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Education is the process by which an individual is encouraged and enabled to develop his or her potential. It may also serve the purpose of equipping an individual with what is necessary to be a productive member of society. Through teaching and learning the individual acquires and develops knowledge and skills. There is an important distinction between educations which relates to trans-active process between a teacher and student. And learning is a process that happens internally for a student.

Everybody knows what life is but one cannot present a satisfactory definition of life. Some way we know the answer of the question. What is language but nobody has so far been able to come out with any standard definitions that fully explain the term language. Language is a medium of expression. We use language almost every moment of the day for every imaginable purpose. We express our thoughts, whatever we think or believe. We suggest, appreciate, react, demand and express our love, anger. The purpose of teaching language in basic education is that students gain ownership of diverse social practices of the language and participate effectively in their life. For that purpose, it is essential that they learn to use language to organize their thought and discourses to analyze and solve problems and to have access to different present and past cultural expressions. The purpose of language education should be to help students become autonomous, independent, self directed, language acquires. Language permits the most abstract thoughts to be conveyed, the most logical processes to be understood.

Importance of English Language:

India is a multicultural and multilingual country. There are 18 dominant regional languages recognizes as official among the 845 major languages spoken in India. English is one of the official languages of the country, with the status of associate national language. It also serves as a link language among majority of Indians, for commercial and academic purposes.

Jawaharlal Nehru said in 1957 English is a window through which we are able to see the scientist, technological, agricultural, commercial and literary development taking place in the

world. English is like a window to the world because by English we can learn about the world and we can get more information from the world. If we want to become knowledgeable person English is important to be learn. When we know the importance of English for life we also come to know when to better time to learn English. English has a several advantages when it has been taught since in an elementary school. Three of which are elementary school age is a best time to learn second language, preparation of English in an junior high school and preparation to face the globalization. There for English is important in elementary school education because the better time to learn a second language is that at the age of elementary school. We can get an advantage of learning English since in an elementary school. Since in an elementary school to get the better and easier life because English have become a crucial tool continuing education, employment and social status.

Importance of composition writing in English language:

All the four skill are necessary in communication, but in most of the professions, writing skill is considered to be very important. Moreover, even students need writing skills for written communication. Incredibly easier to read something in a foreign language than it is to write in a foreign language. In order to read, all too really need is a decent vocabulary and a basic sense of grammar. Writing is a totally different story. You need to choose the words and phrases yourself and then somehow put them all in a good order. Since writing is much more difficult. Most learners don't practice as much as they should.

Effective written English helps to glide through ideas, feelings and opinions without getting perplexed. Good writing reflects positive traits like self confidence, clear thinking, analytical mind etc. Writing properly makes you look intelligent and professional. As person can effectively write when he/she has mental clarity about what exactly he/she has to convey. The way speed of speaking is important in speaking English, accuracy and clarity of thought is important in writing. Written English is beneficial while giving presentation as concepts, knowledge, future strategy etc. should be correctly written to make others understand.

Most pieces of writing are divided into sections called paragraph. Each paragraph deals with a particular thought or idea and should be a certain degree complete in itself. A paragraph is a sentence of group of sentences that develop one idea or one point. Thus a paragraph is built around that central idea. For each paragraph you should have topic sentences a mini-thesis, which acts as the controlling idea for the paragraph. Using paragraph can help you to presents your ideas in a logical and orderly way. There are three main types of paragraph writing. They are a unified paragraph, a well developed paragraph and a coherent paragraph.

Rationale of the study:

In the global world, it is obvious that English plays major role as connector, the language comprehensible by almost all the developed and developing countries today. The wide spread use of English makes it an international language. It is more widely spoken and written than any other language. Using language is not an innate human ability, it must be learned. In the sequential development of language arts skills the child learns to talk and listen before he learned to read and write. A speech instruction starts in the elementary class room with the voice of the teacher. The tone used the manner of speaking and the vocabulary employed all influence the quality of instruction.

