



IMPORTANCE OF SOCIAL RESEARCH TO OVERCOME THE SOCIAL PROBLEMS IN INDIA

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Abstract

Importance of social research to overcome the social problems in India is very relevant in our contemporary problems based Indian society. From the beginning of the 21st century our social values became degraded due to the prevailing dysfunction of several social problems as well as by the demerits of globalization and by extending more scope of social science research. Though first world countries faced various kinds of social problems yet they have compensate and overcome those problems by giving importance on social values in each and every level of the society. Mostly in academic and non-academic field, several first and second world countries have given importance on the up gradation of social values as well as social research gradually. But unfortunately, in our country most of the academicians and politicians has an ignorance on social science research and study. Thus, always have emphasized on a profit based so called prestigious status and job oriented education but never on value based education as well as human value. So, a valueless educational system has created an unwanted crisis of humanity; thus, if we want to raise our human and societal value as well as educational values then we have to give more importance on social research in academic and non-academic levels.

Key words: Social research, overcome, social problems, human value, educational value.

Introduction

In order to study about the importance of social research to overcome the social problems in India, at first we have to know about the concept, meaning, definition, characteristics and functions of social research. Social research is a process to organize various social facts very systematically. In our society where has family, neighbours, groups and community they are interacting with each other for its functions and structures. Society has its own orderliness and equilibrium for maintaining a healthy social life, which will be balanced, orderliness and ideals organized but sometimes society has to lose its balance an ideal situation and face and imbalanced chaotic, deviant and disorganizations which is known as social problems. In contemporary Indian society we have to face several social problems like poverty, illiteracy, unemployment child labor, Dowry, infanticide and corruption. Those above said problems has a deep root in our diversified Indian culture. So quite difficult to control and check these problems by making any political agenda and legal amendments because half percent of our MLA and MPs are not highly qualified which is why their decision regarding the collective development of our nation is not appropriate and proper. They have strong idea about his or her

own constitution but not others, own culture but not others, own sentiments but not others and also own profit but not others. So, in India political power grabbing and profit making game is prevailing everywhere. Though India is a great democratic country all over the world yet Indian democracy is under the administration of ignorant, greedy and corrupted political leader and on the other hand Indian administration under the unethical self-centered bureaucrats those who never think about democratic ideology and national interest respectively. So, in India and latent crisis is going on in each society by different forms; at this moment in our Indian society where created new forms of social stratification as corrupted class and non-corrupted class, under corrupted class where has most of the political leader, businessmen bureaucrats and officials and on the other hand under non-corrupted class are teaching professional, farmers and commoners. So, the two pillar of the Indian Nation One is government administration and another is people representation becomes polluted by the disease of corruption. Which is why ministers and planners are unable to eradicate any of the contemporary social problems from grass-root level because they have no in-depth idea about grass-/root problems.

In-depth realization-

We need an in-depth understanding and realization of any kind of social problem by planner and administrator. For this in-depth understanding and root out the real cause and consequences of these social problems they have to consult with social scientist and social researcher and also depend on social research. Because only social research has great scope to understand and realize the social phenomena and problems by analyzing grass-root facts and phenomena in-depthly. If we discuss regarding the concept, meaning, definition, nature and function of social research we are able to understand the necessity of social research overcome the social problems an organized systematic scientific study can reveal any kind of problems very accurately; so accurate study, analysis of social fact are the vital function of social research so without proper social research a society can never develop properly without depending on social research no society can able to sustain independently, without extending the scope of social research no society can build up an ideal society. So, to make an independent, ideal and developed society we have to emphasize on social research.

Concept

The emergence of social research were happening by the process of industrialization and urbanization. During the vast growth of industry and enormous urbanization has started in Europe so for searching jobs most of the Europeans came to city and have settled in slum areas for their chief dwelling with this they had to leave their joint family and adjust with nuclear family. As a consequence, breakdown of joint family and emergence of nuclear family, problems of child rearing, child abuse, divorce as well as psychological problems. So, to cope with these problems by proper analysis an in-depth study has been started to root out the proper cause and to give a proper remedial measures; thus, social scientist have felt the urge of social research very strongly and paved the importance of social research for the collective analysis and improvement of the society. Social research is an organized and analytical process of social facts and phenomena for the development of a balanced society, at the same time social research methods have taken an important role in sociological study all over the world.

Meaning

Social research combined by two distinct word social plus research. Research has been derived from the Latin word “recercher” which means ‘to search’ so etymologically social research is a

method of study in-depthly the social world. It studies men and his actions, institutions very systematically. Social research is a systematic study of discovering new facts, varying the old facts, to root out its causes and consequences and establish a proper remedy. Social research methods are very essential to cope up with several social problems of post-modern world; it is a very systematic effort by collecting, analyzing and interpreting the facts and root out the real cause of facts to suggest proper measures. So, social research is a method which can enable to gift a healthy society by eliminating its various social problems.

Definition:

Pollen V Young define that “social research is a systematic method of exploring, analyzing and conceptualizing social life in order to extend, correct or varying knowledge whether that knowledge aid in the construction of a theory or in the practice of an art”.

Rummel defined “social research is devoted to a study of mankind in his social environment and is concerned with improving his understanding of social orders, groups, institution and ethics”.

Wallace and Wallace define that “social research refers to the structural observation of social behavior”.

From the above definition we can define that social research is an in-depth enquiry of social facts and phenomena through which a society can able to overcome its several social problems.

