



Hurdles and Challenges in Inclusive Education with special reference to Teacher Preparation: A Major Concern for India in modern times

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ABSTRACT

In India, the concept of inclusive education schools is gaining importance to provide equal opportunities of education for all. Aims of schools in India has is to include students with special needs in the regular classrooms. However, biggest challenge they face is lack of preparation among teachers about inclusive education. Educationists across India have felt the need to make teachers orient about inclusive education. Inclusive education is a strategy to make education universalized irrespective of any disability within the learner and to maintain equity in the society. It emphasizes that children with special need can be included in general school system without any demarcation and differentiation. Without a segregating them into the boundaries of special school, provisions can be made for a child with special need who can also get opportunity to learn with other general students having equal quality and facilities. However, for achieving success in inclusive education in India there lies several obstacles and challenges. Many problems such as, lack of well educated teachers, curriculum, resources, good infrastructural facilities, awareness, positive attitude, plans, policies are creating hurdles for extending the concept of inclusive education in India In recent years, the movement of inclusion to include students with disabilities in regular education settings has reached to mass number of teachers and teacher educated and now it is also creating space in the communities. United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1989 embodied the human rights for students with disabilities, stating that students with disabilities didn't want their future decided by others or limited according to their disabilities. They have the right to receive an education to develop their skills.

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