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Abstract

Global education has emerged as a crucial framework for understanding how language, literature, and education intersect and evolve. Global education has gained a significant impact in modern education. This research article examines the role of language and literature in shaping global education, exploring the dynamics of cultural exchange, linguistic diversity, and educational systems. This paper mainly focus on the theme of Multi-lingualism and the way of equipping the students into a Global citizens. The process of Multi-lingualism adapts a multiple level of perspective with different aspect of language skills and adaptability. As the implementation of FYUGP program, Higher Education system aims to equip the skills and fostering cultural awareness among the students. As societies face the challenges of Globalization, Migration, and Technological advancement, the necessity for a comprehensive and inclusive approach to education has been more pressing and important element for diversity. This paper addresses the waves of global citizens, equipped to navigate the complex interplay between culture, education, and global literature. Overall, this paper produces the impact of Multi-lingualism and the process of making the students into a global citizens for a productive phase. By analysing the transformation of language and literature in educational contexts, this paper aims to provide insights into how education can foster global citizenship and promote intercultural dialogue.

Keywords: Global Education, Multilingual Education, Literature, Cultural Exchange, FYUGP, Globalization, Global Citizenship, Educational Systems, Intercultural Dialogue

Introduction

Globalisation of education connects the implication of socio-cultural realm that promotes international understanding and social harmony. In an era marked by globalization, the concept of education has expanded beyond traditional borders to encompass a more dynamic, interconnected approach. Education, once viewed through a local or national lens, is now seen as a global phenomenon that influences and is influenced by global cultural, political, and economic forces. Language is connected through cultural identity. Culture is a complex tool which every individual has to learn to survive in a society. Culture is symbolic, cumulative and progressive process – white. Language and literature play central roles in this global educational landscape, acting as both vehicles for communication and as tools for understanding diverse cultural identities. The indirect influence of one language upon another is that which is exerted through literature (Muralidharan).

This paper examines how global education is reshaped by the interplay between language, literature, and the educational process in a world

characterized by rapid change. The impact of English is requiring elements for the formation of global education. It meets the demands and requirements for a collective purpose of global education or community. As globalization advances, the necessity for students and educators to engage with languages and literatures from around the world grows. This paper explores the significance of language and literature in shaping global education and the role they play in fostering intercultural understanding and global citizenship.

Language in Global Education

Language is the cornerstone of communication and culture. Diversity is one of the most important and intriguing concepts in social world. Many diverse cultures promote the richness of our connectivity. It is the differences seen in a particular society in the case of Religion, Culture, Economic status and so on. Language is defined as a system of arbitrary vocal symbols. It is used for human connection and communication. The level of bilingual and multilingual groups widely connected the world. It is characterized as the language diversity or linguistic diversity. As globalization fosters greater interaction between nations and peoples, the role of language in education has expanded. English, in particular, has become a global lingua franca, facilitating communication across national and cultural boundaries. Education has a major role in respecting diversity of the country. It helps in unifying the system through assimilating cultures, develops pluralism and developing a consciousness among the society. However, the rise of English as a global language has also led to the marginalization of minority languages, presenting a challenge for educators and policymakers.

In many parts of the world, multilingualism is the norm. Multilingualism is the use of several languages by an individual or society. The media of instruction is one of the important elements in communication. For instance, in countries like India and South Africa, students often speak several languages, yet their formal education is typically conducted in one dominant language, often English. There is a very small proportion of schools or community which are imparting education through two or more than two media of instruction. This linguistic diversity creates both opportunities and challenges in educational settings. On one hand, multilingualism enriches students' cognitive abilities, fostering creativity, problem-solving skills, and adaptability. On the other hand, it creates inequalities, as students who do not speak the dominant language may struggle to perform well in formal education (Banks).

To address these issues, educational systems are increasingly promoting multilingual education. By valuing and integrating multiple languages in the curriculum, global education can ensure that students not only learn the global lingua franca but also preserve their cultural identities and engage with diverse perspectives. The concept of Plebeianization can be adopted. It means to access quality education to common people. This multilingual approach is essential for creating inclusive educational environments that respect linguistic diversity while preparing students to navigate a globalized world.

