

A Severe Shift In Education System From Offline To Online As An Impact Of Covid-19

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Abstract

Teaching is a mode by which Information related to certain subject is imparted to the students. Now days there are many ways of acquiring Knowledge. In the previous time, teacher is the only source to gather knowledge but today society is well versed with sources to get information and knowledge. With the Industrialization and other economic development, Internet facilities are easily available to the common people. A person sitting in a far flung area and without many sources can have access to knowledge pertaining to any subject at very minor cost. As everything goes with pros and cons, similarly online and offline teaching has also its advantages and disadvantages. People especially Children became so fond of Laptops, Computers and Mobiles that they cannot expect their life without these gadgets. Children continuously stare at the screen of mobiles that cause a huge damage to their brain. Use of these gadgets and social sites makes people to have a habit of living alone. One of the major importances of offline classroom teaching is to inculcate moral values among the children and in the present scenario it seems people lacks these values. They became so frustrated even at very small issues and behave like robots which reacts instantaneously without thinking and analyzing that issue. In offline teaching besides imparting Subject related information teacher also make children familiar with the society , prevalent issues in it , how to cope up with difficult situations , how to be cool and calm in adverse conditions, how to make nation progressive and what are our responsibilities towards our elders and neighbourers etc. Human Beings are not machines, they are beautiful

creations of God to whom he blessed with feelings and emotions and on the name of development, it is not necessary to lack these properties which makes us different from machines.

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Introduction

Teaching is a process by which exchange of knowledge takes place from one Individual to another. It is simply a method where one person teaches other. A person who instructs is called as Teacher whereas the second person who acquires knowledge is known as a Student. It is a social process, Interactive process, Face to Face encounter process, art as well as science. According to Huff and Duncan – *“Teaching or to teach someone is a four-step process of planning, directing, measuring and evaluating.”* In this phenomenon it is the main duty of Teacher to make complex concepts simpler and easily understandable. One should teach by keeping in mind the potential of student. Teaching should be student centric. The main motive of teaching is to enhance the logical and creative skills of students.

Discussion

In ancient time especially during the Vedic period, education was imparted at Gurukul's and Ashrams and they used to locate in a peaceful areas like forests or in the areas far away the region where people lived. In Vedic civilization, education to children was imparted in an oral manner but near around 1300-1500 BC, Rig Veda was written in Sanskrit and this language is the most prominent one in that times. Later on, Pali language is used in Buddhist education. During this period, a Child education was started at the age of 4 years and several Yagnas and Prayers were performed before Goddess Saraswati for his success in education. At the age of 8 years, Upanayanam or the thread ceremony of the child was held and then he was sent to Guru'shome, namely Gurukul. Further education of the child commenced here. The aim of education in that time was to develop a good character among children besides imparting education. Later on, to spread Buddhism and Jainism among the People Buddhist education system came into existence where person from any caste and community can peruse education without any hassle. Takshila and Nalanda were the two main universities of that time. In that time Teacher- Student relation considered to be highly sacred.

Then concept of school came into existence. It is a place where a student besides getting subject knowledge also acquire many others concept i.e., Children learn how to become self

Independent. When a Child awake during morning and prepared to go for a school even during that little span of time, he learnt many things like how to wear uniform, how to tuck shoes laces, how to comb hair, how to pack bag etc. It is a way by which he become self-disciplined. In school, when he stands for a prayer and National anthem, he knows about Meditation and Nationalism. When he goes to Classroom and sits on his desk, it shows how well oriented he is. These small things are very difficult to learn at home and it is the school that makes them familiar with such things. While sitting in a class room he interacts with his teacher and class mates he feels socially strong. He can easily clear his doubts by discussing them with his teacher and friends. In offline mode of teaching, the chances of distraction are very rare. A feeling of positive competition developed among the students that enhance their caliber. In schools, besides teaching several others extra cocurricular activities were conducted so that students can't get fed up with studies. This help in the development of extra skills in the children. Some students as we have experienced in common are good in painting and sports, school is the main platform where these capabilities of students can easily be recognized. In classroom Teacher is not only face to face Interacted with the student, as he spends two or three years with the student, he can easily predict on which days he is not well and attentive towards studies in other words somehow, a teacher gets emotionally bound with the student and it is good for the development of healthy relationship between the student and the teacher. A Teacher plays a major role in brightening the future of a student. A student spends crucial time of the day, when he feels fully energetic with the teacher and it is the best hours of the day to learn something new. Today because of plenty of syllabus, many of the concepts are not cleared among the students and there is a race of scoring maximum percentage that harms not only their health but also their future as at that times it is necessary to be well aware with some important concepts to whom they only grasp, not learned in a proper manner then it is impossible for them to utilize that very much concept in application in their whole life. It should be the moral duty of every teacher to simplify the difficult concepts so that problem should not be faced by the students. A concept should be simplified either practically or by giving such examples that they have met in their day today life so that they can easily learned by students. Education should not be forceful as it is not the mean of exerting mental pressure on someone. It should execute in a peaceful manner so that a highly knowledgeable students with several distinguished qualities has been developed. Also, syllabus should be framed in such a manner that students will acquire knowledge of each concept without

