



IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 LOCKDOWN ON TEACHERS

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Abstract

COVID-19 has created turmoil in our lives. Lockdown, closure of schools and physical distance, all these are having a deep impact on all of us. The parents give birth to the child. No one can take their place, we cannot repay their debt in any form. Teacher is given equal status as parents in our Indian culture as it is the teacher who makes us worthy to live in the society. That is why the teacher is called the architect of the society. Guru or teacher is not only concerned with giving education to the student, but he guides his student at every turn and is always ready to take his hand. A teacher is a person who sets high ideals in the society. Education has an important role in the building of any country or society, if said, teacher is the mirror of the society. In Hinduism, it has been said for the teacher that **Acharya Devo Bhavah** means that the teacher or Acharya is equal to God. This status is given to a teacher in return for the contributions he has made to the society. The status of teacher has always been revered in the society. Some call him Guru, some call him teacher, some call him Acharya, some say teacher or teacher, all these words portray a person who gives knowledge to all, teaches and whose contribution to any country or country. To build the future of the nation. In true words, a teacher creates the life of his student. And teacher is the cornerstone of the society. A teacher plays the role of a guide till the end of his life and keeps showing the way to the society, only then the teacher is given a high status in the society. COVID 19 has affected the life of teachers adversely.

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Introduction

The impact of pandemic COVID-19 is observed in every sector round the world. The education sectors of India also as world are badly suffering from this. No matter how good the school building, its equipment and the environment, no matter how good the principal and the committee, if there is no skilled teacher in that school, they do not have faith in their work, they do not have their close relationship in the school. If there is lack of faith and professional skill and profession, then whatever may be the physical facilities in that school, the environment of education cannot become conducive and the students who have gone out in that school will be a burden to the society. That is why it is said that the personality of the teacher is the axis on which the

education system seems to revolve. Our teachers are the strong foundation of a strong and developing country. Apart from the parents of the children, teachers are the mainstay of the knowledge and values of the children. The future of any child/student and society is completely safe in the hands of teachers. That is why teachers are also called nation builders. Usually, within two and a half to three years, children join their teachers as soon as they take admission in "play school" and this journey continues till they get the degree of graduation / post graduation / M.Phil and PhD. Not only this, if a student needs professional training or if an employee or officer needs training when he gets a new job, then that training is also given by a professional instructor i.e. teacher. In such a situation, the effect of their teachers on the personality of the students is clearly visible from childhood to adulthood. Therefore it is a reality that the responsibility of the teacher is not limited only to the classroom, but this responsibility is also an important part of the personality development and character building of the children / students.

Importance of teacher's profession in all education policies/schemes implemented by the Government of India – Kothari Commission Report (1964-66), Education Policy (1968), Five Year Plan Report on Education and New National Education Policy (1986) – has been identified. To further illustrate this fact, an example can be given of primary school teaching profession which is considered as the most important profession in the world because primary school teachers impart knowledge and values of life to young children in an understandable language so that the future of these little children can be safe and golden. Now because today's children are the golden future of the country tomorrow, then giving good education to the children today means building the country's golden future tomorrow and primary school teachers play a positive role in this work. If we discuss further, it cannot be denied that after the primary school, secondary and higher secondary schools also play an important role in the personality formation of the students and when we talk about any school, in fact that school Only teachers of different subjects working in that school provide meaningful education to all the students studying in that school. When it comes to giving good education, all the teachers teaching in schools, colleges and universities are seen as its pioneers. The intimate and intimate relationship between education, teacher and disciple can never be broken. Today, even though the nature of education is changing day by day in the modern era and despite the distance education system like Indira Gandhi National Open University and there being a lot of learning web portal on the internet, "Classroom Education and Importance of Teacher" is on top.

