

CHALLENGES OVER STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND PARENTS DUE TO IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON EDUCATIONAL SECTOR

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ABSTRACT

The very first thing we know about the teaching learning process how important for future building of a person which ensure the development of society, economy, culture, polity in different ways for a nation. The importance of education was having in ancient period and now it becomes the most powerful influential weapon to introduce and measure the standard of a society or nation. But sudden arrival of covid19 impacted in various field due to lockdown. Educational sector mostly was impacted by the pandemic. Teachers and students faced challenges to adopt new educational method of online teaching learning process through internet. The poor background students have to suffer so many problems for their insufficient facility to get opportunity for education during lockdown. Poor attention of the students, lack of network connection for online classes, tension of parents for their children and evaluation and examination process through online all the factors have brought very negative effect and creates dissatisfaction for teachers, students and parents. We consider they are the three strong pillars of education system to place it on top. It is necessary to understand and identify the problems of students, teachers and parents in different field. Due to covid-19 education suffered at all levels. According to a UNESCO report, as of March 23, over 1.3 billion learners are out of school due to coronavirus. The closure of schools, colleges and universities has disrupted the flow of learning of the students and the existing method of imparting knowledge across the world. Several unforeseen challenges have erupted in the education, which needs to be addressed in a collaborative manner. The education of nine million children across 37 countries is currently at stake.

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INTRODUCTION

The very first thing we know that education is two ways teaching learning process through which people share and gain knowledge. According to RIG VEDA “Education is something which makes a person self reliant and selfless”. According to Kautillya “Education means training for the country and love for the nation” Education is the most powerful influential weapon for mental ,intellectual and all over development of a person which prepares human resource for development toward economy, polity, technology and society of nation. Education plays a major role in every aspect of life. It is evident that even our ancient culture and scripture as well education was considered to be of high

importance. Education and learning have been a valuable part of our culture since the vedic period. “Nalanda University” of Magadha kingdom, tales about “Gurukula” etc are the proof of that. No one deny the role of education in human social life.

In the modern time, importance of education becomes very high and cover the prominent place. A person’s education determines his whole life ahead. Only education opens the door for the upliftment and emancipation of human life in new ways and lead to the transformation of society. Government also at present time, takes so many initiatives for the reconstruction of society and continuous improvement of education system. But after the covid19 the scenario of education system has been changed rigorously with changing situation of pandemic. Outbreak of novel corona virus has brought drastic changes in all over social, economic, political and natural life of people all over the world which totally unpredicted. The sudden arrival of unseen enemy covid19 pandemic compel the human social life to being under lockdown and this unimaginable situation has brought lots of challenges on educational sector which have been faced by the students, teachers and parents during lockdown period in the running of educational process as it is important to notice that they are the backbone of education system and will make it successful together in real sense for present and future generation. In this article discusses about the impact of covid19 on educational sector and how it creates challenges for the students, teachers and parents.

As the global coronavirus pandemic opens up an entirely new set of challenges for the education system, we’re seeing just how important it is to build a more adaptable and inclusive approach to learning. Maintaining the engagement of children, particularly young secondary school students is critical. Dropout rates are still very high in many countries, and a long period of disengagement can result in a further increase. Going to school is not only about learning math and science, but also about social relationships and peer-to-peer interactions. It is about learning to be a citizen and developing social skills. That is why it is important to stay connected with the school by any means necessary. For all students, this is also a time to develop socioemotional skills and learn more about how to contribute to society as a citizen. The role of parents and family, which has always been extremely important, is critical in that task. So, a lot of the help that ministries of education provide, working through mass media, should also go to parents. Radio, TV, SMS messages can all be used to provide tips and advice to them on how to better support their children.

Lockdown changed the perspective of schools. With schools closed for months, e-learning came to the forefront, across the world. Even in developed countries, students have been the primary movers of this initiative. Teachers followed the new trend, hoping to return to the classrooms soon. However, such expectations are unlikely to materialize any time soon. Now schools are re-opening and they have to operate with reduced classroom strength, to ensure social distancing. It means the scope for classroom education will remain curtailed and e-learning has to fill the gap in the education sector. With blended learning as potential solutions for schools, e-learning will continue to dominate the sector for a longer period.