The Role of FYUGP

The National Education Policy which was approved by the union cabinet focuses on student -centric form of education. The higher education reform of National Education Policy (NEP) primarily focuses on implementing the Four Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP) across colleges and universities in India. The program was designed to extend the traditional three-year undergraduate education to four years, providing students with more opportunities for specialization, research, and interdisciplinary learning. It mainly envisages an india-centric education system that connects the flexible form of education across the world. FYUGP allows students to explore their chosen field in more depth compared to traditional three-year programs. The additional year provides opportunities for advanced courses, interdisciplinary learning, and research, aligning with the global trend of promoting specialized education at the undergraduate level. With global education systems increasingly emphasizing skill development and research, FYUGP makes graduates more competitive on the international stage. It aims to provides a high quality education to all.

FYUGP provides a complete collaboration with domestic and foreign universities. It implements a open ended pathway to the students. The collaboration of Foreign universities in India proposes international educational system and promote global education to all. The policy incorporates internationalize education in India with the possibilities of Foreign universities in India. The program mainly emphasizes the training of academic and language skills for required universities. The program's structure, which includes research components and internships, enhances employability and prepares students for global job markets. The additional year in the FYUGP is often used to encourage interdisciplinary learning. Students can take courses from various fields, fostering well-rounded individuals who can think critically across disciplines. This approach resonates with international education models that value holistic development. FYUGP focuses on research and independent study in the final year, which encourages students to innovate and contribute to global knowledge. This is in line with the global trend toward research-led teaching and creating graduates capable of contributing to scientific and technological advancements.

Literature and Global Education

Literature, as both an expression of culture and a reflection of human experience, is another pivotal element in global education. Literature is a system of expression. The form of creative expression that connects reflexive structure to the education. Literature is a communication phenomenon that incorporates social, cultural and historical form of togetherness. Literary texts provide insights into different worldviews, histories, and social issues, making them invaluable tools for fostering empathy and cross-cultural understanding. It forms a open minded viewpoints and strategies to the world. As students read literature from different cultures, they are exposed to the values, struggles, and aspirations of people around the world. Cultural identity is one of the important aspects in global education.

One of the most significant developments in global education has been the increasing inclusion of world literature in curricula. Inclusion is a wide term that connects the totality of the system. It is the process of inclusion of all fields in the society. Authors from diverse backgrounds, including those from postcolonial societies, Indigenous communities, and marginalized groups, are now being studied in schools and universities worldwide (Kurian). This shift helps to decolonize education by moving beyond the Western literary canon and giving voice to previously underrepresented authors and cultures. The globalisation of education enables all countries to fulfil the inclusive Education of foreign education. It helps to expand the expansion of education in the third world countries. It will provide quality education and provide proper necessities to the underdeveloped countries.

The study of literature in a global context also encourages critical thinking and global citizenship. The subjective nature of literature connects freedom of expression and it leads to form different ideas, perspectives and viewpoints in various fields. Through literature, students can confront issues such as inequality, environmental degradation, human rights, and social justice. These global concerns, often explored through the lens of fictional narratives, and cultural heritage. Because, the foreign educational package challenges students to engage with the world beyond their immediate surroundings and become more active participants in global discourse. Globalisation of education promotes the incorporation of Inclusivity through cultural and social realm. It creates social harmony, community togetherness and social up gradation to the system.

Education Systems and Global Challenges

Education systems around the world are undergoing profound changes as they adapt to the demands of globalization. Education means the acquisition of knowledge and experience for fostering creativity, developing skills, critical thinking and so on. Traditional educational models, often based on rote learning and standardized testing. These techniques are increasingly being criticized for their inability to equip students with the skills necessary for navigating a complex, interconnected world. Education is a versatile process that involves overall manifestation of the individual in all areas like Mind, body and spirit. As the global job

market shifts and technology evolves, educators are called upon to rethink curricula, teaching methodologies, and assessment practices. Education is a triangular process. It involves in combining or combination of three subjects – Educator, Educand and society. The social orientation helps the individual to think and act in global level and training the individual to adapt with the challenging environment.