In today's modern internet age, the role of teacher has also become multi-dimensional. Today teachers are imparting education in their school as well as through internet and in this type of education the teacher does not have direct contact with his students. They also solve the possible doubts and questions of their students while teaching their course or subject. Internet teaching has its own importance especially for higher and higher education and along with this the role of teacher extends beyond his classroom to district, province, state, national and international level and it is also true that modern Teachers are playing their multi-dimensional role very well. Ultimately, it would not be an exaggeration to say that in the present era, apart

from being the capable guide of the students, teachers are also the destiny builders and future builders of the country.

In ancient times, the teacher had to play different roles, sometimes as a parent, sometimes a teacher, sometimes a friend and sometimes a guide. But in this era of 21st century the role of teacher has become more important than ever. The youth coming into the field of teaching should try to become a good teacher. The new generation coming to schools and colleges has great expectations. The present age is of modernity, of science, of busyness, of instability, of haste. Today's student life is also suffering from these problems. Today's student life is no longer as smooth, calm and patient as before. Because moving forward and moving fast has become his destiny, compulsion. That is because if he does not do this, he will be left behind in the race for life. So it is the need of the hour. In such a time, it is the sacred duty of a teacher to give a right, proper, welfare and visionary direction to student life. By the way, the role of teacher has always been foremost. Only teachers can play an important role in fulfilling the dreams and expectations of the new generation and giving them the right direction. Thus, the main aim of the 21st century education system is not only to impart knowledge to the student but to develop in him such abilities by which he can face the challenges arising out of the predictable or unexpected changes taking place in today's era and become an efficient citizen and give direction to his society.

The aim of modern education is to make children the best judges, problem solvers and capable. Today's student should not only get knowledge from school but also develop such abilities in him which will also enable him to face the challenges in life. It is not necessary that there is a solution to every situation, but in changing times, moving in the right direction in different situations should come from it. The most important thing is that the student should be able to work collectively with different types of people in different work areas. For example, if a student has to choose the field of sports, then he will need a good psychologist, coach and good technique to become a best player. He has to reconcile all this. This type of work is like a team.

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Corona virus has caught the whole world in its claws in the form of an epidemic. Originating from the city of Wuhan in China, this virus has brought the economy of the whole world to its knees. This virus has killed millions of people and many people are infected with this virus. Due to this, shops, offices, schools and public places etc. have been locked. Corona virus has affected India's education. At present, schools have been closed since March due to the lockdown. The government has temporarily closed schools and colleges. As of the current situation there is an uncertainty as to when the schools will open. It is a crucial time for the education sectors as entrance exams for competitive exams are conducted during this period. With this, board examinations and nursery school admission etc. have all come to a halt.

Due to the lockdown, teachers have started online classes. Due to the facilities of internet, school teachers and teachers are getting online classes for the children. Schools, colleges, students are making contact through online so that there is no hindrance in studies. Online classes are dominated by the market of digital market. It is taught here through various apps and through video calls. Due to the low fees of online classes, more students are joining this education medium. But low-income private and government schools are not able to adopt online teaching methods. These schools are not able to reach e-learning solutions, due to which some children are not getting opportunities to study at this time. Children are being deprived of education due to lack of laptop and computer facility in many homes and because of not being able to afford the excessive data of smart phones. The school is also closed in the village and the children there are not able to study during the crisis of Corona epidemic. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected the personal, professional, economic and social lives of teachers all over the world today.

Impact on Personal Life

India has also been badly affected by the corona virus which has engulfed the whole world in the fire of epidemic after its outbreak in Wuhan city of China. During this the country witnessed a historic lockdown. It was announced by PM Narender Modi on 24 March 2020. People are prohibited from leaving their homes during the lockdown. All transport services - road, air, and rail - have been suspended, although fire, police, essential goods and emergency services can be used. Educational institutions, industrial establishments and hospitality services were also suspended. Services such as food shops, banks and ATMs, petrol pumps, other essential commodities and their manufacturing have been exempted. Due to the increasing infection of Corona, almost all the states of the country have completely closed all their schools and colleges. The educational institutions chose the option of online classes so that the corona epidemic should not have much effect on the education of the students. Due to the school lockdown, all the teachers stayed at home and taught the children online. Due to online classes, the work pressure on teachers also increased. Now teachers had to spend most of the time preparing online lessons for teaching, gathering all the children of the class on a single online platform, checking homework online and attending PTM online. For this, teachers had to spend twice as much time in academic and non-academic work in schools as compared to offline classes. Because of which he had to cut down on his personal time. As a result of giving less time to the family, they have to face many problems related to home and health.

