

Online Education in the ocular of Middle Class

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Abstract

“If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.” Ben Franklin The scenario of knowledge is changing with passage of time. The platform of students – teacher relationship has come to a four square. The two communities ‘student and teachers’- called the socio economic plinth of any country is now an experimental beaker with changed chemical bonding. The Indian sage: the teachers are now identified as facilitators. All these definitions and terms are covered under the term-logy of New Era Version- 2.0 teachers. The new versions describe – “Teachers elicit a response, challenge thinking, stretch the student’s capability, provide tools to learn and create a psychologically safe and comfortable environment for learning”.¹

All these contrasting essays put a question mark on present scenario, education system and the teachers.

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Introduction

Online education is not a new technology in the scenario of Indian context. Indian mythology gives so many examples of it. Education is two way communication where two dimensions work together. Education is not a collection of facts, this is brainstorm of subject. Clay. P. Bedford said- “You can teach a student a lesson for a day; but if you can teach him to learn by creating curiosity, he will continue the learning process as long as he lives.” Nowadays this concept is of no mean because everyone wants to achieve limitless sky. So education is based on rote learning not for acquisition. Teachers are blamed but they are bound with their norms of syllabus. They do not teach a single topic! Who is responsible for this? According to Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan: A life of joy and happiness is possible only on the basis of knowledge and science.... Once Vivekananda had said: “A nation advance in the proportion to education and intelligence spread on the masses....we want that education by which character is formed, strength of mind is increasing, the intellect is expanded & by which one can stand on its feet.” Education as we understand it here, is a process of inviting job and by this job to collect wealth by hook or crook. As a process, education is a part of life but in present scenario, it only works till you start the livelihood. Education is reflected in practice. Education seems to work, Shiksha looks in behavior. Education appears in relation. Education is deliberated in nationality.

The word "education" is derived from the Latin word “*ēducātiō*” which means breeding, bringing up and rearing. The existence of education appears ever since man is located. But what education could make human being humane. This is a huge question before the society.” Article 13 of the United Nation 1956 International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights recognizes a universal right to education.”² Though it is said a child is the mirror of his/her family values. Therein, he will be called the shadow of his flesh - virtuous development with no inner-self. William Saroyan in his story ‘Summer of the Beautiful White Horse’ says “a man could be the father of his son’s flesh but that did not mean he could be the father of his spirit.”³ The society is creation of two terms, Adoption and Adaption. Therein socially, it will take time for E- Learning to be adopted and the Indian context to adapt it as their part. We will have to accept the challenge thrown under the clouds of pandemic.

Content

The term online was used in reference to railroad and telegraph industries in 19th centuries but these days it is used in computer technology and telecommunications with internet function. Online directs toward a state of connectivity. “Online has come to describe activities performed on and available on the internet.”⁴

The role of quality education is more important than literacy prone education. Every state is involved to accelerate the rate of literacy to show that there is no disparity in literacy. To fulfill this target online education is the best way. There are several obstacles with the traditional system of education. Everyone can't attend a prestigious educational institutions because he/she is not in a position to pay huge fee. But the online education gives a chance to study exactly what you want.

With the expansion of information technology new scope and new field are available which were not provided due to some reason. Through an online platform, students from any places take their course. Online learning has to be the greatest revolution in contemporary education. It made a total change in the present system of education. As well as it has opened a door of great opportunities for everyone who wants to learn something special. Online learning has many characteristics for example, Computer Managed Learning, Computer Assisted Instruction, Learning Synchronous Online, Asynchronous Online Learning, Fixed E-Learning, Adaptive E-Learning, Linear E-Learning and Interactive Online Learning.

Nevertheless, online education is still related to stereotypes. People often think that online students are not smart enough for a traditional college or university, they are lazy, and they don't get "real" degrees. These claims discourage many people from taking online courses, so they get stuck in the traditional educational system that consumes a huge deal of money, nerves, and years of their lives.

. The changing pattern of generation has put a question mark on the education system under the umbrella of online demand. As discussed, the online does not board the physical existence of teachers. It's in fact a ladder between learner and facilitators. As an educationalist one should not forget the properties of teachers and technology. A combination of two is the miraculous result finding the path for every new fab. The former Secretary of Educational for Massachusetts Paul Reville says, "Never lose the opportunity of a crisis"⁵. Let's take this opportunity to end the "one size fits all" factory model of education. This replies in the words of Stephanie Mitchell:

"The best that can come of this is a new paradigm shift in terms of the way in which we look at the education, because children's well being and success depend on more than just schooling, "Paul Reville said of the current situation. "We need to look holistically, at the entirety of children's lives"⁶

The online method of learning is best suited for everyone. This digital revolution has led to remarkable changes in how the content is accessed, consumed, discussed, and shared. Online educational courses can be taken up by office goers and housewives too, the time that suits them. Depending on their availability and comfort, many people choose to learn at weekends or evenings.

