

Awareness of Value Education Among University Students: A Study

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Abstract

Value crises are real. It is the most crucial aspect of today's society. Detoriation of human values bring instability, indiscipline in the society. It is most important to aware people about development of human values among the students. Youth are the future of the society. So students of higher level of formal education must aware about values, development of values and education for value inculcation. University education is the most important part of higher education. If we make the university students aware about value education and importance of value education, then society will be develop one.

Key words- Awareness, Value education, University students.

Introduction:

Values are the norms. They bring quality and meaning to give a person his identity and character. Values are mainly caught from culture, religion, literature, folkways, norms .They are the determinent of human behaviour. If individuals have proper sorts of values, they behave properly in society and facilitate human interaction, social solidarity and smooth functioning of social organisations and social institutions. In the ancient time, the main objective of education was mainly to achieve Dharma, Artha, Kama, Moksha .These are considered as the moral values in Indian perspective. Various reports and committees emphasized on value education. The education policy 1986, has rightly pointed out the growing crisis of values in all aspects of life and highlights the urgent need for value education.

Universities play very crucial role in imparting value based education in formal education system. Youth can be benefited from this level of education. The main aim of higher education is to shape the character of youth as the citizen of a nation. So, values awareness among the students is very essential for improving the society.

Value based education is an important part of human life. It is the education, which prime aim is to develop the good qualities such as kindness, freedom,mercy, respect, love, dignity, honesty, patriotism and generosity.

Need and Importance of the Study:

The importance of value education for human being is highly felt need in the modern education scenario. The Kothari Commission (1964-66) have strongly stressed the need of value education among the students. The students' society is facing tremendous value crises and many unsatisfactory situation have been arisen due to this problem. The conflict between modern and traditional values maybe considered as one of the major factor of value crisis. Universities are the institutions Of Higher Learning where top most phases of formal education is provided. Destiny of a nation is shapped in the classroom. So, it is most important to develop value awareness among university students. Value awareness among the University students is very significant for better human society.

Objectives of the study:

- * To study the value awareness among the university students.
- * To compare the value awareness among boys and girls.

Study Area:

The investigators has selected Guwahati University of Assam as their study area.

Methodology:

The study falls under Descriptive Survey Method.

Sample:

50 students from that University have been selected by using simple random sampling technique. The investigators selected 25 Boys and 25 Girls for this study.

Tools:

The investigators use a questionnaire for connecting the required information from the sample group.

Analysis and Result:

Objective 1:

* To study the value awareness among the college students.

Table 1: Percentage of Awareness among the Student

Various Classification of Values	Number of Students	Percentage of Awareness
Academic Values	50	62%
Moral Values	50	70%
Socio political Values	50	57%

From the above table it can be explained that-

- 62% of total students have awareness of academic value. They are regular in their classes, participate in all kinds of academic activities and follow the norms , discipline of the institution.
- Only 70% students are aware about moral values, they just know the norms of society.
- 57% of total students have the awareness about socio- political values . They are aware about national integration, unity, cohesion, democratic values ,feeling of sacrifice, tolarance etc.
- Very few students practice value based action like yoga, meditation etc for developing their emotional stability, spiritual qualities etc.

Objective 2:

* To compare the value awareness among Boys and Girls.

Table 2 : Percentage of Awareness of Boys and Girls students

Sex	No of Students	Awareness
Boys	25	68%
Girls	25	76%

- 68% of the total boys have awareness about value education.
- 76% girl students have awareness about value education.
- Girls students are found more aware than boys regarding value education.

Discussion and Suggestions:

- Awareness makes people concern about that particular aspect. Value consciousness and is the most important step for value development. So, various techniques of teaching should be developed for developing value awareness.
- University should organise yoga and meditation camp to inculcate human and spiritual values among the youth.
- Students should be aware about democratic value and it's importance in our life.
- Various departments of the university can organise different co-curricular for bringing awareness among the students.
- Teacher -students relationship should be made friendly and respectable. It helps to build a conducive atmosphere in the university.
- Various issues should be raised among the students and discuss and try to judge their values.

Conclusion:

There is no doubt that education has a powerful role to impart knowledge as well as makes people aware about anything. Value education is the most important weapon to bring awareness about different human values among the students. Values of cultural diversity and social diversity should be inculcate in students' personality. So values awareness especially university students is very essential in the present day set up for better improvement of the society. To minimise youth unrest , value education is one of the most powerful instrument. At the end we can say value awareness can't be developed only through formal education system. Strong family relations, healthy socio-culture environment, cultural exchange program, community play a bigger role in shaping the good character of young people.

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