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Effect of Value-integrated Teaching on Value Promotion

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Abstract:

This paper explores the integration of value education within the school curriculum, emphasizing the crucial role that educators play in molding responsible and exemplary citizens who contribute positively to society and the nation. It underscores the diverse purposes served by the inclusion of human

values in education, with a particular focus on the global importance of the English language. The study's objectives are to uncover the rationale for teaching English in a manner that incorporates values and to evaluate the effects of this integrated approach on promoting values. The results emphasize the potential for value-integrated education to bring about significant transformations by nurturing social, moral, aesthetic, and spiritual values in students and supporting their character development. This study advocates for the incorporation of values into the curriculum, underscoring its significance in fostering holistic development and societal well-being. It offers valuable insights for educators, students, school administrators, policymakers, and curriculum developers, emphasizing the need to seamlessly infuse values into the education, Curriculum Integration, English Language, Holistic Development, Character Formation

1. Introduction:

Value education constitutes the vital process of instilling essential principles, ethics, and morals that are foundational for individuals to function as responsible and exemplary citizens. These values encompass qualities such as honesty, respect, integrity, responsibility, compassion, purity, courage, dedication, patience, love, peace, and virtues that are pivotal for both personal well-being and the greater social good. Consequently, value education is an integral component of an individual's comprehensive development, exerting a profound influence on character formation and behavior.

"The destiny of India is being shaped in our classrooms," (Kothari Commission, 1964)¹ underscores the pivotal role that educators play in molding responsible and model citizens,

¹ Government of India. (1966). *Report of the Education Commission (1964-66): Education and National Development*, Ministry of Human Resource Development, New Delhi.

thereby contributing to the advancement of society and the nation at large. Teaching, in itself, is an inherently moral endeavor through which students are exposed to the values that underpin both society and their environment. Across history, education has consistently included a humanizing dimension aimed at cultivating ethical values and promoting value education.

However, in the contemporary, post-modern era characterized by swift societal transformations, we observe a diminishing emphasis on moral values, and human beings grapple with a crisis of values within both society and educational institutions (Sahoo, 2021)². It has become imperative to reclaim the seat of wisdom where students can acquire knowledge of value education and, more critically, apply these values in their day-to-day lives as responsible and conscientious citizens. This reemphasizes the crucial role that value education and educators play in shaping the moral compass of individuals and, consequently, the direction of our society and nation.

2. Aims & Objectives:

- i) To find out reasons to teach English in a value-integrated way.
- ii) To study the effect of value-integrated teaching on value promotion.

3. Literature Review:

Education is ineffective without values, just as a body lacks purpose without a soul. Various educational policies, frameworks, and reports have consistently emphasized the importance of incorporating values into the curriculum.

3.1 New Education Policy-2020:

NEP-2020, in its discussion on the school curriculum, emphasizes the integration of ethical and moral reasoning throughout the curriculum. It focuses on non-violence, truth, honesty, peace, forgiveness, tolerance, mercy, equality, and more. The policy not only advocates instilling these values but also suggests methods like role-playing, conflict resolution, storytelling, reflective writing, speaking, and art to instill values in students. It proposes using stories from Indian literature, the lives of great Indians like Gandhi, Kalam, and Tagore, and a one-year course on ethical and moral reasoning for students in grades VI to VIII. (NEP, 2020, p.16)³

3.2 National Curriculum Framework-2005 (N.C.F-2005):

The National Curriculum Framework-2005, in its section on "Education for Peace," emphasizes values such as tolerance, justice, intercultural understanding, and civic responsibility. These

² Sahoo, S. (2021). Development of value integrated teaching learning strategy for facilitating value promotion among the learners at the elementary level. [Doctoral thesis, Department of Education, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar]. <u>http://hdl.handle.net/10603/404111</u>

³ MHRD (2020). National Education Policy 2020. Govt. of India, New Delhi

values aim to shape learners into responsible citizens of a sovereign, socialist, secular, and democratic republic. The framework also focuses on learners' personality development, including qualities like love, hope, courage, respect for human rights, justice, tolerance, cooperation, social responsibility, and cultural diversity (NCF-2005, pg-61-62)⁴. To effectively instill these values, the Framework suggests meaningful discussions, reflection, and an integrated approach. Teachers are encouraged to reinforce peace-related ideals through various strategies like questions, stories, anecdotes, games, discussions, role-playing, and more, fostering peace through teaching and learning.

