

## THE ROLE OF QUALITY EDUCATION IN ADVANCING SDGs IN INDIA

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### **Abstract:**

The United Nations 17 SDGs are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure prosperity for all. This research article focuses on how the fourth sustainable development goal i.e. quality education plays a vital role in achieving the other sustainable development goals. Empowering minds through quality education is necessary for a sustainable tomorrow. Focusing India's SDG implementation, the study examines the interconnected nature of education with economic transformation and sustainable development. By receiving quality education, it is the youth who can make most significant contribution to achieving sustainable development goals.

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### **1. Introduction**

There are 17 sustainable development goals. The sustainable development goal 4 quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all ages including adults, to acquire the necessary knowledge and skills for sustainable development. Students are future policy makers, scientists, educators and community leaders. With right education they can innovate, advocate and act sustainably. The students who receive quality education does not just seek a job they seek solutions and contribute their part for the sustainable development.

### **2. Importance of quality education**

The 4<sup>th</sup> sustainable development goal i.e., quality education plays a very important role in sustainable development. Quality education is a goal which is a base, upon which all the other goals can be achieved. When students receive quality education then they get an idea on how they can contribute to the sustainable development. Sustainable development is something that should be started from the lower levels like from villages. If all the students in all the villages in India receive quality education then they can contribute to higher productivity and innovation.

### **3. Role of quality education in achieving other sustainable development goals**

If the students get quality education and secure a job, it significantly contributes to reduction of poverty and income inequality is instrumental in achieving SDG 1.

Educated people have better awareness of hygiene and health. It contributes to good health and well being, SDG 3.

Educating the students about the gender equality and the inequalities existing in the society which are based on caste, religion is necessary for them to not discriminate anyone based on caste, colour, gender, religion. This drives progress in SDGs 5 and 10.

When students get quality education they become more responsible towards the environment. They promote and create awareness about climate changes. This lays foundation for achieving SDG 13.

### **4. Conclusion:**

Quality education plays a very crucial for achieving all the other sustainable development goals.

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