WORST SCENARIO IN EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

The pandemic has brought very sudden change on our education sector. Students from all over the world had to shift from traditional chalk and blackboard method to online classes for the purpose of continuity of their education. The sudden conversion troubled many of them especially in the second and 3rd world countries, where online education is not that common. India is also one of them. Although online education system was already present in India but it was not followed extensively. Another important fact is that current digital infrastructure available in India through which total digitalization of education is near impossible. While 66% of Indian people's population lives in rural area, around 15% of them have access to internet for urban household, the proportion is 42%. At present situation of lockdown all the educational institutions have been shut down as a result it introduced home schooling and online classes to maintain teaching learning process. This initiative has been taken for sake of students but negatively it leads to the various challenges for the students like mental stressed, insecurity for their future, deprivation and evil intentions like attempt to suicide cases which is happening in different part of India even all over the world. Inability of parents to provide facilities to their children to attend online classes due to financial insufficiency as most of 3rd world countries like India is suffering this kind of challenges. There is seen difficulties of teachers for adjustment of new online teaching process from different background.

CHALLENGES DUE TO COVID-19

Today due to Covid -19 teachers are facing lots of challenges. One of the biggest challenges in front of teachers that how they motivate students for learning and how they keep them away from other social networking sites during the learning period. As we know that in schools Students comes from different social background so it is not possible for every student access to a laptop or an internet connection. It is also not possible for these students to attend the online classes. There are several other problems like this through which student and teacher both are struggling.

Some of identified challenges are as follows:

•Intimate With Smartphone And Internet

According to NSA survey conducted in 2017-18, $\frac{3}{4}$ of students in India didn't have access to the internet at home. It has unveiled that student from different age group and background are not familiar with online class platform such as zoom, google meet etc. Again most of students (specially bellow class v) are not well familiar with how to properly use smart phone or internet.

• Internet Connectivity Issues During Teaching And Learning

One another problem which is faced by both teachers and students is internet connectivity issues during teaching and learning. High speed internet and stable power supply are the biggest problem. in this scenario. So, the challenges of online education are unequal access to internet, reliable internet

connectivity and availability of computer at home. This poses challenges for children of those schools who are providing online education during this time of crisis.

• **Financial Problem**

It is indeed a challenge for the educational institutes and the teachers on how to reach out to students and ensure continuity of education through remote learning. There are millions of students from various economic segments of the society and most of them do not have access to computers or the internet. Some of them do not even have access to phones. In the given condition, where isolation is the only remedy to not get affected by the virus, ensuring the education of children has become a real challenge.

• **Problem Of Dropout Increased**

The dropout rate in online education is very high. Self motivation and discipline is required to complete the assignments and upload them timely. If you have difficulty working independently, staying organized and meeting deadlines, you might struggle in an online program

• **Socialization**

Schools and other educational institutions are gateway for students to know and understand about society and people. In educational institutes, students come from different cultural, racial, religious background and make friends and socialize with each other. As almost every school and colleges have been closed during the covid19 pandemic, staying under lockdown has surely hampered social and cultural knowledge of students all over the country.

CHALLENGES FOR THE TEACHERS

Teachers are the main pillar for the continuation of teaching learning process and they make it meaningful. Teachers are also going through the same kind of trouble as their responsibility to provide knowledge to their students and make them future architecture of society. The role of a teacher is vital they guide as parents and acknowledge and understand them at school. Life was going very smoothly for millions around the world until January 2020 but in a matter of a couple of months the pandemic all of a sudden, one piece of news closing of schools have made teachers confused and stressed .Came to the one solution to say goodbye the traditional formal classroom teaching learning and welcomed to online classes. So teachers have to face lots of challenges to adopt the new style of teaching learning method .