3.3 National Focus Group on Education for Peace (NCF-2005):

The National Focus Group on Education for Peace (NCF-2005) emphasizes values and skills crucial for fostering peace in a diverse nation. These include love, truth, purity, non-violence, and a spirit of service, shaping learners' personalities and contributing to peace at societal and national levels. Recognizing the importance of beauty and harmony in appreciating unity within diversity, it highlights the core of Indian philosophy, which champions universal oneness transcending physical, cultural, social, national, racial, regional, and religious differences. It underscores the shift from competitive religiosity to shared spirituality, along with the promotion of dignity, equality, human rights, and democracy to nurture a democratic spirit among learners. Encouraging a lifestyle sensitive to and appreciative of nature, it also stresses the values of human dignity, equality, and social justice for fostering national unity (pg-28-29)⁵. The National Focus Group strives to promote peace through education.

3.4 National Curriculum Framework for School Education (2000):

The National Curriculum Framework for School Education (2000) highlights the erosion of social, moral, and spiritual values over the past five decades and its impact on the education system. It emphasizes the need for schools to restore universal and eternal values to foster moral and spiritual growth. Value-based education is seen as a means to combat extremism, violence, and other negative traits. The curriculum should instill values like punctuality, cleanliness, and service spirit from an early age, allowing learners to develop a strong value foundation. Additionally, it suggests studying various religious philosophies at the Secondary and Higher Secondary levels to promote understanding (pg-18, 36)⁶.

Delor's Commission's "Learning: The Treasure Within" (1996) outlined four pillars of education, focusing on 'learning to live together' and 'learning to be.' The report stressed the importance of

⁴ National Curriculum Framework (2005). National Council of Educational Research and Training, New Delhi

⁵ Ibid; Footnote-4

⁶ NCERT (2000). National Curriculum Framework for School Education, NCERT, New Delhi

education in tolerance, respect for other cultures, and conflict resolution through non-violence, which is ...crucial for democracy (pg-60)⁷.

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The incorporation of human values into the educational curriculum serves a multifaceted purpose. It not only aims to prepare students for their future professional and academic endeavors but also recognizes them as the prospective torchbearers of society, poised to represent themselves on the global stage. In this increasingly interconnected world, the English language assumes a pivotal role as a global lingua franca, facilitating essential communication and fostering connections across borders. As such, proficiency in English has become a requisite skill for individuals to effectively promote their qualifications and capabilities on the international platform.

Throughout history, the significance of the English language has endured, even though it originates from the Occidental tradition. Visionaries like Gandhi, Tagore, and Rammohan Roy recognized its value and actively advocated for its inclusion in the educational system. Postindependence, this sentiment was echoed by influential educational commissions, including the Radhakrishnan Commission, Mudaliar Commission, and Kothari Commission, which all recommended the incorporation of English as a fundamental subject in the educational curriculum.

English's importance transcends national borders, playing a vital role in international communication, business, digital interactions, career opportunities, tourism, and marketing management, among other spheres (Shrishty, 2022)⁸. Additionally, the realm of English literature is renowned for its richness and aesthetic depth, offering a unique avenue for individuals to transcend emotional and physical isolation (Spivak, 2012)⁹.

The aesthetic allure of English literature resonates deeply with students, providing a respite from the rigors of science and technology. Artistic experiences guide individuals towards personal growth and serve as a conduit for the promotion of aesthetic and moral values, contributing to their holistic development (Denac, 2014)¹⁰. In essence, integrating human values and the English language into the curriculum equips students to excel academically and navigate the

⁷ Delor, J. (1996). Learning: The Treasure within. Report of UNESCO of the International Commission of Education for the 21st century. Paris : UNESCO.

⁸ Shrishthy. (2022). Importance English language for global understanding and for global education. *International Journal for Research Trends and Innovation*, 7(7) 116-120.

⁹ Spivak, G. C. (2013, December 31). An Aesthetic Education in the Era of Globalization, Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press. <u>https://doi.org/10.4159/9780674257931</u>

¹⁰ Denac, O. (2014). The Significance and Role of Aesthetic Education in Schooling. Creative Education, 05(19), 1714–1719. <u>https://doi.org/10.4236/ce.2014.519190</u>

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complexities of a globally interconnected world while nurturing their emotional and moral dimensions.

4. Relevance of the Study:

The inclusion of human values within the educational curriculum serves a multifaceted purpose. It not only seeks to prepare students for their future professional and academic pursuits but also acknowledges them as potential leaders in society, ready to represent themselves on the world stage. In our increasingly interconnected world, the English language plays a crucial role as a global means of communication, facilitating essential interactions and fostering connections across borders. Consequently, proficiency in English has become an essential skill for individuals to showcase their qualifications and capabilities on the international platform effectively.

