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Quality through Equity in Higher Education in India

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Abstract

The Twelfth Five Year Plan (2012-17) has decorated expansion, equity and excellence as the major concerns in higher education. India has witnessed considerable increase in Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) and inclusivity through positive action. However, importunate disparity exists across States, Religious, Minorities and Other Backward Castes (OBCs). A proactive state inventiveness to look at education in a holistic manner, revamping the regulatory character, augmentation in allocation can foster distinction while improving equity through higher access of underprivileged segments of the society. There is also a need to connect best entrepreneurial energies to the cause of higher education.

1. Introduction

There has been a humongous increase in enrolment in Higher Education since independence and proliferation, in particular, of private sector technical institutions in recent years. After the Kothari Commission (1986) and National Policy on Education (1992) no new education policy in higher education has been enunciated during the last three decades. The 12th Plan has highlighted Access, Equity and Excellence 1 as the three cornerstones of higher education. The phenomenal growth in access to higher education to education cuts across in States, religion, gender thereby increasing the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) from 10 per cent in 2000 to around 18per cent by 2012-20132. The 12th plan aims to increase GER to 25 per cent by 2017.

This paper attempts to bring-out the significant milestones in-terms of access and equity in higher education while flagging the 'Disparity Index' in terms of Inter-State, Gender, Rural-Urban and Religious Group divide. A case study has been cited to demonstrate how excellence in higher education can be achieved through affirmative action.

Constitutional Provisions & Amendments

The Constitution mandates Equality before Law within the territory of India (Art 14) and 2. Equality of Opportunity in matters of public employment. It forbids discrimination on grounds of religion, race, cast, sex and place of birth (Article 16). Right to Education, Art 21(A) is a landmark additions to our Constitution vides 86th Amendment (2002) which guarantees "free and compulsory education to all children of the age of 6 to 14 years". The founding fathers, noting the

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Relevance of Ambedkarism for Social Transformation in Contemporary India

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some claimeter, the belief in the method of democracy, the recognition of human dignity and personality, the second relations between mon and man and man and woman. He worked to build a society without poverty and relations, existe and unionelyability, malice and hatred which is the achievement if the entired society. Finally analyses would come to know that Ambedlan devoted his life to the task of enlightening the vast neglected part for humanity.

OBJECTIVES

to assess the contribution of Ambedian towards welfare of the labour

presplore Audiedkar's approach towards social transformation by applying labour policies.

METHODOLOGY

In this paper, I referred the primary and secondary sources, pursued the Ambedkar,s writings speeches placet, documents and related journachs and books.

p. D.R. Andsedlan with his indefarigable fight he secured the assured dignified life to the vast mankind of table. He was the promeer to thost a political party as "Independent Labour Party" in 1936, to vertifate for the sate life of behan labourer. Under the banner of his political party, he undertook a comprehensive programme subthe annucliate needs and grievances of the landless poor tenants, agriculturalists and working class. The high lodget lovernment identified the integrity and relentless fight of B.R. Ambedkar for the cause of working documentated from in Vicency's Executive Committee as labour member, which provided him an opportunity archangeon the various grievances of the working class."

petiation of Working Class:

"A class or group of employees, labourers and worker also include daily wage carner, agricultural labourers adverployees in Conveniment services, workers in trade and industry business centres, traders contractors and laddonly for fulfilling their basic need of food clothing and housing etc"."

It is examined that, before Ambedkar entry as labour member in the Vice-Roy executive council, the condition allabourer was worst. They were no minimum wage for their work, no fixation of working hours, no bolishays, no proper recognition to the unions, no provision of fund, no welfare measures were maintained there was no machinery for the redressal of the grievances of the luboures. Ambedkar for the first time thought about the blood welfare and be observes that "Man is not a mere Machine. He is human being with feelings of sympathy to one and antipathy for others".

After, identifying and understanding the deployable condition of labourer, Ambedkar as a labour member mated reform for the labour welfare.

D Amendment of the Industrial dispute Bill - 1938

In 1938 the industrial disputes Bill was introduced in the Bombay legislative Assembly by the then Princ Minister. At that time, there was no provision which would allow the workers to go on strike, if they thought that her working condition was not better. In 1934, the Bombay Presidency Government passed the Bombay Trake Deputes conciliation Act. This act also did not allow the workers to go on strike. Due to luck of powisson to go on strike. The employers would try to extract the profits from the sweating of the workers. Then the industrial matrix bill was introduced in the house. This bill also prohibited the workers from participating in strikes highest as member of the Legislature participated in the debate and fought for the right of the workers to stone the right to stoke."