

## **EDUCATION - I S A MUST**

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Education is a very broad concept and an intricate word having diverse meanings. It refers to all the experiences in which people can learn something. It is an important factor in a person's life. In every country, it is not only of great importance but it serves as the primary avenue for upward social and economic mobility. It is a relative term to literacy which is pivotal to human progress. I guess you will all agree with me that education is the single most important key to development and to poverty alleviation. This is the sole reason why education is a must.

Education, if simply stated is the process of gaining knowledge which inculcates forms of proper conduct and acquiring technical competency. It involves the cultivation of an innocent mind, the instilling of values and principles in the mind of the children. It includes development of skills which goes along with the achievement of one's physical, mental and social development. It is also responsible for the cultivation of a civilized society and imparting it to the citizens enables the development of a responsible and thoughtful society. The words "cultivate" and "civilize" are almost synonymous to the word "educate".

Education is vital because it is the basis of culture and civilization. It is instrumental in the development of our values and virtues. It cultivates us into mature individuals who are capable of planning our future and making the right decisions. It arms us with an insight to look at our lives and learn from every experience. Therefore, the future of a nation is safe in the hands of educated individuals.

Education is essential for the economic growth of a nation and it fosters principles of equality and socialism, thus, it is the backbone of the society. This is the reason why education is a must. Education is a fundamental human right (must be protected) which is vital to ensure adequate progress. If we want to see our country progress and be the most successful country in the world, we have to be educated and try to educate people too (in our own special way ). This means that if we have a free time, we should devote our time in educating illiterate persons telling them the importance of learning how to read and write and advice them to send their children to school (be it public or private for that matter) if they haven't done so.

We have to make the best use of the facilities given to us and pass on the legacy to the coming generation because education can pave the way to a better future for mankind. This can help eradicate illiteracy and help us to strive towards success. Wouldn't you agree with me that education is necessary to every human being? It is a must!

## Questions for discussions:

- 1. Can a person do without education?
- 2. Why is education a must?
- 3. How important is education to a human being?
- 4. Is the word literacy and knowledge coherent to education?
- 5. Can education be one of the solutions for the third world countries?