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A Study On Impact Of Modern Technologies In Education

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ABSTRACT

Education is the backbone of a developing economy. Thus we need to continuously upgrade the education system. In India although the growth has been slow but steady. We have shifted from the traditional classroom system to smart board classes. Technology has undeniably transformed the way we live, touching every aspect of our lives and redefining how we exist. It plays a crucial role in all areas of life, enabling automation of many manual tasks and simplifying complex, critical processes with greater efficiency. Technology has revolutionized education. Technology plays a very important role in the field of education. Technology has changed the face of education, as it has of so many other aspects of modern life. In recent years, there has been a meteoric rise in the adoption of instructional software, interactive whiteboards, and online learning platforms. Technology has enhanced the teaching and learning process, making it more engaging and enjoyable. The incorporation of technology in education has significantly reshaped traditional learning settings, providing many opportunities to students as well as the teaching faculties. Digital technologies have brought changes to the nature and scope of education and led education systems worldwide to adopt strategies and policies for ICT integration. Modern technology has revolutionized the field of education and has had a significant impact on how we learn and teach.

Keywords: Education, modern technology, teaching.

INTRODUCTION

Education involves the transfer of knowledge, skills, and values, and takes on different forms. Education can be classified as formal and informal education. Formal education takes place within an organized institutional setting, like public schools, colleges and follows a set of curriculums which need to be achieved. Non-formal education also follows a structured approach but happens outside the traditional schooling system. On the other hand, informal education refers to unplanned learning that occurs through everyday experiences. A high-quality education system is the backbone of any nation. While the changes have been gradual, the education system has continuously evolved. From traditional classrooms to smart classrooms, and from rote learning to a problem-solving approach, the Indian education system has been steadily improving its quality. There has been a shift from conventional teaching methods to smartboard-based learning, acknowledging that each child learns at their own pace. This transition, aimed at offering more personalized learning experience. The use of modern equipment technology and tools, the learning and interactivity of students increases. Students find it much more interactive, as well as full of interesting areas, when aided by technology. With the help of technology transfer of knowledge becomes very easy and convenient, as well as effective. What this means is, that our minds now tend to work faster when assisted with the use of modern technology. With the help of technology use of modern equipment technology and tools, the learning and interactivity of students increases. They also find it much more interactive, as well as full of interesting areas, when aided by technology. The transfer of knowledge becomes very easy and convenient, as well as effective. What this means is that our minds now tend to work faster when assisted with the use of modern technology, be it any part of life, here we talk about education. The reliance and dependence of such an innovation, that simply makes life an easy, smooth journey is completely unavoidable these days even in schools, universities and colleges.

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

With the introduction of digital tools, online learning environments, and artificial intelligence-driven teaching strategies, the swift development of contemporary technology has profoundly changed the educational landscape. Although technology has made learning more accessible, engaging, and individualized, its benefits and drawbacks are still up for discussion. The digital divide, in which students from disadvantaged backgrounds have restricted access to digital resources, is a problem that many educational institutions face. Concerns like shorter attention spans, cybersecurity threats, teacher flexibility, and an excessive dependence on technology also raise concerns about how it will affect learning outcomes in the long run. Although e-learning platforms, virtual reality tools, and smart classrooms are increasingly being used in education, thorough studies on how well these technologies actually enhance student performance and critical thinking abilities are lacking. Additionally, the discrepancy between students' and teachers' access to technology and how they use it appropriately emphasizes the necessity of formal policies and training initiatives.

Thus, this study seeks to examine the impact of modern technology on education, evaluating both its positive and negative impact and providing recommendations for its effective implementation.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

- To explore and examine the range of modern technologies currently employed in the educational sector.
- To analyze the positive and negative impacts of modern technology on the teaching methods and learning process.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

➤ **Dickson Mdhlalose , Gloria Mlambo (2023)**

The goal of this research is to comprehend how technology affects both teaching and learning in the classroom. Every piece of information included in this research was sourced from secondary sources. Examination of the pertinent literature found conflicting evidence regarding the effects of technology. Collaboration between teachers and students in the classroom is more effective than ever before, mostly due to advancements in information technology. It increases students' intellectual and academic horizons and increases their adaptability in the classroom.

➤ **FIRUZ KAMALOV , DAVID SANTANDREU CALONGE , IKHLAAS GURRIB (2023)**

To ensure the sustainable development and implementation of AI-driven technologies in schools and universities, it is imperative to have a thorough grasp of its effects on the current educational system. The purpose of this study is to examine the possible effects of artificial intelligence on education by reviewing and analyzing the body of research along three main axes: applications, benefits, and obstacles. This paper also discuss the probable drawbacks, moral dilemmas, and prospective directions for AI integration in education in the future. The use of AI in education can enhance learning results, efficiency, and access to high-quality education worldwide. Large segments of society can benefit from AI's scalability, which enables it to provide high-quality education globally.

