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LITERACY AND LITERARY PROGRAMMES AND THEIR IMPLEMENTATION IN INDIA

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ABSTRACT

India is the second highest populated country in the world, it was achieved 67% of literacy and 33% will be inroad because of poverty, religion, school environment community, social cultural condition. To overcome from this Govt. has taken strong will and steps to eradicate illiteracy from India by providing free education, books for 1st to 10th standard for both boys and girls and give more importance to girls education for all the communities to bridge the general gap at elementary school level by 2001 to 2011, this makes citizens educationally strong and meet their demands and those of their family needs by increasing their productivity and their potential to achieve a higher standards of living. Govt. has made special scheme for backward classes such as scheduled tribes and scheduled castes in the name of Tribal special programme. and also Government has introduced several programmes towards the society like Akshara scheme, Akshara Deepa, sarvashiksha abiyana etc. In this way the Government has taken the decisions to overcome from the illiteracy in this country.

KEYWORDS

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INTRODUCTION

Literacy the world itself indicates that it's not only education of the human beings, it is to prepare them to live life with the society how to interact with others. Literacy is one of the most important aspect of social development and also the integral part of human development it is a basic human need. Therefore, opens unlimited possibilities calling for responses that are creative constructive and challenging. Literacy is now part of the human rights and index of their development. Education deepens their understanding of themselves and the world. There are so many programmes are undertaken by state and central government for the education of human to make them literates.

LITERACY

Literacy is one of the most important aspects of social development and also the integral part of the human development. it is a basic human need. Therefore, opens unlimited possibilities calling for responses that are creative constructive and challenging.

Literacy and defined as senses operations is the ability to read and write with understanding in any language.

Mahatma Gandhi ji said that education of a boy means education of men, education of girl of education of a family.

Education has the dual function of transmitting to the new generation, the waitage of the past with its accumulate wisdom and preparing it for the present and the future, that the emergent needs of society and individuals hold before us.

India has emerged as a leader in the current knowledge based global economy and Karnataka state as forms to literacy at grass root level also. The literacy and education have been termed as the essential requirement of the society against the social evils.

IMPORTANCE**1. LITERACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

Literacy is now part of the human rights. Most of the nations of the world have also accepted their obligation to provide at least free elementary education to their citizens.

Article 26 of the universal declaration of human rights declares that Everyone has the right to education, education shall be free, at least in the elementary and fundamental stage, elementary education shall be compulsory. Technical and professional education will be generally available and higher education shall be equally accessible to all on the basis of merit.

This right is also repeated in the on declaration of the rights of the child which seeks to ensure right to free and compulsory education at least in the elementary stages and education to promote general culture, abilities, judgment and sense of responsibility to become a useful member of society and opportunity to recreation and play to attain the same purpose as of education.

India has ratified the above, and these have thus the poser of domestic laws, from the human rights perspective constitutional guarantees arise automatically.

2. LITERACY AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Literacy is now part of the human development index. Government of India has also accepted this position and one of the important components in the National Human development initiative announced in the union budget 1999-2000 is education forming also a component in the prime minister's special action plan.

By improving people's ability to acquire and use information, education deepens their understanding of themselves and the world, enriches their minds by brooding their experience and improves the choice they make as consumers, producers and citizens education strengthens their ability to meet their wants and those of their family by increasing their productivity and their potential to achieve a higher standard of living. by improving people's confidence and their ability to create and innovate, it multiplies their opportunities for personal and social achievement.

In the field of development economics, literacy holds an important place as a parameter to measure development one of the three components used in the calculation of H.D.I. is literacy as it is a cumulative measure of several factors that contribute to human development.

Education is thus viewed as an integral part of national development; development is not only economic growth rather it compared is not only economic growth rather it comprehended opportunities to all people for better life with man as end of development are linked in a variety of ways.

EDUCATION AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

Indian constitution has recognized the significance of education for social transformation. It is a document committed to social justices. Preamble affirms a determination to secure liberty of thought, expression, belief faith and worship and equality of status and opportunity and to promote amongst the people a feeling of fraternity, ensuring the dignity of the individual and the unity of the nation.

Literacy forms the cornerstone for making the provision of equality of opportunity a reality. The objective specified in the preamble contains the basic structure of the constitution, which cannot be amended and the preamble may be invoked to determine the ambition of fundamental rights and directive principles of state policy.

