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ONLINE TREND OF EDUCATION DURING AND AFTER COVID – 19

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“They said no phone inside the school; today school is inside the phone”

This saying becomes reality now a days. No doubt today, technology is playing very important role in our life. Every area of human life weather professional life or personal life is getting affected by online trend. Previously this online trend was only limited to buying things but during lockdown this online trend is becoming more focused towards education and work from home purposes. It is predicted by many intellect personality that the world after covid-19 will be more online trendy than previous edition.

Small smart box such as android/ i-phone etc has become necessity of life. According to Maslow's hierarchy of need, our basic requirements of life (physiological need) are roti, kapda and makan but in this modern world it can be roti, kadda, makan or phone. Every person, around the world (3.9billion) has this smart box and every one using it to make calls, for messaging, online surfing etc. In India 420.7 million people are using internet on their phones. This number is very huge, which means internet facility is very demanding in our nation. On one side this data shows the development of digital India but on the other side it also shows the other India which even lack access of electricity. Thus we can see two parts of India: one as digitally advanced and other where most of people are lacking basic essentiality of life. The digital India campaign (2015), mainly comes to fill this gap between these two parts of India and transform our country into more digitally empowered society.

During lockdown, the use of internet has been increased tremendously in the field of education. As the school, colleges and various institutes are shut down from last two months so to tackle this problem online classes are being taken by teachers now a day. This online solution is really a good option to connect with students. Online access is very beneficial for those who have good access of internet but what about students who are living in rural India specially the Interiors parts of India, where access of education is a big problem due to lack of sufficient number of school, colleges, teachers. No proper uniform, no proper sitting arrangement for students, no toilet facility, no hygiene. How this portion of India will tackle this problem where no electricity no phone network is available for even a day? Government need to tackle this problem with the help of local authority like panchayats, NGO and other voluntary organization.

Along with it, if we talk about urban areas some problems regarding internet speed is frequently encounter by users. Besides it some practical subjects like physics, chemistry demands lab work which is not possible in online classes. Online classes also restrict interaction between teacher and student , student – student. Although some online platforms are trying to provide facility for online discussion also but it not as effective as offline. Online learning is little distractive also, some time students start watching other thing on YouTube etc.

Although offline classes has its own advantage as compare to online classes but at the time of pandemic COVID-19, online classes are the only solution for engaging student to their studies. Even after the lockdown, the trend of online surfing for education will increase in many ways. It is predicted that in upcoming years student will prefer more distance learning as

compared to regular colleges. On one side this will save paper work, which indirectly save our environment and on other side it will save transportation cost.

Like every coin has two sides, online education trend has both positive as well as negative impact on children. If children use it effectively no other tool can be more effective in comparison to online education. On the same time it can be problematic for student. As a solution, parents and teachers need to be more attentive in this direction. They both can better guide children on what are the side effects of internet and best ways to use it.