Written expression may be secondary to oral expression in terms of social importance but the specialized skills necessary for effective communication in writing demands a systematic instructional programme. Written language must depend heavily upon certain mechanical skills to aid expression. It can be said that teaching prose writing is an art as well as craft. Prose writing can be called craft because writing composition can be taught. The teacher can provides their pupils with opportunity and materials for practice and teach them the use of tools and methods of work. There is very familiar charge brought about by employers and others that boys and girls leave secondary and higher secondary without having learnt to write good English. This happens because of the unfortunate results of an overcrowded curriculum dominated by examinations. The efforts of the pupils are dispersed in so many directions and under such pressure that the quality of both thought and expression are bound to suffer. Thus, we have to consider how the teacher of prose can teach the composition and make the best of his opportunities within the limitations of existing syllabuses and time tables. The emphasis on written work in our educational system is evident from the fact that all the periodical tests and examinations are written and not oral. Thus written work forms the basis of our education. To develop the proficiency and skill in the written work at the school level the composition work should be kept at focal points.

Composition and especially paragraph writing encourage written expressions which also equips pupils in writing the examination papers to an expected standard. But unfortunately, it is our sad experience that our pupils have not been able to develop the written skill through composition work adequately.

The teacher plays a role consciously or unconsciously in the poor performance of the pupils. They are often found complaining of the apathy of the pupils towards composition work. They do not strive honestly and sincerely to improve these errors in students. In such circumstances, good performance and especially good composition exercise become a distant

mirage. Looking at the prevailing situation of teaching English, quite a number of questions strike the mind of the investigator. Are the teachers teaching English really conscious about the performance for which English is taught? Are the teachers aware of various methods and techniques of teaching English? From where do the students collect information to write the composition? Can anything be done to improve the situation? To find out answers of these questions investigator has referred related literature and studies. But studies have not been found. Investigators also found that there are nos. of studies exists in the area of English language such as grammatical errors, writing skill, teaching and learning problems etc. on primary level and secondary level of education. But no specific study that addresses to composition writing (Paragraph) at neither levels. Investigator is going to develop a programme to enhance the writing composition (Paragraph). The beneficiaries of this study will be investigators, students and teachers.

Statement of the Problem:

Developing and Implementing Programme on Composition Writing in English for Standard IX Students of Vadodara city

Objectives of the study:

The main objectives of the study were as follows:

- (1) To study the difficulties faced by students in paragraph writing in English.
- (2) To develop a programme on paragraph writing in English for students of Standard IX.
- (3) To implement the developed programme on students of Standard IX.
- (4) To study the effectiveness of the programme in terms of
 - a) Achievement of the students in Paragraph Writing.
 - b) Opinion of students regarding the programme.

Operationalization of the Terms:

Effectiveness: The difference between the mean achievement scores of the experimental group and that of controlled group represented effectiveness of the programme.

Delimitation of the study:

The study was delimited to the paragraph writing only. The present study is also delimited to students of Gujarati medium schools of Vadodara city following GHSEB syllabus of the year 2014-15.

Hypothesis:

There will be no significance difference between mean achievement score of experimental group and that of control group.

Design of the study:

The investigator had used the quasi-experimental design for conducting the present study.

Population of the study:

Population for the present study consists of all 108 Gujarati medium secondary school students of Vadodara city following GHSEB syllabus.

Sample of the study:

In the present study purposive sampling technique was used. Reliance school was selected for experimental group and Vidhya Vihar school was selected for the control group of present study. The 32 students were there in experimental group and 34 students were there in control group. So, sample size was 66 students.

Tools and Techniques:

Achievement Test: Achievement test was prepared by the investigator. The achievement test was conducted to know their problems regarding paragraph writing, to know their knowledge, understanding and application levels. The test was of 25 marks and time duration was 60 minutes. It was validated by the experts in the area of English language.

