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Digitalization in distance education

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Abstract

This paper throws light on the digitalization in distance education. Educational systems are changing at great speed and the innovation is changing quickly. Older technology is supplanted by new technological phenomena and the new ones are being received and these are influencing the educational systems. In numerous nations, numerous university systems have received distance education to solve their educational dilemmas. Although now and again viewed as the less poor cousin of regular school programs, distance learning comes as a gift to students who need to think about further while continuing with occupations or who probably won't almost certainly go to a full-time course for different reasons. Distance Education is another, worldwide innovation based education to encourage easy, immediate learning and interaction for communicators, teachers, and students in training programs. Distance Education can give mass- Education to everybody. It drives individuals to learn individually and shifts responsibility regarding learning from teachers to students. It encourages students choice of courses and content to reflect their needs and motivations. It gives inventive and qualified thoughts and information to motivate students from various backgrounds. Distance learning offers possibilities to applicants who need to enhance their qualification while being in their present employments.

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Introduction

"Digitization is the integration of digital innovations into everyday life by the digitization of everything that can be digitized."

History of Distance Learning

The term Distance Education received a formal recognition in 1982 when the four decades old International Council for Correspondence Education was renamed as the International Council for Distance Education. The old idea of distance education was solely connected with print material, while the new idea of distance education include beneficial material being utilized through non-print media, additionally, for example, radio, TV, PCs, workstations, CD's, through projectors, video exercises and satellites. These establishments might be known as the double mode institutions. Presently at present, India has two types of distance education institutions.

1. Correspondence courses establishments.
2. Open Universities.

Today Distance learning is in demand. In light of increasing student's fees and diminished public funding for higher education, education is going less available. Presently Distance learning training has turned into a important part of educational system. Distance education gives education to those students who have not possessed the capacity to go to classes or colleges because of a few issues. Presently a day both developed and developing nations consider distance education as another methodology of instruction which permits get their degree to those students who have not possessed the capacity to finish their degree by means of customary courses.

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Education play a vital role in developed of society. Open and distance education is typically appeared differently in relation to 'traditional' or face to face education, which might be described as the type of education which happens in a classroom or a hall. Distance education is a strategy for showing where the teacher and students are isolated by time as well as physical distance. The main goal of distance education is, the accessibility of education anybody, at any rate, anyplace and whenever without social, physical and geological restrictions. Open and distance education give adaptable learning chances to people and group of students. (Ansari, December 2014), (PARCHURE, Oct.-2016)

Access and Enrollment Benefits from Distance Learning

Distance learning enables students to approach the quality students, quality educators, and innovative delivery techniques without heading out long distances to receive it. It likewise allows students with a bustling timetable the adaptability to gain an education when it is convenient to them. On the off chance that one is utilizing satellite education centers connected by video, and there are just 10 students at each site, it doesn't take long to have enough enrollment to make the delivery cost effective. As recently referenced, with the present innovation, satellite centers are a bit much because of the way that video conferencing can be finished from a student's home. This gives a methods for access and value the country over by enabling students to take an interest in education that generally would not be accessible and can be delivered a similar quality teacher who teach in a conventional setting. (Scott Collins, 2010)

Need and Importance of Distance Education in India

- **Rapid development of education:** With the development of education and innovation, it is practically difficult to consolidate new changes through formal education
- **Population:** The unheard of growth rate of populace has declined the chances for formal education to teach each and every student.
- **Geographical impediments:** Students who live in place which are geographically segregated find that its intense to take education through regular way.
- **Qualification improvement:** Distance learning offers possibilities to applicants who need to enhance their qualification while being in their present employments.
- **Desire to work and study:** If you're capable of earning while at the same time adapting then it is the most ideal preferred standpoint you have with distance education.
- **Education for all ages:** Distance training is for individuals of any ages.
- **Financial Circumstances:** Distance learning is likewise highly accepted in India on account of financial & family responsibilities of numerous youthful competitors. Although sometimes viewed as the more poorer cousin of regular school programs, distance education comes as a gift to students who need to study further while continuing with employments or who probably won't almost certainly go to a full-time course for different reasons.
- **Faster Promotion:** Studying for higher education while working may result in high and improved learning and abilities which eventually enhances your chances of promotions.

- **Flexibility factor:** Flexible education is the thing that everybody needs and distance learning offers you the same.

