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THE HISTORY OF SPECIAL EDUCATION FOR BLIND CHILDREN IN UZBEKISTAN (1925-1990)

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ABOUT ARTICLE

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Received: 04.06.2024 **Accepted:** 09.06.2024 **Published:** 14.06.2024 Abstract: This article examines the history of special education in Uzbekistan from 1925 to 1990, with a particular focus on the education of blind children. Throughout the Soviet era, Uzbekistan underwent significant developments in its approach to educating children with disabilities, including the establishment of specialized schools and the adaptation of curricula and teaching methods to meet the unique needs of visually impaired students. Despite progress, challenges such as limited resources and unequal access to education persisted. The legacy of this period lays the foundation for ongoing efforts to promote inclusive education in Uzbekistan.

INTRODUCTION

The history of special training in Uzbekistan, specifically concerning blind youngsters, is a testomony to the evolving landscape of tutorial rules and practices at some point of the 20 th century. From the early Soviet technology to the disintegrate of the Soviet Union, Uzbekistan underwent sizeable variations in its technique to imparting schooling for youngsters with disabilities. This article examines the ancient evolution of special schooling in Uzbekistan in the course of the duration from 1925 to 1990, with a selected consciousness at the stories of blind kids within this context.

The Soviet Era and the Establishment of Special Education (1925-1990):

- The Soviet authorities's commitment to regularly occurring education caused the status quo of unique training programs and establishments geared toward addressing the needs of children with disabilities.
- Special colleges, which includes those for blind children, were set up across Uzbekistan, prepared with specialized facilities and tailored educational applications.
- The period noticed a widespread enlargement of infrastructure for unique schooling, inclusive of the development of specialized facilities and the procurement of specialized device.

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- Educational regulations emphasised the importance of imparting equal opportunities for youngsters with disabilities, including blind youngsters, according with the ideas of socialist equality.

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During the Soviet duration, the government of Uzbekistan initiated measures to develop special schooling for kids with numerous disabilities. This protected the status quo of specialised academic institutions, which include faculties catering specially to blind children. These colleges had been equipped with tailor-made academic programs and rehabilitation offerings geared toward facilitating the getting to know and model of kids with visible impairments. During the Soviet Era Uzbekistan skilled tremendous tendencies in unique training, in particular concerning the schooling of blind children. This period marked the status quo of specialized academic establishments geared toward catering to the desires of kids with disabilities. These institutions, which includes colleges for the blind, had been geared up with tailor-made academic applications and rehabilitation offerings.

Under Soviet rule, Uzbekistan prioritized the improvement of infrastructure for unique schooling, along with the construction of specialized facilities and the procurement of specialised equipment. Additionally, efforts had been made to teach educators inside the effective implementation of specialized curricula and coaching methodologies designed to cope with the specific desires of blind youngsters. Social integration changed into also a key awareness during the Soviet Era, with tasks aimed at highlighting the achievements of youngsters with disabilities and selling their inclusion in various social settings past the educational realm.

However, no matter those advancements, challenges persevered. Limited assets, a scarcity of certified specialists, and unequal access to training for kids with disabilities, especially those in far off regions, have been the various troubles faced by means of Uzbekistan's special schooling device for the duration of this era . The Soviet Era in Uzbekistan laid the groundwork for ongoing efforts to promote inclusive training and aid the numerous needs of children with disabilities. While development turned into made, there remained demanding situations to conquer as Uzbekistan persisted its journey in the direction of ensuring equitable opportunities in training for all kids.

Throughout this era, Uzbekistan witnessed the growth of infrastructure for instructing children with disabilities, which includes the construction of specialised centers, procurement of specialized device, and training of employees. These efforts have been geared towards developing an inclusive environment conducive to the schooling and development of visually impaired children. During the Soviet Era (1925-1990), Uzbekistan witnessed large tendencies inside the infrastructure of special schooling and the adoption of progressive educational tactics tailor-made to the desires of blind children.

1) Specialized Facilities - the Soviet authorities invested within the creation of specialized educational institutions, consisting of schools for blind kids, prepared with facilities conducive to their learning and improvement. 2) Procurement of Specialized Equipment - those establishments have been provided with specialised equipment consisting of Braille typewriters, tactile mastering substances, and assistive technology to facilitate the training of blind children. 3) Accessibility Measures: Efforts had been made to make sure that these facilities have been on hand to students with visible impairments, consisting of the installation of ramps, tactile markers, and different motels to promote impartial mobility.

Curricula were adapted to fulfill the particular getting to know wishes of blind kids, incorporating Braille literacy, tactile learning experiences, and auditory teaching strategies to enhance their know-how and engagement. Educators acquired schooling in specialised teaching methodologies designed to optimize learning effects for blind students. These methodologies blanketed multisensory methods,

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tactile exploration sports, and the use of adaptive technology to facilitate comprehension and participation. Recognizing the numerous wishes of blind children, educational techniques emphasised individualized coaching tailor-made to every scholar's talents, hobbies, and mastering possibilities. This personalized method aimed to maximize the instructional capacity of every pupil and promote their basic improvement .

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The infrastructure development and academic approaches applied at some stage in the Soviet Era in Uzbekistan laid the foundation for inclusive and available training for blind children. These projects pondered a commitment to providing identical opportunities in education and supporting the various needs of students with disabilities. While demanding situations persisted, inclusive of aid constraints and unequal get entry to to education, the efforts made at some stage in this era represented big development toward creating a more inclusive society for all.

Social integration became a fundamental aspect of unique schooling projects at some point of the Soviet Era (1925-1990) in Uzbekistan, especially regarding the schooling of blind children . Efforts have been made to promote the inclusion of children with disabilities in numerous social settings beyond the educational realm. This integration aimed to foster a experience of belonging, dignity, and identical participation in society for all individuals, no matter their abilities.

