Impact of COVID-19 on the life of college students in Haryana- A Survey on student perspective

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Abstract: A survey was conducted to assess the undergraduate student's perspective on the impact of covid-19 on the various aspect of their life. A questionnaire consisting of relevant questions plus their general opinion was circulated among undergraduate college students of Haryana and the results were analyzed. More students were satisfied with online teaching & performance of teacher in online teaching, though students wanted to return to the campus as they felt classroom teaching is irreplaceable.

Key words: COVID-19, survey, questionnaire, students

Introduction: On March 11, 2020 World Health Organisation (WHO) declared Covid-19 as a pandemic. Covid-19 has affected more than 4.5 million peoples worldwide (WHO). According to a survey report of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India, conducted on higher education it was observed that there are 993 universities, 39931 Colleges and 10725 standalone institutions listed on their portal, which contribute to education (DNS Kumar, 2020). According to the UNESCO report, Covid-19 has affected nearly 68% of total world’s student population as per the data taken during 1st week of June 2020. Outbreak of Covid-19 has impacted about 1.2 billion students and youths across the globe by school and university closures. In this paper, investigation and analysis was done on the potential consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic on the life of students in Haryana.

Methodology: A questionnaire consisted of 16 questions was circulated among the undergraduate students of colleges of Haryana using Google Form from 15 May 2021-30 May 2021. It restricted the multiple entries from the individual account. Participants were asked to describe their general demographics and set of other questions to assess their experience of online learning and to access the change in their lifestyle due to COVID. The data was collected from the questionnaire and analyzed using Microsoft Excel.
Figure 1: Pie chart showing responses for the question: how satisfied are you with the performance of teacher in online teaching

Figure 2: Pie chart showing responses for the question: how is your experience of online learning

Figure 3: Pie chart showing responses for the question: how is your relationship with your friends
Figure 4: Pie chart showing responses for the question: which one is better? Classroom learning / online learning.

Figure 5: Pie chart showing responses for the question: are you missing college life?

Figure 6: Pie chart showing responses for the question: how do you buster the stress at home
Figure 7: Pie chart showing responses for the question: how is your relationship with your family members.

Result and discussion:

A total of 686 responses were received. 85.3% of the respondents were satisfied with the performance of teacher in online teaching, 50% of the respondents were satisfied with the process of online learning. Most (92%) of the respondents were missing the college life and wanted to return back to campus. In a study by Chaudhary et al., (2021) there is a very high fear of COVID-19 among students, along with anxiety and depression symptoms. In our study, 43.6% of the respondent overcame their stress by talking with their family members. 57% of the respondents believed that their relationship with their family members has increased during covid. Chaturvedi et al (2021) identified the following as the impact of COVID-19 on the students of different age groups: time spent on online classes and self-study, medium used for learning, sleeping habits, daily fitness routine, and the subsequent effects on weight, social life, and mental health. Our study also identified that COVID-19 has affected their routine of physical activity, sleep, diet, self-study and relationship with the friends.

Conclusion:

We can say that with the introduction of new method of learning through digital mode of learning has became very easy to the students as they can sit at home and get access but at the same time some students also had to face problem due to poor internet connection and having no access to internet due to poverty. In this study, our findings indicated that the Covid-19 outbreak has made a significant impact on the lifestyle, education, and daily routine of students of Haryana. Students were satisfied with the performance of teacher in online teaching yet they feel classroom teaching is far better as online teaching has affected their routine of physical activity, sleep, diet, self-study and relationship with the friends.
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