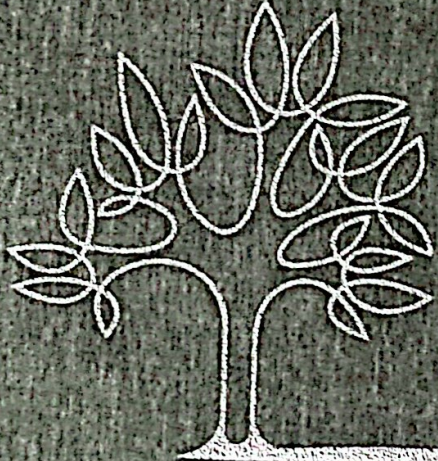


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CHAPTER XV

EDUCATION AS AN INSTRUMENT OF SOCIAL CHANGE

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Abstract

Education has always a vital role in building as well as moulding the character of an individual. The rapid industrialization as well coupled with the increasing urbanization has led to the need of the change in the scenarios in order to enable one to cope with the changes. Mechanization has left no sector untouched and comes to play a crucial role in the sector of education as well. The root cause of the social and cultural changes which lie within a society take place due to education. Since ages education has been playing a major role in the socialization and in the present era mainly for the youngsters in order to enable them to reach the society. Education can go a long way to bring about a change in the attitude of people and thus leading to phenomenal changes in each and every aspect of life. A major transformation in the thought process of individual thinking is brought about by way of social change which has left its impact on global economy as well. The important role of education as an instrument or an agent of social change takes place in the true sense when human beings need a change. The present paper seeks to study the role of education as being an instrument of social change while focussing its attention on the various dimensions of education and its key role in certain areas.

Keywords: Education, Social Change, Mechanization, Globalization

Introduction

The role of education in empowering the individuals cannot be ignored. Education has been effective enough to pave the way for the development of science and technology (Patil.P.,2012). Education is a major instrument in bringing about the social revolution for all, at all levels and has been accepted as one of the major agencies for socialization as social agents. The exact relationship between education and social change is that it comes in a dual form of education being the instrument in some cases whereas it being the end product in some. The historical experience of the advanced countries has shown that education is a pre-condition for any kind of social revolution.