One of the most pressing challenges in global education is ensuring access to quality education for all, particularly in regions where resources are limited or where conflicts and crises have disrupted educational systems. According to UNESCO, over 260 million children and adolescents are out of school worldwide, and millions more are enrolled in schools but receive an education of poor quality. We need to promote educational values and orientation. We should generate formal, informal and non formal education for all. The problem or disparity in sub-Saharan Africa, where the education gap remains wide despite global efforts to promote universal education. So, we should make a universal solution to make up this disparity. We must implements required tools and techniques for the acquisition of universal education. We can address these issues through the mode of open education with the various techniques and strategies like MOOCs methods.

Global education initiatives, such as the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG 4), aim to address these inequalities by promoting inclusive, equitable, and quality education for all. Sustainability is a long-term process. It creates a social harmony between the community. However, achieving this goal requires a comprehensive approach that includes improving educational infrastructure, required tools and techniques, training teachers, and ensuring that curricula reflect the diverse needs and backgrounds of students. It is a way of teaching that helps people develop the skills, values, and knowledge to create a sustainable future. The sustainable form of education can fostering formal, informal and non formal education system. It creates quality and equitable education for all.

In addition, education systems must adapt to the challenges posed by rapid technological advancement. The role of information and communication technology is an important aspect in contemporary world. Technology connects people, it reflects universalisation. The rise of digital technology has transformed how information is accessed and disseminated. The dissemination of information is one concern for today's world. But, the amount of information is quite often for today's generation. Online learning platforms, virtual classrooms, and digital resources are reshaping the educational experience, making learning more accessible and universal in approach. The impact of COVID 19 had drastically changed the entire structure of the educational system. It really boosts up the technological and online form of education. It often indirectly connects the global education. But also highlighting disparities in access to technology. As a result, global education must focus not only on ensuring access to education but also on equipping students with the digital literacy skills required for success in the 21st century.

The Role of Education in Fostering Global Citizenship

As the world becomes more interconnected, education must go beyond imparting knowledge to focus on shaping responsible global citizens. The interdisciplinary approach gives more flexibility in the field of education. The globalised system of connectivity ensures universalisation aspect of character formation. It emphasizes the capability to foster the skills and adaptability to individual or the citizens. Global Citizenship Education seeks to cultivate in students a sense of belonging to a broader human community, one that transcends national, ethnic, and cultural boundaries. GCE encourages students to think critically about global issues, engage with diverse perspectives, and take action to address global challenges. It directly addressed the issues and challenges of the individual to boost up the life.

Language and literature are essential tools for fostering global citizenship. It is an interconnected discipline that promotes skills and communication. The concept of Multi-lingualism envisages diverse opportunities and ideas. By learning multiple languages, students are better equipped to engage with people from different cultural backgrounds, while literature broadens their understanding of the world and promotes empathy. Often, literature is a skill subject, that connects the reflexive level of the learner or the individual to cope

up with the cultural identity. Through the study of global issues in the classroom, students are empowered to become active participants in solving problems such as climate change, poverty, and inequality. Also, with the current system of Information and communication technology, students get more information and opportunities in their respective areas.

Moreover, Global level of education emphasizes values such as respect for human rights, peace, and social justice, which are central to the ethos of global education. It will change the individual into an equitable and productive citizen. By fostering these values in students, education systems contribute to the creation of a more just, equitable, and sustainable world.

Conclusion

In an ever-changing world, global education is more essential than ever. As societies become increasingly interconnected, the role of language and literature in shaping education cannot be overstated. Global education serves as a critical foundation for fostering well-rounded, culturally aware, and globally competent students. By embracing linguistic diversity, promoting world literature, and adapting to the challenges posed by globalization, education can foster intercultural understanding, critical thinking, and global citizenship. The successful implementation of global education principles in FYUGP can equip students not only with academic knowledge but also with the critical skills necessary for effective participation in a globalized society. Education bridges the transformation of education systems to meet the demands of the globalized world will require concerted efforts from policymakers, educators, and students alike. Ultimately, Global education has the potential to bridge divides, celebrate cultural diversity, and create a more inclusive and equitable world for future generations. Education is essential for building a more inclusive and equitable society.

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