Opinionnaire: Opinionnaire was prepared for the students. Each statement contains the five alternatives such as strongly agree, agree, undecided, disagree and strongly disagree. It was prepared to collect information about content of the programme, Implementation of the programme and how programme benefited them.

Data collection:

The investigator took permission from both the experimental and control group schools and personally implemented the programme and collected the required data.

Data analysis:

The data was analysed using mean, standard deviation, standard error of mean, frequency, and percentage and t- test.

Major findings:

Following major findings were drawn for the present study:

- ❑ To know the status of the students pretest was conducted. The students of the experimental group were very poor in writing skill. It was found that students lack in basic knowledge of English and rules of grammar.
- ❑ The mean achievement scores of post test is higher than mean achievement scores of pre test for both experimental and control group.
- ❑ It is evident that the calculated t value of 3.71 is greater than the critical value of 2.66 at 0.01 level. Hence the null hypothesis i.e. “there will be no significant difference between the mean achievement scores of the experimental group and that of control group” is rejected and it can be said that mean achievement of experimental group is significantly higher than mean achievement of control group which is due to the effect of developed programme on composition writing to experimental group and not due to sampling error or ‘by chance’.
- ❑ The mean achievement in pre test of experimental group was 10.03 and mean achievement in post test was 16.15. This is showed that there was a significant difference it means experimental group was very compact in nature.
- ❑ The programme that was developed and the implementation of the plan, with the use of different material in the classroom along with the activities conducted by the students of Std. IX succeeded in enabling the students to enhance their writing skills in English language.
- ❑ It was found that during implementation of the programme students were very enthusiastic and innovative and they really wanted to learn something new and interesting but may be they have not got enough opportunity or exposure that they come up with their skill.
- ❑ The students showed positive, energetic and affirmative reaction to the programme. Majority of the students opined that the programme was very useful to them and that such kind of programme should be held in the schools on a regular basis.
- ❑ It was found that control group students were also very enthusiastic and displayed positive behavior towards pretest and posttest so they were eager to do something new. Investigator believes that if the same programme will be implemented on control group, there would be significant difference in achievement of the students.
- ❑ The programme was designed and developed keeping in mind the need of the students and was found effective in terms of enhancement of the students in writing skill.

- ❑ The use of pair work activity during teaching of grammar points as the important components in the programme developed proved to be effective as it enabled the students to improve their writing as well as speaking skill.
- ❑ Out of the total, 60 % students opined that they found all explanation and examples, which were carried out while teaching was interesting and meaningful. The developed programme on composition writing helped them in enhancement of curiosity and making topic easily understandable.
- ❑ 76.66 % students stated that programme not only helped them to enhance their paragraph writing only but it was also helpful to develop their overall writing ability.

Conclusion:

The present study was undertaken to assist the students of standard IX to enhance the composition writing skill in English language. It was an endeavor to see whether such a programme could find a place in schools as a compulsory basis. Based on need of the students the entire programme was developed. The entire programme was implemented for 15 days, 35 minutes each day. Quasi experimental design was used for this research. With the help of self-designed programme the researcher was able to achieve objective as well as bring about a considerable improvement in writing skill of the English language among the students. If teacher really want to improvement of students in writing and especially in composition writing this programme can be easily used in the schools it is not time consuming and formidable task for teacher to carry out during the academic session.

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**INVENTING THE DALIT SELF: A CRITICAL STUDY OF SELECT DALIT
AUTOBIOGRAPHIES**

(With Special Reference to Bama's Karukku)

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Introduction

Dalit autobiographies have revolutionized the Indian literary landscape by reclaiming voices from the margins and documenting the collective trauma of caste oppression. They are not merely accounts of individual suffering but reflections of an entire community's struggle for equality, dignity, and justice. The term Dalit, meaning "oppressed" or "broken," encapsulates the centuries-long social exclusion imposed by the caste hierarchy. The emergence of Dalit literature, particularly autobiographical writing, represents an epistemological shift from silence to assertion.