Throughout history, the importance of the English language has persisted, even though it originates from Western traditions. Visionaries like Gandhi, Tagore, and Rammohan Roy recognized its value and actively advocated for its inclusion in the educational system. Post-independence, this sentiment was echoed by influential educational commissions, including the Radhakrishnan Commission, Mudaliar Commission, and Kothari Commission, all of which recommended making English a fundamental subject in the educational curriculum.

The significance of English extends beyond national boundaries, playing a vital role in international communication, business, digital interactions, career opportunities, tourism, and marketing management, among other areas (Shrishty, 2022)¹¹. Moreover, English literature is celebrated for its depth and aesthetic richness, offering a unique avenue for individuals to transcend emotional and physical isolation (Spivak, 2012)¹².

The aesthetic appeal of English literature deeply resonates with students, offering a break from the demands of science and technology. Artistic experiences guide individuals toward personal growth and act as a conduit for the promotion of aesthetic and moral values, contributing to their overall development (Denac, 2014)¹³. In essence, the integration of human values and the English language into the curriculum equips students to excel academically and navigate the complexities of our globally interconnected world while nurturing their emotional and moral dimensions.

¹¹ Ibid; Footnote-2

¹² Spivak, G. C. (2013, December 31). An Aesthetic Education in the Era of Globalization, Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press. <u>https://doi.org/10.4159/9780674257931</u>

¹³ Denac, O. (2014). The Significance and Role of Aesthetic Education in Schooling. Creative Education, 05(19), 1714–1719. <u>https://doi.org/10.4236/ce.2014.519190</u>

In conclusion, this study underscores the pivotal role of integrating human values and the English language into the educational curriculum. It not only equips students with the skills necessary for their future endeavors but also empowers them as future leaders in a globally interconnected society. The enduring importance of the English language, recognized by historical visionaries and educational commissions, extends to international communication, business, and personal development. Furthermore, the aesthetic richness of English literature provides a unique avenue for students to explore and promote moral and aesthetic values, fostering their holistic growth. This research highlights the profound utility of such integration in shaping well-rounded, capable, and morally conscious individuals who are prepared to navigate the complexities of our interconnected world.

5. Methodology:

The meta-analysis method has been followed for the present study. Research articles based on value education and its effect have been analyzed through content analysis method. Research studies based on the theme like- value integrated teaching-learning, character education and its effect, different strategies for value development, teaching English, etc. have been studied thoroughly. There are 16 research studies based on which this paper has been prepared. Content analysis has been done through the following steps-

(i) Memorizing, (ii) Segmenting, (iii) Coding, (iv) Categorizing, (v) Theorizing and (vi) Reporting.

6. Data Collection, Analysis of Collected Data, Findings/ Results and Interpretations:

6.1 Data Analysis and Interpretation:

The Study is based on 16 research articles based on value-integration, English teaching, effect of value education on school environment, etc. The findings of the papers have been categorized theme wise and the following interpretation has been made.

6.1.1 Objective 1: Reasons to teach English in a Value-Integrated Way:

The English language holds a prominent position as the world's first global language and lingua franca. It permeates virtually every aspect of modern life, encompassing trade, international relations, business, diplomacy, mass communication, technological discourse, interstate communications, and numerous facets of education and resources (Shrishty, 2022)¹⁴. In recognition of the integral role that values have played in education for the betterment of society and the overall welfare of nations, contemporary education systems are increasingly emphasizing the infusion of value education into their curricula and syllabi (Gegiou et al.,

¹⁴ Ibid; Footnote-2

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2019)¹⁵. To successfully embark on the endeavor of integrating human values into curricula, fostering international and intercultural understanding, and contributing to global welfare, the use of English as the medium of instruction in classrooms across all educational levels has become imperative (Rass, 2014)¹⁶.

The incorporation of human values into the curriculum, facilitated through language instruction, has become a compelling and effective component of educational programs, ensuring the comprehensive assimilation of value education. Integrated language teaching refers to the pedagogical approach where a foreign language is taught in the context of a subject, offering real-life experiences that motivate and inspire students to acquire language skills for the purpose of global communication. This approach prioritizes natural language acquisition over forced language learning, fostering a more authentic and immersive language learning experience.