➤ **Lortie, K. L. (2020)**

People's lives around the world have been profoundly impacted by the changes brought about by modern technology. New and developing technology have supplanted the conventional teaching and learning methods in the field of education. All facets of education, including curriculum, teaching strategies, classroom instruction, etc., are being significantly impacted by modern technology. Education is now a lifelong process due to rapid communication and greater access to information technology (IT) at home, at work, and in educational institutions. Global information sharing opportunities are facilitated by modern

technologies. This article emphasizes how crucial contemporary technology is to the field of education and to classroom instruction.

➤ **Abhipriya Roy (2019)**

Education has changed and new educational opportunities have been made possible by the efficient use of technology in the classroom. Different educational technologies have helped both teachers and students; students are becoming increasingly interested in using technology to learn, while teachers have learnt how to incorporate it into their lessons. With the use of cutting-edge educational technologies, teachers and students may now work together in real time, breaking down barriers between education. Nonetheless, we must ensure that educators use technology to support learning rather than to take their place. The systematic teaching-learning process is hampered by excessive usage of technology.

➤ **R. Raja, P. C. Nagasubramani (2018)**

Technology is God's gift. Without a doubt, technology has altered our way of life. It has reshaped living and affected many aspects of life. Without a doubt, technology has a significant impact on all aspects of life. Technology has made it possible to automate a number of manual chores. Additionally, with the aid of contemporary technology, numerous intricate and crucial procedures can be completed more easily and effectively. In actuality, the introduction of computers into the classroom has made it simpler for both teachers and students to learn new material. Technology utilization has increased the enjoyment of the teaching and learning process.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

In order to examine the effects of contemporary technology on education, this study uses a secondary research methodology, drawing on previously published works, scholarly publications, official documents, and case studies. To investigate global trends, advantages, and difficulties related to digital learning tools, information is gathered from peer-reviewed research articles and reports, studies conducted by educational institutions, and online databases. To find important themes including how technology can improve learning outcomes, accessibility, engagement, and teacher effectiveness, a thorough literature analysis is carried out. This method of research identifies areas for further study while offering a thorough, empirically supported understanding of how contemporary technology affects education.

MODERN TECHNOLOGIES CURRENTLY EMPLOYED IN THE EDUCATIONAL SECTOR

➤ **LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (LMS)**

Google Classroom, Moodle, Canvas, and other learning management systems (LMS) have emerged as key platforms for organizing educational activities and content. In a centralized online setting, they enable teachers to create, distribute, and grade assignments, facilitate discussions, and interact with parents and

students. This facilitates blended and fully online learning models in addition to streamlining administrative duties.

➤ **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)**

Another revolutionary technology being introduced into contemporary education is artificial intelligence (AI). AI-powered systems are able to evaluate a student's areas of strength and weakness and offer tailored learning paths and feedback to meet each student's unique learning requirements. Chatbots and intelligent tutoring programs also provide 24/7 academic support, increasing the responsiveness and accessibility of education.

➤ **VIRTUAL REALITY (VR) AND AUGMENTED REALITY (AR)**

Experiential learning is being revolutionized by virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR). Students can investigate settings and situations that would be challenging or impossible in real life thanks to the immersive, hands-on experiences that these technologies offer. Students can, for example, explore the human body in three dimensions, go on virtual field trips to historical sites, or model scientific experiments in a secure online environment.

➤ **E-BOOKS AND EDUCATIONAL APPLICATIONS**

E-books and educational apps are popular for self-paced learning. They provide practice exercises, videos, quizzes, and interactive content for a range of subjects and ability levels. These resources promote ongoing, independent study and assist learning outside of the conventional classroom. In the world of digital education, apps like Photomath for math problems, Khan Academy for subject tutorials, and Duolingo for language learning have become well-known.

➤ **CLOUD COMPUTING**

Another important way that cloud computing has helped is by making it easier to store and share educational resources. It enables teachers and students to work together on projects, access resources, and turn in assignments from any internet-connected device. Digital education now requires the use of platforms like Google Drive and OneDrive.

➤ **GAMIFICATION**

Gamification is also gaining popularity as a way to make learning more interesting. Through entertaining and engaging methods, educational games and reward-based systems are being used to inspire students, encourage competition, and strengthen learning. Playful yet efficient learning experiences are offered by programs like Kahoot!, Quizizz, and Minecraft: Education Edition.

POSITIVE IMPACT OF TECHNOLOGY IN EDUCATION

➤ Improved Information Access

Digital libraries, research papers, online journals, instructional videos, and open courseware are just a few of the many educational resources that are instantly and limitlessly accessible through ICT. Students can now investigate subjects in-depth and on their own; they are no longer limited by textbooks or other classroom supplies. In order to improve their lesson plans and keep abreast of the most recent developments in pedagogy, educators can also utilize resources from around the world.

➤ A dynamic and captivating educational setting

Learning becomes more engaging and fun with the use of digital tools like simulation software, educational games, animations, and smartboards. These resources keep students interested and break up the monotony of traditional lectures. Through the visualization of abstract concepts, interactive learning promotes greater understanding, particularly in challenging subjects like science and mathematics.