Advantages of Distance Learning

- **Seek a job along with studies:** A noteworthy chunk of students who really select distance education are the individuals who would prefer not to give up their employments however need an advanced education, as well. Distance education comes as a gift for such students. You can study on the ends of the week, when you have returned from work or even amidst the night. You get the opportunity to learn while you gain.
- **Save money:** For some random program, the fees of a distance education degree (on the web or something else) might be significantly more moderate than the fee of a regular on-campus degree. Students who are searching for financially suitable choices can go for a distance education program.
- **Save time:** There's no time wasted in going to and from school, no time wasted sitting waiting for a transport or train. In a distance learning program, your classroom is directly in your room - the study material on your desk or the e-material on your PC. Students who don't have enough time staring them in the face can turn to distance education as an alternative and seek after it from the comfort of their homes.
- **Learn at your very own pace:** The possibility of returning to classroom education can be intimidating for huge numbers of us. Asking a question or uncovering that you can't get a handle on an idea in class can be very embarrassing for many students. Distance education acts the rescue here. In the event that you are self-restrained and self-motivated, the best advantage of distance education is that you can learn at your very own pace. Different individuals learn in different ways and at different speeds. In a classroom, when everybody is being taught together, usually hard to have each student on the same page. A few students are too timid to even think about raising their questions in class. This is the place distance education has favorable position over a regular campus program. Since you are given all course work in advance, you can study to such an extent or as little as you need each day, as long as you complete your study material within the stipulated time. On the off chance that you've questions or queries, there are exchange forums, talk facilities with faculty and complete help from the distance education provider.
- **Candidates can study whenever, wherever:** Except in situations where you need to go to an online tutorial exercise at a given time or a lecture through videoconferencing, you can basically study at whatever point you need to, wherever you decide to. You need not be stuck in a classroom, however can go study in your garden, on your living room couch or in the comfort of your own bed. Independent of whether you're a morning lark or a night owl, you can pick an ideal time to study at whatever point you're at your productive best.
- **Gaining recognition among employers:** Distance education throughout the years has at last discovered some acceptance and recognition among employers, which is an encouraging sign. For whatever length of time that the separation learning program is certify, you

need not be concerned. In India, all distance education programs that are approved by the Distance Education Council (DEC) stand consequently perceived with the end goal of employment to posts and services under the Central Government. Private segment bosses additionally esteem a distance education degree now, and even urge representatives to seek after advanced education alongside their activity with the goal that representatives can develop aptitudes and skill in their field of work.

Disadvantages of Distance Learning

In any case, there's a flip side to each story. A factor that is worthwhile for one student may end up being a disadvantage for another. Here are a few circumstances that can turn out as disadvantages of distance learning.

- **Chances of distraction high:** With no faculty around for face-to-face connection and no schoolmates who can help with consistent updates about pending assignments, the chance of getting occupied and forgetting about due dates are high. You have to keep yourself motivated and centered on the off chance that you need to effectively complete your distance learning course. Distance learning is certainly not a good idea if you tend to procrastinate and can't stick to due dates.
- **Hidden costs:** Although the expense of a distance education program is generally less expensive than a normal program, there can be concealed costs included. For instance, if your distance education course is offered on the web, you may need to cause some underlying costs like introducing a PC and getting a reliable Internet connection. You may need to purchase extra resources, for example, a printer, a web camera, etc. Some expenses might be recurring, like maintenance and electricity costs.
- **Complicated technology:** Overdependence on innovation can be a noteworthy downside in distance learning method of education, particularly when the learning happens in an online environment. Any malfunctioning software or hardware can bring an ongoing class to a standstill and interrupt the learning procedure. So also, if an student isn't PC and well informed, his learning experience can be dissatisfactory.
- **Quality of faculty compromised:** Often viewed as the lesser cousin of regular education, distance education is frequently tormented by absence of enough good quality faculty members. In different cases, regardless of whether the educator is great, the person may not be comfortable with teaching in an online environment. Once in a while the innovation probably won't do full justice to the delivery and design of the course. A student misses out in every one of these situations. Distance learning suppliers ought to understand that it isn't the innovation, however great and successful teachers that teach students.
- **Questionable credibility of degrees:** Even however distance and online training is beginning to get recognition, there are still a great deal of fake and non-licensed degrees being offered. With the expansion in the quantity of distance/online programs, the quantity of scam operators are additionally rising. This influences the believability of perceived distance learning degrees among prospective employers.

- **Lose out on networking:** The advantages of pursuing a regular program run past only connection with teachers and good course content. MBA graduates from chief business colleges (B-schools) in India would vouch for the way that the chances to network with established alumni, renowned faculty and industry heads go far in clearing a secure career. A distance learning program loses out on this essential viewpoint.

Regardless of these perceived drawbacks, distance learning is gaining popularity among students more than ever, with numerous students happy with their learning knowledge. With further advances in innovation and additionally preparing to adjust teachers to this new method of learning, the disservices in distance learning can before long be dealt with. (Bijeesh, n.d)

Conclusion

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