We think that the right to life includes right to live with human dignity and all that goes along with it namely the bare necessities of life such as adequate nutrition, clothing and shelter and facilities for reading, writing and expressing oneself in diverse form, freely moving about mixing and mingling with fellow human beings.

HISTORY OF LITERACY

If we come to know the literacy rate. There was a big gap between men and women that is total literacy rate was 19.23 % in urban and rural area was 21.23%.

In the total Indian population 3,04,34,962 are literates. Among them 1,76,61,211 were men, 1,27,13,751 were women. This shows the decrease or loss of women literacy in India.

There is also a gap between district of Karnataka, Dakshina Kannada occupied first place in having 83.35 % of total literacy 8 districts had literacy rates of within 50% and in districts in rural area had literacy rates of within 50% Gulbarga 29.43% Raichur in rural 28.26%

The literacy rate of SC and ST is 58.87% total population of the district from this man were 63.75% women were 41.72% in Bangalore 70.23% in Raichur 38.76% This shows that literacy is one of the major problem forced by every states mentioned and also in the whole world. And hence to fulfill these gap and make of people educator. Indian govt. took plenty of programmes from pre independence to post independence so that Karnataka also adopted so many literacy programmes and implementation to make the people literates.

National adult education programme was started in 1978 under the NAEP the rural functional literacy programme and state adult education programme were started.

State Govt. started the Akshara scheme in 1983 and Akshara deepa in 1983 which called special literacy programme.

1986 mass programme for functional literacy was led by four years. By starting the national literacy mission in 1988 the state literacy programme has become more important.

LITERACY PROGRAMMES

India has emerged as a leader in the current knowledge based global economy and Karnataka state has focus to tackle illiteracy at grass root level. The literacy and education have been termed as the essential requirement of the society against the social evils.

Within the national policy frame work the department of mass education, has the mission to provide lifelong and continuous, has the mission to provide lifelong and continuous education and to create a learning society through provision of comprehensive educational facility in every village to enable learners, neo literates and dropouts to continue their learning skills beyond literacy the KSLMA has implemented many literacy programs through Zilla saksharatha Samithi rates was not clear and to completely eradicate illiteracy polydenate approach is required to achieve the literacy level of the developed society.

The impact of the following literacy programmes should clearly show and from the major thrust areas like acquiring, using and improving literacy skills by day to day practice. Leading to life enrichment / quality life improvement and an impact on the different aspects of society in Karnataka.

1. CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMME (C.E.P)

Continuing education programme was launched to provide lifelong learning opportunity to all beyond basic learning and primary education. This program was designed to reinforce strengthen and develop the literacy and other skill gained by the neo- literate through the non-formal literacy program. The objective of the program was to provide comprehensive educational facility in each village for retention, up gradation continuation and application of literacy skills to enable learners, neo literate's dropouts and all those who are interested to continue their learning skill beyond basic literacy.

For every 2000- 2500 population one continuing education centre (CEC) and for every 10 continuing education centres, one Nodal continuing education centre (NCEC) have been established.

The CEC, and NCEC are managed by the breraks and assistant preraks who are members of the local community. they are paid a nomial honorarium presacks conduct activities like neo – literates class, reading room, library characha mandal. Information centre, sports and cultural activities, training mobilization of the people etc. the assistant preach runs the learning centre for 20 non literates for every 6 months assist the preach.

2. LITERACY THROUGH STUDENTS (L.T.S)

Literacy through school students is a new programme to kindle social responsibility among youth and thereby to bring the change in the society. It is aimed at involving the students in the process of literacy campaign. The programme emphasizes literacy programme implemented through students studying in 9th and 11th standards. Each student's teacher to non-literates.

Z.S.S. identified the non-literates and matching batching is made at the school level. Training on teaching methodology is imported to students by the resource person in the same institution. Teaching learning process is for 5 months and at the end of 5th month evaluation of the learners is being conducted. This Programme is operational in 24 districts.

3. CAMP BASED LITERACY PROGRAMME

New approach of providing literacy rapid learning camps. On – going rapid learning campus are targeted to cover SC/ ST non – literates under SCP and TSP components. Each camp conducted for 50 learners. The durations of the camp is 30/60 days.

Directorate of mass education has invited for a research proposal to assess the impact of all literacy programmes as mentioned above.

