

## Importance of Education in Culture : Education

and culture through seem to be two different terms but they are connected intimately and are inter-related.

The base of every educational system of a country is its culture. This can be explained as - Suppose the cultural pattern of a society is spiritual then its educational system will have an aim of attaining moral and eternal values. On the other hand, if the society has a materialistic culture, then the educational aim will also be attaining attainment of material pleasures. Therefore, it is well understood that the culture of a country has a very powerful impact on its educational pattern.



Lets now try to understand how culture and education are interrelated. For this first let's understand about the influence of culture on education.

## Influence of culture on education.

(1) Aims of education: The cultural ideals, values and pattern of a society determine the aims of education of a country.

(2) Curriculum: The aims of education are realised through the curriculum. The educational curriculum of a society is framed according to its needs and ideals. The educational curriculum reflects the cultural needs of a society.

(3) Methods of teaching: As our culture changes, so does our methods of teaching. In ancient India, the method of teaching was teacher centred i.e. the students had to learn whatever the teacher taught. The method of teaching was based on cramming and rote-memorisation of the subject matter by the students. But in modern times, education has become child centred. Today the needs, interests, aptitudes and capabilities of children are given more importance. Today, the method of teaching is activity oriented and technology based so that the students can cope up with future life.



(4) Culture and Discipline: The concept of discipline also undergoes changes with changes in the culture. Earlier the students had to follow strict discipline but now more importance is given to free-discipline.

(5) Culture and Teacher: The cultural values and ideals of a society has a great impact on the teacher. A teacher who imparts education according to prevailing cultural values of a society is a successful teacher.

### Influence of Education on Culture:

We have already discussed about the influence of culture on education. Now let's try to understand how education influences culture:

(1) Preservation & Transmission of Culture: Education helps in the preservation and transmission of culture from one generation to the other. In the words of Ottaway, "The function of education is to transmit the social values and ideals to the young and capable member of society."

(2) Development of culture: It is the function of education to bring about desirable changes in the cultural ideals and values of a society, for social progress ~~and~~ and development of society. Education can do this by conducting research and deep-investigation.



### (3) Maintaining the Continuity of culture :

Education helps in maintaining the continuity of culture. In a school, children come from different cultural backgrounds. They must be motivated to have maximum cultural interaction so that they develop the qualities of tolerance, brotherhood, co-operation and mutual understanding. This cultural understanding can help in maintaining peace and harmony in the society.

(4) Development of personality : The chief aim of education is the development of the total personality of a child, i.e. physical, mental social and emotional as per the cultural needs, ideals and values of the society.

(5) Removing Cultural lag : Education is the only means to bring the cultural lag created by the fast development of material culture leaving behind the non-material culture.