In this context, Bama's Karukku (1992) stands as a landmark text in Dalit and feminist literature. Written originally in Tamil and later translated into English, Karukku marked a new phase in the articulation of Dalit identity—especially that of Dalit women. It explores how self-writing becomes an act of both healing and rebellion, where the self is reimagined as a site of resistance and transformation. This paper aims to critically explore how Bama invents the Dalit self through her narrative strategies, thematic preoccupations, and intersectional experiences as a Dalit Christian woman.

The Dalit Autobiographical Tradition

Dalit autobiographies in India—such as Omprakash Valmiki's Joothan, Shantabai Kamble's Majya Jalmachi Chittarkatha, and Baby Kamble's The Prisons We Broke—share a common thematic core of humiliation, struggle, and resistance. They function as historical documents and cultural testimonies, giving voice to the silenced and asserting the legitimacy of Dalit subjectivity.

Unlike upper-caste autobiographies that often focus on personal achievements, Dalit life narratives emphasize collective consciousness and social critique. The individual's story becomes a microcosm of the larger community's experience. In this sense, Karukku is both

personal and political—it speaks of Bama’s individual journey while simultaneously embodying the broader struggle of Dalit Christians in Tamil Nadu.

The title *Karukku*, meaning “palm leaf serrations” or “double-edged blades,” symbolizes both pain and resistance. It reflects the cutting edge of self-awareness that challenges societal injustices while carving a new identity from the wounds of oppression.

Bama’s *Karukku*: Reclaiming Voice and Agency

Bama’s *Karukku* is significant for its bold articulation of Dalit-Christian womanhood. It is one of the earliest Dalit feminist texts that interrogate not only caste discrimination but also gendered marginalization and religious hypocrisy. As a Dalit woman and a former Catholic nun, Bama occupies an intersectional position from which she critiques both caste hierarchy and patriarchal religion.

Her narrative reveals how caste discrimination persists even within Christianity, a religion that preaches equality and compassion. Bama recounts how Dalits were segregated during church rituals, denied leadership positions, and treated as inferior. Through this exposure, she challenges the hypocrisy of religious institutions that perpetuate inequality under the guise of faith.

In *Karukku*, Bama transforms her autobiographical experience into a spiritual and political awakening. Her decision to leave the convent becomes symbolic of reclaiming autonomy over her body, mind, and soul. Writing, for Bama, becomes an act of exorcising oppression—a way to reconstitute the self beyond imposed boundaries. Thus, the Dalit self in *Karukku* is invented through resistance, where the act of narration itself becomes liberation.

Education as Liberation

Education plays a transformative role in *Karukku*. Bama’s journey from a small Dalit village to a convent education symbolizes the liberating potential of learning. Yet, education is also depicted as a double-edged sword—it exposes her to systemic inequality while empowering her to question it.

Her realization that education without social awareness perpetuates subjugation becomes a turning point in her self-construction. Through knowledge and literacy, she gains not only intellectual freedom but also the courage to challenge the oppressive frameworks of caste and faith.

In teacher education contexts, *Karukku* serves as a valuable pedagogical tool. It teaches educators to recognize the intersectionality of caste, gender, and class in learning environments. By incorporating Dalit narratives like Bama’s into the curriculum, teacher

educators can promote social justice, inclusivity, and empathy—values essential for transformative education in a democratic society.

Conclusion

Bama's *Karukku* stands as a seminal work in Dalit and feminist literature, redefining the contours of Indian autobiography. Through the act of writing, Bama transforms her life from a site of suffering into a space of empowerment. Her narrative invents a Dalit self that is self-aware, critical, and resistant to oppression.

The significance of *Karukku* lies in its power to humanize the Dalit experience and to demonstrate how literature can serve as a tool of liberation. It challenges readers and educators alike to confront their own complicity in systems of inequality and to envision education as a means of social transformation.