The couplet, "करत-करत अभ्यास के जड़मति होत सुजान । रसरी आवत-जात के, सिल पर परत निशान ॥" ; written by the great poet Vrind, in this line he want to say that, "Continuing hard work also accomplishes the goal considered incurable." this is fit in online education. Any topics can be exercised number of time. Secondly if you missed the lecture for any reason, on this online process there is a chance you can attend the lecture according to your preference. You can save your time. Students do not need to travel to the needed venue. Student has the choice to study in relevant areas. E-learning is a tool of self-regulating learning it helps the learner in many waives⁷. Thus the E - dais gives an opportunity to accept the challenge of the time. It makes the learning momentary.

According to Aparicio, Bacao & Oliveira, "The e-learning Systems' theoretical framework contains the three main components of information System. These components are people, technologies and services."⁸ In this changing world everything; is changing so way of education also is changing. Online education is the new form of education that has flexibility. Online education can be taken anywhere, anytime. You should have internet connection and a device. Online education helps the student retain and remember information with attractive image, videos, movies and clips. The biggest thing, it is a eco friendly- paperless way of education. It protects the environment. Online education prepare the student for good time-management skill. Online education requires you to be responsible for your own syllabus. These findings suggest that as long as virtual learning environments are well designed to over your lacking with the advantages of E - platform.

Diversification is a part of nature so people have different opinion about this new way of education. Some people prefer face-to-face traditional education and they think traditional form of education is best because in online education student feedback is limited, in traditional classroom instructor gives face-to-face feedback but in the new system this is not the same. Though the new fab is satisfying yet it surrounds the problem of loneliness through this practice among the human beings. In this regard an English Professor named Edmunson Piece said at the University of Virginia online education creates a “monologue and not a real dialogue.” Policy maker should have to think about this.

Any great success can be achieved by walking through the path of discipline. In online education there is a lack of discipline amidst children and they study in front of the camera, in this scenario an instructors are not able to understand them emotionally. There is no such thing as punishment. Because of this difference, there is no symmetry in children. Thus, the chances of growth in children do not appear to be equal. Someone goes too far ahead wherein someone is left far behind.

The structure of online education is not based on quick respond, knowledge and creativity. It is based on the information on the both side, one of students and the other side of instructor. . Its function is based on readymade question and answer. Question and answer are already predetermined. So, the meaning of real education is vanished.

This advanced education system has there is dominancy of copy and paste. Lack of skill and curiosity is found, degree is available but education is not available and experience is lacking. Practical and deep knowledge is not there. It is not suitable for complicated topic, operative technical study and practices. Online learning works mostly theoretical. In spite of this it is introducing a new trend of solitary and this takes the student away from society. Seeing degrees, the mind gets comforted. But the heart says that you don't know anything.

From the health point of view, it is not compatible with our body. The users and instructor are under the effect of various physical and chronic disorders. According to the circumstance of the Indian context our society is not ready to afford this new invitation. Online learning must possess a minimum level of computer knowledge but in India computer literacy is rare, in this situation online learning as a whole is insignificant. The final assessment of online learning leaves one in stress and lifeless. The term a mental obstruction is more cancerous than physical tiredness.

Conclusion

Thirty year back Gilly Salmon, a professor and digital learning innovator introduced “five steps as model of e-learning and e-moderating.”⁹ We hope that the five-stage model of Gilly Salmon would inspire the users and instructor how to utilize the e-learning courses. A major shift has been taking place in recent years in the e-learning of the pandemic of corona. The new focus is on popular and particularly present initiative and self mobilization, as distinct from the earlier concentration on e-learning. When comparisons is between physical and virtual classroom both have different merit or demerit. You can't call only one prior to other. They both have its own juncture through which it play their role. Online reputation can be evaluated by how well it is being managed.¹⁰ The effectiveness of the teacher teaching program could be judged with varied roles that they play. They perform as photographer, videographer, editor, complier, recorder, composer, cinematographer, instructor, dancer and many such more roles. Without any training they are expected to give their best as model box. Wherein a company heirs skilled persons, the teachers are expected to put their multi-colored balls in all the baskets. The biggest joy is; a teacher who is creator equivalent to god in any mythology is now standing in parallel with this technology. Even in this situation, a corporal teacher is incomparable, irreplaceable and most unique gift of divinity to this World. Virtual teaching as a future option for teaching and learning can be considered as strong supportive hand. Thus, the teacher will always remain the prerogative owner of this system. The technocrat, management and every nook and corner of the organizing institutions will have to stand under one umbrella to make this virtual platform a successful teaching hub. Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe has said “Knowing is not enough; We must apply. Wishing is not enough; We must do.”

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