

# **ROLE OF FAMILY, SOCIETY AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN INCULCATING VALUES**

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## **Role of Family**

- Family being the first and major agency of socialization has great influence and bearing on value inculcations. It is the home which sets the pattern for the child's attitude towards. People and society, aids intellectual growth in the child and supports his aspirations and good values.
- Some of the values and methods that help up in bringing up child in a harmonious environment.
- Praise and encourage them to explore.
- Set realistic goals for them.
- Act yourself as a role model. Show respect to all humans, animals.
- Sensitize children towards weaker and marginalized sections.
- Set religious and cultural values together with your children.
- Never indulge yourself in dishonest deeds. It is what the children learn at home that they practice later on.
- Help your children to develop the sense of discrimination between right and wrong so that they could develop their own value judgement.

## **Role of Society**

- Society inculcates values through its various institutions and tools.
- Next to family, it is the society that teaches children about social values. It is the society through which young children start getting social acceptance from friends.
- The society also provides a place for social disapproval for anti-social conduct. But it is less structured than the schools.
- The role of society is very important for the social development of child.
- Individuals who get more opportunities to take up social roles and responsibilities are better equipped to take moral decisions in their life.

## **Role of Educational Institutions**

- Education in its aims, curriculum and methods is linked with values. It is through education that society seeks to preserve and promote its cherished values.
  - Whatever is learnt and imbibed will determine to how students will live out their lives in future.
  - Educational institutions provide a structured environment where children learn values of cooperation, hard work etc.
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## Contribution of Family in Value Education

- Family is the cornerstone of society. Human society cannot function without it. It is an universal social institution.
- Family is the first home of citizenship and mother is the first and most important teacher of the child. From mother, he/she would learn values of life like truthfulness, honesty, love, respect to elders and selfless service etc.
- Good relationship between husband and wife can help children to imbibe good values. In ancient India women were occupying same status as men in society or perhaps even a higher one. Some of the examples - Husband used to address his wife 'Patni' (The one who leads the husband through life) or '-Dharm patni' (The one who guides her husband on the path of 'Dharma' or righteousness.) or 'sahdharmacharini' (The one who moves together with her husband on the path of 'Dharma'.)
- Hence each woman has a 'dharma' towards the world and to herself. Along with men she is expected to shoulder equal responsibility in the growth and development of the society.
- The following values may be kept in mind while dealing with women in the family and society.
- Enhance self-esteem and self confidence in women.
- Build a positive edge of women by recognizing their contribution to the society.
- Foster decision making through collective process.
- Enable women to make informed choices in areas like, education, employment and health.
- Ensure equal participation in the developmental process.
- Provide information, opportunities knowledge and skill for economic independence.
- Enhance access and informations related to their rights and entitlements in the society in view to have their better participation.

### Methods of Promoting Values in Family

1. **Love** - Love, sympathy and friendship creates a balanced outlook.
2. **Enthusiasm** - To make life worthwhile and fruitful, we must generate enthusiasm within ourselves. Generations of enthusiasm will take place when we discover for ourselves a goal and attach ourselves with a spirit of dedication, reverence and love.
3. **Promoting basic values** - Values such as tolerance, non-violence, sympathy and compassion need to be cultivated for the well beings of others and to create a viable and sustainable world of trust and mutual understanding to dominate suspicion, fear, tension, insecurity and greed. We must ensure peace and harmony in the family in order to eliminate domination. None of these values can be legislated but are possible through education in values and spirituality children would consciously and unconsciously imbibe the values being in practice in the family.
4. **Harmony in family** - harmony among all members of family is basic for promoting good values among family members 'Harmony is a precious treasure of human life'. Success, satisfaction and happiness are the different facets of harmony. Harmony should be maintained in all spheres of life especially in family and these are:

- Between body and life
- Between wisdom and habits
- Between individual and family
- Between self and family
- Between the purpose of life and the method of living.

The more one understands family, the more one will achieve harmony; and success will be proportionate to that. Harmony would be beneficial to all members of the family and ultimately harmony in family can promote harmony in the cosmos.

5. **Peace** - It is a basic value for promoting good will in the family. A family in peace can achieve perfection and family members will be a source of strength to society.
6. **Holistic Education** - We should not teach industrial values or technical values but must follow holistic values which can make a family a heaven for its members. All the problems and pains are the results of human beings aggressive nature and wrong doings. The spiritual path is the only right and sure way to change the behaviour of the mankind by long term plan. The beginning for this must be made in the family.
7. **Positive Attitude** - All the members must have a positive attitude which can enhance the reputations and prestige of the family.
8. **Constructive Actions** - Negative actions always bring pain and sorrow, but constructive actions bring us pleasure and joy. The more we care for the happiness of others, the greater our own sense of well being. Cultivating a close, warm hearted feelings for others automatically puts the mind at ease.
9. **Chapter on family life in school curriculum** - The content could be
  - Need of family
  - Cooperation among family members
  - Cleanliness and good environment of home
  - Respect for elder members of the family
  - Sharing of goods happily
  - Eating food together
  - Soft speaking
  - Love and affection
  - Prayers to one's god
  - Enjoying and participating in family functions.