

Education For The Female Child

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NAPOLÉON Bonaparte once said, "If you give me a literate mother, I will give you a literate nation." Moreover, he said that to revive a nation nothing but a cluster of good mothers are needed. And these mothers ought to be literate because without education a person cannot be considered a complete rational being.

Education is the backbone of a nation. To prosper and to achieve a certain goal, it is necessary for a child, irrespective of its sex, to be educated. A child has an innate right to get primary education. In our country, parents who live under the subsistence level consider child education an extra burden. Their poverty is such that they have not had the opportunity to think of any matter other than to extinguish the fire of hunger. So it is quite natural that they will prefer to sell child labour instead of ensuring their children's education, although it is free. They specially consider education for the female child a total waste of time and energy because they think a girl's ultimate duty is to cook and perform the household chores. Considering these aspects, the present government has introduced the free education for girl students upto class VIII. In some places, 'Food for Education' also has been introduced just to

encourage the wretched parents to spare their daughter for her education. Because, according to such parents education is literally useless which brings forth no solvency for the family. The urgency of a girl's education provokes thought in every conscious quarter. Every girl of today is the mother of tomorrow. So, to get an ideal mother an educated woman is very much necessary. A literate girl can judge what is beneficial for her family and herself. She can distinguish between good and bad, so no one can easily deceive her and put her in trouble. In our country, there are lot of illiterate women who are used to getting cheated by others in the absence of the male family members of the house. If they were at least a little educated, the probability of being cheated by kith and kin and others would come to a minimum position. Moreover, an educated mother can teach her children primary education in a cordial atmosphere, which in course of time will become helpful in building the foundation of their basic moral character. An educated mother always has the tendency to teach her children. That's why it is said that, if a male is educated an individual is educated; but if a female is educated

the whole nation will be educated within a short span of time.

Our national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam has written that all the magnificent creations, which are benevolent to the human race, are always done (simultaneously) half by the man and half by the woman! And to create anything beneficial, an austere woman's sincerity and efficiency are needed. So, keeping a major part of the total population in the dark, to reach the derived destination is simply beyond one's imagination.

The orthodox and fanatic group always stands as a bar to the higher education of our womenfolk. And the parents have the tendency to settle their daughters marriages as quickly as possible. They count the expenditure of the girl's education as an extra burden, since the girl will ultimately belong to some other family through the system of marriage. This narrow attitude of the parents about their girl children should be changed immediately. Rather, a girl should be enlightened because if anything like divorce or the death of the spouse occurs, that she can manage herself instead of being washed away by cruel circumstances.

The world has completely changed. Now to arrange the marriage of a young girl without preparing her for the broad responsibilities of life is nothing but a serious offence. Nobody has the right to put a blooming bud by throwing her into the harsh responsibilities of a ruthless life, when still they could enjoy playing dolls. Being a mother in childhood and by giving birth successively, she brings woes to her children and herself also. Moreover, as she is unaware of sanitation, nutrition and the basic requirements of life. She fails to bring up her children and contribute to the enhancement of nation's suffering and destruction and leads to her own untimely demise also. But if the girl gets the environment and the opportunity to educate herself, she has clear-cut ideas about family planning and the shortcomings of an unnecessarily big family. In this situation, she regulates the size of her family and her offspring become assets of the nation, and not liabilities. To make everybody conscious about this vicious problem, a scheme has been taken up to make education free for girl students upto class VIII and lots of stipends have also been introduced. To lead the country to a prosperous goal, the implementation of female child education is a must.