

## PERSPECTIVE OF TEACHERS ON ONLINE EDUCATION: A CURSE OR A BLESSING

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### ABSTRACT

*Today's world dealing with pandemic COVID-19, which has changed the way we are living in the pre-COVID-19 era. The major impact is on the field of the education. The studies and education of the students cannot be stopped even in such a pandemic. So, the teachers and schools are shifting to the online platforms, due to the traditional off-line way of education imparting, various problems are being faced by the teachers. This paper highlights the positive as well as negative impacts of the online way of teaching in the view of teachers.*

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### Introduction

The beginning of year 2020 is marked with the world biggest pandemic COVID-19. This virus is very dangerous as it spread from the infected person to other person and the virus spreads very fast. A coronavirus is a sort of basic virus that causes a disease in your nose, sinuses, or upper throat. Most coronaviruses aren't perilous.

In mid 2020, after a December 2019 episode in China, the World Health Organization recognized SARS-CoV-2 as another sort of coronavirus. The episode immediately spread all throughout the planet. [1]

Coronavirus is a sickness brought about by SARS-CoV-2 that can trigger what specialists call a respiratory plot disease. It can influence your upper respiratory parcel (sinuses, nose, and throat) or lower respiratory lot (windpipe and lungs). It spreads a similar way other coronaviruses do, predominantly through individual to-individual contact. Diseases range from gentle to lethal. [1]

SARS-CoV-2 is one of seven sorts of coronavirus, including the ones that cause extreme sicknesses like Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS) and sudden acute respiratory syndrome (SARS). The other coronaviruses cause the majority of the colds that influence us during the year yet are definitely not a genuine danger for in any case healthy individuals. [1]

Globally, as of 4:42pm CEST, April 2021, there are about 146,841,882 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including the 3,104,743 deaths, as reported to the WHO. Now, if talk about the vaccination in April 2021, a total of 933,878,667 vaccine doses have been then administered. [2]

The COVID-19 pandemic has prompted a sensational loss of human existence worldwide and presents an exceptional test to general wellbeing, food frameworks and the universe of work. The financial and social interruption brought about by the pandemic is annihilating: a huge number of individuals are in danger of falling into outrageous destitution, while the quantity of undernourished individuals, as of now assessed at almost 690 million, could increment by up to 132 million before the year's over. [2]

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A large number of endeavors face an existential danger. Almost 50% of the world's 3.3 billion worldwide labor force are in danger of losing their vocations. Casual economy laborers are especially powerless on the grounds that the larger part need social insurance and admittance to quality medical services and have lost admittance to gainful resources. Without the way to acquire a pay during lockdowns, many can't take care of themselves and their families. For most, no pay implies no food, or, best case scenario, less food and less nutritious food.

The pandemic has been influencing the whole food framework and has uncovered its delicacy. Boundary terminations, exchange limitations and restriction measures have been keeping ranchers from getting to business sectors, including for purchasing sources of info and selling their produce, and agrarian specialists from collecting crops, in this way disturbing homegrown and worldwide food supply fastens and decreasing admittance to healthy, protected and assorted weight control plans. The pandemic has wrecked positions and set great many vocations in danger. As providers lose positions, become sick and kick the bucket, the food security and nourishment of millions of ladies and men are under danger, with those in low-pay nations, especially the most underestimated populaces, which incorporate limited scope ranchers and native people groups, being hardest hit. [2]

A great many horticultural specialists – pursued and independently employed – while taking care of the world, consistently face undeniable degrees of working neediness, unhealthiness and chronic weakness, and experience the ill effects of an absence of wellbeing and work assurance just as different sorts of misuse. With low and sporadic wages and an absence of social help, a significant number of them are prodded to keep working, regularly in risky conditions, in this manner uncovering themselves and their families to extra dangers. Further, while encountering pay misfortunes, they may turn to negative adapting procedures, for example, trouble offer of resources, savage advances or kid work. Transient rural laborers are especially powerless, on the grounds that they face chances in their vehicle, working and day to day environments and battle to get to help estimates set up by governments. Ensuring the wellbeing and strength of all agri-food laborers – from essential makers to those associated with food preparing, transport and retail, including road food sellers – just as better salaries and insurance, will be basic to saving lives and securing general wellbeing, individuals' occupations and food security. [3]

In the COVID-19 emergency food security, general wellbeing, and business and work issues, specifically laborers' wellbeing and wellbeing, combine. Holding fast to working environment wellbeing and wellbeing rehearses and guaranteeing admittance to fair work and the insurance of work rights in all ventures will be essential in tending to the human component of the emergency.

Prompt and deliberate activity to save lives and vocations ought to incorporate broadening social security towards all inclusive wellbeing inclusion and pay support for those generally influenced. These remember laborers for the casual economy and in ineffectively ensured and low-paid positions, including youth, more seasoned specialists, and transients. Specific consideration should be paid to the circumstance of ladies, who are over-addressed in low-paid positions and care jobs.

