

Study of Online Education in India

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ABSTRACT:

In the past few years, the Internet has grown rapidly, accessible to major portion of population. It has changed the way we communicate, shop, do business and the way we learn. Online education is changing the face of traditional mode of teaching and making education more accessible to us. This paper reflects study of online education in India.

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I INTRODUCTION

Online education in India has come a long way with the development of technology. India is one of the nations , developing at an exponential rate in terms of technology. With the population of more than 1.36 billion and the availability of high-speed internet & smartphones, India has the technologically driven persons. The rise of the internet has changed the way of life in India. People like to do everything online, they shop online, do business online, make friends online, learn online etc. While eCommerce being the most significant online industry, online education and learning stand right next to it. With the ever-increasing information available on the internet and the countless number of online courses many people in India prefer to learn online.

II DEMERITS OF ONLINE EDUCATION:

• **Learn from anyplace, at any time**

Online education only requires a laptop, desktop or a smartphone with an internet connection, learners can learn from anyplace & anytime. These special features and flexibility is effective for learners specially working professionals to pursue new courses without leaving jobs. They can learn at weekends or any time which is convenient for them. All the course materials are readily available as soft copy.

• **Cost Effective and Time**

Online education is much more cost effective than pursuing a regular on-campus degree. It helps students, those who are not in a position to afford a regular college degree to accomplish their goal without spending much time and money.

• **Learn at learners' own pace**

In a regular class, learners are taught together, many learners find it difficult to follow the lessons. This is a major demerit of regular mode of teaching. Online education solves this problem. In online education course materials are provided in advance, students learn as per their convenient time. Students can clarify their doubts by live chats or forums as well.

• **Recognition of online degrees**

Online degrees are valid and accepted by the employers in India if it is accredited by Distance Education Council (DEC) of India. Many employers are still encouraging their employees to pursue courses through online mode of education.

III DEMERTS OF ONLINE EDUCATION

• **Possibility of distraction :**

Learners can easily lose track of their studies in online education since there are no face-to-face lectures and classmates to remind about assignments. Until and unless learners keep themselves motivated it takes a long time to complete course or abandon entire course.

• **Deceitful Online courses**

Many websites offer online courses without the accreditation/recognition of any educational authority/university. Such courses will not be effective for employment. Hence it is desirable to choose properly an online education program before spending money on it.

Impossible to pursue Lab/Workshops oriented courses

Engineering course or other courses like paramedical, nursing and MBAs where On-Job-training is included, requires labs or hands-on workshops. These are important part of courses, hence not effective through online mode of education.

IV. CHALLENGES FOR ONLINE EDUCATION:

- A) Nearly 40% of population, not computer literate and do not know how to operate computer.
- B) Though learners need devices for online mode of education, they cannot afford the same.
- C) Sometimes teachers are not acquainted with technology or devices, which sometimes are obstacles for growth of education.
- D) Limitation of resources also another major reason for conducting teaching through online mode.
- E) Few courses having demand throughout the year but not possible to conduct in the digital mode.
- F) Due to poor connectivity of Internet connection, sometimes not possible to conduct online mode of teaching from desired places.
- G) Not so effective for children below age 17 years due to lack of concentration and skill required.

V CONCLUSION:

It has been seen that despite certain limitation /disadvantages of online education, it is still popular for learners those who are working and also due to cost effective, learners those who cannot afford for regular courses, due to high fee structure, opt for this alternative mode of education

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