• **Classroom Management Problem**

A teacher in a traditional teaching style always uses the lecture method where teachers would just lecture throughout the class, used blackboard to identify something and students would listen carefully. Teacher roll called them systematically to record about their presence and keep eye into them one by

one during entire span of class where would a discipline both of them and attention of students remain active or positive due to teacher's strictness and teachers also make them attentive within classroom. Due to outbreak of covid19 students and teachers both are following online method of class from different part and background. Teachers must need to attend the classes using WhatsApp, google meet, zoom through video conference and audio record. So it becomes totally unarranged for teachers so classroom discipline is very difficult through these apps. Most importantly in traditional method teachers are not to keep any visual aids and computer screen to monitor them .Even they have not any training for this before this pandemic to use such method so that the students can be focused.

• **Hesitation Among The Teachers To Upgrade Themselves To Digital Platforms:**

Turning teaching materials into digital format at short notice has been a challenge for teachers because only few teachers have strong digital and ICT skills and most of the senior teachers are not aware of the internet and its functionality they are struggling to communicate with the students.

• **Problem Of Keep Students Attentive And Understand Them Subject Matter**

Teachers strictly give the assignments to accomplish their performance equally. Teachers compel them to maintain rules and regulations of institutions and students become attentive due to strict law and punishment of the teachers .But it becomes very difficult for the teachers to control the students in digital classroom .Student easily are getting disconnected and mute the audio signal. Teachers found it very difficult to understand them something before the student in front of camera due to lack of student's attention.

• **Problem Of Indiscipline In The Class:**

Students create Zoom IDs in random, unidentifiable names and troll teachers. Some switch off their camera and call teachers' names from these IDs, some use them to send memes to teachers. Most of them do not complete assignments and projects assigned to them and when questioned they either switch off their phones or choose to not attend online classes for days. Well, Online education can change the whole future scenario in education only if these problems are tackled. Experts suggests change in the education process by making it more practical with the use of technology

• **Completion Of Course**

Many schools began the new session in March. The schools had to close after a few classes only. This has not only impacted learning but also shaken the education machinery. The curriculum needs to be addressed soon.

• Problems Of Less-Privileged Students

Children who rely on mid-day meals or free food have no way but to compromise with their nutritional needs. As for special children, in the given condition, the onus falls on the parents to deal with the situation. If they don't get proper care, they might develop other complications.

• Problems Due To Continue Social Isolation

Due to Covid schools are closed, students are forced to live isolate. The monotony of this isolation may tend to make them more aggressive, depressive or lethargic in the long run.

• Problem Of Online Examination And Evaluation Process

Teachers always give effort to make students understanding ,knowledgeable and discipline in all kind of skills like writing, reading and discussing of topic and content which will prepare them to compete with classmates .As usually teachers take test formally and sometimes suddenly in classroom which help them to identify how many students what understand and not able to understand and help them to development of their quality and influence them modify and compete with each other to acquire top level. So it will easy for the teachers to evaluate the student's capability through exam and their grade as it has been considered since so long .But in online exam method teachers found it uneasy to conduct online exam as the students manage it from various source expect using their knowledge ,concept and memory.

So the evaluation and promotion of students will be on the basis of their previous grade or rank as it is lead to the downfall of motivational level and competition of lower category student who are struggling for their development of score. So teachers are not satisfied with this method as they confused to identify properly how students get proper knowledge from them to utilize it but online process make very unrealistic and baseless as it becomes difficult for them how many student will score on the basis of subject knowledge .

PROBLEMS ON THE PART OF PARENTS

The pandemic also has brought a sea change in education system. All over the world parents are getting stressful as they have to adjust their children with the online education system and some of them did not able to provide facilities to their children. In India 2/3 of people live in poverty .68.80% Of Indian population lives on less than \$ 2 a day over 30% even have less than\$ 1.25 per day available they are considered extremely poor .Economic condition is the major factor to introduced the nation's position and standard of life style and other development sector like education ,health etc. Covid19 suddenly has brought lockdown for human society so all parents become very serious about their children and their economic condition for their livelihood to adjust with new changes which recently occurred. Attending to the educational needs of the children at home and dealing with their emotional needs is a difficult to deal with it. Parents with limited education find it difficult to facilitate their learning at

home. Parents who are not adept with online learning also find it difficult to help their children. Parents also claim that the online tasks and projects being assigned by schools have put parents in a dilemma because they suddenly need to connect their children through internet with their schools and often, they don't know how to procure the materials needed for projects during the lockdown. Parents faced so many challenges to provide facilities for their sake of children .There are some relevant problems highlighted in the current situation.

