

GLOBALISATION AND HIGHER EDUCATION IN INDIA

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Abstract: “Globalisation” is one the most popular terms used in the modern day world which is affecting every aspect of human life including economic, social, political, cultural, educational and so on. With the advent of science and technology, the process of globalisation has been increasing very rapidly that the whole world has now become a ‘global village’ where the concept of ‘world citizenship’ has emerged. Though globalisation has touched almost every aspect of our life, but globalisation of education particularly higher education assumes a special place in today’s world because a Nation can progress only when its manpower resources are well qualified, well trained and skill oriented. In this respect, globalisation helps a Nation to keep its system of education up-to-date by helping it to cope up with the changing demand of the world. In this paper, attempts have been made to highlight the concept of globalisation and its impact on higher education in India.

Keywords: *Globalisation, Higher Education, India, Impact.*

1. INTRODUCTION

We are living in a world of rapid transformation where development can be seen in every aspect of life. With the advent of modern science and technology, life has become easy and as such mobilization, integration and exchange of innovations, ideas and views can take place without much effort, people can get connected quite easily either personally or in a virtual mode irrespective of geographical, political and socio-economic background. In fact, our whole world has turned into a ‘global village’ and this change can be collectively termed as “globalisation” In simple words, globalisation is the free exchange of goods, services, capital, ideas and knowledge which can influence every aspect of human life including economic, social, political, cultural, educational etc. and at the same time it can also develop the “we feeling” among all the individuals of the world as it helps in connecting the people. Thus, globalisation has become an important part of our modern world.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

- To highlight the concept of globalisation of higher education in India
- To highlight the positive and negative impact of globalisation on Indian higher education system.

3. METHODOLOGY

The present paper is theoretical in nature. For meeting the objectives of the study qualitative method of content analysis has been used. All the data of the paper have been gathered from various secondary sources like books, journals, articles, websites etc.

4. GLOBALISATION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN INDIA

In India, higher education refers to the post secondary education which is provided to students through colleges and universities. It is the apex of all the levels of formal education system. From time immemorial, India has been one of the important seats of higher studies for the students around the world. Even today, higher education in India can be considered as one of the largest education system in the whole world in terms of students' enrollment and as such maintaining and managing the system of Indian higher education is not an easy task. Also as a developing nation India has been trying to cope up with the developed nation in terms of all aspects including education. In this context, the concept of 'globalisation' have entered into the field of higher education in India as an attempt to improve the standard of the same when India initiated the economic liberalization plans in 1990. Since then 'globalisation of higher education' has been able to occupy an important place in the field of education in India. When we say 'globalisation of higher education' we mean the trans national education which described the real or virtual movement of students, teachers, knowledge and academic programmes by providing wider educational opportunities for both the teacher and the taught.

5. POSITIVE IMPACT OF GLOBALISATION ON HIGHER EDUCATION IN INDIA

- **Information Sharing-** The process of globalisation provides the real scope for sharing and exchanging various needed information, values and culture between the higher educational institutions of the nation and the other global institutions so that the educational opportunities are widen up and our higher education system can cope up with the changing situation of the world.
- **Providing Placement-** Globalisation has helped the higher educational institutions to provide the placement opportunities to the students which in turn can solve the major problem of unemployment of the nation.
- **Modification of educational experience-** Globalisation makes attempt to modify our higher educational experience in order to make it meaningful and worthwhile for the students so that they can compete with the rest of the other students of the world.
- **Updating ways of learning-** Globalisation has updated our ways of learning with the help of modern technology and ICTs. Nowadays 'smart classes' have been given more importance than the traditional classroom.
- **Emergence of new concepts in Education-** Due to globalisation many new concepts have emerged in the field of higher education in India such as Public-Private-Partnership, Total Quality Management, resource mobilization etc. which have been working for improving our standard of higher education.
- **Prepares teachers-** Globalisation helps in preparing the teachers for adopting various modern technologies in order to deliver quality higher education to the students.

- **Increased in the number of higher educational institutions-** Due to globalisation our Indian government has set up various advanced levels of higher educational institutions in the country such as IITs, AIIMS, IIMs etc.

6. NEGATIVE IMPACT OF GLOBALISATION ON INDIAN HIGHER EDUCATION

- **Risk of Commercialization-** Globalisation may give rise to the problem of commercialization of higher education where some of the higher educational institutions may focus mainly on profit making in the name of providing higher education to the students.
- **Rapid growth of privatization-** Unplanned globalisation may lead to rapid growth of privatization which, in turn, may result in the declined of quality education, unrestrained autonomy and monopolization of education.
- **Problem of brain drain-** Brain drain, which is the outcome of globalisation, is a common educational problem nowadays where talented students are leaving the country in order to get better education and placement in other higher educational institutions of the developed countries.
- **Reduces equity in education-** Globalisation may result in inequity in the field of higher education as globalisation favours privatization as a result of which there arises a wide gap between the students coming from well to do families and socio-economically weaker sections as the latter cannot afford to get education at private institutions.
- **Over emphasis on technology-** Globalisation gives over emphasis on technology which results in the gradual replacement of teachers in the classroom.

7. CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

From the above discussion we can find that globalisation has improved our higher education system to some extent by introducing new innovative ways of teaching and learning. It has broadened our ways of thinking and our scope of learning. Now we have innumerable opportunities in the field of our higher education due to the advent of globalisation. In fact globalisation has made our higher education system up-to-date not only through exchanging ideas and knowledge but also through exchanging students and teachers across the various higher educational institutions of the world. As a developing nation, India has been trying hard to make its higher education system a world class educational system through the process of globalisation, but at the same time it has to be affirmed that globalisation has its negative impact also.

Hence, care should be taken to check the negative impacts of globalisation on higher education as far as possible for the overall welfare of the students and the nation as well. In this respect the following suggestions can be put forwarded-

- ✓ Government should take all the necessary steps to supervise the process of globalisation so that the students do not fall victim of the negative effects of globalisation.
- ✓ Commercialization of higher education should be checked.
- ✓ Quality of education in private educational institutions should be supervised from time to time.
- ✓ Technology should not be over-emphasized instead of that teachers should be well trained. Both technology and man-power should go hand in hand.

- ✓ Educational institutions should try to inculcate the good aspects of the educational plans and policies which are adopted by the successful institutions of other countries so that 'brain-drain' can be prevented.

Thus, though globalisation is inevitable in this modern world but it should be utilized properly for improving the condition of the nation by improving its education system otherwise the desired results cannot be achieved.

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