

Effect of COVID-19 on Education

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ABSTRACT

The effects of pandemic COVID-19/CORONA in various is observed in every section around the world. The education sectors of India as well as world are badly affected by this COVID-19 pandemic. It has enforced the world wide lock down creating very bad and dangerous effect on the all current working sector as well as students' life. In total around 32 crore learners/students stopped to move schools or colleges and all educational activities halted in India and all over the world. The outbreak of COVID-19 has taught us that change is unavoidable. It has worked as a catalyst for the educational institutions to grow and opt for platforms with technologies such as online education, e-learning, which have not been used before as we used in this COVID-19 pandemic. The education systems are trying their best to survive and keep going on in this difficult situation to wash away the threat of the pandemic. This report highlights some of the measures that taken by Government of India to provide seamless education in the country. In these report we discussed both positive, negative and some effective suggestions are also noted to carry out educational activities during the COVID-19 pandemic situation.

Key words:

Education, COVID-19, Government

INTRODUCTION

The pandemic of Covid-19 has spread over the whole world and it compelled the human society to maintain the social distancing. It has significantly disrupted the education section and which is a critical determinant of a country's economical future. On Feb 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (W.H.O.) proposed official name of the virus as COVID-19, which is Corona Virus Disease 2019. It was first identified in Wuhan city, China on 31st December.

First death due to Covid-19 was 61 years old man which is in Wuhan, China on January 11, 2020. The 1st case/death due to covid-19 in India was reported on 30th of January 2020 in the state of Kerala and the affected had a travel history from Wuhan, China. First death due to Covid-19 was reported on March 12, 2020 in Indi . It has affected more than 4.5 million peoples world wide according to the WHO. According to the UNESCO report, it had already affected more than 90% of total world's student population during mid April 2020 which is now reduced to the

nearly 67% during June 2020. Outbreak of COVID-19 has impacted more than 120 crores of students and the youths across the whole planet. In India, more than 32 crores of the students have been affected by various of the restrictions and nationwide lockdown for COVID-19. About 14 crores of the primary and 13 crores of secondary students are affected which are two mostly affected levels in India as per the UNESCO report. After observing the corona pandemic situation the WHO advised to maintain the social distancing as the 1st prevention of the step. So, the Education sectors including schools, colleges as well as universities become closed. As it also affected to all kind of classes and examinations as it get suspended including all entrance tests were postponed indefinitely. That's the reason to destroyed the schedules of every student.

The lockdown has compelled many education institutes to cancel their all classes, examinations and internships etc. and to choose online modes. Thus, COVID-19 has already created many challenges and opportunities for the educational institutes to strengthen their technological knowledge as well as infrastructure. The lockdown has give them a ray of hope to the teachers and students to continue their educational activities through online. Teachers are arranging their lectures and assigned thir work to students via internet, delivered lectures through live conferencing using different applications like Zoom, Google meet, Facebook, Youtube, and Skype etc.

In some situation it happens in India where not every students is well equipped with all digital facilities and gadgets and are along with these lines of suffer. There are numerous advanced educational institutions in India are also not equipped with digital facilities right now to cope up with sudden changes from traditional education setup to the online education system.

OBJECTIVES

Present research paper has focused on the following objectives :

- Government of India has taken various measures for education sector during this pandemic.
- To notice/highlight various positive impact of COVID-19 on education.
- Also to enlist the negatives impacts of COVID-19 and put some effective suggestions for continuing education during the pandemic situation .

METHODOLOGY

Day to day information was collected from national and international agencies through there reports . These information and reports were collected through various authentic websites. Some journals and e-contents relating to the impact of COVI-19 on educational system are referred.

POSITIVE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON EDUCATION:

Through the outbreak of the COVID-19 has created many negative impacts on the education, educational institutions of the INDIA have accepted the challenge and trying their best to provide seamless support service to students during the pandemic situation. Indian education system got opportunities for the transformation from traditional system to new era. The following points may be the considered as positive impacts.

- Move towards Blended Learning: COVID-19 has accelerated adoption of the digital technologies to the driver education. Educational institutes moved towards the Blended mode of the education /learning. It encouraged all of the students and teachers to become more technology savvy.
- Rise in use of Learning Management System: Use of learning management systems by the educational institutions become a great demand.
- Enhance the use of soft copy of the learning materials: in the lockdown situation students were not able to collect hard copies of study materials and hence most of the students used of the soft copies materials for the reference
- Improvement in collaborative work: There are new opportunities where collaborative teaching and learning can take on new of forms. Collaborative can also happen among faculty across world to benefit from the each others.

- Rise in online meetings: The pandemic has created a massive rise in teleconferencing, virtual meetings, webinars, e-conferencing opportunities and many more.
- Better time management: All students are able to manage their time more efficiently in online education during the pandemic situation.
- World wide exposure: Educators as well as learners are getting opportunities to be interact with peers from around all of the world.

NEGATIVE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON EDUCATION:

Education section has suffered a lot due to the outbreak of the COVID-19. It has created many negative impacts on the education and some of them are as follows:

- Education activity Hampered: Classes have been suspended and the exams at the different levels postponed. Different boards have already postponed the annual examinations and the entrance tests. Admission process got much delayed. Due to continuity in the lockdown, students suffered loss of nearly 3 months of full academic year of 2020-2021 which is going to be further deteriorate situation of community in the education and as students would face much difficulty in the resuming schooling again after a huge time period gap.
- Unprepared teachers as well as students for the online education

- Impact on employment: Most of the recruitment got postponed due to the COVID-19 placement for the students may also be affected with the companies delaying the on board of students. When the unemployment rate increases then the education gradually decreases as the people struggle for food rather than the education.
- Increases the responsibility for parents to educate their wards
- Loss of nutrition due to the school closure

SUGGESTIONS:

- India should develop creative strategies to ensure that the all children must have access to learning during pandemic COVID-19.
- Immediate measures are required to lessen the effects of the pandemic on job offers, Internship programs as well as research paper
- Government and educational institutes should plan to continue the educational activities maintaining social distancing 30%-40% students and teachers may attend schools or colleges in two shifts per day to carry on educational activities by obeying guidelines for COVID-19.
- There is a need to deploy public funds to fix the internet gap and to ensure that students continue to learn digitally.

CONCLUSION:

COVID-19 has impacted immensely to the education sector of our country. Though it has created many challenges, various opportunities are also to be evolved.

Even if the COVID-19 crisis stretches much longer, there is an urgent need to take the efforts on maximum utilization of online platforms so that students not only complete their degree in this academic year but also to get ready for future digital oriented environment. The concept of the “Work From Home” has greater relevance in such pandemic situation to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in India. As online practice is the benefitting the students immensely, it should be continued after lockdown. Further detailed statistical study may be undertaken to explore impact of COVID-19 on education system specially in India.

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