Impact of Covid-19 on Education Sector

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Abstract

The effect of pandemic COVID-19 is seen in each area all around the world. Because of this, the education sectors of India as well as world are gravely affected. It has implemented the overall lock down in the world creating extremely bad impact on the students' life.

It has worked as a catalyst for the educational institutions to grow and opt for platforms and techniques, which have not been used before. The digital India vision of the government is emerging as a vital tool for solving the present crisis due to Covid-19. Both the positive and adverse impacts of COVID-19 are discussed and some productive ideas and suggestions are highlighted to carry out educational activities during the pandemic circumstance.

Keyword: COVID-19, Education Sector

Introduction

The pandemic Covid-19 has spread over whole world and compelled the human society to maintain social distancing. It has significantly disrupted the education sector which is a Critical determinant of a country's economic future. On February 11, 2020, the World Health Organisation (Proposed an official name of the virus as COVID Acronym for Corona virus disease 2019. It was first identified in Wuhan, China on December 31, 2019.

After observing the corona virus pandemic situation the WHO Advised to maintain social distancing as the first prevention Step. So, every country started the action of lockdown to separate the contaminated people. The education sectors including universities, colleges and schools became closed. Classes suspended and all examinations including entrance tests were postponed indefinitely. Thus, the lockdown destroy the schedules of every student.

Covid-19 has created many challenges and opportunities for the educational institutions to strengthen their technology knowledge and infrastructure.

Almost all state government ministers and higher authorities have been taken measures to assure that the academic activities of schools and universities don't hamper during the lockdown time. They have advised the schools to arrange all their classes on online mode.

The Lockdown has accelerated adoption of digital technology. It has provided a chance to develop new and improved professional Skills/knowledge through online learning in more efficient and Productive way. Online learning and teaching is the best solution during this Pandemic Covid-19 circumstance.

In this way, the computerized and digital India vision of the government or public authority is emerging as a vital tool for settling the current crisis because of Covid-19. It's obviously true that Technology-based education is more transparent with all Respect.

The Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) has made several arrangements, including online portals and educational Channels through Direct to Home TV, Radios for students to continue learning.

Positive Impact of Covid-19 On Education Sector

The following points may be considered as the positive impacts.

➢ **Move to words blended learning:-**Covid-19 has accelerated adoption of digital technology to deliver education.

➢ **Enhance the use of soft copy of learning materials: -** In lockdown situations students were not able to collect the hard copies of study materials and hence most of the students used of soft copies materials for reference.

➢ **Rise in online meeting: -** the pandemic has created a massive rise in teleconference, virtual meetings.

➢ **World wide exposure: -** Educators and learners are getting opportunities to interact with peers from around the world.

➢ **Enhance digital literacy: -** the pandemic situation introduced people to learn and use digital technologies and resulted in increasing the digital literacy.

Negative impact of covid-19 on education sector

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

• **Education activity hampered: -** classes have been suspended and exams at different levels postponed. Board's exams have already postponed the annual examinations and entrance tests.

• **Impact on employment: -** most of the recruitment got postponed due to Covid-19 placement for students may also be affected. Unemployment rate is expected to be increased due to this Pandemic.

• **Access to digital world :-** as many students have limited or not Internet access and many students may not be able to afford computer, laptops or supporting mobiles phones in their homes

Unprepared teachers/students for online education-Not all teachers/students are good at it or at least not all of them were ready for this sudden transition from face to Face learning to online learning. Most of the teachers are just conducting lectures on video platforms such as Zoom, Google meet etc. which may not be real online Learning without any dedicated online learning platform.

Suggestions

• India should develop creative strategies to ensure that all Children must have sustainable access to learning during Pandemic COVID-19.

• Immediate measures are required to lesson the effects of the pandemic on job offers, internship programs and research projects.

• Government and educational institutes should plan to continue the educational activities maintaining the social distancing.

• At current times, access to technology and Internet is an urgent requirement

Conclusion

Covid-19 has impact immensely to the educational sectors of the India. Though it has created many challenges, various opportunities are also evolved. The Indian Govt. and different Stakeholders of education have explored the possibility of

Open and Distance learning (ODL) by adopting different Digital technologies to cope up with the present crisis of COVID-19. India is not fully equipped to make education Reach all corners of the nation via digital platforms.

Even if the COVID-19 crisis stretches longer, there is an Urgent need to take efforts on maximum utilisation of online Platforms so that students not only complete their degree in this academic year but also to get ready for the future digital Oriented Environment.

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