In the 21st century, when inclusivity and social justice are key educational goals, texts like *Karukku* remind us that true education begins with empathy and the courage to listen to marginalized voices. The invention of the Dalit self, as Bama demonstrates, is not merely a personal act—it is a revolutionary one.

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**NEW NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY: THE GOLDEN VISION OF NATIONAL
BUILDING THROUGH HIGHER EDUCATION**

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Introduction

The role of education in nation building is universally acknowledged. For a country like India, with its vast demographic dividend and socio-cultural diversity, higher education has always been seen as a vital instrument for fostering progress. The New Education Policy (NEP) 2020 marks a paradigm shift in the vision, approach, and priorities of Indian education, especially in the domain of higher education. It seeks to create a framework where institutions of higher learning are not merely knowledge providers but also incubators of innovation, social justice, cultural preservation, and economic growth.

The NEP envisions transforming India into a global knowledge superpower by promoting multidisciplinary learning, research excellence, digital integration, and equitable access. It emphasizes the holistic development of students, preparing them not only for employment but also for citizenship, leadership, and lifelong learning. In this sense, NEP represents a golden vision of nation building that seeks to construct a self-reliant India (“Atmanirbhar Bharat”) through a reimagined higher education system.

This paper critically analyzes the NEP 2020 within the framework of higher education and its implications for building a new India. It explores the philosophical foundations of the policy, its major provisions, the pathways to implementation, and the possible challenges that lie ahead.

Review of Literature

The idea of linking education with nation building has been emphasized by scholars and policymakers worldwide. According to Tilak (2018), higher education not only contributes to the development of human capital but also plays a key role in shaping civic values, scientific progress, and democratic participation. In the Indian context, education reform debates have been ongoing since independence, with commissions such as the Kothari Commission (1964–66) stressing the need for quality and equity.

NEP 2020 builds upon these earlier efforts, incorporating insights from global educational models and indigenous knowledge traditions. Scholars such as Gupta (2021) argue that NEP's focus on multidisciplinary education and research integration reflects the demands of the 21st-century economy.

Similarly, Kumar (2020) highlights NEP's alignment with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially those related to quality education, gender equality, and reducing inequalities.

However, critiques of NEP also exist. Some scholars, like Singh (2021), caution that the ambitious reforms may face hurdles in implementation due to structural inequalities, funding shortages, and infrastructural deficits. Others raise concerns about the commercialization of education and the digital divide that could exacerbate socio-economic disparities.

This body of literature reveals a mix of optimism and caution regarding NEP's transformative potential. The consensus remains that if implemented effectively, higher education reforms can significantly contribute to India's goal of nation building.

Research Objectives

1. To analyze the role of higher education as envisioned by NEP 2020 in nation building.
2. To examine structural and curricular reforms proposed under NEP for higher education.
3. To explore the policy's implications for inclusivity, research, and global competitiveness.
4. To identify challenges and limitations in the practical implementation of NEP's vision.
5. To suggest recommendations for leveraging NEP as a catalyst for building a new India.

Research Methodology

This research employs a qualitative, analytical approach to examine NEP 2020 and its vision of higher education-driven nation building. Secondary data sources, including government policy documents, scholarly articles, books, reports from international organizations (UNESCO, World Bank), and think tank analyses, form the basis of the study. A thematic analysis is used to evaluate the policy's provisions and their implications. This method helps contextualize NEP's reforms within India's socio-economic realities and global educational trends.

Philosophical Foundations of NEP 2020 NEP 2020 draws inspiration from India's ancient traditions of holistic education, as exemplified in Nalanda and Takshashila universities, while integrating modern pedagogical advancements.

