

QUALITY MATTERS IN EDUCATION

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ABSTRACT

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INTRODUCTION

According to the need of an hour and as per the technological advancement education has to be updated to meet the international standards. Therefore education should provide quality in developing cognitive, affective and psychomotor skills. Quality in education is a process of imparting or acquiring specific knowledge or life skills and equipping the learners psychologically to benefit them in future and employ the skills to sustain themselves. Quality in education matters a lot because education should satisfy the needs of the learner as well as the need of the society. This article tries to explain the areas in which the quality is needed in education.

FOR A SUSTAINABLE COUNTRY

Economy of any country directly depends upon the quality of education, because new methods, techniques and solution to crisis are directly related to the education. The newly discovered software programs, auto machines in industries and new innovations facilitate the production of the country. So education should provide the necessary skills to the learner qualitatively. If a skilled graduate starts his own business or industry, he would be able to create employment for others and in turn help increasing the economy of the country. Competitiveness of nation's economy is based on the quality of education it imparts to its citizens and can influence the global economy.

FOR THE INDIVIDUAL WELLBEING

Quality in education matters because it allows the learners to lead a better life by getting a highly paid job or start their fruitful business and in turn he helps the society and the world at large by being an ideal citizen.

COMPETENCY IN THE TEACHERS AND LECTURERS

Effective personal development of the teachers by reflections from colleagues and supervisors, attending workshops and in-service training, using interactive video technology and publishing journals are necessary to improve the quality of education. Selecting the expert lecturers is an important aspect in acquiring quality education. Teacher competence, professional learning for teachers and ongoing professional development are the key factors for the quality in education.

Good package for teachers is a must in imparting quality education.

BETTERMENT IN TEACHING ENVIRONMENT

The learning environment should meet the need of the diversified learners for example the hearing impaired, visually impaired, the physically challenged students as well as the slow and the gifted learners. The learning environment must be safe, protective, gender sensitive and provide ample resources. Healthy early childhood development, adequate nutrition, early detection and intervention for disabilities, prevention of infectious diseases and injuries, multisensory teaching aids and positive psychological development are the basic factors to ensure quality in education without which education would be a futile waste.

Administrative support and leadership, parent support, physical elements like well-equipped buildings, adequate instructional materials, and psychological elements like welcoming and non-discriminatory classroom climate, inclusive environments, effective school disciplinary policies, provision of health services and non-violence matters a lot for the educational institution.

ADVANCEMENTS IN TEACHING SYSTEMS AND PROGRAMS

The educational programs should be of relevance to time and trends of the today's world so that graduates get job soon after their graduation. The content should have relevant materials for the acquisition of multifaceted skills and pedagogical techniques which are linked with the national goals. Education should produce expertise and ideal leaders. Only a quality education can produce a graduate with unique skills which helps him meet the international standards in manufacturing and tech jobs. Child centered teaching approach, life skill education, and peace education and well managed classrooms and schools are unavoidable components of education. Uniqueness of local, national and international content, curricular integration, and interdisciplinary curriculum should be enforced to have a quality.

IMPORTANCE OF CLOSING THE GENDER GAP

Mostly girls sacrifice their schooling for their labour at home and beyond therefore girls must be educated to value themselves and participate and contribute to society in new ways. Learning styles of boys and girls are different and the same should be addressed in teaching learning process. Different pedagogical styles must be followed by the instructors with tailored instructional materials.

WAYS TO ENSURE QUALITY IN EDUCATION

Project based learning, field experiences, apprenticeship, blending technology to learning, giving trainings on using the technology, using best instructional methods to suit the learners, using appropriate assessment practices, testing the higher order thinking skills in evaluation, usage of interactive videos, educational games and puzzles and educational televisions using the technological advancements like virtual learning video conferencing, using apps in the teaching learning processes like YouTube lessons, what's app, google classrooms, google meet, zoom, brainstorming sessions, asking open ended questions are some of the ways to ensure quality in education.

CONCLUSION

Quality in education matters a lot because next to health and reproductive health, education is the most important sector of the world. As the world is spinning around education for innovation and sustainability, the quality in education is the most important one. Reducing the levels of poverty, improving quality of life, stimulating innovation and progress are all dependent on education which has to be given qualitatively.

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