Various types of help are critical, including cash moves, youngster remittances and healthy school dinners, safe house and food alleviation activities, support for work maintenance and recuperation, and monetary help for organizations, including miniature, little and medium-sized undertakings. In planning and carrying out such estimates it is fundamental that administrations work intimately with businesses and laborers. [3]

### **Impact of COVID-19 on Education**

While nations are at various focuses in their COVID-19 contamination rates, overall there are at present more than 1.2 billion kids in 186 nations influenced by school terminations because of the pandemic. In Denmark, youngsters up to the age of 11 are getting back to nurseries and schools after at first shutting on 12 March, however in South Korea understudies are reacting to move calls from their instructors on the web. [4] With this sudden shift away from the study hall in numerous pieces of the globe, some are puzzling over whether the reception of web based learning will keep on persevering post-pandemic, and what such a shift would mean for the overall instruction market. [4]

Indeed, even before COVID-19, there was at that point high development and selection in training innovation, with worldwide edtech ventures arriving at US\$18.66 billion of every 2019 and the general market for online schooling projected to reach \$350 Billion by 2025. Regardless of whether it is language applications, virtual mentoring, video conferencing instruments, or internet learning programming, there has been a critical flood in utilization since COVID-19. [5]

In light of huge interest, numerous web based learning stages are sans offering admittance to their administrations, including stages like BYJU'S, a Bangalore-based instructive innovation and web based mentoring firm established in 2011, which is currently the world's most profoundly esteemed edtech organization. Since reporting free live classes on its Think and Learn application, BYJU's has seen a 200% expansion in the quantity of new understudies utilizing its item, as indicated by Mrinal Mohit, the organization's Chief Operating Officer.

Tencent study hall, in the mean time, has been utilized broadly since mid-February after the Chinese government trained a fourth of a billion full-time understudies to continue their investigations through online stages. This brought about the biggest "online development" throughout the entire existence of instruction with around 730,000, or 81% of K-12 understudies, going to classes by means of the Tencent K-12 Online School in Wuhan.[5]

#### **Positive Impacts of Online Education**

In such a pandemic of COVID-19, online education acted as blessing from the students, even in such circumstances the students are able to regularly attend the school via online classes. If we talk about the positive impact of the online education, then we can summarize that with the help of the following points, [6]

- **Global Coverage**

In the online education, as the online platforms which are either available in the form of the apps in play store or via communication software's like zoom, Google Meet and so on. The coverage of students become global as now the teacher, from its place can teach the student living in any other corner of the world. In the similar fashion, student also have the access to global teachers and they also have the option to get educated or learn skills from the best teachers around the world, while sitting on their place. Platforms like byju, vedantu, and many more are examples of such cases. [6]

- **Saves Infrastructure**

If we consider a scenario, where the online education grown to an extent, where the maximum number of students and schools preferring the online medium of imparting the education, we can reduce the investments on the furniture's, school buildings, schools buses and more. Many IT based companies are closing down their offices as they are preferring the online working mode, and number of posts and vacancies for online professionals are created, so they can work from home, in this way companies are saving the lot of investments which is required from the maintenance of offices. So, in this manner if the school authorities will also think in the future, then lot of investment can be saved.[6]

- **Better Opportunities for Teachers**

If the teaching post and the way of teaching remains the online, then the teachers can also apply for the post or jobs from schools which are other states or even in the other countries, and when can get the better carrier options for shaping their future.

- **Enhance Skills**

With making use of the online mode of education, teachers can present their skills and educate students in better way, via making the beautiful and attractive presentation, online assignments, online tests using Google Forms like medim, this will automate the entire task of the education. This will not only saves the teachers time as well as they will also learn new skills, which they are not able to learn in case of the offline mode.

#### **Negative Impacts of Online Education**

It is very difficult to find the negative impacts of the online education, but if we think from the teachers perspective some negative points if found, which can be improved with working on together.

- **Teacher faces issues with Technology**

Now, online mode of education require the teachers familiarity with the internet, online communication software's, presentation software, document software and more. So, some sort of computer literacy is required on the part of teachers. Thus, the teachers who are not familiar with the computers and are not using these regularly faces issues in using them and we can say that some teachers may resist in learning these online tools.

- **Limitation of Class Monitoring**

If we see the online classes, are generally of short time around 40 minutes, like in the offline classes the teachers can roam in the class to check whether all the students are attending and doing their work or not. So, the online classes, specially when we talk about the school online classes of senior classes, they lacks of discipline.[7]

- **Checking assignments**

Most of the teachers when we talk about the teachers of Indian Schools are in the habit of the copy checking, they check the homework's which are done in the school copies. So, now the checking of the online work submitted by the student by clicking the copies photos or uploading the copy pdf are difficult for the teachers to check.

**Conclusion**

In conclusion , we can say however online mode of education bring some problems to teachers but still it offers numerous carrier related advantages also , so in all respects online education is better alternative from future and in such pandemic like COVID-19 it's the only alternative.

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