



Parental and Community Involvement in Education: Insight from NEP-2020

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1. Abstract:

Education is very needful thing in the student's life. In this relevant the roles of parents and community are very significant. Because parents fulfill the diverse needs of the child. Parental involvement is the active process of participating of the parents in the education of the child. Community involvement is a concept of attempting to bring together different people for solving the problems and decision making. The aim of paper is to explore the importance of parents and community in the field child's education from the insight of NEP-2020. The study adopts a systematic literature review methodology to analyze the existing study on parental and community involvement in education: insight from NEP-2020. In conclusion, it can say that children whose parents are involved in their child's education, they are more likely to exhibit a positive attitude towards the school, high level in school attendance. Parental engagement improves a sense of involvement and belonging within the school community that fosters the children to involve in their education actively. When parents are involved in their child's education, they determine high standards and expectations for academic development that can motivate the child to struggle for success.

2. Keywords: Parental involvement, Community engagement, Recommendations of NEP-2020, Education system.

3. Introduction:

Education is very needful thing in the student's life. The development of student is very needed or necessary. For this the quality education is necessary in our country which helps in child's all-round development. In this relevant the roles of parents and community are very significant. Because parents fulfill the diverse needs of the child. Along with satisfying the diverse needs of the child parents satisfy the other needs of the child. So, in case of child's education, parent's involvement is very urgent. Playing an important role of parents is vital in providing quality education. It is proved in studies that involving of parents improves their child's education and more chances to succeed. For this reason, encouraging of parents in child's education is significant. But when parents always are involved in child's education then his education get a tremendous effect on his career achievement.

The parents play an important role in the system of school, from giving emotional and physical support to helping ensure their children that meet their needs. Strong connection between parents and teachers are essential to successful school system. For building a good relationship with his child, parents should be strive, attending

parent teacher meeting, open houses, and other school activities. Apart from this, communicating of school with the home is the main factor in understanding learner's education achievement and social person. Moreover, parents are an important resource for teachers and administrators, giving insight into different needs and powers of their child. They should be helped actively in decision-making process of child and can be involved in attending board meeting, volunteering for committee and offering their experiences.

Parents play an essential in shaping their children's education. For example, involving with the classroom is more benefit for students and teachers. This includes assisting their child during homework, helping their child to develop the social and emotional skills by speaking about their day and having conversation important topics. The involvement of a community in the process of education is a precondition. This concept of community involvement is not a new thing in our society. From the earlier time, 'Pathshala' and 'Madrassa' emerged as a community institution. At that time, the knowledge and skills were transmitted by this type of institutions.

The term 'Community' is used in the different ways with lot of arbitrariness. It denotes that, community is a group of people occupying a geographical place. But the entire social group is not a community. It can be defined that, when individuals live together in a common area, having feeling of each other, interacting with each other to achieve their goals and fulfill their needs, it is called community. The community is a social group symbolized by community spirit. For example, a village, a town, a city etc.

4. Objectives: The following are main purposes of this paper as below

- ❖ To study the Parental and community involvement in education
- ❖ To find out the roles of parental and community involvement in the education of child
- ❖ To study the challenges of implementing recommendation of NEP-2020 regarding the parents and community involvement in case of child's education
- ❖ To explore the recommendation of NEP-2020 regarding the parents and community involvement in the education of child

5. Methodology:

The study adopts a systematic literature review methodology to analyze the existing study on parental and community involvement in education: insight from NEP-2020. This method enables a structured and thorough examination of available literature. This method identifies the traits, strategies effectiveness. A systematic investigation has been conducted in academic databases including ERIC, PubMed, Shodhganga, Indian Times, Academia and Google scholar. The present study is mainly based on secondary data. The important information has been collected from the book; publish data of World Bank Report, research paper and journals that provides an entire picture about the parental and community involvement in education: insight from NEP-2020.

6. Community involvement in education:

Community involvement in the field of education is to identify issues, identifying problems in school system. Actually school is part of community. Community helps the school by providing physical resources in the development of school. Community involvement is a concept of attempting to bring together different people for solving the problems and decision making. It is a way to take responsibility and accountability, identifying the problem, designing and implementing program for developing the society.

