The same were the aspirations of founder of Pakistan 'Quaid-e-Azam' regarding the role of educated youth. But unfortunately, due to political instability better policies could not be framed to utilize the educated youth in Pakistan. In addition, economic crisis and population explosion restricted the spending of insufficient resources on a large population. The outdated educational system, being not updated according to the rapidly changing world, could not produced competent students. This negligence has given birth to the unemployment and subsequently to the poverty.

This, the hunger driven educated youth was compelled to commit crimes and escalated the crime rate. Moreover, it has been witnessed that a large chunk of unemployed youth showed inclination towards various forms of extremism.

Anyhow, by taking urgent corrective measures, the adverse effects of the neglecting educated youth in Pakistan can be countered. Firstly, empowering the youth economically can lessen the effects of this negligence. Secondly, development of private sector can create jobs for thousands of educated youth. Thirdly, providing quality education and training can make them competent for various jobs at national and international level. Lastly, youth focused institutional reforms will help the youth to deliver in the best interest of the country.

Since its inception, in Pakistan, utilization of educated youth has been neglected. Political instability coupled with economic crisis has worsened the problem. However, corrective measures can help the country make best use of its youth.

In Pakistan, educated youth has been neglected and its skills are not being used in the interest of the country. Youth has not been provided with sufficient jobs and working platforms. Pakistan, having around 63 percent of its population aged 15-30, has 31 percent of the educated youth unemployed. It is vital to engage private sector as government alone can not create so many jobs for its youth. The quality of education is also impacting utilization of educated youth in Pakistan. The obsolete curricula, untrained teachers

and outdated assessment techniques contribute to the problem. Resultantly, non-engagement of youth has had adverse effects on country's political, social and economic development.

Among the causes of neglecting utilization of educated youth in Pakistan, political instability is the most important one. Since its creation, the country has witnessed several military takeovers and frequent change of civilian governments. Every new government overthrows the initiatives for youth empowerment and launches its own schemes. For example, a government launched Benazir scholarships but the later governments rather than continuing the previous schemes, launched their own schemes and thus the effectiveness of the formerly initiated steps was compromised. Due to

economic woes of the country have obstructed the provision of quality education and skill development trainings for youth. According to UNESCO Institute for Statistics, the country spent 2.4% of its GDP on education in 2021, placing it in the least deciles in the list of other countries (UIS, 2022). In this way economic crisis of the country is responsible for negligence in utilization of educated youth in Pakistan.

Moreover, population explosion of Pakistan has also contributed to the negligence in youth development and utilization of their skills. With a population of 240 millions the country ranks 5th largest populated country in the world. The rapid increase in the percentage of youth makes it difficult for the government to pay heed on the large portion of its population. Additionally it is

not possible to even educate such a rapidly growing population, having let alone spending on their development and training. Having lack of resources and a population bulge makes it really difficult for the authorities to manage utilization of educated youth in Pakistan.

More importantly, outdated and obsolete educational system of the country has compounded the problem of neglecting the educated youth of Pakistan. Our educational system is incompetent to produce intellectuals, rather it is increasing the number of degree holder crammers. The intellect of university graduates is generally below the standard of secondary school students of the developed world. A major problem of the country's educational system is the lack of uniformity of education. Multiple educational systems

are working simultaneously in the country. Resultantly different schools of thought are emerged. In addition the country's spending on education is much lower than other regional countries. This has caused lack of basic infrastructure and insufficient basic amenities. Furthermore, the untrained teachers are waiting to be trained enough to provide quality education to the pupils.

Unfortunately, the already insufficient funds are misused by the corrupt officials. Corruption, the root cause of all the evils of Pakistani society has hindered the utilization of educated youth in Pakistan. Corruption hinders the future of the youth by creating an unfair and unjust environment. According to the corruption perception index report 2022, the country ranked 140th out of 180 countries. This ranking

clearly depicts how much deep-rooted corruption in Pakistani society is. It undermines competitiveness and transparency thus discouraging youth and investors both. Corruption has blocked the overall projects of utilization of educated youth in Pakistan.

Another important contributor to the negligence of utilization of educated youth in Pakistan is the incompetency of Pakistani students for well paid jobs. Their performance in public sector is frustrating. In private sector, due to their ineptitude, they are paid less. And also, Pakistani youth working abroad hardly qualifies ^{even} for low paid jobs. Theoretical nature of syllabus has undermined intellectual abilities of youth. Skill development trainings as per the requirement of job markets are integral for empowerment of youth. A large

number of graduates lack understanding of practical aspects and technical know-how of their profession.

Real development in any society depends upon development of its youth. In Pakistan, youth comprises around 63% of the population. Negligence in utilizing educated youth has had adverse effects on the society.

Firstly, neglecting utilization of educated youth in Pakistan has resulted in high rate of unemployment. The government is unable to directly employ such a large number of youth. In addition to this, the underdeveloped private sector is unable to create jobs in large number. The existing jobs are underpaid and do not offer a secure career. As a result, nearly

one third of the educated youth is jobless. Lack of technical trainings make the educated youth rely completely on service sector. Unavailability of financial aid to the educated youth has impeded their entry into business. Unemployment on one hand is the result of failure in utilizing skills of educated youth, on the other hand it is a hurdle in socio-economic development in a society.

Secondly, poverty is the ultimate result of indifference towards making use of educated youth. Lack of counseling and unavailability of jobs lead them to enter into low paid ordinary jobs. In order to win bread and butter, they are compelled to compromise their aspirations and dreams. This vicious cycle continues and the problems of youth are further aggravated. According to world

Bank report issued in 2023, As of 2023, poverty is expected to reach 37.2 percent. (Poverty & Equity Brief South Asia Pakistan, April 2023). Since Pakistan has a patriarchal society, so unemployment of youth brings poverty for whole of the family.

Thirdly, failure in utilization of educated youth of Pakistan increases crime rates - It can be witnessed in Karachi where majority of youth is educated and misdirected and unfortunately involved in criminal acts. Similarly in other areas of the country, due to insensibility towards addressing educated youth, they are becoming criminals.