➤ Adaptive education and personalized learning

Through educational software that adjusts to each student's unique learning style and pace, ICT enables the development of personalized learning paths. Students with disabilities and other diverse learning needs will especially benefit from this. Students are empowered to take control of their own learning process through progress tracking, quizzes, and personalized feedback.

➤ Opportunities for Flexible and Remote Learning

The growth of online and remote learning has been one of ICT's most revolutionary effects. Students can attend classes from anywhere in the world thanks to platforms like Moodle, Zoom, and Google Classroom. Students who work, live in remote locations, or are unable to attend traditional schools because of personal or physical limitations will particularly benefit from this flexibility.

➤ Improved Collaboration and Communication

ICT makes it easier for parents, instructors, and students to collaborate and communicate with one another. Discussion boards, virtual whiteboards, and shared documents are examples of collaborative tools that encourage peer learning and teamwork. Parents can keep up with their child's academic development, and teachers can offer prompt comments and assistance.

➤ **Effective Administration and Management of Education**

ICT solutions can be used to automate administrative processes like scheduling, performance analysis, grading, and attendance. This increases precision, saves time, and frees up teachers to concentrate more on instruction. School administration systems also strengthen data security and allow simple access to academic records.

NEGATIVE IMPACT OF TECHNOLOGY IN EDUCATION

➤ **Inequality and the Digital Divide**

ICT can increase the gap between students who have access to technology and those who do not, despite its advantages. Students from low-income families or those living in rural areas are disproportionately affected by issues of affordability, lack of devices, and inconsistent internet connectivity, which leads to educational disparities.

➤ **Distractions and Shorter Attention Duration**

Despite being an effective teaching tool, the internet also offers a lot of distractions. During class time, students might be tempted to use their digital devices for social media, gaming, or irrelevant content. This can have a detrimental effect on time management and mental discipline in addition to decreasing academic focus.

➤ **Reduced In-Person Social Engagement**

Reduced in-person interactions, which are crucial for fostering communication, emotional intelligence, and teamwork skills, may result from the widespread use of digital learning platforms. Over-reliance on virtual communication by students could result in diminished interpersonal skills or feelings of loneliness.

➤ **An excessive reliance on technology**

ICT can improve learning, but if used excessively, it can impair one's capacity for critical thought and problem-solving. Pupils may value search engine results more than in-depth understanding and analysis. Additionally, using digital tools excessively can lead to a decline in handwriting and basic math skills.

➤ Risks to Cybersecurity and Privacy Issues

Educational institutions are more susceptible to hacking, data breaches, and cyberattacks as a result of their growing reliance on digital systems. Safeguarding students' digital identities, online conduct, and personal data becomes crucial. Inadequate cybersecurity safeguards could make the online learning environment dangerous.

➤ Adoption and Training Difficulties

Many teachers find it difficult to stay up with the quickly changing technological landscape. Effective ICT integration may be hampered by inadequate technical assistance, training, or motivation. The potential advantages of technology in the classroom may be diminished as a result of underuse of digital tools or inefficient teaching strategies.

CONCLUSION

Education has changed dramatically as a result of modern technology, which has made the classroom more dynamic, interesting, and productive. Learning has become more dynamic and individualized with the use of digital technologies, meeting the demands of a wide range of students. Multimedia simulations, instructional videos, and augmented reality (AR) are some of the tools that have significantly enhanced students' comprehension of difficult ideas and made learning more engaging and immersive. Additionally, technology has improved accessibility and inclusion in the classroom. Students in underserved and remote places can now access high-quality education with the help of online learning platforms. Meanwhile, kids with impairments now have more opportunities to learn thanks to assistive technologies like screen readers and speech-to-text apps.

Furthermore, the incorporation of interactive tools, gamification, and virtual reality (VR) has increased student engagement and motivation. Research indicates that when gamified learning settings are used instead of traditional teaching techniques, students frequently perform better academically and retain more information. By making chores like lesson planning, grading, and performance analysis easier, contemporary digital tools help teachers implement successful teaching and learning practices. Additionally, individualized learning is made possible by AI-powered platforms that adjust to each student's unique needs and learning style. This paper does point out that although technology has many disadvantages, issues including the digital divide, cybersecurity threats, and teacher preparation must be resolved if its full potential is to be achieved. Technology has the ability to close educational gaps and enhance learning outcomes, but its effectiveness depends on adequate training, infrastructure, and a harmonious coexistence with conventional teaching techniques. To ensure that education is both accessible and effective in the digital age, educational

institutions and policymakers must embrace inclusive tactics and creative ideas going forward in order to optimize the advantages of technology while minimizing its drawbacks.

By improving accessibility, engagement, and individualized learning experiences, contemporary technology has completely transformed education

Lastly, outside of the actual classroom, technology has promoted increased cooperation and communication. Virtual classrooms and cloud-based applications have made it possible for students and teachers to communicate easily. Peer learning and classroom engagement have been further increased via online forums, group discussions, and real-time feedback systems.

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