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## THE IMPORTANCE OF E- LEARNING IN EDUCATION SYSTEM

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#### **Abstract:**

When we keep on commenting on the education system in some or the other way, then we have before our eyes the school offering traditional and formal education. While thinking deeply about education system or style of teaching, it is felt that change needs to be introduced in this traditional education system. This is so because the type of citizen and student who is expected to face the challenges of the 21st century is not going to be moulded out of the traditional education system.

#### **KEYWORDS:**

E-Learning, Education, Traditional.

#### INTRODUCTION

The aspect which necessitated this change is the fast spread of information technology. Today we witness the entry of ICT in each and every field. If we look at the developed nations, then we can witness the use of ICT in those countries. These nations seem to have made use of ICT in every field for bringing about the nation's development for example - in marketing, health sector, defense, industries (in industrialization) and most importantly, in education.

The use of education in ICT means tremendous addition in our knowledge or information. Through the medium of Information Technology, a number of novel concepts were brought forth in the field of education. Along with the concepts, newer and newer challenges are kept before teachers. As a result, a teacher's role has not remained limited only up to the class room, but scope has expanded and it got transformed into a global class room. This is because of the introduction of ICT in education system. The new concepts introduced by ICT include novel concepts such as e- learning, e – book, distance learning, virtual classroom and so on.

E-learning (or Electronic learning) means giving education through the medium of using such electronic media as computer and latest instruments based on information technology (or computer based) like video screen capture, MP3 player, websites etc. In this direction, new steps have been taken in order to offer a big market at international level. By Indian Institute of Chartered Accountants (IICA), the concept of e-learning is being implemented through the medium of digital, formal and virtual classes. This is so because in the traditional method of education, the spread of education is not up to the expected level. Hence, e-learning has assumed importance.

The contribution of India, to the field at least for now, is very negligible. It is experienced that education system of india is far behind that of other nations as far as the field of e-learning is concerned. It is needed to explore the reason behind this. If we try to find out an answer only at the surface, then we have to say that the spread of computer literacy is extremely marginal in India or maybe the participation of educational system and educational institutions in e-learning may be less. If we observe keenly, we learn that the e-learning facility is useful for students of every age group. Animation and other softwares for

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each subject are also available. What's more, reputed companies such as Wipro and Intel are trying to persuade the importance of e-learning by making tie-ups with educational institutions and universities as well

If we consider higher education, the percentage of students availing distance education is 23% and the govt. is making efforts to take it above 40% because these students availing the facility of distance education are taking education while being simultaneously engaged in their respective jobs. They get an opportunity to join the mainstream of higher education due to e-learning.

#### ADVANTAGES OF E-LEARNING-

- 1)Less expensive If we consider the equipments required for class teaching and the necessary administrative machinery, then we have to say that we can offer education through e- learning in comparatively less expense.
- 2)Dynamic nature It is possible to introduce newer and newer changes in the field of education to everybody due to the introduction of e learning. On the contrary, it would be time consuming to introduce these changes through traditional method of education.
- 3)Effective learning As compared to other (traditional) methods of teaching, e learning is found to be more effective which has become evident from a number of researches. This is so because the supporting equipments used in e learning help the learner to retain his/her attention.
- 4)Flexibility A learner can use this facility as per his / her wish and can study as per availability of his time. If there is no time restriction, then he can avail this facility at any place and as per his need.
- 5)Global student / learner Using this concept/ technique, a learner can avail the guidance from any person expert and can as well exchange knowledge. E learning can also be a good substitute for non availability or scarcity of teachers in new branches of knowledge, e.g. through the medium of EduSat (educational satellite), students from other colleges can view the lectures conducted by lecturers in IIT through video shooting of the lectures.
- 6)Equality in education Due to e learning, it will be possible for a person living anywhere in the country to take best education in the world. If the use of e- learning increases, then all will get equal education and it will help in bridging the gap between rural and urban education.

#### CONCLUSION-

In today's age, as the knowledge has changed, so also the generation availing this education has become more ambitious. It will be the responsibility of e – learning to satiate the hunger for education, because this field is going to make available huge resources of a knowledge at a mere click on the web (the internet). Hence, we can say that the future of e – learning in the field of education is certainly bright.

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