4. EDUCATION FOR ALL – AN INDIAN SCENARIO

In December 1993, the first ever education for all submit was hosted by India attended by leaders of nine highly populated developing nations of the world. The submit reaffirmed the global commitment to provide basic learning opportunities to all peoples.

The submit sponsored by UNESCO UNICEF and UNFPA (and the world bank) saw the participation of 23 other international organizational and carried forward the vision of the 1990 world conference on education for all held at jonstien. One of the deliberations of the conference focused an education for girls, women and empowerment of women.

The focus of the Delhi declaration and the programs of action adopted to empowerment the pledge taken by nations and organizations at the summit, resets on universal primary education and universal literacy with a special emphasis on removing gender disparities.

5. PROJECT FOR ERADICATION OF RESIDUAL ILLITERACY (P.R.I)

This is on- going program in 14 districts and expected to be junction for 3 more districts each district is divided in number of clusters each cluster would have minimum 5 gram panchayath 2-3 worlds. The districts are under preparatory work and will start the teaching learning process by 1st week of June after conducting the tracing the volunteers.

6. SPECIAL COMPONENT PROGRAM / PLAN (S.C.P.)

Special compound plan is designed to channelize the flow of outlays and benefits from the general sectors. In the plans of the states and the central ministries for development of scheduled castes at least in proportion to their population to the total population. Twenty-one state and three union territories are formulating their respective special component plan. The special plan of the states is supplemented with special central assistance with a view to creating a multiplier effect and helping fill the gaps which the normal financial flows from the central and state plans are not able to provide.

SPECIAL CENTRAL ASSISTANCE (S.C.A)

To special component plan of the state/ UTS for scheduled castes people is linked to government of India's strategy for the socio economic development of these people. the centrally sponsored scheme and the most important programme of the ministry of welfare for the alleviation of the poverty among scheduled caste people. the underlying objective SCA which provides hundred percent (poverty among scheduled caste people) grant to states and UT,s as an additive to their special component plans is that it would be used to give un added thrust to the development programmes for ST people with reference to their occupational pattern and the need for increasing the productivity of and income from their limited assets by taking up family oriented schemes for them the SCA is use to fill the critical gaps and vital missing inputs in family oriented income generating schemes and through non- recurring items, so as to make the schemes more meaningful and effective.

India order to implement economic development programmes for scheduled castes living below the poverty line and specially to mobilize institutional credit and credit at concessional rate, the government of India decided in 1978 – 79 to participate in the share capital of scheduled castes development corporations (SCDCS) in the state/ UTs with significant SC population. At present 23 corporations are functioning in the country. The corporations are functioning in the country. These corporations have been established with the basic motive of implementing welfare oriented programmes for downtrodden and to life them from the poverty line not merely quantitatively but also in quantitative terms.

TRIBAL SPECIAL PROGRAMMES (TSP)

There are so many programmes held by Government to the upliftment of scheduled tribes particularly in the field of education.

1. EDUCATION

It is clear that backwardness in education is an important cause for economic backwardness. Central and state government, attach greater importance to scheduled tribes economic progress.

Under this scheme 43 Balawadis were setup. This excludes the balawadis run by social welfare department. The scheme is meant to develop attitudes in learning to encourage children for accelerating the development of their intellectual capacity to make them strongly attached to hygienic circumstances.

2. NURSERY SCHOOLS/ SINGLE TEACHER SCHOOLS

The scheduled tribe development dept. runs 14 nursery schools and 12 single teacher schools. The children studying in nursery schools are given free mid- day meals and dress in addition to lump sum grant. The single teacher schools set up with the intention of creating awareness about education, health and cleanliness of the surroundings among the scheduled tribes, especially among those who dwell in for areas and spread education among their children's.

3. GRANT TO PARENTS

The scheduled tribe's students who seek admission in boarding are being paid Rs. 200 per month apart from free uniform cloths

4. EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES UP TO THE HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL

Apart from giving full free concession to all scheduled tribe's students lump sum grant and special stipend are also being given to them. In the case of students. Who fail in the final examinations of one class are being given half the amount of lump sum grants.

5. HOSTEL FACILITIES

One hundred and eleven parametric hostels and 3 GRB schools and being run to help the education of ST students. It is those students who do not stay within reasonable distance from the school are beneficiaries. 30 students are given accommodation in each hostel.

