

IMPACT OF COVID -19 ON YOUTH EDUCATION

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Abstract: *Since its outbreak in late December 2019 COVID-19 has wreaked havoc across the world and like any critical sector, education has been hit hard. Students, Schools, Colleges and Universities have been deeply impacted. According to Union Nation Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), over 800 million learners from around the world have been affected, 1 in 5 learners cannot attend schools, 1 in 4 cannot attend higher education classes, and over 102 countries have ordered nationwide school closer while 11 have implemented localized school closure. Globally over 2,00,000 cases of the corona virus have been reported in more than 160 countries, which have resulted in more than 8000 deaths and left several States dealing with severe outbreak. The COVID-19 pandemic will adversely impact the progress some government was making around increasing the education budget. Therefore, this is a crisis that requires urgent attention and collective action by all Governments, Stakeholders and Communities.*

Keyword: *Incomplete Knowledge, Network Problem (Connectivity Problem), Job Problem and Health problem.*

Introduction:

The year 2020 has become the year of Corona epidemic all over the world. The Covid- 19 virus has left the mark on the Corona epidemic in 2020. This epidemic affected every region. The whole world faced this crisis. Millions of people have lost their life. It also gave the biggest impact on the education sector. This is the brief overview of the impact of Covid-19 on the education sector in India in 2020.

Education 2020: Corona's biggest impact on the Education Sector:

The Corona Virus crisis has had a devastating effect on the lives of people around the world. Corona has affected the lives of everyone, from school children to those who works. TheCovid-19 virus has completely changed the work culture around the world, at the same time a new trend of online education has started to teach students during this period. Online classes for school to college students were started, even the exams were taken online. Let's see how the Corona Virus affects education, exams and jobs.

Online Classes :

In March 2020, all the schools, colleges and universities across the country were closed due to the lockdown. It was the time for children's exams. The Government imposed lockdown and continued so on. At that time, the question of how the children would be educated was before the parents. The closure of schools, colleges and educational institutions has severely damaged the education of students and the government has decided to provide online education to students. All schools and colleges started teaching students through digital platform. However, students in rural areas far from the city are still having difficulties in taking classes due to poor internet connectivity or lack of Smartphone. Many State Government try to educate students through televisions and radios. The videos taught students by uploading them to YouTube. Still many States have not started schools. The Central Government has allowed schools from class 9 to 12 to start according to local corona status. Primary schools, however, are closed across the country

Connection Problem :

Internet connectivity has become a major obstacle in online learning for students in rural as well as urban areas. Parents will buy cheap Android Phones for a while, but if they don't have access to internet, then there is no use. In many villages student and teachers face this problem. Children have to adjust their gadgets like mobiles, laptops for the proper efficiency of network.

Results on the Exams :

When all the institutions were closed in Corona, taking exams became a biggest challenge for the students. The Corona crisis led to the cancellation of the board exams in the Central State across the country, including CBSE and CISCE. After this, the education boards of many States in the country including CBSE and CISCE announced the results of the 10th and 12th examinations according to the internal assessment without taking the examination. In Maharashtra 12th standard examination was held. The 10th class geography exam was postpone, after that the Government cancel Geography's exam and students were given marks according to the exams they have given.

Conducting JEE and NEET exams :

The Central Government has taken bold decision to conduct the NEET and JEE entrance examinations, which are the largest in the form of Engineering and Medical examination. Many students, parents union, teacher union and political parties opposed it. Someone knocked on the door of the Supreme Court directly but the Central Government did not relent. The examination of these vocational courses should be taken as seriously as possible, for which full health care will be taken, the Central assured. These examinations were then passes in stages. The children showed up at the examination centre with mask on their faces and sanitizers on their hand. By increasing the numbers of examination centers and reducing the number of students at each center, the examinations were conducted in compliance with social distancing. The NEET exam was held between 1st to 3rd September several universities, including Delhi University, conducted online exams.

Effects on Jobs :

The Corona Virus has had a serious effect on jobs. Millions of people lost their jobs in this period, while billion of workers worked for low pay and still do. Many companies made pay cuts. Millions of people lose their jobs worldwide. According to the Center for Monitoring Economy (CME), nearly 5 million people lost their jobs in July, bringing the total number of job losses due to Corona Virus outbreak and lockdown to 1.89 million. The unlocking process in June helped the market recover, the economic situation improved and some new jobs were created, but local restrictions again reduced jobs in July.

The basic questions of Research :

- How Corona developed the mindset for youth education?
- How Corona effected the education of the youth?
- What difficulties did the Corona caused in educating the youth?
- Did the youth get complete knowledge of education due to Corona?