6.1 Dimension of community involvement in the field of education as per NEP-2020:

There are few dimension in education, these are

- **Maintaining the school building and faculties:** Community members have responsibility to supervise proper maintenance of building and other facilities like garden boundary wall, availability of washroom for boys and girls and drinking water, library, laboratory.
- **Supervision:** Taking responsibility of supervision and school administration such as daily attendance, punctuality of the teachers, timely provide textbooks, notebooks, abolition of corporal punishment, regular health check up are important.
- **Collecting teachers:** Community members have a responsibility to hire teachers. Sometime they can work as a volunteer. They will provide awareness program at all level.
- **Responsibility:** It means community members will help the students, teacher and staff availability for guidance and advice, giving personal attention and eager to help students.
- **Involvement in policy, curriculum and textbook preparation and distribution:** Member should be involved in policy making, curriculum and textbook, preparation and distribution. They have responsibility in developing and designing curriculum and learning materials as per local needs.

6. 2 Benefits of community involvement in education:

Most of the educationists think that community involvement is one of the ways of improving educational access and quality. Community involvement is concerned with the school community. The community involvement in the development of education has potential to improve the ownership, accountability and efficiency. This type of involvement in education facilitates in identifying the community related issues and conveys in improvement of strategies to remove obstacles of access and quality of education within a given community.

6. 3 there are some benefits from the perspective of education system:

- ✓ Increasing shortage resources
- ✓ Enhancing need and need based curriculum
- ✓ Making the problems and solution
- ✓ Enhancing girls education
- ✓ Making nourishing community based partnership
- ✓ Implementing democracy
- ✓ Enhancing accountability
- ✓ Ensuring sustainability
- ✓ Enhancing home environment

7. Parental involvement in education:

Parental involvement is the active process of participating of the parents in the education of the child. Parents can be involved at the home in different ways, such as:

- Studying with the children.
- Discussing school activities
- Giving help at homework
- Participating in school cultures including parent-teacher meetings
- Volunteering in classroom activities

In student success, both such as parental involvement and participation or engagement is important for the students. But there is a slight difference in both terms. Involvement is the first level including, participation in school events or activities. Teacher provides learning resources and information about their learner's grades. Involving of teacher in school holds the primary responsibility to determine the educational goals. But, with

engagement the house and school come together as team members. School authorizes the parents and by giving with ways to participate actively and improving them with important voice in the school. School also helps in removing barriers in engagement.

Examples include engaging families to join the teacher-family association. Those families who are engaged in their child's education and their students are more likely to-

- Achieve higher grades and score higher on tests.
- Graduate from high school to college.
- Build self-confidence and inspire in the classroom.
- Get better social skill and classroom discipline and manners.

In a study, it has observed that, in math learning a student have scored very high effectively due to support of parents or family support. Students whose parents are associated with the school, they are less likely to suffer from low self-esteem or develop behavioral issues. It is proved in research that, parental involvement in the field of education improves student better attendance in classroom, good social skill, and balanced behavior. This helps the child to adopt with school better. In studies, it has been seen that, students whose parents are engaged with their education. They have fewer problems behaviors and development in social skill. Researcher has founded that, children are highly associated with parents, they are socially skilled person and they have few behavior problem.

Parental involvement benefits the teachers, because, it improves classroom environment and condition. Knowing about a student helps the teachers to prepare better and knowing that they have parent's supports to ensure that teacher can take academic risk for the student to learn more.

8. Role of parents in the education of child:

In shaping their children's education, parent's role is very important. So, their involvement in education has a lot of benefits both teachers and students. So, let's find out how parents can contribute to their child's knowledge and skills.

- ✚ **Teaching at home:** Parents has significant role in educating them at house. It may be help during home work, or providing extra-practice in math, reading, writing, and subject areas. Apart from this, developing social and emotional of the child, parents also assist. They also help in developing independence, self-confidence and problem solving skills.
- ✚ **Observing homework and assignment:** Parents also has to help to their homework and assignment through observation. This includes checking, correcting their works and providing guidance, and ensuring that, it is completed in timely manner. Parents can develop their child's skills by taking an active role in their child's education.
- ✚ **Encouraging participation:** Encouraging their children to participate, patents motivate. This includes assisting them to organize and motivating them to ask questions. When the child faces lot of problems then parents help in many ways, until or unless they can get successful in their work.
- ✚ **Providing guidance and supports:** In case of providing guidance and proper supports, parents roles very necessary for their children's extracurricular activities that have a lasting influence on their educational and personality development. Parents help them to reach their full potentials.
- ✚ **Setting expectation:** In the matter of co-curricular activities, parents play an important role in setting the expectation for their child's involvement. For this parents should discuss with their child about the importance of co-curricular activities for participation and performance.

