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EDUCATION AS A CATALYST FOR INDIA'S SELF-RELIANCE AND PROGRESS

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Abstract:

If we look at the nature around us, we find that small and big animals are also self-sufficient. They also do not have to depend on others for their food. Some animals and birds are able to move and get food themselves immediately after taking birth. This is not the case with humans, he has to depend on his family for some time after birth. After this, he gets the support of the family as well as the society till he becomes self-sufficient. Man naturally desires happiness, but for this he tries to avoid as hard as possible. That is why he starts to depend on others for his works and things. The Prime Minister said that 'Make in India' has to be strengthened. All this will be possible only through self-reliance, self-reliance. Educational administrators in the wake of self-reliance need to think of the differently abled students. Traditional method is not sufficient for the differently able students.

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By definition, self-reliance implies being dependent on oneself for something or work. If we look at the nature around us, we find that small and big animals are also self-sufficient. They also do not have to depend on others for their food. Some animals and birds are able to move and get food themselves immediately after taking birth. This is not the case with humans; he has to depend on his family for some time after birth. After this, he gets the support of the family as well as the society till he becomes self-sufficient. Man naturally desires happiness, but for this he tries to avoid as hard as possible. That is why he starts to depend on others for his works and things.

Hon. Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi recently said about the Vocal for Local, promoting domestic products. He said that to create a self-reliant India, local products have to be promoted. He appealed to the citizens to also create vocals for the local. Now the government has started working for this scheme in the relief package to be given under self-reliant India. Coronavirus / Covid Pandemic (COVID 19) has destroyed the economies of the whole world. In such a situation, Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi is also seeing this time as a chance for India. In this episode, the Prime Minister has given the slogan 'Local par Vocal' for the first time in the name of the nation. The Prime Minister said that 'Make in India' has to be strengthened. All this will be possible only through self-reliance, self-reliance. 'Vocal for local' is another observable fact promoted by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi that is an



extension of self-reliant India Movement, urging us citizens to support our local businesses and use India's products. By propelling these ideas, the PM is putting us in - charge of the products that might shape our Economy, which will help businesses that are affected by COVID-19 pandemic.

At a time when the world is aching from a deadly COVID-19 pandemic, India has planned to convert this crisis into an opportunity and strengthens its fight by becoming self-reliant OR Atma-Nirbhar. The term 'self-reliant' or 'Aatmanirbhar' was coined by the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, during his address to the nation on May 12, 2020. He called this campaign as Self-Reliant India Movement or Atma Nirbhar Abhiyan. The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us the benefits to "Be Indian & Buy Indian" a vision of the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi are reflected in the words "Vocal for Local." According to our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, our scriptures, 'Esha Upanishads, 'talk about self-reliance or Atma Nirbhar. India has now become aware of its supply chain and also has realized the importance of being self-reliant as relying on other countries for critical items will ultimately put us on their mercy. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought about many changes in the consumer behavior and pattern. Due to this, many global retailers had to face huge revenue fall down. Concept of Atmanirvar Bharat (Self Reliant India) is basically economic but it also has other dimensions and utilities. Among many aspects of our society, education is an important and remarkable one, where also this concept can be applied. Rightly has remarked Pujan Sen, the eminent Sociologist - "Self reliance means strengthening the supply chain, more specifically, empowering every stockholder in every supply chain and engaging work team in a positional strength. How to reach this positional strength? Certainly it has an economic aspect but certainly education has a major role. One big component of self reliance is to produce capable and competent human resource. There is no doubt that without education a capable and competent human resource cannot be developed. So that way we can relate self reliance with education." For the success of self reliance first and foremost base / platform is evolution of education in a new and proper way. In Atmanirbhar bharat, education needs to be value based education, less dependence of western education and more emphasis on India's own knowledge and finally concept of Sarbik Siksha or inclusive education is to be introduced. This article attempts to define education from utilitarian angles, discusses the past and present state of education in India, refers to the present day gaps and proposes the prospective future shape of education. Definitions of Education .Education is the development of an individual according to his or her needs and demands of society .Education is the development of knowledge, skills and character of students. Self-reliance refer to the building a character needed to live both independently and freely in community for oneself, with others and for others. The purpose of Education according to Nelson Mandela, the first President of South Africa was to help people in developing of skills that needed for economic success, to help in exploitation of nation's resource similar; to help in fundamental right that ought to prioritized in socio-economic system

