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**The sweeter fruits of bitter roots**

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*“Education is not only ladder of opportunities but it is also an investment in our future”*

Education is what gives a person the core knowledge needed to be successful throughout his time in the workforce, exploring different careers. It is important to challenge yourself to become stronger and better at the skills you need to develop to have an enjoyable, fulfilling life. So, well a common question arrives in mind of everyone..... “Why is education so important?”

It is obvious that we don't have enough money to change everyone's life and lead them out of their miseries. By educating them we can determine their future, make it secure and help them to create their destiny. The best way to predict our future is to create it and education is the foundation on which we build our future

Education gives us knowledge about world and helps us to become aware of our surroundings. It changes our perspective towards life. With the weapon of knowledge, we can become optimistic. Education is the process of learning and acquiring knowledge, skills, values, beliefs and habits which can take place in formal and informal surroundings and helps a student to learn.

Human mind is a useful resource. It has led to enormous and life changing developments in public sector as well as private sector. Our mind has produced enchanting inventions which could not have been possible without education. To consume all those potential human minds, to convert liability into asset we need “education”.

Recently I came to know about education strategies and its core idea was:” invest early, invest smartly and invest in learning for all”. I guess it is quite a brilliant idea to invest in education instead of investing in gold or properties as investment in your child's education will secure you and your future generations. Children are the future of this country and by investing in them we are contributing to country's development and thus creating literate, self-sufficient society.

Education shapes our present and our future, our previous action and our future are dependent on our rate of education. To reach their goals and meet their ambition in life, education is the route. It is their best friend for life.

***“Education is today’s style of perfection ”***

Some of you may get confused between education and knowledge. They may debate that it is only education which can provide us with knowledge. While some of you may form opinions that education and knowledge are very different. There is not much difference between knowledge and education as both are correlated. In fact, one leads to another. The primary difference between the two is that education is a formal process whereas knowledge is an informal experience. Education is acquired through formal institutions like school, colleges and universities, whereas knowledge is gained from real-life experiences. For instance, an uneducated can also display knowledge which has been passed from one generation to other. Hence education is a process of gaining knowledge whereas knowledge are facts acquired from education, peers, society and our day to day activities. But then again, information cannot be converted into knowledge without education. Education makes us capable of interpreting things, among other things. It is not just about lessons in textbooks. It is about the lessons of life. So learn them well.

***“Education is an admirable thing, but it is well to remember from time to time that nothing that is worth learning can be taught.”***

Oscar Wilde

Education is important in everyone’s life. The most demanding thing in this present world is education. It helps us in being happy, contented and satisfied. It has the power to make us stand out of the crowd by doing extraordinary things. Yet, there is education crisis. Surprising, isn’t it???? I mean, it has a vital role in our survival in these tough times yet many children are deprived of it. They are unable to go to school and there do exist something which sounds too terrible like “learning crisis”, the reason being poverty, disabilities inaccessibility to proper schooling. More than half of these children live in under developed countries. Education can offer them safety and the opportunity to learn skills that will help them to heal wounds and rebuild their societies.

*I dreamt of country where education would prevail*                      *-Malala Yousafzai*

It is extremely unfair that such a huge mass is denied education. It is said the better education you get, the brighter and shining will be your tomorrow. Your future will be in dark if you are without education. Less education means less chances and opportunities leading to frustration and depression. It is education that can turn miles into milestones. Thus, Education should be disseminated without discrimination on the basis of race, religion, gender.

***Education is a movement from darker life to light and brightness***

Narrow mind sets can make us self-centred and arrogant. Education can help us come out of these narrow walls making us think from a broader perspective enlightening us and paving a path for the future. Education makes person to understand situation with patience, he can avoid many problems

*“The power of education extends beyond the development of skills we need for economic success. It can contribute to nation-building and reconciliation.”* Nelson Mandela

Ignorance and lack of education opens the roads towards theft, burglary, robbery, crimes and terrorism. Poverty and financial crisis play a major role in increase in crimes leading towards a world of darkness. Education and teacher both give people knowledge and values moulding the present and the future. If a person is educated He knows his rights and responsibilities towards the society and this mentality itself lead him to work in a better way and it attracts success. Besides, the willingness to do any work by knowing the dignity of each work that he had got from education, prepare him to take part in any job and live with contentment. Thus, we can very well conclude that education can remove ignorance, terrorism, poverty, superstitions and discrimination.

***If you want to be more powerful; in life educate yourself***

Education provides the key to success and happiness in one's life by making one independent as self-reliance is one of the greatest asset one can own. education helps to create better civilisation. Education separates humans from animals. It makes us independent, self-sufficient, removes the blanket of darkness and we do not need to rely on anyone if we have a friend education. Education is a host for better opportunities. Better educated people tend to live better and luxurious lifestyle style. Education helps us to connect better. Understand each other thought better. We ought to think not only about ourselves but we remain selfless with education. It cultivates respect. Education helps turn weakness into strength. Education gives us the confidence to stand for ourselves our country and ultimately the world. As Nelson Mandela has rightly said, *“No country can really develop unless its citizens are educated.”*

***“Education is capital to the poor; and interest to the rich”***

It is the most important wealth one can possess. Education breeds confidence. Confidence breeds hope. Hope breeds peace. If we have education we have value of each and everything which surrounds us. We value more. There is universal peace and our society, our world is a better place to live if education is a used as guiding light.

*“We cannot build a future for our youth but we can surely build our youth for future.* Education is the most powerful weapon which can change the world. It is the key to unlock the golden future. Education, beyond all other creation of human is the great equalizer of men. It is the first and foremost step for a better, fairer, brighter, peaceful and a beautiful future.

***After all education is a gateway to create an opportunity to open door, rehabilitates and transforms people's life. That is how education can contribute to fairer future.***