The value of the English language extends to its market utility. It serves as a commonly accepted medium for everyday marketing activities, spanning various domains from medicine to grocery products, clothing, and various other consumer goods. Furthermore, English is the medium for higher education across a wide array of disciplines, including medical science, engineering, research, architecture, agriculture, and virtually all subjects, except specific language-focused fields. It also plays an integral role in the realm of information and communication technology (ICT), which has become an indispensable part of contemporary life. In this context, English serves as a fundamental component of technology, underlining its global significance (Shrishty, 2022)¹⁷.

English's aesthetic value is a remarkable aspect, with aestheticism being the appreciation and understanding of content through an emotional lens that directly impacts the affective domain of students. Literature, in any language, offers a source of pleasure, particularly when individuals seek a respite from the often cold and lifeless facts of science and technology. English, being one of the world's oldest and most adaptable languages, possesses a wealth of aesthetic richness. Its literature comprises an abundance of sources of pleasure that not only serve as a means of leisure but also offer a profound educational experience that illuminates the values and cultures of the global community (Denac, 2014)¹⁸.

¹⁵ Gegiou, S. E., Francisco, E., & Iskos, E. P. (2019). Injecting Values Education into the English Curriculum of Young Learners. *Pilgrims*, 5. <u>https://www.hltmag.co.uk/oct19/injecting-values-education</u>

¹⁶ Rass, R. (2014). Integrating Human Values in EFL Instruction. International Journal of English Language Education, 2(2), 62-77. <u>https://doi.org/10.5296/ijele.v2i2.5814</u>

¹⁷ Ibid; Footnote-2

¹⁸ Ibid; Footnote-4

Moreover, English carries interdisciplinary value. The interdisciplinary study entails the establishment of connections between various areas of learning. When students engage with English as a subject, they not only learn the language itself but also gain insights into the history and culture associated with it. This interdisciplinary approach ties English to other subjects like history and geography. Conversely, when students study subjects such as physics, biology, and chemistry, they encounter numerous English words and phrases that enrich their vocabulary. Therefore, the English language is intricately woven into their broader educational experience, fostering a comprehensive and precise understanding of diverse subject areas (Talukder, 2019)¹⁹.

The curriculum, in the contemporary educational context, encompasses more than just what is taught in classrooms. It embodies the entirety of experiences that students acquire through a myriad of activities and interactions that take place within and outside the classroom, including the playground, library, laboratory, and formal and informal teacher-student communications (Sahoo, 2021)²⁰. Consequently, the curriculum becomes a conduit through which students are exposed to social, moral, aesthetic, and spiritual values in an integrated manner, and the English language plays a pivotal role in facilitating this holistic educational experience. In essence, the curriculum, enriched by the presence of English, becomes a vehicle for the transmission of values that shape students into responsible, well-rounded individuals capable of contributing positively to society and the world at large.

6.1.2 Objective 2: Effect of value-integrated teaching on value promotion:

Moral and ethical values wield a transformative power, capable of transmuting undesirable behaviors into desirable ones. When we integrate these human values into the educational curriculum, the impact transcends the boundaries of individual development, extending to the broader realms of impersonal and societal life (Anilkumar, 2014)²¹. The amalgamation of value education within the curriculum holds the potential to catalyze profound changes, particularly in the cognitive, affective, and psychomotor domains of learners, thereby fostering their holistic development.

Cultivating Social Values: One of the notable dimensions of value-integrated education lies in its capacity to nurture social values among students. The research conducted by Shrestha and

¹⁹ Talukder, B. (2019). Introducing Interdisciplinary English Language Classroom in Bangladesh: An Assessment. International Journal on Studies in English Language and Literature, 7(12) 63-69. https://doi.org/10.20431/2347-3134.0712005

²⁰ Ibid; Footnote-1

²¹ Anilkumar, K. P. (2013). Value integrated education and student behaviour a constructive and experimental study. [Doctoral thesis, Department of Education, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam]. <u>https://shodhganga.inflibnet.ac.in:8443/jspui/handle/10603/19642</u>

Gupta in 2019²² illuminates the substantial role of value education in instilling foundational and indispensable qualities of life, including but not limited to honesty, hard work, tolerance, cooperation, equality, and justice. These values, when integrated into the educational experience, are instrumental in shaping learners into upstanding citizens (Sahoo, 2021; Abdi, 2018)²³.

Nurturing Moral Values: Value-integrated education also serves as a fertile ground for the cultivation of moral values, embracing principles like nonviolence, truthfulness, righteousness, and honesty (Sahoo, 2021)²⁴. These moral values form the bedrock of ethical behavior and contribute to the emergence of individuals with a philanthropic outlook. In essence, moral values, when deeply embedded in education, lead to the development of socially responsible and compassionate individuals. Besides, a healthy relationship between teacher and students develops (Gangola, 2015; Schuitema et al., 2007)²⁵.