According to Martin Luther King jr education helps man to become more efficient, to achieve with increase facility the legitimate goals of his or her life. Education helps in building an inclusive society, to help to merge their intelligence and character and also helps in establishing and useful of dignifying means to earn a living and to create a respectable



community. What education demands to be self reliant? The basic question is how to structure our education? I am not really in favor of streamlining of structure. Is it a major question if it is possible to make a uniform structure in a vastly diverse country like India? What I emphasis in context of present day infrastructure, proper utilization of knowledge is needed. Mostly those are underutilized. Scope is vast and use is limited. Nowadays we often talk of PPP-private- public partnership. I emphasis on the collaboration with the Universities, industries and academic partnerships. By collaboration, there will be faculty development, curriculum development and enhancement of entrepreneurship, By Academic partnership, between or among the universities mutual benefits can be reached.

Restructuring is needed but again to keep in mind the notion of vast difference. We talk of Digital education but it is again not all inclusive. The infrastructure and technology are not yet available for all, when education is open to all. Meity-NITI launches Digital India Aatma Nirbhar Bharat App Innovation Challenge to realise PM's vision of Digital India – Aatma Nirbhar Bharat. But the reach of technology is still quite limited and MEITI (Minisr of Electronics ad IT) and Department of MHRD needs to keep it in vision for a more pervasive wide scale teach of technology and diginal knowledge to every nook and corner of India. Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted the gravity of the present day pandemic which has infected more than 42 lakh people across the world and has led to the death of over 3 lakh people globally. The Prime Minister said that the whole world is engaged in a fight for life against the virus. He said that while the crisis is unlike anything seen before, humanity must not lose faith and determination. The Prime Minister added that the 21st century is said to be the Indian century. He said that India bears a responsibility. Recalling the Shastras, he highlighted the importance of self reliance. This is to help realise the vision of Prime Minister for building a Digital India and using Digital Technologies for building an AatmaNirbhar Bharat. Tech solutions that can serve not only citizens within India but also the world. The Mantra is to Make in India for India and the World. This shall be an educational process too. Subsequent to this App Innovation Challenge, Government will also launch Track 2 of the Aatma Nirbhar Bharat App Innovation Challenge that will seek to identify Indian start ups / entrepreneurs /companies and encourage them with ideation, incubation, prototyping and roll out of applications. This track will run for a longer course of a time, details of which shall be provided separately. Tech solutions that can serve not only citizens within India but also the world. The Mantra is to Make in India for India and for the World. It is expected to bring revolutionary changes in near future. But still we need to realize that its reach is very limited. Pujan Sen uses a concept of "Democratic Dividend." How much our population size and structure can be helpful for our economic growth? India has a huge scope. Present system needs an urgent overhaul. Many things are still obsolete, static, and bookish. We need to get rid of it." Similar concept may be applied in context of education too. Our huge number of man power can be utilized for new innovative educational system. For this we need introduction of liberal education. Liberal Education is a term used for multi-disciplinary approach to education. Liberal Education emphasizes a learning system of education which provides students the choices to take courses which are varied and responds to the discovery and explorations the student needs to make. In fact Liberal education should be compulsory for all students of all streams. This liberal education should again be value based education.



The crisis of moral values is a global or problem of mankind Does modernity, post modernity are linked with this degeneration of values? In fact it is a complex matter and certainly education has a role to play in shaping moral character of human beings. But where to start? At the primary level of socialisation and at the family level of one person it may be started.

At the same time value based education needs to be imparted. I do not have utopian idea that ancient India can be a uniform model for us. We need to consider the matter in context of age only but there is no doubt that India needs to have a mission for World education. By self-reliant India, can we restructure us and reach outside India under outreach program?

What is lacking in us? Quality compared to quantity is lacking. We also lack. Employability. India can capitalize her knowledge. We need to come in completion with First ranking Universities of world. We can explore some countries like Latin America and Africa. We need a concrete change in our system in this direction .We talk of Self Reliance; we need to keep in mind along with quality, the idea of values. Are to be considered what may be role of home, family, parents? How we can bring changes at that domestic level? At the level of moral values? How structured education can be utilized? How formal education can enhance the moral value ? India has fought political and economic imperialism but now we are living an age of continuous evolution and so now we need more integrated education system with values. So a self-reliant Indian education structure needs the following features:

