It is now an incontrovertible fact that literacy plays a pivotal role in the development of a society. Thinking of development and progress without high literacy is like trying to build a high-rise without a foundation. So nations of the world have reached to where they are by dint of education and literacy. Thinking, in this connection, that the literacy developed nations need to do the same so as to enable themselves to follow a path to prosperity.

Our country Afghanistan, which is highly influenced by illiteracy and ignorance needs to hold the hand of education tightly if it really wants to change its destiny. Poverty is widespread in the country: unemployment is rampant; crimes and corruption are the order of the day; insecurity, terrorism and religious extremism threaten the lives of the people. In such a scenario it is only literacy that can play a role in bringing positive changes. Otherwise, the country would have to keep on suffering from these hardships forever.

Though it is difficult to find direct links between literacy and the eradication of these problems, there are indirect and long-term connections. And for the proof it is better to examine the societies that have been able to solve many of their social, economic and political issues. Our examination would clearly depict that the societies that have valued literacy and made tangible progress in that regard. Their experiences taught them to abhor ignorance and hold the hands of literacy for a journey towards development. Fortunately, they have attained consistently for what they have achieved. They have opened their eyes to the realities of life and many of them have in fact understood the fact that the health, the right to be educated and their governments have the responsibility to provide them the same.

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