Appreciating Aesthetic Values: The incorporation of aesthetic values into education opens the door to an appreciation of beauty in both the inner and outer worlds. Literature, as a powerful medium, plays a pivotal role in promoting these values among learners. The cultivation of creativity, imagination, sensitivity, a love for nature, and empathy towards all living beings emerges as the natural outcome of this integration. By teaching these values within an integrated framework, education fosters the development of learners who are attuned to the aesthetics of life and are capable of understanding and appreciating the beauty that surrounds them (Sahoo, 2021)²⁶.

Fostering Spiritual Values: Teaching spiritual values transcends the boundaries of religious, caste, color, and creed distinctions, thereby promoting inclusivity and eradicating narrow-minded attitudes among learners. This dimension of value education contributes significantly to the welfare of society and community, making learners more benevolent and accepting of diversity.

²² Shrestha, B., & Gupta, P. (2019). Impact of Value Education in Personal Behaviour of Students: A Case Study of Nepal. Nepal Journal of Multidisciplinary Research, 2(3), 1-8.
²³ Ibid; Footnote-1

Abdi, M.I. (2018). The Implementation of Character Education in Kalimantan, Indonesia: Multi Site Studies, Dinamika Ilmu, 18 (2), 305-321.

²⁴ Ibid; Footnote-1

²⁵ Gangola, N. S. (2015). Value education and role of educators. International Research Journal of Interdisciplinary & Multidisciplinary Studies, 1(2), 25-32

Schuitema, J., Dam, G. T., & Veugelers, W. (2007). Teaching strategies for moral education: a review, Journal of Curriculum Studies, 1(1) 1-21.

²⁶ Ibid; Footnote-1

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The infusion of spiritual values into education fosters an environment of tolerance, understanding, and unity (UNESCO, 1996; NCESE, 2000)²⁷.

6.2 Interpretation of Result:

Value education, while certainly influencing personal growth, extends its far-reaching impact to enhance an individual's social attributes as well. It exercises a transformative effect on their behaviors (Hermino & Arifin, 2020)²⁸, empowering them to address and resolve a spectrum of problems, both personal and societal in nature. Value education had taught students the basic qualities of life like- honesty, hard work, respect for others, cooperation, compassion and forgiveness and thus brought positive change in the personal behaviour of the students where the character education is integrated in the teaching practices and the teachers are efficient enough for the integration (Shrestha & Gupta, 2019)²⁹. Ultimately, the culmination of value education shapes individuals into responsible and exemplary citizens, equipped to represent their country and culture on the global stage with distinction and integrity (Sahoo, 2021)³⁰.

The impact of value education goes beyond the realm of knowledge acquisition, imparting not only practical life skills but also a set of guiding principles that help individuals navigate the complexities of their personal and social environments. It is a holistic endeavor that seeks to cultivate the minds and hearts of learners, enriching their lives with a strong moral compass and a profound sense of social responsibility. In the broader context of education, this approach has the potential to create a society of conscientious, compassionate, and ethically grounded individuals who are not only well-prepared for personal success but also committed to the betterment of their communities and the world at large (McCann, 2020)³¹. As such, the integration of value education into the curriculum becomes an investment in the future, shaping the next generation of citizens who will uphold the values that promote a just, harmonious, and empathetic society.

²⁷ Delor, J. (1996). Learning: The Treasure within. Report of UNESCO of the International Commission of Education for the 21st century. Paris : UNESCO.
National Council of Educational Research and Training (2000). National Council for

National Council of Educational Research and Training. (2000). National Curriculum Framework for School Education, 2000. New Delhi : India.

²⁸ Hermino, A., & Arifin, I. (2020). Contextual character education for students in the senior high school, European Journal of Educational Research, 9 (3), 1009-1023.

