



Role of Alternative Education in Reducing Educated Unemployment

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Abstract

The development of a country depends on the education system of that country. One of the most important objectives of education is to enable a person to earn a living. If an education fails to achieve this goal then unemployment is the main problem experienced by that person or similar persons. Educated unemployment is a situation in which one does not get employment despite having many educational qualifications. In this kind of situation, it is necessary to make changes in the existing education system. This is where alternative education comes into play. Alternative education is an alternative means of furthering education for students who cannot adjust to a traditional school environment. What is educated unemployment, what is alternative education and what is the role of alternative education in reducing educated employment are the main questions in this paper. Educated unemployment rate can be brought down if things like skill oriented curriculum, flexibility in assessment etc. are added to the current education as in alternative education.

Keywords: Educated unemployment, Alternative education

The aim of a good education is to enable a person to acquire knowledge as well as to increase his ability to find a means of income to support their own life. That is why learning to do has come as the second pillar of education. Even though it is said that Kerala has made a lot of progress in education, educated unemployment is a major challenge faced by the Kerala society. Even though Keralites have acquired high educational qualifications why there are problems like under employment, educated unemployment etc. Is it a decline in the quality of education? Or is there no employment opportunity in Kerala? This paper discusses what alternative education can do in overcoming such crises.

Research questions

What is meant by Educated Unemployment?

What is Alternative Education?

What is the role of alternative education in reducing educated unemployment?

Educated unemployment

Educated unemployment is an important unemployment among different unemployment. Educated unemployment is the condition of not getting qualified employment despite having educational qualifications. This means that despite obtaining a degree or a post-graduate degree, one cannot get a job. This type of unemployment occurs when there is no job available in the economy or the existing jobs are below their qualifications. Kerala, which stands first in terms of education, is also the first state in terms of educated unemployment rate. Although there are reasons such as population growth and growth in technology, educational reasons are the reason for such a high level of educated unemployment. This situation is caused by the lack of changes in the learning method, curriculum, subject area etc.. in accordance with the present era. Every year, thousands of people graduate from each stage of education. Those who come out like this need to increase their skills to do any job, but in the current education system in Kerala more importance is given to developing theoretical knowledge than skill-oriented education. This can also be said to be a reason for increasing the educated unemployment rate.

Alternative Education

Alternative education is an alternative as its name suggests. Education is not about forcing anyone to teach what they are not interested in, on the contrary, it should be enjoyed by everyone according to their taste and interest. Alternative education is about opening up such an educational situation. Alternative education is something that students who cannot adjust to the current educational situation can rely on to continue their studies without dropping out. Alternative education offers flexible education without fixed frameworks in terms of schedule, curriculum, learning style, and teacher-student relationships, according to student interests. In alternative education, teacher-centeredness, individualized instruction, individualization, differentiation, and care support the growth and maintenance of students' social capital Brinkmann (2012). Alternative education is a method of education that considers the needs of each student, away from the idea of a one-size-fits-all education. Along with learning, alternative education also provides activities to achieve self-sufficiency.

Role of alternative Education in reducing educated unemployment

An important way to save our society from the problem of educated unemployment is to integrate alternative educational ideas with existing educational ideas. How alternative education ideas can be used to reduce the rise in educated unemployment rate can be summarized as follows.

In order to decrease the educated unemployment rate, the main need is to provide skill development education to the students. In alternative education, students are given the opportunity to increase their skills according to their interests. Alternative education plays an important role in imparting skills and entrepreneurship development to a diverse population (Al-Ani, 2017).

In contrast to the current education system in alternative education, flexibility can be seen in the curriculum, time schedule and learning method. This flexibility considers the differences in children and helps them to take their studies to the areas of their interest.

By incorporating the assessment method of alternative education in the current assessment, comparison between children can be reduced and self-sufficiency, creativity and confidence can be increased in children beyond the success rate. Brinkmann (2012) Alternative education is a learning approach that includes paced learning, rich curriculum, non-threatening and continuous assessment, and child-centered teaching.

By bringing these kinds of changes in the current educational system, the children become self-sufficient, thereby increasing their ability and interest in doing any job, which eventually eliminates the menace of educated unemployment and leads to the development of the country.

Conclusion

One of the most important factors for the development of a country is the income of the youth in that country. It can be said that the increase in their income is the pillar of the country's development. In this way, the country provides quality education to enable the youth to earn income. As in other countries, in India and particularly in the state of Kerala, a good share of government expenditure is allocated to education. Such deferred costs will be returned to the government in the form of taxes from the individual's income in the future. Education is on the list of constraints in India. This means that the central and state governments will also bear the cost of education. But educated unemployment is a big challenge in India, especially in Kerala. Hence we can see a stagnant trend in the amount spent on education. In order to save an individual as well as a nation, if the ideas of alternative education are incorporated in the existing education system, it will help the students to be interested in learning, to work in the field of their interest, to achieve success there and to become self-sufficient.

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