- ✚ **Giving support:** For providing support to their child, it is important to involve in co-curricular activities. This includes giving physical and emotional support, assisting in scheduling, giving transportation and assuring that child has the important equipments and provides their activities.
- ✚ **Communicating with coaches and leaders:** Finally, parents should ensure in communicate with the coaches and leaders. This includes regular conversation with the coaches to discuss the child's performance. Moreover, parents should update in the rules and regulations of the activity.

9. Role of community in education:

One of the most important aspects of making a school community is community involvement. The school uses this method to make a bridge between school and community. There are some roles of community involvement such as:

- **Making school community:** This type of involvement can strengthen a bridge between school and community. School can begin small act of kindness including food bank.
- **Empathy and respect in teaching:** Community involvement helps in encouraging mutual respect and understanding. When a community is associated with education, then students can learn the value of mutual respect, empathy and understanding.
- **Making an assistive network:** It weaves a supportive network surround of students, teachers and school. It brings at the same place, local businesses, civic association and community leaders to make the healthy environment for learning experience.
- **Learning environment with real world:** It provides the learner with real world learning experiences. Fellowship with local business, museum, community group suggest hand on learning chance that remark classroom education.
- **Sharing and supporting resources:** It offers resources as non-materials to the school. It may be through donation, volunteer program or mentor opportunities, and educational resources and also provides further support.
- **Understanding divers and culture:** Associating with different communities helps to understanding of culture. It reveals the students with various background, traditions, perspectives, and also fostering a better unique educational experiences.
- **Developing social care:** This type engagement instills a sense of social responsibility among the students. Through this process such as volunteer work, community service and the civic involvement, a student learns better giving return and making diverse.
- **Making career pathways:** Partnership with local trades and professional open then window of counseling and internship chances. This kind of exposure helps the leaders to find career pathways and achieve the practical knowledge about various fields.
- **Involving family and parents:** Involving families and parents in the field of education is vital. School and communities is working together ensuring that families are actively associated in their child's education, helping to improved learners outcomes.
- **Community as educational partners:** Community is not just receiver of educational services but they are active members in the educational process. Engaging members in decision-making process encouraging a sense of ownership and commitment.
- **Sharing goals and collaboration:** When schools and communities are engaged and chare goals and collaboration, then its impact are effective. This collaboration permits for classify between community needs and educational performance.
- **Encouraging lifelong learning:** Involving with community goes beyond school. It encourages a lifelong learning, fostering individuals in seeking knowledge continuously, helping to their society.

10. Challenges of implementing the recommendations of NEP-2020 regarding involvement of parents and community in education:

National Education Policy 2020 (NEP-2020) is an extensive policy which aims to metamorphose the education. The policy has some positive side and on the other side, there are some critical challenges which need to be solved. Some of the challenges are:

- ❖ **Implementation:** It is the major challenge in the recommendation of NEP-2020. This policy covers large scale areas and needs important to investment and framework to implement. For this lot of cooperation from all shareholders, such as central government, state government, educational institution and private sector.
- ❖ **Financial Barrier:** For implementing of NEP-2020, the matter of finance is significant. This policy does not give a document where how much finance will be required. This policy proposes the establishment of National Research Foundation, but it is not clear that how it will be funded or not.
- ❖ **Policy about language:** This policy proposes about a three language formula. It creates controversy in some states. There is a matter that policy imposes to a certain language and undermines the linguistic diversity of the country.
- ❖ **Training of teacher:** NEP-2020 places the need of teacher training and improvement. But some challenges are there in realizing this need. The current teacher education system needs to be reformed for fulfilling the changing needs of education system.
- ❖ **Evaluation system:** NEP-2020 offers a new evaluation system focusing on all round development of the learner. However, there is a matter that the realization of new evaluation system might be challenging particularly in rural areas where in the resources are limited.
- ❖ **Inclusivity:** NEP-2020 purposes to make the education system inclusive and entrance able to all the students. But some challenges are there in gaining this goal. The current education system is suffering of different types of inequality such as sex, gender, socio-economic status and regional disparities.
- ❖ **Involving of private sector:** NEP-2020 stresses association of private sector in the field of education, but a concern is there this may lead to the commercialization of education and further it may lead to inequalities.