FINANCIAL INABILITY

Financial need is not limited within a boundary to live a life and absorb dignity everyone should depend on economy. If economic condition is undermined by unsolved problem, then it creates new problems in different field of social life. Education has very close relationship with economy if it falls down then the improvement of educational sector becomes weak as it shares three tier bonds with family ,school including govt and students.

LACK OF PARENT'S KNOWLEDGE

As we know internet connectivity is globally accepted and used by everyone as a short and easy communicative process. Instead of these lots of parents don't know how to use smart phone and manage different kind of apps to participate their children in online classes. For example in India there is least technological knowledge.

INSECURITY OF PARENTS

School is the second home for students. Parents leave their children in school without tension as it is considered the second most safe place for their children. They handed over them under the teachers to reform their character and construction of human resource. But it becomes stressful for parents as they feel that their children are getting diverted from their punctual life. Every parent always keep restriction for their children in matter of smart phone. But at present situation parents handed over personally the most nefarious thing smart phone only hoping for them well as usual they have never thought before. The parents are very serious about that most of them are not well known about the functions of devices to check what are doing their children. Parents become very anxious about that they have to go out for their work leaving them at home and for that reason they cannot keep eye into them every moment. It is very negative factor of covid19. It basically happened in primary and secondary level childhood and teenagers' students as they are not matured enough what will be good or bad for them to identify by themselves.

UNSATISFACTORY EVALUTION AND EXAMINATION METHOD

Every Parents always hopeful for bright future of their children .they only auspicious for their results as they know everything and nothing. Most of parents are wait for the final evaluation of their children to take decision for them. But at present situation brought new method of examination and evaluation process which are not fruitful for their children 84% of parents are not regarded as it satisfactory. According to the parents online exam is not relevant as most of children remain same position on the basis of previous evaluation because so many students take it easily as they know their grade will be same and other section tried for the best to upgrade their position but will remain in same position. On the other hand some first graded student become demotivate as they have not found the exact evaluation and other section students remain very inactive to their studies as they happy with promotion on the basis of previous rank which hampered the mental ability of parents how to balance and control their children.

RECOMMENDATION AND SUGGESTIONS :

COVID 19 has changed substantially, the way we live. Every challenge opens up a new opportunity. Here are some recommendations to keep children's education on track while they're staying home.

• Assigning Subject Mentors For Each Child

While disseminating the information through online tools the class teacher and the subject teacher can talk to each child to address the child's challenges and queries. Respective class teachers need to be in constant touch with their students on a daily basis.

• Parents Counselling Cell

Along with the children, many parents also require counseling to overcome this disastrous situation. The counselling cell can guide interested parents seeking help on how to make productive use of the time and deal with the present situation relating to their child.

• Use Of Videos For Better Explanation

While designing the subject matter the teachers should keep in mind the learning behaviour of the child; whether the child understands better through text or videos. The teacher can send suggestive video links or make her own video for any special child.

• Grading Methodology

COVID19 may continue for months now. Students will get a huge set back because of the lockdown. The boards should adopt an alternative marking or grading scheme.

• Create Contingency Plan

The Government should be ready with its contingency plans with rigorous academic planning and syllabus prioritization in case of any pandemic in future.

• Role Of Media

Door darshan can dedicate a channel for K-12 education focusing more on concepts and hands on experimentation with scheduled time allotted for each class. It can also be replicated in DD regional channels, so that there is no language barrier in the learning process for children. Similarly, radio can act responsibly and educate children through talks.

These suggestions give us a glimpse at how education could change in the long term. When these are implemented, a whole new spectrum of the education sector would come to life, which may prevent our children from suffering due to the pandemic.

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