
IMPORTANCE OF ADULT EDUCATION IN THE EMERGING SOCIETY

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Abstract: Adult Education consist of giving mature adults different educational opportunities to learn new skills or to develop their existing skills.

Giving Education to adults beyond the regular schools and colleges education which we give to our children. Adult education can be either formal, Vocational, recreational, social etc.,

Adult education improves the literacy rates of the society and the nation. Adult education gives confidence to step out into the world with a comfort and fearless mind.

Not only there are advantages in adult education, we can't ignore that their a few challenges we have to face in adult education. Adults are facing problems to spend time in learning while working for their lively hood and also balance their energy levels i.e., maintaining good health. Some adults feel lack of confidence in learning.

So, Government is started many programmes to develop skills in adults Akshara Godavari, Night Schools for adults are some of the programmes adopted by the government in the early stage. Its aim is to enhance literacy rates of scheduled caste, scheduled tribes, women's etc.,

Government is also providing help to private organizations who are working to promote adult education.

On the whole adult education plays an important role for taking our nation successfully into 21st century.

Introduction: Adult Education means the Education given to elders who has not attended school or school drop – outs.

Education given to adults are one different subjects not only literacy but also agriculture animal husbandry, health etc., Adult Education gives adults, good knowledge, attitude and skill for the purpose of solving their problems and also looking after community welfare. Education to adults will be given separately to men and women as per their requirements and needs.

Definition of Adult Education:According to Brysons view, "Adult Education includes all activities with educational purpose, carried on by people, in the ordinary business of life, who use only part of energy to acquire intellectual development".

Objectives of Adult Education:

1. To give quality life to every individual.
2. To make everyone in the society to raise the standard of living of the individuals, families, communities, villages and also the nation.

Concept of Adult Education: Firstly, the concept of Adult Education was, people should be taught to read the printed words, write their names, do some simple arithmetical calculations.

But after that, The concept of adult Education was changes as, to give knowledge of certain useful subjects such as Hygiene, agriculture, animal husbandry, making decorative items, paintings etc.,

Need of Adult Education:

1. Adult Education is needed to develop intellectual horizon of partially illiterate adults. Adult Education is needed.
 2. Brings a new hope and interest on their life.
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3. Adult Education is needed to set the cultural tone of the community.
4. Adult Education is needed to develop co – operative living.

Adult Education is needed to make increased production and to make increased prosperity of the nation.

Agencies of Adult Education: Various Agencies and private organizations and Govt. Organizations are coming forward to give adult education.

1. Formal Education is given through regular Educational institutes like schools, colleges, universities, libraries, Aided schools, rural colleges etc.,
2. Government is allotting Teachers and volunteers to educate adults.
3. Informal Education is given through cine theaters, clubs etc.,

Characteristics of Adult Education:

1. Adult Education has great significance, because it is a community – based programme.
2. The nature, objectives and type of education given to adults change from person to person.
3. Adult Education brings social, Economic, political and cultural transformation of the society.
4. Adult education enhances the persons, to use their network for personal, social, political etc., for upliftment of social status.
5. Adult Education fills up new power to adults.

Importance of Adult Education: Adult Education plays an important role in helping mature aged learners to develop new techniques and skills to improve their career. It offers a great opportunity to expand the knowledge.

National Adult Education Programme: NAEP was launched on 2nd October, 1978. This programme was launched to eradicate illiteracy among adults i.e., 15 years to 35 years of age. The government want to promote literacy among all the adults. It wants to give literacy skills to persons belonging weaker sections of the society. Under the chairmanship of the union Education Minister the national board of adult Education has been set up to look the progress and implementation of NAEP and also to give advice to government on various matters.

Conclusion: Thus Adult Educations was very important to all the citizens of today to enrich their knowledge and helps to the programs of our country.

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