any burden. In this system of teaching, education to far flung areas can be easily available. In almost each district of our country, there are several primary schools, middle schools, High schools and higher secondary schools so that education is easily accessible to each student. But somehow in certain cases it seems a person because of one or another reason cannot go to school and, in such cases, offline mode is not feasible. Also, if someone is in job and wants to acquire higher qualification in that case also it is not possible for him to attend the college or university in a regular manner and he has to adopt online mode of learning. Offline teaching has some age-related restrictions, students of peer group can be in the same class and for that reason also online teaching is the best option.

As Covid-19 Pandemic came, drastic changes occur in the education system. During that period because of adverse situation, schools were closed and it became a challenge world wide that how the studies of Children be carried out. Then there is complete shifting of education system from offline to online mode. It was the good decision of that time because children were completely cut off from studies especially between the age group 5-10 years, as they did not have the concept of self-studies. With the onset of online teaching, the habit of sitting in front of mobiles and laptops developed among the students. They spent most of the time in a day for attending the classes and as everyone during that time was restricted to remain in their homes, it was the only mode through which children felt happily to see their friends and teachers even though on screens. They also knew about several online teaching platforms like ZOOM app, Wise-app, Google meet, Webex etc. Also, it became a challenging situation for teachers to teach students in such a way during that time. Many problems have been faced by the teachers and the students but with the passage of time everything gets better. Teachers tried their hard to make each and every concept easier. They tried to teach students through presentations, through topic related short videos, topic concerned pics etc. They judge the students through online quizzes, home assignments and many more ways like that. They uploaded topic related material on wise app and used WhatsApp to send pdf 's of topics to the students. As a whole, the main requirement of that period was to run the education system in a streamline manner. Also, students were shared with links of you tube videos so that they can understand the topic in a better way. Today society is highly equipped with Technology and can easily clear their doubts by simply searching on a goggle at a simple click. This causes a lack of reading habit in students. If some answer is

available at a single click the what is the fun of reading a text of 5 to 6 pages. This creates a lack in the curiosity among students related to topic. As in the previous mode of education after reading the whole chapter, we have to answer the questions written at the last page of chapter. Now a days students lack passions , they restrict themselves to the answers without having additional knowledge related to that concept. This mode of teaching developed a sense of isolation among students and they feel uncomfortable beyond their own zone. As it is the need of the hour to incorporate online education system in a teaching learning process but it should be in an adequate manner.

On the other hand offline teaching is a hand on training where a teacher communicates directly with the students. A student can be analyzed in a better way through its performance in quizzes, tests, debates etc. Likewise, a teacher can access the skill capabilities of students and work hard to bring these to skills to certain high levels. It encourages Students to live a well disciplined life that is otherwise impossible in case online system of teaching. A teacher can become a role model for a student and student's tries to grasp most of his qualities. A teacher plays an important role in boosting the morale of students during struggling days. He can easily judge the capabilities of their students and ask them to work in a field which will prove fruitful to them in the near future. A teacher indirectly works as a physiological counselor who makes their students capable of facing hardships in their life. It is only the efforts of a teacher that makes shy and slightly poor in studies due to lack of resources to become high class officers or secure some elite positions in the society. Nevertheless, a student meaning a lot for his teacher and vice – versa , best time of the day when mind is fresh and one can easily learn anything whatever taught to them is that when these two entities are together. So anything learnt in that time should be fruitful so that such creatures will be created that proves to be beneficial for the building of a strong nation.

Conclusion

As every system has its own pros and cons likewise education whether it is acquired through online or offline mode has advantages and drawbacks. Proper use of both these modes in a Teaching – Learning process is required for the upliftment of the society. As habit of reading books improves our thinking skills and use of technology makes us well aware with the facts happened in our surroundings so it is our duty to opt both these modes of education but in a well-planned manner.

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