



Education : A weapon for corruption Eradication

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Is daur me insaaf ki ummid na kar Jo quatil hai, wohi mun-sif hai, wohi judge hai (Do not expect justice in the present age, because one who is murderer is judge also) Education plays a vital role in human life. All the aspects of human life is influenced by education. We learn from cradle to the death bed. Education also refines our culture and environment. It provides us freedom of thoughts, ideas and living style as well as tells us our limitations. It tells us our rights and duties. The present era is the era of globalization, science & technology, information and communication technology. These things have changed the human life drastically. Now we have lots of facilities available in every aspect of life. But, there is a negative side also. We all have lost our peace of mind somehow or the other. The human being is crying or peace but all in vain, because corruption has made our life hell. Now corruption has taken us in its grip. Not any aspect of life is untouched by corruption.

So, it is very necessary to provide the children anti corruption education.

Corruption can be defined as "the behaviour of persons entrusted with public or private responsibilities who neglect their duties to achieve unjustified benefits". Corruption not only minimizes the speed of working of the personnel involved in a system but also works as a mental disturbance for general people. It is wastage of time, money and energy. It brings wastage and stagnation in every field. It is not only a disturbing element but also makes other things disturbing. Especially, in Indian scenario the corruption has badly influenced the life of the people. It has blocked the way of progress and development. Each and every government department is coloured in corruption. Not only government departments, but the private bodies are also badly influenced by corruption. Corruption has become an integral part of our day to day life. It has become our life style. Bribery is an open secret in the life of Indian people. Those, who are not corrupt are known as foolish, idle, unwise, illiterate, extremists and old fashioned. Teachers are not teaching, students are not attending their classes. Teachers are giving high marks to the weak students on the basis of money, relation and approach. Doctors are not giving proper time in the hospitals and looting the patients in the name of pathological investigations. Costly medicines. You cannot imagine to win a case in your life in Indian courts. You need the age of prophet Noah, patience of prophet Ayub and wealth of Kuber to get decision in Indian courts either you are guilty or innocent. All the government schemes are prey of corruption. All the people are blaming each other for not dispensing their duties properly But, this is not the solution of the problem. We should take initiative at the grass root level and work in co-ordination with each other to eradicate corruption.

In the field of education a lot of work can be done in regard to the eradication of corruption. Some of the measures that can be taken are following:

(A) Introducing corruption control as a subject : corruption control as a subject can be taught separately in the

schools. This will include understanding of corruption, types of corruption, its bad effects on an individual, society and nation. It will also include measures to control corruption, knowledge of constitutional provisions and knowledge about government bodies involved in the control of corruption at a broad level.

(B) Inclusion of chapters related to corruption control: If the above is not possible, then it can be done easily in the subjects like social studies and language studies. This will include understanding of corruption, types of corruption, its bad effects on an individual, society and nation. It will also include measures to control corruption, knowledge of constitutional provisions and knowledge about government bodies involved in the control of corruption at comparatively smaller level.

(C) Organizing co – curricular activities for the students: Co- curricular activities related to corruption control can be organized in the educational institutions for students. It can be done in the form of dramas, story telling etc.

(D) Organizing seminars and workshops for the teachers: Seminars and workshops related to corruption control should be organized for the teachers, educational administrators and students of colleges and universities It should contain constitutional provisions, knowledge of Right to Information, measures taken by governments at different times and their effects, role of government officials, role of NGO (Non government organizations.)

(D) Awareness programmes among the general people : Awareness programmes related to corruption control should be organized among the masses. It can be done through seminars, panel discussions, advertisements, dramas and puppet shows. In these programmes knowledge about the rights and duties of the people should be provided to the general public. They should be given the knowledge about constitutional provisions, benefits of RTI (Right to Information), information about free legal aid, consumer forums.

(D) Moral Education and Value Education) : Moral education and Value education should be taught as a subject in the school education. It should include moral stories and value based stories. Importance of eternal values like Truth, Beauty and Goodness (Satyam, Shivam, Sundaram) should be focused in the curriculum. These are present in our rich literature.

(E) Religious Education: Religious education is very important because Religion is the Mother of Morality. The roots of morality are found in religions. So, one should stick to his religion firmly because all the religious education condemn corruption, immorality, bribery. If a person is a true Hindu or Muslim, what is bad in it. But we have taken religious organizations as our ideals which is destroying the humanity. Not a single religion teaches intolerance, murder of innocent people, cultural supremacy.

So, from the above discussion it is clear that education can play a vital role in eradicating corruption and it need of the

hour to make changes in our educational sector.

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