Impact on Social Life

The pandemic has forced man to be monogamous. Man was a social organism Greek philosopher Aristotle rightly said that "man is a social organism", so whenever this crisis is over, people will feel more in need of social connection. Society without man and existence of man without society cannot be imagined. The corona pandemic has hit our society. Our mutuality has been hurt. It is passing for more than one and a half years when neither I have been able to meet in festivals nor I have been able to participate in anyone's sorrow. Social distancing created to avoid the pandemic has not only alienated friends and relatives, but also created a wall of

fear and separation between parents and sons and daughters and between siblings. The boundaries of the unlimited world have come down to our doorstep. People are not coming near even in happiness and sorrow, people used to gather on occasions of happiness and sorrow. On both these occasions, relatives living abroad used to gather together and become partners of happiness and sorrow. Today, to know the well being of corona sufferers, far from going to the affected person, even after his death, the close people are not going near the dead body of the deceased. Thus due to social distancing in COVID-19, the social life of teachers has been greatly affected.

Impact on Professional Life

A teacher is like a lamp which burns itself and illuminates others. So continuing professional development is an essential part of teacher education. It helps the teachers to keep their professional knowledge and skills new and updated. The new generations have a different approach to learning than the previous generations. Students of 21st century know more than their teachers. Professional development helps the teachers to learn new techniques in teaching students of this generation. It helps the teachers to grow professionally, at the same time, improve their classroom skills. Teachers who have been in the profession for many years are usually reluctant to change their teaching styles. Almost all the schools, colleges and universities of the country organize various seminars, workshops, capacity building programs and faculty development programs etc. from time to time for the professional development of their teachers. But due to the Corona epidemic, these programs could be organized in a very limited way. And all the programs that took place were completed in online mode. Therefore, teachers are not getting as much benefit from these programs as they should have. In this way, the corona epidemic has greatly affected the personal and social life of the teachers as well as their professional life.

Impact on Economical Status

Due to Corona epidemic, the situation of lockdown in all the schools from 24th March 2020 continues even today. Due to Corona, there was a huge cut in the income of almost all such people who are in private jobs. Due to the nationwide lockdown, there was a huge cut in the sale of all the products except essential commodities like flour, rice, oil and salt etc., due to which all the factories and companies were closed and most of the employees working in them were fired from the job. Because of this, the parents found themselves unable to pay the fees of their children during the lockdown. And when the school operators did not get the fees of the children studying in their school, they made most of the teachers sit at home under the guise of it. Salaries of teachers working in private schools depend on parents' contributions. Thus the majority of private sector teachers have also had a negative impact on the economic status due to the corona epidemic.

Conclusion

Online Teaching Learning is gaining extraordinary popularity due to the COVID-19 lockdown. The Indian Govt. and different stakeholders of education have explored the possibility of Open and Distance learning by adopting different digital technologies to cope up with the present crisis of COVID-19. But computers, internet etc. have never had and never will be as wide as the human brain and intelligence. No technology can take the teacher out of the education process. The whole process of learning includes many things such as schools, students, curriculum, books and teachers. But as the doer and organizer of the education process, the teacher has an important place in the education process. Teacher is such an axis of education, without which the imagination of teaching learning is incomplete. In the field of education, the profession of a teacher is as important as the importance of a doctor to perform an operation. Teacher fulfills the purpose of education and disciple. Therefore, the success or failure of any education system or education scheme depends on the attitude of the teachers who are the facilitators of the education sector. But the COVID-19 pandemic has had a very adverse effect on the personal, social, professional and economic life of the teachers.

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