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International Literacy Day

International Literacy Day, observed on September 8th each year, is a global event dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of literacy as a fundamental human right and a crucial element of personal and societal development. Established by UNESCO in 1966, this day underscores the pivotal role that literacy plays in fostering knowledge, empowerment, and progress across the world.

The Significance of Literacy

Literacy is more than just the ability to read and write. It is a gateway to accessing information, acquiring skills, and participating fully in society. It empowers individuals to understand and engage with their world, make informed decisions, and improve their quality of life. For many, literacy is a stepping stone to further education, employment opportunities, and economic stability. It also fosters critical thinking, enhances communication, and enables active citizenship.

In many regions, particularly in developing countries, literacy remains a significant challenge. Millions of people, especially women and girls, face barriers to accessing quality education due to socio-economic factors, cultural norms, and inadequate infrastructure. International Literacy Day serves as a reminder of the urgent need to address these disparities and promote inclusive education for all.

Global Efforts and Challenges

Over the years, substantial progress has been made in increasing global literacy rates. Organizations, governments, and communities worldwide have implemented various programs and initiatives to improve literacy. These efforts include literacy campaigns, adult education programs, and the use of technology to facilitate learning.

However, challenges persist. The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated existing inequalities, with school closures and disruptions to education affecting millions of learners, particularly those in marginalized communities. Additionally, the rise of digital literacy has introduced new complexities, as individuals must navigate both traditional and digital platforms to acquire and apply knowledge effectively.

Celebrating Achievements and Looking Forward

International Literacy Day is an opportunity to celebrate the achievements in literacy and to recognize the efforts of educators, organizations, and advocates who have contributed to this cause. It is also a day to reflect on the ongoing challenges and to renew our commitment to ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to learn and grow.

This year's theme emphasizes the need for transformative action in literacy education. It calls for innovative solutions to address the diverse needs of learners and to adapt to the changing landscape of education. By focusing on inclusive and equitable education, we can help build a more informed and empowered global community.

Conclusion

International Literacy Day reminds us that literacy is a fundamental right and a powerful tool for personal and societal development. As we celebrate the progress made and acknowledge the work still required, let us reaffirm our commitment to fostering a world where everyone has the opportunity to achieve their full potential through education. By working together, we can overcome barriers to literacy and create a brighter future for all.

अन्तर्राष्ट्रिय साक्षरता दिवस

अन्तर्राष्ट्रिय साक्षरता दिवस विश्वमै सेप्टेम्बर ८ मा मनाउने गरिन्छ। सन् १९६६ मा पहिलो विश्व साक्षरता दिवस मनाइएको थियो। साक्षरताको क्षेत्रमा अधिक कार्य गर्नका लागि युनेस्कोद्वारा प्रतिवर्ष यो दिवस मनाउने गरिन्छ। यो दिनको प्रमुख उद्देश्य तब साक्षरताहरूलाई उत्साहित गर्नु हो। यस वर्ष २०२० को साक्षरताको धारा विश्वव्यापी साक्षरता, शिक्षक र शिक्षा रहेको छ।

निरक्षरता अँध्यारोसँग समान छ भने साक्षरता प्रकाशसँग समान छ। त्यसैले प्रत्येक व्यक्ति साक्षर हुनु आवश्यक छ। जब देशको हरेक नागरिक साक्षर हुन्छ तब देशको उन्नति हुन सक्छ। हाम्रो देशमा सरकारद्वारा समय-समयमा शिक्षाको लागि अभियान चलाइरहेको छ - जस्तै, सर्व शिक्षा अभियान, पौठ शिक्षा अभियान, महिला शिक्षा, आदि।

साक्षरता दिवसमा मानिसलाई (निरक्षर) पढाउने संस्थाहरूलाई पुरस्कृत गरिन्छ। सफलता र जीउनको लागि रगत सरह साक्षरता पनि महत्वपूर्ण हो। गरिबी हटाउन, बाल मृत्युदरको सङ्ख्या कम गर्न, जनसङ्ख्या वृद्धिलाई नियन्त्रण गर्न, लैङ्गिक समानता कायम गर्न आदिलाई उन्मुलन गर्न धेरै जरूरी छ। साक्षरतामा त्यो समता हुन्छ जसले परिवार र देशको प्रतिष्ठालाई बढाउन सक्छ।

यो उत्पन्न लगातार शिक्षा प्रणिका लागि र, परिवार, समाज तथा देशलाई आफ्नो जिम्मेवारी सम्झाउनको लागि मनाइन्छ। 'Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization' द्वारा गरेको हरेक वर्षको साक्षरता दिवसमा रक नयाँ लक्ष्य र विषय निर्धारित गरेर मनाइन्छ।

अहिलेको समयमा व्यक्तिको प्राथमिक आवश्यकता ज्ञान, बल र कपाल भन्दा पनि महत्त्वपूर्ण शिक्षा (साक्षरता) लाई मान्ने गरिन्छ। जनतन्त्र राष्ट्रको शिक्षित नागरिकले आफ्नो कर्तव्य र अधिकारको लागि जागरुक भएर यसको सही उपयोग गर्न सक्छ। सामाजिक दृष्टिबाट पनि शिक्षा आवश्यक छ। पढेलेखेको व्यक्तिले नै समाजप्रति आफ्नो जिम्मेवारी बुझेर सदुपयोग गर्न सक्छ। देशमा यस्ता ठाउँ पनि छन्, जहाँ शिक्षाको स्तर आज पनि निम्न छ। यसको कारण मानिस जाति, धर्म अस्ता बन्धनमा आफैँलाई बाँधेर राख्छन्।

ज्ञानले व्यक्तिलाई अँध्यारोबाट बाहिर निकालेर रक्षा उज्ज्वल भविष्यको बाटो देखाउने कार्य गर्दछ। आज जुन देश विकासको शिखर छुन पुगेको छ, त्यसको आधार मूल शिक्षा नै हो। साक्षरता दर बढाउनको लागि गरिएको प्रयासमा हामी देशभरि ठा विभिन्न राज्यको कुरा गरेर त आजको स्थितिमा लगभग सबै

