



## **Role of education in the cultural context**

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### **Abstract**

In India, even a high school graduation isn't enough. An intermediate step toward a four-year college or university. A route to higher education may be found in secondary school. As a result, secondary education lacks concentration. Secondary education should have clearly defined goals and institutions should make every effort to achieve them in order to prepare students for the real world. "Culture shapes mind, it provides us with the tool kit by which we construct not only our world but our very construction of ourselves and our powers".

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### **Introduction**

Students from a wide range of backgrounds and cultures are often left out of school because they are exposed to a curriculum that has a single prevailing cultural slant. It doesn't show how they live and work in the culture they are used to and used to. This is why it is important to make sure that your curriculum includes a wide range of perspectives. It is important that the teaching and learning process take into account the children's physical, social, and cultural preferences when they are being taught and learning Teachers are the most important part of culture-based learning because they must try to get their students excited about learning not just intellectually, but also socially, culturally, mentally, and spiritually. Because the cultural environment has a big impact on learning, educators need to think about it. They need to come up with ways to include cultures and languages in their teaching methods. Culturally sensitive teachers should see each student's full potential, no matter what their background is, and give them the challenges they need to reach that potential. To make a curriculum that is relevant to their students' lives, teachers need to know their students' major languages, backgrounds, and cultures, so they can make the curriculum interesting for them. They need to make changes to their curriculum to make it easier for their students to learn because they come from different cultures. It's good for students to build on their own culture and history, not just for their academic success but also for their personal growth. It's important for teachers to get their students to work together in the classroom so that they can learn about and appreciate each other's different cultures. This means that kids can look back on how they live in their own country, as well as how people live all over the world. In a culturally responsive classroom, students feel valued and comfortable to study and be part of the class. People say that it's a place where kids can learn to be more confident and self-confident. Seeing their cultures celebrated at school makes students feel like part



of the school community, which makes them feel empowered and proud of their background. This makes them feel more confident and empowered. They do better at school and become more self-reliant and engaged citizens when they study in a place that values their language, culture, and history.

### **The role of education in cultural development**

#### **• Culture preservation**

The most important thing that education can do for a culture is to help it stay the same. Some cultural norms, customs, and beliefs should be passed down from generation to generation in order to keep a culture alive. Students who go to school learn about the values and ethics of their communities, which is important for them to know as people in the world. If a country's people are well-educated, there will be more people who can make cultural artefacts that can show the country's beliefs and ideals. This will lead to a generation that appreciates and understands its culture. It takes at least a few centuries to shape a culture, and it is important for a society to learn from its predecessors.

#### **• Critical Thinking**

High-quality education, on the other hand, should not only guarantee that pupils are aware of all that their community has previously accomplished. It should also teach young people how to think critically about the country's history and give a speech. A lot of people can learn from their predecessors' mistakes so that they can make better decisions now. Critical and analytical skills also play a role in the ability and motivation to come up with something new. People who are aware of their culture's demands and distinguishing characteristics may develop new enterprises and technologies that will aid in the ongoing evolution of their civilization. Simultaneously, someone who is well-versed in their country's history and culture is more likely to make work that reflects the country's current status. Finally, politicians, whose duty it is to secure the success of their society, must have a thorough awareness of their culture.

#### **• Understanding diversity**

It is necessary to be conversant with various cultures in order to properly understand and reflect on one's own culture. People may enhance their bonds with their own culture and improve their cultural identities by learning about other cultures. Other civilizations may also serve as a model for where a culture should go. Learning about rich nations and societies allows us to understand what principles and techniques they used to get there, allowing us to apply what we've learned to other countries. If a person learns that their personal views are much more aligned with another culture, they may contemplate relocating to an area where they feel more at ease.

#### **• Multiculturalism**

Knowing about various cultures is becoming more vital as we live in the era of diversity. Because many nations and towns house dozens, if not hundreds, of distinct cultures at the same time, knowing the cultural backgrounds of others in a society is essential for harmonious coexistence. Students in the same classroom, for example, may have diverse



notions about what constitutes acceptable behaviour, proper clothes, and acceptable cuisine.

### **Culture and Education:**

The educational system is the reproductive organ of any civilization. Education encompasses both academic and non-formal means of passing on knowledge, abilities, and mind sets. A society's members die as they become older, while new members are born and grow into adulthood. But a society's culture is a living organism that goes beyond the individual members of that society's composition. A culture evolves with time, but it is distinguished from other cultures by a noticeable continuity of core values and behavioural patterns. The educational system ensures such continuity.

Culture transmission will be skewed if an educational system is changed. "Changing an educational system on purpose may be a highly effective approach to transform a culture."

### **Influences of Education on Culture**

#### **1. Preservation of Culture:**

Preservation of culture is essential to the well-being of every civilization. One of education's most important goals is to safeguard our shared cultural and societal heritage. It is the goal of education's numerous organisations to instil in the minds of pupils a sense of "tradition, custom, values, the arts, and morals, among other things."

#### **2. Transmission of Culture:**

Cultural continuity may be maintained via education's many programmes and activities, which are responsible for guaranteeing the preservation of current cultural values and traditions from generation to generation. Our survival as a civilization might be at jeopardy if we cannot communicate with one another. Despite the best efforts of many, society is in shambles.

"The aim of education is to impart societal ideas and ideals to young and competent members of society," argues sociologist Ottaway.

#### **3. Promotion of Culture:**

Besides preserving and transmitting, education has another vital purpose: to adapt existing cultural patterns to the needs and desires of society. These alterations are magnified because of cross-cultural dynamics. Since time and man's evolving needs need new cultural patterns, previous cultural forms are superseded and reoriented.

As a result, society seems to be progressing. The progressive function of education refers to this aspect of education. As a result, education serves to promote and enhance culture by continually reorganising and rebuilding human experiences.

#### **4. Equips Man to Adapt to Changing Cultural Patterns:**

Traditional cultural practises are constantly being reshaped to better suit the needs of the current generation, as is well-known. This is possible because of the strategies and procedures used in education. It's also important to note that education helps a person adapt better and more affluent lives to the shifting cultural forms and patterns of today.



### **5. Moulding the Personality:**

Education is a universal characteristic of culture since it shapes and moulds people's personalities. A person's personality changes as he or she maintains a network of interactions with other people. This type of connection may be made possible through education that is specifically designed to address the societal norms and values that are prevalent at the time. In its most basic form, culture serves as a type of unofficial social control that helps to mould and shape human behaviour in the direction intended.

### **6. Restoring Unity of Mankind through Diffusion of Culture:**

The restoration of mankind's oneness is a critical need of civilisation. It will be made feasible by education, which will aid in the successful transmission of culture. Human culture should be seen as a full-blossom flower, with distinct petals representing diverse groups.

### **Conclusion**

Many points of touch exist between education and culture, and these points of contact serve to enhance rather than detract from one another. While culture sets the stage for education, it's education's responsibility to infuse cultural values into our daily lives. A feeling of pride in our culture must reveal itself at all phases of a person's development. As he and he observes things and events occurring around him, as well as the behaviour of others, primary education is where it all begins, and the kid learns to recognise the necessity of a value-based existence. The personality that forms throughout the process is the result of all of these factors. Education and a life based on values must be instilled in rural areas if the industry is to flourish in a way that is long-lasting. Strong cultural and value-based education will help students understand and appreciate the relevance of culture in growth and social transformation.

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