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Online Learning among Students during COVID Era: Challenges and Opportunities

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Abstract

With an increasing number of states and countries closing their educational institutions due to Covid-19 pandemic, the Commonwealth of Learning announces to conduct online learning with the supervision of school management to ensure that learners never lose their time and can learn from any location of their choice. Online education is electronically supported learning that relies on the Internet for teacher/student interaction and the distribution of class materials. Online learning in India become more necessary during these days as the new academic year started. The researchers begin to focus on the effectiveness of online learning and the study on nursing students by School of Health Sciences on April 2020, finds that 95% of the students positively welcomed online learning, but they have connectivity and online platform related challenges. The objectives of study are: 1. To study the personal details of school students. 2. To know about the opportunities of online learning in school students during COVID era. 3. To study about the challenges of online learning among school students. 4. To study the platforms preferred and used by school students. Data collected from primary sources, school students like SSLC and plus two in Thrissur District, through Google form. It is found that most of the students have supportive family environment, good internet connection and teachers are supportive for clearing the doubts. Only few have problems of internet connectivity and issues related to the clarity and less hours of the classes. Some of the students who get classes through television have problems like the difficulty to follow the complete Malayalam words due to they follow English medium school. The preference of students for online classes is zoom and YouTube but school depend mostly on online platforms like Watsapp and Google meet.

Keywords: Online learning, Opportunities, Challenges, COVID era and Platform



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The International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW), the global body of Professional Social Workers defined *"Social work is a practice-based profession and an academic discipline that promotes social change and development, social cohesion, and the empowerment and liberation of people. Principles of social justice, human rights, collective responsibility and respect for diversities are central to social work"* As a helping profession, Social Work has got its role in influencing the Individuals, Groups and Communities through its primary and secondary methods. This book is the compilation of articles highlighting the role of Professional Social Work & Professional Social Workers in various practice fields. The writings, theoretical and scientific are based on Indian context and all the articles signify the Social Work interventions in addressing various needs and problems of people, groups and communities in the society. Through this book, as the professional association of Social Workers in Kerala, KAPS throws lights on the fields of Professional Social Work and the interventions of Professional Social Workers from an Indian perspective.



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