Characteristics of social research:

1. Social research deals with social phenomena.
2. Social research discovers the new facts and verify the old facts.
3. Social research tries establish causal relationship.
4. Social research assist in the understanding of evolution of new facts.
5. Social research involves the use of scientific method.
6. Social research involves the use of reflexivity and unobtrusive methods.

Objectives of social research:

If we enumerate objective of social research we know well about its importance for social development:

Scientific study of social life-

Social research always emphasizes on the in-depth study of social life, here social life denotes specifically a personal problem, family problem, group problems and social problems. In social research where has more scope to analyse individual and social problem very minutely because in social research that is some vital

methods to study our individual as well as social problems like case study method, group work, community organization, social action and survey experiment, observation, interview, field work, unobtrusive research and reflexivity. So, all these above research methods are under the qualitative research methods as well as social research methods. A social researcher always give importance on social life which is very complex in nature that's why he/she should apply mix methods as well as triangulation and to make research very successful in each and every step to be followed by very minutely and systematically but unfortunately in our India research became a degree to observe as a job of teaching in college and university. So, most of the research scholars never maintain the research ethics and always try to complete the research as quickly as possible that's why most of the research become abuse and unable to open a new vista and to suggest remedies to overcome the problems. A good social research is able to give a good remedy for the problem of a particular social problem, unfortunately I have to share some genuine social problems regarding all research obstacle and barriers of social research. In Indian University most of the researcher have to choose their topic according to their guide's choice so in the beginning research become abuse and uninterested to research scholar. In that case, he or she has no interest in his or her topic or no idea regarding is field of research which is purely ascribing by guide and supervisors; it is joking that those who never seen any village he or she has been awarded on village studies so the study become superficial not internal, sake of study not eternal. An appeal to every research that we should develop a Newtonian observation and study not neutral existence of the research; this neutral existence of social researcher are not able to root out the real causes of misery of poverty, unemployment and corruption. But a social research have more scope to observe, analyze and interpret the social reality by talking, interviewing and participating with the population of the research universe. Though our less educated and corrupted political leader and self-centered bureaucrat never realize the importance of social research which is revealing by our five- year plan project and budget on social research. Only doctor Manmohan Singh have given the importance of social research for the development of our nation, except Dr. Manmohan Singh no prime minister has given emphasize on social research rather they have wanted to reduce the allotted funds of social research. They did not have any

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interest to develop the field of social research which is the key factor for national development.

Classification of facts-

Classification of facts are the fundamental sociological study as well as research enquiry. Social scientist and social researcher collect facts and classify it very systematically; moreover, a systematic and organized classification is possible by a social researcher even social scientist always depends on social research methods to classify the social facts very systematic and properly. Without social research method no sociologist can able to classify and analyze the facts systematically. Our contemporary society is not a balanced and ideal situation rather society have faced disequilibrium, orderliness and chaotic, problematic conditions. So, to overcome these problems and to make a healthy society, social scientist as well as social researcher has to play a very vital role because social scientist and researcher have an in-depth knowledge regarding society and its various phenomena which is occurring continuously. Some basic idea regarding the sense-smell, likeness-dislike, good-bad feeling, emotion, personality behavior, perception, attitude, knowledge and their various institutional setup except these above said human factors, the others important factors of social researcher's ideation, realization generalization and analyzation and interpretation of the life world of an individual and groups. That's why we have to expand and emphasize on social research methods which has more scope to collect and classify facts very systematically.

Causal explanation of the facts/ problems-

Social science research has more scope to analyze and explain the social facts and phenomena; social facts may be macro, meso and micro in nature, social researchers always try to understand the big and small social interaction even very small and filthy interaction its behavior structure and functional consequences will be revealed by social researcher as well as an in-depth cause-effect impact on private public life is explain systematically and scientifically in social research. This researchable knowledge helps to establish of philosophical theoretical notion and to analyze and explain various kinds of social problems for identifying its cause and give a proper remedy where a social scientist and a social researcher will have prismatic inside and powerful strategy to overcome social problems than a natural scientist. Natural scientist are well versed regarding the natural world but not social world, but alas in our country like India where planning commission, University authority and

most of the higher educational institution always emphasized on the natural science research and ignore social science research that's why the making decision regarding social development become unsuccessful and failed. So, each and every social problems are increasing at an alarming rate.

Research is an understanding of society and social problems:

1. Social research helps to open up new opinion and ideas regarding social problems.
2. Social research helps to understand the degree and intensity of the problems.
3. Social research promote to realize the harmful consequences the social problem.
4. Social research helps to generate proper information regarding the social problems.
5. Social research promotes to overcome various social-cultural religious period.
6. Social research helps to provide in-depth understanding of any social problems.
7. Social research helps to develop social theory for understanding social facts in phenomena.
8. Social research and social theory are the two remedies to elevate social problems.
9. Social research promotes a balanced society and prosperous peaceful social life.

Conclusion

In the concluding part we can say that social research as more scope to develop our social life as well as our nation. So, government has to give importance on social research and sociological study except sociological study and expansion of social research no society can able to develop it's value education. In 2005 Ministry of Human Resource Development secretary Mr Jogyeshwar Lal have started value education to inculcate human value among the teacher and students, though the project become failed due to the corrupt practices of implementing NGOs. Only sociological study and social research can help to establish human value based socialist society where they will be no deprivation and corruption.

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