

# BRIEF DESCRIPTION ABOUT EDUCATION

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Education is the process of facilitating learning, or the acquisition of knowledge, skills, values, beliefs, and habits through various ways which includes methods like storytelling, discussion, teaching, training, and directed research. Education is simply the process of teaching and learning. It can be seen as a system for shifting, sorting and grading individuals in terms of their abilities. Education is a lifelong process in the sense that education has no limits; every or any individual can learn something new every day. Education began way back even before the existence of schools. The elder of the village or a society, train and teaches the young ones the things which are necessary and important for the society. Education plays a key role in building up a society and enhances a child's future.

The right to education has been recognized as a human right in a

number of international conventions. Right can be understood as the power of an individual or group of individuals to possess or do something. On 4 August 2009, The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act or Right to Education Act (RTE) was enacted; it is an Act of the Parliament of India. It describes the modalities of the importance of free and compulsory education for children between 6 and 14 years in India under Article 21A of the Indian Constitution. India became one of the countries to make education a fundamental right of every child when the Act came into force on 1 April 2010. The title of the RTE Act simply refers to the words 'free and compulsory' - 'Free education' means that no child, other than the ones who are admitted by their parents to a school which is not supported by the appropriate Government, shall be liable to pay any kind of fee or charges or expenses which may prevent them from pursu-

ing and completing their elementary education. 'Compulsory education' looks to it that the appropriate Government and local authorities provide and ensure admission, attendance and completion of elementary education by all children in the 6-14 age group.

Education usually takes place under the guidance of educators, but learners can also educate themselves by visiting various websites which provides reliable information. Education and society are related in the sense that both play roles that are important in shaping the life of an individual. The French Sociologists Emile Durkheim says that the major function of education is the transmission of society's norms and values. Durkheim states that, 'Society can survive only if there exists among its members a sufficient degree of homogeneity; education perpetuates and reinforces this homogeneity by fixing in the child from the beginning the essentials similarities which collective life demands'.

Schools acts as a bridge between the family and society as a whole, it prepares the child for their adult role. A child is introduced to the peer group which is more influencing to the child after family. Education teaches individuals the skills that are necessary for his future occupation. Graham Haydon (1998) stated that, the right to education specifically

refers to the level of education that falls in between socialization and optional education. It is a level of education that is too important for a human being to be treated as merely optional. School plays an important role in the socialization of a child where he/she establishes their own view point which helps them in character building and decision making, irrespective of whether the decision is major or minor.

Over the past years, the educational preference has changed a lot. Parents now a day's prefer sending their children to private schools even if it means an hour drive from their home. They are hesitant when it comes to government schools and basically end up choosing private schools. Government schools were introduced with an aim to provide education to all, especially to the economically weaker section of the society. However as the quality of education in government schools are degrading, parents these days are more in favor of private schools. Additionally, it has also been found that majority of the dropouts are students from government schools. Dropouts are a major headache of our state and every year, numbers of students' dropout from the school due to one or the other reason. While some students leave the school to join the world of work and money, some leaves because of the school's environment.

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