

Globalisation and education: issues in a globalising society

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Globalisation has become a salient feature of our age. Globalisation as a culture based process and as a global capitalist system can be seen in the context of economic liberalisation in India since 1991. In India today, on the one side is the picture of economic growth, growth of consumerism and westernisation. On the other side there is a great disparity between the poor and the rich, between different castes and between male and female population. The disparities can be seen in relation to income, access to education, other services and status in the society.

Globalisation has significantly impacted upon the education structure. Governments across the world today are concentrating on introducing educational policies and measures to become knowledge - based economies. However government support for this is being compromised in India by caste and religion based quotas in education. On the one hand, globalisation has resulted in setting up of off shore campuses and tie-ups; on the other hand the mind set of the Indian government has not changed towards foreign universities (still perceived as colonial exploiters). This paper attempts to bring out the current issues of access to education in India in the context of globalisation. It hopes to spell out the need for specific policy initiatives and reforms required to fulfil the visions for the new century.

Biography: Lata has extensive experience in teaching and research. She has taught students from economically low-income families at Navyug School (special schools set up in New Delhi – India, to promote education among low-income groups). Lata has done extensive research on globalisation and women's access to education.

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