6. EDUCATIONAL RECREATION CENTRES.

Educational recreation centres are being run in the scheduled tribes residential centres. these centres are being provided with furniture, books newspapers and recreational aids.

7. ENCOURAGEMENT IN ATHLETICS AND ART FORM

Prizes are given to scheduled tribe's students who score victories in art and sport activities at the state level in the following manner. Who get the first and second place at the state level competitions, prize is given at the rate of Rs. 400 and Rs. 300 for district level winners Rs. 300 to Rs. 500 is offered.

8. PRE- EXAMINATION TRAINING CENTRES

The training candidates for appointment to the vacancies notified by the Kerala public service omission, union public service commission, banks and other institution of public sector. 3 pre- examination training centres are functioning in Thiruvananthapuram, Ernakulam and Kozhikode district.

9. COLLEGE EDUCATION

Students of the scheduled tribes are being exempted from paying fees including the examination fee. In addition to the above, they are given lump sum grant and monthly stipend at various rates.

10. SELF-EMPLOYMENT

Candidates who have undergone training in technical subjects are being given financial assistance for all self-employment to the time of Rs. 3000. the scheduled tribes and scheduled casts development corporation carrying out various projects in this connection.

11. ASSISTANCE FOR AMRID

To find out training for self-employment, vocational training, campus of leadership training and providing tutorial facilities for students failing in SSLC and pre degree examination etc.

12. ASSISTANCE FOR STUDY AT TUTORIALS

Students who fail in SSLC examinations are given assistance in the following manner lumps um grant Rs. 100 monthly stipend Rs. 600, tuition fees Rs. 450 assistances are being made available to students who fail in pre-degree examination also.

13. BHARATHA DARSHAN/ KERALA DARSHAN

30 boys who scored high marks in SSLC examination are selected for Bharath darshan program of 20 days where as 30 girl's students are selected for Kerala darshan program.

Like this the government provided all the facilities to scheduled tribes.

IMPROVEMENT OF LITERACY RATES

More than the decline in population growth rate, it is the spurt in literacy rates that makes the present census stand out from other in the post independent India more than three fourths of our made population and a little more than half of the female population are now literates.

Thus one third of our population still do not process even the basic proficiency in literacy. During 1991-2000 literacy rates improved imprecisely from 52.21% in 1991 to 65.38% in 2001. Thus showing an improvement for more than 13% of points.

More interesting aspects of improving literacy rates is the significant increase of 14.87% points is the significant increase of 14.87% points in case of female literacy rate, which is more than the increase in the female literacy rate, which increased by 11.72% However, still the male/ female differential in literacy rate is of the tune of almost 22% this is also repeated in sex ratio among literate population which is as low as 667 compared to 933 overall sex ratio. Despite the decline in number of illiterates and improved literacy rates. India has to go a long way to achieve the goal of universal literacy. The program in literacy during the previous decade looks impressive mainly because of the fact that during the last four decades the name remained very low and only a little progress should be achieved. Because of the parental thirst for education the literacy rates have now reached to somewhat reasonable levels. Therefore, a literacy rate at 65% appears quite credible. It is rather a matter of great concern that though Kerala attained 65% literacy way back in 60 many status even now have literacy rates well below the national average of 65% the more detailed census data when available will throw more light on the status of literates being produced However 1991 census suggests that about 25% of the total literates were just literates without completing even primary education as mentioned above the census definition of literacy in ability to read and write, but even the poorest of parents want their child to complete a bare minimum elementary education.

TABLE 1: LITERACY RATES IN INDIA: 1950-2001

Census Year	Total Literate people	Male literates	Female literates.
1951	18.33	27.16	8.86
1961	28.30	40.40	15.35
1971	34.45	45.96	21.97
1981	43.57	56.38	29.71
1991	52.21	64.13	39.29
2001	68.38	75.85	54.69
2011	82.59	85.82	79.36

The increase during 1991-2000 was the lowest in case of kerala (1.11%) followed by chandigarh at least in the case of Kerala and Chandigarh is mainly because of their base year (1991) literacy rate, which were as high as 89.81%, 77.81% respectively. In 2001 also Kerala had the highest literacy rate (90.22) followed by mizoram (88.44%) lakshadweep (87.52%) Goa (82.52%) Delhi (81.82%) Dadra and Nagar Haveli (81.09%). 2001 census Evaluating the trends to population and literacy.