➤ **The philosophy emphasizes:**

- **Holistic and Multidisciplinary Learning:** Breaking disciplinary silos and encouraging creative, critical thinking.
- **Equity and Inclusivity:** Ensuring access to marginalized groups, women, and differently-abled learners.
- **Global Competitiveness with Indigenous Roots:** Balancing global best practices with preservation of Indian knowledge systems.
- **Sustainability:** Aligning education with environmental consciousness and sustainable development.

These philosophical principles form the moral and intellectual foundation of NEP's higher education reforms.

Structural Reforms in Higher Education NEP introduces several structural reforms aimed at transforming India's higher education ecosystem:

1. **Multidisciplinary Education and Research Universities (MERUs):** Establishment of high-quality institutions modeled on global standards.
2. **Four-Year Undergraduate Program (FYUP):** Flexible curricula with multiple entry and exit options.
3. **National Research Foundation (NRF):** Strengthening research funding and innovation culture.
4. **Institutional Restructuring:** Phasing out the system of affiliation and creating autonomous, multidisciplinary institutions.
5. **Digital Learning and Technology Integration:** Expansion of online education, open resources, and digital platforms.
6. **Globalization of Education:** Encouragement of international collaborations, academic mobility, and cross-cultural exchange. These reforms aim to create a flexible, resilient, and globally relevant higher education system.

Role of Higher Education in Nation Building Higher education under NEP 2020 is envisioned as a powerful instrument for:

- **Human Capital Development:** Producing skilled graduates capable of driving innovation and entrepreneurship.

- **Research and Knowledge Economy:** Strengthening India's capacity in science, technology, and humanities to compete globally.
- **Cultural Preservation:** Promoting Indian languages, arts, and heritage alongside modern disciplines. • **Social Equity:** Expanding access to disadvantaged communities and reducing inequalities.
- **Global Leadership:** Positioning India as a hub of knowledge creation and dissemination. In these ways, higher education contributes directly to the construction of a new India.

Challenges and Criticisms Despite its ambitious goals, NEP 2020 faces several challenges:

1. **Funding Constraints:** Achieving a public investment target of 6% of GDP remains uncertain.
2. **Infrastructure Deficit:** Many rural and semi-urban institutions lack digital and physical infrastructure.
3. **Faculty Development:** Shortage of qualified teachers may hinder multidisciplinary reforms.
4. **Digital Divide:** Online education risks excluding students without access to technology.
5. **Implementation Gap:** Translating policy vision into practice across diverse states requires coordination and political will. Addressing these challenges is crucial to realizing the golden vision of NEP.

Discussion

The NEP represents a bold attempt to reposition higher education as a catalyst for national transformation. By aligning educational outcomes with India's socio-economic aspirations, the policy envisions producing graduates who are globally competent yet rooted in Indian values. Its emphasis on multidisciplinary education, research, and innovation aligns with global trends in knowledge economies.

However, the success of this vision hinges on the state's capacity to mobilize resources, build institutional capacities, and ensure inclusive access. Without equitable implementation, NEP risks widening disparities rather than reducing them.

Findings

1. NEP's higher education reforms are comprehensive and visionary, aiming for both quality and equity.
2. The policy's emphasis on research and innovation positions India to transition toward a knowledge economy.
3. Inclusivity provisions, if effectively implemented, can democratize access to higher education.
4. Funding, faculty shortages, and infrastructural gaps remain major obstacles.
5. Implementation requires federal cooperation, institutional autonomy, and community participation.

Conclusion

The New Education Policy 2020 outlines a golden vision for building a new India through higher education. By combining ancient wisdom with modern pedagogical approaches, NEP seeks to prepare youth for the challenges of the 21st century. Higher education under NEP is positioned as a driver of human capital development, social equity, cultural preservation, and global competitiveness. While challenges in funding, infrastructure, and inclusivity remain, the policy provides a roadmap that, if effectively executed, can reshape India into a vibrant, self-reliant, and knowledge-driven nation. In this sense, NEP 2020 is not just a policy but a vision for nation building through the transformative power of higher education.

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