²⁹ Ibid; Footnote-13

³⁰ Ibid; Footnote-1

³¹ McCann, J. (2020). Exploring the impacts of character education on developing citizenship, (Master's Thesis in Teaching), School of Education, University of Adelaide, Retrieved from https://digital.library.adelaide.edu.au/dspace/bitstream/2440/123373/2/McCann2020_MaC oursework.pdf

7.1 Findings related to Objective 1:

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- i) Values are the guiding principle to shape the character of individual.
- ii) Teaching English literature emerges as a particularly potent approach for the integration of values into the educational process. This approach offers a dual benefit, addressing both language development and value promotion. On one hand, it serves as a means to enhance language skills, fostering proficiency in reading, writing, listening, and speaking. On the other hand, the literary content holds the power to imbue students with a sense of values, affecting their affective domain in a profound manner.
- iii) The literature introduces learners to stories, characters, and situations that encourage empathy and reflection. As students engage with literary works, they are prompted to contemplate ethical dilemmas, consider the consequences of characters' actions, and weigh the moral dimensions of various situations. This exposure to the rich tapestry of human experiences, as depicted in literature, fosters not only linguistic competence but also a deeper understanding of values.
- iv) The study of English literature, with its myriad of narratives, characters, and themes, presents students with opportunities to explore empathy and harmony. It encourages them to think critically about the moral and ethical aspects of the world around them. Through the experiences of literary characters, students can place themselves in others' shoes, fostering empathy and compassion. Furthermore, the literature serves as a medium through which students can contemplate issues of justice, integrity, honesty, and other essential values. It offers a safe space for individuals to grapple with complex ethical questions and engage in meaningful discussions.
- v) By integrating value education with the study of English literature, educators provide students with a holistic learning experience. This approach transcends the mere acquisition of language skills and delves into the realm of character development and moral growth. It underscores the interconnectedness of language and values, recognizing that language is not merely a tool of communication but also a vehicle for conveying and internalizing ethical principles.

7.2 Findings related to Objective 2:

i) By incorporating values into education, students are exposed to a set of guiding principles that transcend the boundaries of the individual self. These principles encompass social values that promote cooperation, tolerance, equality, and justice. As students engage with these values, they are equipped with the tools to navigate complex social landscapes with empathy and understanding. This newfound sense of social responsibility positions them as agents of

positive change, fostering the welfare of our society and contributing to the betterment of our nation as a whole.

- ii) Furthermore, the infusion of moral and ethical values into the educational experience plays a pivotal role in curbing antisocial activities within society. As students internalize the importance of honesty, truthfulness, righteousness, and ethical conduct, they become less likely to engage in ill-mannered or detrimental behaviors.
- iii) Value education does not operate in isolation but extends its influence to the very character of every student. It has the potential to foster a positive rapport between teachers and students and further permeate the dynamics of formal and informal relationships within the educational community.
- iv) When integrated into schools, value education serves as a unifying force, strengthening the bonds between educators and learners. It fosters an environment in which values are not merely taught but also lived and practiced by all members of the educational community.

8. Educational Implications & Suggestions:

The outcomes and discoveries of this research will provide valuable insights and benefits to a broad spectrum of stakeholders, including educators, students, school administrators, policymakers, and curriculum developers-

- i) This study will offer students a means to acquire language skills seamlessly, alleviating the sense of academic burden associated with language learning.
- ii) The integration of values into the curriculum will serve as a catalyst for students to internalize and embrace these principles, fostering character development.
- iii) The collaboration between educational instructors, society, and the community in incorporating values into the curriculum is aimed at promoting values across all age groups, thus enhancing the overall effectiveness of the education system.
- iv) Both students and teachers will gain a heightened awareness of their conduct and actions as they strive to achieve educational goals within the curriculum framework. This selfawareness contributes to a more mindful and purposeful approach to their educational journey.

9. Conclusion:

In conclusion, the integration of values into the curriculum represents a powerful catalyst for individual and societal transformation. It equips learners with a holistic set of values that transcend the self and extend to the betterment of society and the nation. By nurturing social, moral, aesthetic, and spiritual values, value education empowers students to become responsible and compassionate citizens, actively contributing to the welfare of society. It also

plays a pivotal role in curbing antisocial activities by instilling moral and ethical principles. Moreover, this approach fosters an environment of character development and strengthens the relationships among teachers, students, and the broader educational community. The result is a harmonious and virtuous society, driven by individuals who live and uphold the values that are integral to their education.

So, it is evident that educational institutions should prioritize the integration of value education into the curriculum, a move that will catalyze the promotion of values and guide students toward a promising future. They will emerge as exemplars of well-being and ethical conduct on the global stage. The National Education Policy of 2020 sets forth a vision to universalize education by 2025 and advocates for interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approaches in Indian education to enhance the emphasis on values within the curriculum. Hence, by enlisting the collective efforts of policymakers, administrators, curriculum developers, and, most importantly, educators, we can endeavor to instill values in learners through the medium of the English language and its rich literary tradition.

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