Awareness and Acceptance - unique schooling programs emphasized elevating focus and promoting attractiveness of people with disabilities in the broader community. This concerned organizing recognition campaigns, workshops, and public occasions to educate society about the abilities and rights of humans with disabilities, consisting of blind youngsters.

Inclusive Activities - colleges for blind youngsters advocated participation in inclusive activities and occasions alongside their sighted friends. This blanketed extracurricular sports, cultural events, sports competitions, and community provider tasks, supplying opportunities for social interplay, collaboration, and mutual understanding.

Employment Opportunities - efforts were made to facilitate the mixing of visually impaired people into the workforce. Vocational training packages and activity placement offerings have been hooked up to equip blind youngsters with the competencies and sources essential to pursue meaningful employment possibilities and make contributions to society as productive contributors.

Accessibility and Accommodations - measures have been implemented to improve accessibility and accommodate the wishes of individuals with disabilities in public spaces, transportation, and infrastructure. This protected the installation of tactile markers, audio announcements, and other motels to enhance the mobility and independence of blind people in navigating their environment.

Advocacy and Support - advocacy organizations and businesses performed a critical position in advocating for the rights and inclusion of people with disabilities in Uzbekistan. These agencies labored to cast off obstacles to social integration, sell accessibility, and make certain identical possibilities for all individuals of society, including blind kids.

While development turned into made in promoting social integration in the course of the Soviet Era, challenges continued, including attitudinal barriers, stigma, and discrimination against individuals with disabilities. Additionally, confined assets and infrastructure constraints posed limitations to full participation and inclusion. Despite those demanding situations, the efforts made throughout this era laid the basis for ongoing tasks to sell social integration and inclusion in Uzbekistan. The legacy of those efforts keeps to form policies and practices aimed toward growing a more inclusive and equitable society for all individuals, no matter their abilities or disabilities.

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A tremendous aspect of Uzbekistan's special schooling history changed into the emphasis on social integration for children with disabilities. Efforts were made to spotlight their achievements and sell their inclusion in society beyond the educational realm. This concerned organizing occasions to exhibit their abilities and supplying support for his or her integration into diverse social settings submit-schooling.

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Despite development, Uzbekistan faced demanding situations in its unique training gadget, consisting of confined assets, a shortage of qualified specialists, and unequal get admission to to schooling for all kids with disabilities, in particular those in remote regions. These demanding situations underscored the want for persevered funding and coverage interventions to make certain equitable possibilities for all children with disabilities.

The legacy of unique schooling in Uzbekistan all through the Soviet technology lays the basis for ongoing efforts to promote inclusive schooling and support the numerous needs of youngsters with disabilities. As Uzbekistan transitions into a brand new generation, there is an opportunity to construct upon beyond achievements and address continual challenges to create a more inclusive and equitable academic gadget for all children, including those with disabilities.

The legacy of unique schooling tasks throughout the Soviet Era (1925-1990) in Uzbekistan, particularly regarding the education of blind youngsters, continues to shape modern policies and practices whilst guiding destiny guidelines in inclusive schooling and social integration.

The Soviet-generation initiatives set up a basis for inclusive schooling with the aid of emphasizing same possibilities for kids with disabilities. This legacy underscores the importance of imparting on hand and tailored academic applications to meet the numerous wishes of all newcomers, inclusive of people with visual impairments. The investment in specialized centers and gadget for unique education institutions laid the basis for available learning environments. This legacy highlights the importance of ongoing efforts to enhance infrastructure and make sure that instructional facilities are absolutely geared up to guide the gaining knowledge of and improvement of all students.

The adoption of specialized curricula and coaching methodologies tailored to the needs of blind children proven the fee of individualized coaching and progressive pedagogical practices. This legacy underscores the importance of continuing to evolve teaching methods and comprise assistive technology to beautify gaining knowledge of results for students with disabilitie s. The emphasis on social integration throughout the Soviet Era mounted a precedent for selling inclusivity and fostering a supportive network environment for individuals with disabilities. This legacy highlights the ongoing need to combat stigma, enhance awareness, and endorse for the rights of people with disabilities to make sure their complete participation in society.

- 1. Building upon the legacy of the Soviet Era, destiny directions in special schooling in Uzbekistan need to prioritize the improvement and implementation of inclusive policies that sell identical access to schooling for all children, no matter their abilities.
- 2. Investing inside the professional development of educators and experts in unique education might be vital for correctly assisting the diverse wishes of college students with disabilities. Continuous education and capacity-constructing packages can empower educators to employ evidence-primarily based practices and progressive tactics in inclusive school rooms.
- 3. Leveraging improvements in era can beautify accessibility and support studying for college students with disabilities. Future guidelines need to focus on integrating assistive technology, virtual gaining knowledge of equipment, and available sources to create inclusive mastering environments that cater to the various desires of all freshmen.

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4. Engaging households, communities, and stakeholders within the education and inclusion of individuals with disabilities may be vital for fostering a supportive and inclusive society. Future directions must prioritize collaboration and partnership-building to address systemic obstacles and promote social integration at all tiers.

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The legacy of special schooling projects in the course of the Soviet Era in Uzbekistan gives valuable insights and guidance for destiny directions in selling inclusive education and social integration. By building upon this legacy and embracing progressive methods, Uzbekistan can continue to develop closer to developing a greater equitable and inclusive society for all.

In conclusion, the records of special schooling in Uzbekistan, with a focal point on the training of blind kids, reflects the country's commitment to providing same opportunities in education for all. While vast progress has been made, there continue to be demanding situations to overcome as Uzbekistan continues its journey closer to ensuring inclusive and handy education for each baby.

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