

The impact of online learning among the average and below average students.

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Abstract

The study conducted among students who attended classes online shows that the average and below-average students got benefited in a large span through this method.

- *They gain the confidence to respond during class hours.*
- *They started clearing their doubts.*
- *They got an equal distribution of time and attention from teachers.*
- *The partiality was nowhere in the class as it was very transparent and viewed by parents and authorities. It was recorded also.*
- *The videos and recorded sections can be viewed later by students so that their doubts can be cleared without the help of tuition teachers or guides.*
- *The time is taken by the intelligent students and the partiality showed by the faculties was stopped and this made the learning secular in all aspects.*
- *The thinking level also improved.*
- *Students were gained more information through online videos and the audiovisual aspect improved their sense of learning.*
- *The av aids motivated and inspired them.*
- *The curiosity was aroused.*
- *The feeling of oneness made them act more accurately and vibrantly.*
- *The role of online teaching worth for the below-average students. They can see the teacher very clearly and made the change in their level of understanding of the concepts.*

Introduction

The cause of one can be the reason for another change. The impact of the corona hit made the system of education a change in the mode of learning. The students and faculties became more tech savios. Where the distribution of knowledge and the imparting of concepts turned to a new dimension that was not common to the people in all sectors. The study

conducted during the lockdown proved that learning cannot be stopped by the pandemic but it diverted the system of education from conventional to modern. The role of the teacher cannot be substituted instead it became more relevant in the form of a moderator or a facilitator with the help of technology. The role of students and the mode of accepting the knowledge also changed. There are two aspects where one points to the best performance by the average and below-average through online education whereas the other points to the laziness or attention span taken by the more intelligent students.

The Scope of the study

The study conducted in the primary level students revealed that online teaching made the level of learning in below average and average students. The screen became closer and clear to them. They felt that this class is for them to attend more patiently. The normal classroom distractions were not there as there is a period and students and teachers would like to spend quality time for learning. So the normal distraction like pointing out someone's mistake and keep on blaming others was restricted. The normal class hours usually took some time in clearing the disputes and blaming each other unnecessarily. The large group and time limit always drag the scheduled portions in this way. But the online teaching made this aspect very clear with proper distribution of time, based on the concepts which have to be taught.

Traditional classroom management has the freedom but online teaching has time-bound. This makes the learning more effective where unwanted discussions and personal matters are avoided. This would give more time for a subject and help students to clear their doubts then and there. The freedom of students to be at their homes in a convenient atmosphere made them more comfortable. The students who are poor in their studies usually face a fear of being insulted. To a certain extent this can be avoided as faculties try their best not to show their short temperedness while online teaching is going on. So the below-average students feel free to ask questions and that improves their confidence. The usual curse by the faculties at times won't be there and this is a great relief for the average and below-average students.

They have improved in :

- Asking questions
- Bold enough to face the questions in the class

- Actively participating in the activities
- Shows talents.
- Improved in speaking and tries to address the class
- Shows interest in studies as it made it easy for them to understand.

The role of multimedia played a major impact on learning as it enhances learning by making it more simple and easy to understand.

Learning through visual media always fascinate students but the emerging traits that made it necessary to be online made learning informative and entertaining. The real images and videos were very effective than the animated images. Concepts and facts were able to impart in a better way.

The role of the student being in the team always depends on the caliber or ability to lead. Average and above-average students will always be sidelined by the bright and smart students in all group events. If the role is assigned properly based on each student's attitude and talents it can be more reliable. In online learning the teamwork is done individually and combined to make it final. There each one's work is getting noticed and it could be a motivation to average students. Their role will be specified and get noticed. It can improve their confidence level and impart a lot to their learning process. Cognitive thinking can be improved. The coordination and creativity can be improved. The average students get benefits from this method. The scope of improvement will pave the way to achievements.

The learning environment influences the learning activity. The environment in which the learning process starts or ongoing should enhance the enthusiasm of the students. Then only it can maintain the attention of the students. Learning can be successful only when the results come up with flying colours.

Today, digital learning is inevitable. It starts from the grocery shop to technology development. People who belong to all sectors need an understanding of the digital world where all transactions can be done without much headache. Most of the time it is transparent and trustworthy. Understanding the positives and negatives of this makes it easy to the lifestyle of people. The teachers can deliver the lessons in an efficient way to students through online teaching. Teachers transformed into more efficient educators.

The accessibility of time and place is an advantage for average students as they are in a more convenient environment. The classes are recorded, archived and shared among students for future learning, This helped the students to access the learning material at a time of their comfort.

Online education is affordable compared to offline learning. As the students can attend the class from anywhere in the world, the learners are forced to attend the same without any excuse. The students become more punctual. They will not miss out any classes.

Effects of online learning on average students.

The variety of learning styles can be satisfied based on each one's learning style through this method. The slow learners can learn after the class hours with the help of recorded class.

The online studies provide a better learning along with creative thinking. Students are getting more time to engage in their hobbies apart from studies. They have the open platform to search and find more interesting ways to improve their talents. This could be a healthy substitute to maintain their stress free life as they are away from their peer group. Curious kids always find their way to improve their knowledge and talents. Their attitude and interest towards studies along with scientific interest can be modified or motivated to achieve better performance. The role of teacher to guide and console them imparts a greater effect on the behavior of each student. They can be more balanced and their self respect and confidence can be improved. The stabilized mental strength and studies play an important role during this type of learning. Students in the higher class can earn during this time as they can utilize their extra time to engage in jobs which will be helpful to showcase their talents and it can be an additional support to their families. Here the average students perform well as most of them are talented. Their attitude might help them to adjust with all kind of situations and they will work hard to overcome the difficult situations.

Learning from home give them a feel of security eventhough it will not create an atmosphere of peer group entertainments. To a large extend online meetings and classrooms provide a situation exactly like the offline. Exception is ther in the physical presence and participation in games. Group activities can be done even through online. Creative mind can support all this possible.

Conclusion

Students will become more disciplined during online live classes. Teachers also pay more attention to teaching without much distractions. Teaching become more scheduled and perfect. Retaining attention rate is more through this method. Students will feel that teacher is paying more attention to each one. This could enhance their interest to attend the classes without fail. Students and teachers became more up to date. The confidence level of average students improved through this learning method. The online learning provides an opportunity to learn and do other activities. The study shows that average and below average students are getting more benefits through this method of learning.