Provisional data regarding population, decadal growth, density, literacy and gender ratios of the Indian population has recently become available and although there has been some important gain since the last Indian census from 1991, there are some exceedingly disturbing trends in the data that has been published so far.

On the positive side some of the most dramatic improvement in literacy have been seen in what were previously considered as highly back ward states, called Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh whose literacy rates have now reached close to the national average.

TABLE 2

States	Decadal Growth	Literacy 2001
Rajasthan	22.5%	61%
Chhattisgarh	23.3%	65.2%
Madhya Pradesh	19.4%	65.1%
India	13.75%	65.4%

PROBLEM FOR GROWTH OF LITERACY

1. FAMILY ECONOMIC CONDITION

Generally, economically backward family, many parents send their daughters to school. The cost of education to families which living in poverty is not affordable while in many countries primary education is free, a poor family may not be able to meet the cost of school uniform, school supplies and other miscellaneous expenses. The opportunities cost of education is also a consideration for poor families. If the girls are sent to school, the family gives up the income from girls who work to supplement family income.

2. COMMUNITY SOCIO CULTURAL CONSIDERATION

The low status of women in the selected countries is a major factors hindering girl's enrolment and retention, since most of the societies are male oriented and male dominated community and parental attitude. Towards girl's education count a lot in decisions affecting girl's education.

3. LOW LEVEL FAMILY EDUCATION

Studies also revealed correlation between the level of education of the family and that of girl's education. A study by S.A Qader and S.K Kunder showed that the highest correlate of participation was the highest level of education attained by the household., followed by the family heads education

4. GIRLS ATTITUDE TOWARDS EDUCATION

This factors may be attributed as a concomitant result of the three previous problems as well as other in school factors. The problems of the attitude of the girls themselves must be separately addressed girls because of the low status afforded parents, are bound to have low self-esteem and would perceive themselves as inferior to boys, their motivation for schooling is very low since their parents are ignorant or don't see the benefits of education for girls.

5. PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT OF SCHOOL

By reason of geography and topography school sometimes are at a considerable distance from the homes of girls. Going to school becomes inconvenient for the young children specially girls traveling a long distance to school also may cause a special hazard for older girls. Parents fear that they will be more exposed to sexual liaison or sexual harassment while traveling

6. LACK OF FEMALE TEACHERS

In a tradition bound society preference for female teachers has been recurring (note parents feel more comfortable when their girls are under the care of female teachers). In most cases, trained women teachers who would be willing to be posted in rural schools.

7. CURRICULUM

Generally, the school curriculum has been described as being irrelevant to needs of girls. In some case, it is so urban oriented that rural girls feel even more alienated. The curriculum is overloaded and unsuited to the development levels of the children.

8. IRREGULAR SCHOOL SUPERVISION

Effective supervision of school is hampered by several problems. There are too few supervisions to cover the vast areas that need to be covered some of which are virtually inaccessible moreover supervisors have to look into multifarious concerns where in the problems of girl's education may not be a specific one.

9. GIRLS BRIDGING THE GAP

The gap between boys and girl's participation in elementary education is the biggest single gap that needs to be filled for universal action the problem of UEE is in essence. The problems of girl child. The gender disparity. Particularly in the rural areas, reflects the discriminating social attitude to the girl child.

Therefore, in addition to monetary inputs, interventions have to be specifically designed to bring about a change in attitudes.

India is going to host and international meet on education with focus on girl's education, the meet is to evolve strategies to bridge the gender gap at elementary school level by 2001. India is committed to not only impart elementary education to all children of 14 years by that year but also to ensure that girls do not lag behind the boys in education.

CONCLUSION

India is the second highest populated country in the world it comes under the pressure of various administration and foreign intervention due to which lack behind in the field of education there was no proper importance was given during the foreign administration after. After independence much importance is given to education as a result of this India has achieved about 67% of literacy still 33% literacy was to be inroad there are many reason for the illiteracy in India like poverty religion, school environment community social. cultural condition. Low level family education etc. the govt. has taken many steps in regard by introducing adult education program for which a separate department is open which is working hard in this direction.

Even govt. has provided nursery's anganawadies aakshara dasoha programme and free book supply upto 10th std free education for 1-14 years govt. has taken strong will & steps to eradicate illiteracy from India, and made India meaning full democratic country.

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