Objective :

- To study the effect of education on youth due to Corona.
- To study whether students got complete knowledge of education due to Corona.
- To study what educational difficulties the youth had to face due to Corona.
- To study what effect Corona had on the youths psyche.

Hypothesis :

- Corona effected the education of the youth.
- Due to the Corona, the youth did not get complete knowledge of education.
- Corona causes many problems to the youth.
- Corona has affected the mentality of youth.

Research Design:

A descriptive and partly diagnostic research plan was used to study the impact of Covid-19 on youth education. Also used convenient sample selection method.

Data Collection :

A secondary method was used in fact-finding while studying what effect Corona had on youth education. In which books, magazines, texts, articles, editorials, news paper as well as internet were used.

Educational Loss of Youth :

Institutions like IITs and IIMs have all closed their campuses and moved classes online.

Even standardized test like GMAT, GRE, SATs, ACT remain suspended and the future of many students hang in balance. Clearly there is panic all around and educators and students alike are confused as to next steps continuity with respect to educational objectives. The students are in the bigger quandary because of the Covid-19 pandemic because not only their educational process is disrupted but they also face a big challenge of proving themselves for their next journey. In the absence of hard academic indicators such as grades and make many of these students find themselves in a situation where they are unable to differentiate themselves and lack a cohesive framework to get themselves ready for the job and education tasks they face next.

The post pandemic world will be a curious one not only will the virus usher in behavioral Social and political modification at a micro level and a trigger indelible domestic changes it will also impact nation states at macro level. Economic vulnerabilities will be exposed and the shifting of geopolitical sands will be accelerated. It will also level the playing field, making the global order susceptible to the rise of middle powers.

Impact on Higher Education :

Pandemic Covid-19 has severely affected the total education system of India as well as the globe but some of the most impacted areas of higher education of India are as pointed below.

Severely affected the education assessment system :

Most of the external examinations have been postponed and almost all the internal assessment have been cancelled. The cancelation of assessment has negative impact on students learning. Many institutions have been managing the internal assessment through online mode using different digital tools but the postponement of the external assessments, has a direct impact on the educational and the occupational future of the students life. This uncertainty has created anxiety among students as they are stuck in same grade/class without promotion.

Destabilized all educational activities :

Outbreak of Covid-19 has compelled lockdown in every sector including education. The institutions got closed with cease of educational activities like admission, examinations, entrance test, competitive examinations conducted by various boards/school/collages/universities are postponed. Many entrance tests for higher education get cancelled which created a great challenge in the life of students of higher education.

Reduced employment opportunities :

Many entrance tests for job recruitments got cancelled which created negative impact with the great challenges in the life of a student of higher education. The Indian who have been doing their jobs abroad became upset of their job withdrawal also. In India, there is no

recruitment in Govt. sector and fresh graduates are in pressure of fearing withdrawal of job offers from corporate sectors because of the pandemic situation. Many students may lose their jobs from India and overseas. The pass out students may not get their job outside India due to various restrictions caused by Covid-19. All these facts imply towards increase of unemployment rate due to the pandemic. With increase of unemployment situation, the interest for education may gradually decrease as people struggle for food rather than education.

Mixed impact on Academic Research and Professional Development :

Covid-19 has both negative and positive impacts on research. If we take the negative side, it has made impossible for researchers to travel and work together with nationally and internationally. Some joint research work or project work are made complicated to complete. Some scientific laboratory testing/research work could not be conducted.

If we look at the positive side, academicians got much time to improve their theoretical research work. Academicians got acquainted with technological methods and improved their research.

Recommendations and Instructions :

- The youth should follow the rules of Covid-19.
- Young people should pay attention to disease caused by Covid-19.
- The government should take responsibility for how Covid-19 can be brought under control.
- By providing jobs at a time when education has been affected by the Covid-19.

Discussion :

Covid-19 has affected every area of the population. In which education, mentality, job, knowledge, all these things need to be considered because Covid-19 has had a huge impact on youth education in which it is becoming difficult for the youth to find a way. Similarly, students from tribal and rural areas have been greatly affected as a result, the youth could not get complete knowledge of education. It is important to discuss what can be done for the youth to get complete knowledge because there is no guarantee of how long the Covid-19 will last. However, the youth should increase their own knowledge, keep the mentality stable, and do whatever industry they can without holding a job.

Conclusion:

- Covid-19 had a great impact on the education of the youth.
- Due to Covid-19, the youth could not get the required amount of knowledge.
- Covid-19 has a major impact on the mental state of young people.
- Covid-19 made it difficult for young people to get jobs.

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