11. Recommendations of NEP-2020 regarding parental and community involvement in education:

The National Educational Policy 2020 has laid emphasis on active involvement of parents and community and the importance of volunteer participation in improving the quality of education. In today's improvement discussion, the role of parents has been characterized as one of the most important elements which not only permits parents of the society to sound their interest, but also will ensure the success and sustainability of any program or policy. The goal of universal access to equitable, inclusive and quality education might be only achieved when parents play an important role in achieving the goals of education.

Apart from this, the goal of education can be achieved through playing active role of community which ensures ownership and management by identifying local education issues to improve strategies to solve the barriers that obstruct access, retention and quality. Over the time, different types of schemes designed for having community involvement as one of the vital intervention. The earlier scheme was Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) which was focused on universalization of elementary education. In this context, the systematic mobilization of community assigned as a greatest importance.

The main aim of SSA was to democratize education and ensure that, parent and local communities play a pivotal role in working of their local school system. In the section of 21 and 22 of Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 (RTE) has said that , the School Management Committee (SMC) will be

constituted with parents and local authority representatives. Act also describes the role of community in the development of school and in the learning of child should be considered as vital shareholder.

Following recommendations of NEP-2020 regarding the role of communities:

- **Fostering the role of community:** Involving parents and community is an important part of ensuring quality, equity and comprehensive education of both inside and outside of the classroom. Community members will be involved in various school activities to decrease the social distance between the school and community. It should be ensure that all the children attend the school and complete the all the levels of schooling, particularly those who are special needs students and those who are belonging to disadvantage group and weaker section of the society. They should be bringing back into the main stream those who are out of the school children and should be facilitate to mainstream.
- **NIPUN BHARAT:** The training of the program, awareness of the parents and involvement of community should be promoted and conducted so that they can understand the designed level of achievement and monitoring them to progress. In fact, active involvement of community will transfer much element of accountability and sustainability in the overall school education system. Moreover, National Mission on fundamental literacy which is known as “NIPUN BHARAT”. It is stressed on the role of the community to ensure that child can attain the fundamental literacy and numeracy by the end of grade of 3 by 2026-27.
- **What way community can help:** During COVID-19 pandemic, home based and community based teaching learning process were accepted in various parts of country to reach the students with the help of online and offline mode. Many states have investigated the community classes, community radio program, radio pathshala, Mohalla school and teaching with a loud speaker by the teacher so that, large number of student can take education.

11.1 Role of parents (NEP-2020): Focusing on better result of learning, communities and parents need to be aware about children’s level of learning so that, they can healthy interact between parent and teacher about learning level of the children. The community awareness Mela should be organized by the Gram Panchayet / local bodies. So that, parents and community members / school management can understand the improvement of the overall performance of the school system

Community / local self-government may organize the workshop / seminar / different programs for making awareness on the need of achieving learning out comes. Various types of events such as school Mela, reading events, Story Mela should be organized so that, child’s education impacted. For further strength in the education system Community Resource Group (CRG) should be constituted at various level of the country for conducting activities in nearby School in cooperation with the teachers and bringing a new dimension with their new skills so that, students can get guidance towards the learning goals.

Apart from this, Professional Learning Community (PLC) might be inspired / motivated for bringing community member into the school system to develop learning for the students. Moreover, by recognizing the needs, it should be connected with the Government school through a volunteer management program. Besides, the department has been recently reconstituted Vidyanjali 2.0 to help the volunteer interact and involve directly with the school according to choice to provide their knowledge and skills.

Through this Vidyanjali 2.0 efforts are made to involve community and alumni in volunteer efforts for improving learning by giving one-on-one tutoring, holding extra-help-session, teaching support and guidance for teachers, career guidance and counseling to the students. By this way, initiatives of large scale of community may be initiated which will go to a long way towards improving a sense of ownership at all level. By the way, for

sustaining this type of involvement, a different type of event needs to be planned at regular basis with the stakeholder in the ecosystem. This includes schools, local bodies, and parents.

12. Conclusion:

In the conclusion, it can say that in the child's education the importance of parent is unacknowledged. Involvement of parent in child's education has a positive impact on their success. When parents are associated with their child's education, they are achieved something in school life. They gain higher esteem, having better attendance. They are much motivated in process of learning. The parents' involvement is more beneficial which provides a better academic performance. So, parents have a key role in child's education life. It is more important to them to stay involved and supportive attitude. Parents ensure their child's success in the school and beyond.

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