● **Education should be Skill based Mass Quality Public one:**

India's major public expenditure on education needs to be substantially ramped up (as against current trends of privatization which would only shrink access), including in skill development. No country has achieved self-reliance without mass quality public education. And no country has developed without a much stronger public health system than what we have in India. Skill is something that you learn to do over a period of time. During education or work you will learn new skills that you can use for different things. A Quality is something that you would have been born with. It is something that will improve as you get older as it is a part of your personality. It is not something that you can learn to do, it is something that you just know but it is also true that with good quality a person can develop the skill. On the other hand a skilled person may not have the qualities. Qualities like honesty or punctuality are something you are either born with or learn in your formative years or, in rare cases, imbibe it in later years. Skills like carpentry or computer skills can be picked up any time. Qualities form part of your personality even if you have no skills. Skills help you earn a living, help others or take up a hobby. For India we may evolve a quality cum skill based education and that may bring uniqueness in our education system Narendra Modi on July 15, "Skill is timeless. Skill is unique. Skill is a treasure that nobody can take away. Skill is self-reliance; it not only makes one employable but also self-employable."

● **Education should be value based :**

The values education is a process of teaching and learning about the ideals that a society deems important. Values-based Education is an approach to teaching that works with values. It creates a strong learning environment that enhances academic attainment, and develops students' social and relationship skills that last throughout their lives. When our actions and



words are aligned with our values, life is generally good and we feel content, confident and satisfied. But when our behaviors don't match-up with our values, we soon begin to sense an uneasiness that begins to swell and grow inside of us. If we read the writings of our predecessor great personalities, we can identify the values which resonate with human beings. These values are the most important for a human being to live by and the ones which one person wants to carry forward to the future generations. Values-based Education is an approach to teaching that works with values. It creates a strong learning environment that enhances academic attainment, and develops students' social and relationship skills that last throughout their lives. Value education, both formal and informal, can help students to develop their own personal moral codes and have a concern for others. They can learn how to reflect on their experiences in life and know how to distinguish between right and wrong.

• **Linking Education with Startup Projects:**

Government of India had recently launched an ambitious program called Startup India – Stand Up India. This was aimed at revolutionizing and accelerating the startup revolution in India, which is already witnessing strong footing. Startup India is an initiative of the Government of India. The campaign was first announced by Indian Prime Minister, Narendra Modi during his 15 August 2015 address from the Red Fort, in New Delhi. The action plan of this initiative is focusing on three areas:

1. Simplification and Handholding.
2. Funding Support and Incentives.
3. Industry-Academia Partnership and Incubation.

An additional area relating to this initiative is to discard restrictive States Government policies within this domain, such as License Raj, Land Permissions, Foreign Investment Proposals, and Environmental Clearances. Startup companies are newly born companies which struggle for existence. These entities are mostly formed based on brilliant ideas and grow to succeed. These phenomena are mentioned in the literature of management, organization, and entrepreneurship theories. Now the question is use of startups in domain of education. According to Data labs by Inc42, there are around 4450 EdTech startups in India. EdTech (a portmanteau of 'education' and 'technology') refers to hardware and software designed to enhance teacher-led learning in classrooms and improve students' education outcomes. Here are ten examples of educational business ideas:

- Tutoring Students. ...
- Home Schooling Services. ...
- Teaching Your Hobby. ...
- Educational Toys. ...
- Selling Lesson Plans. ...
- Online English Teacher. ...
- Employee Training. ...
- Online Courses.



So that way we see startups have intruded into the field of education slowly. All the above noted educational businesses are technology based and so more intensive use of start up in all layers of education is needed. Even if we plan for a liberal Arts course explaining our rich historical heritage, culture and education, we can reach the globe with our technology based startup projects and that way India can stand up high in world scenario. Technology based startup projects are already there in different educational platforms like E Pathshala, Swayam, Nidhi Prayas, etc. We have Science Direct, J-Store, Academia.edu, Google Earth, Arts cape etc. - the most preferred online database. But still more and more application of new projects are needed and there we need to encourage new startups regarding health, medical science, environment, foreign and business relations, commerce etc.

Educational administrators in the wake of self-reliance need to think of the differently abled students. Traditional method is not sufficient for the differently able students. ICT can help. Teachers, delivering the audio-based class lectures through the Google Classroom (which will serve the purpose of visually impaired students) and at the same time supplying students with written documents and PDF files both through Google Classroom and University Website (which will help students who are deaf and dumb). Hence, through the employment of both the audio and the visual methods, teachers can accommodate visually impaired and deaf and dumb persons in their class-teaching. New start up projects for differently abled persons is cry of the day. New startups are also needed to empower minorities and women communities in the context of media and information literacy may be through MOOC or any other innovative projects. Inclusion of the marginalized communities for social participation is much needed. It will impact on future policymaking in education.

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