



E-Learning: One click away from success

Before the evolution of the internet, people had limited choice in terms of education. A student's study material was confined to whatever he or she was provided with. After the inception of the internet, not only did the world undergo a drastic revolution with the help of globalisation, it also witnessed innovations in terms of something as basic as "learning". Today a person, be it a child or a full-grown adult has a variety of choice regarding the kind of education he or she wants to pursue. Along with assistance to the current education system, it has also provided the youth with fresh ideas and practices prevalent in other nations.

This is the scope of e-learning, anywhere, anytime, any course, and open to everyone. Learning is not about what we are taught, but how we are taught. It's not just about cramming up before an exam but absorbing, understanding the knowledge and being able to practically use it. E-learning helps in providing a variety of creative ways to learn which helps stimulate interest in students towards the subject or e-course they have chosen.

E-learning is the use of technology to enable people to learn, get trained and acquire knowledge anytime and from anywhere. It is inexpensive and helps in learning irrespective of geographical barriers. It includes computer-based extensions to face to face classes. E-learning includes all levels of education from pre-school to higher education and beyond.

There are many ways of imparting knowledge through e-learning. No single method is suitable for every learning need and thus one is required to use a combination of several e-learning technologies along with traditional learning methods when required. Blended learning can provide convenience, speed and cost-effectiveness along with the personal touch,

direct authority and supervision provided by traditional methods. There are basically two kinds of e-learning methods, namely synchronous and asynchronous.

The first reason emphasising the need for e-learning is that the economy is evolving into a knowledge-based economy where knowledge is created, acquired and disseminated more efficiently and effectively by individuals, organisations and enterprises. E-learning helps in reducing problems of time, money, geographical barriers by providing the right information effectively and in a clear and concise manner.

Secondly, the exponential growth of the internet has crossed all barriers. Initially, the internet may seem a bit complicated, but after a few interactions, it becomes simple and easy to use. Internet access has led to a global learning community where geographical barriers have been erased and everyone has access to knowledge. Thus e-learning can provide extensive information to people all over the world at a low cost and with least efforts.

Thirdly, corporations view e-learning as a competitive weapon. Students who are e-learners are considered as a boon for the organisation as they have higher technological know-how. Moreover, superior quality performance necessitates top quality training and continuous learning to remain up-to-date with the changes. E-learning facilitates this process. Fourthly, e-learning is also a very cost-effective manner of imparting knowledge. One does not need to buy a lot of study material, or travel long distances to acquire it; the mere availability of a computer and internet connection can avail one to a large number of study materials without much efforts.

Fifthly, with globalisation trade borders are becoming less and less significant and international expansion is increasing. Learning facilitates the provision of knowledge to all the learners at any part of the world belonging to different backgrounds or educational levels. Lastly, e-learning is an effective way of delivering information to facilitate training and learning. It helps to provide the necessary information and does not overload the learner.

The world is moving ahead at a pace difficult to follow. The wonders of the internet have invited its share of limitations. But at the end of the day, it's all about striking the right balance and making the best out of this new method of learning due to which the youth today is ushering into a new era where the extent of their knowledge knows no bound. The initial cost of e-learning might be high, but it is eventually covered up with the benefits derived. The choice now lies upon the people, whether to make it a boon or a bane for the future of the global economy.

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Improving Communication with Students to achieve outcomes & attain Satisfaction through IonLMS-OBE enabled Learning Management System

Effective communication with students in online classes should be a priority for faculty as it not only contributes to retention but also provides a sense of community that is important to the student.

Why is effective communication necessary in online classes?

The goal of online communication is the same as that of face-to-face communication: building links; share information; be heard and be understood.

When and how you communicate with your students helps foster a sense of community in your online classes, which helps them feel connected to you and their colleagues.

As a faculty, finding the best methods to communicate with students should be on top priority.

How to Set Up a Successful Online Class & Learning to achieve outcomes and attain satisfaction

The conversation in an online environment requires a little more thought and planning than the one that occurs in the classroom, due mainly to the absence of body language.

Developing timely, relevant and useful communication for your students is not always a simple task.

Here are some basic guidelines to help you achieve good results:

Remember, Less is More: Try to use as few words as possible. Online students are bombarded with information that consists mostly of text, so the last thing they want is to read yet another long message.

Be clear: Your message should be concise and clear, leaving no room for varying interpretations. If you want your students to know that the deadline for a test has been extended, for example, your message should speak only about that.

Be polite: Reread your text to make sure it sounds the way you want it to sound. Check the tone of the communication and check for clarity and completeness in the text. You want your messages to be professional and enjoyable, and for your students to know that you receive their questions well.

Provide feedback: As your students are learning from a distance, it is important that they receive consistent feedback on their progress in online

classes. If a student asks a question about a task, it is interesting that you first offer a personal answer to that question, and then if you feel the question is important to the rest of the class, introduce it to everyone.

Ask for Opinion: Ask your students what they think adds another personal touch to your communication, which helps them to create a bond. People like to give their personal opinion, make them feel important and part of something, at the same time, this feedback is of great value to help improve the content of your course in the future.

Another detail to think about: Do your students need to have the information now? If the answer is yes, you should ensure that the method used to send this message is one that reaches everyone immediately. You should also post/ share materials of your class to serve as a permanent record of what specific information has been given.

To communicate effectively with your students online you need to think outside the text box.

Not all people like to interact using the same methods, so you have to be prepared to use different types of channels to communicate.

IonLMS from ionidea helps faculty to bridge these gaps in the process of online learning. The tool is designed to integrate with online platforms like webex, meet, zoom etc.. to conduct the classes online. Faculty can communicate effectively with the students via messages, push notifications to alert the students about the class, materials shared, assignments, assessments hosted. The platform also helps students to submit their assignments digitally which shall be evaluated online by the faculty. This also allows the student for a self-paced learning enhancing communication between faculty and students resulting in achieving outcomes and satisfaction in the process of teaching and learning.

Will 2022 Bring A Return To 'Normal' After Mostly Online 2021 Semesters?

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As the trials and roll-out of vaccines have already begun in many parts of the world and many vaccines have also cleared the approvals including those of Oxford, Moderna, Pizer, the Russian Sputnik and Chinese vaccines, it is expected that by the end of 2021 a large part of the vulnerable population will be administered vaccine. While it will still take a few years for all people to get the shot and the latest Coronavirus strain is presenting a fresh challenge yet, there is hope of normalcy returning over the next 2 years. The

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How the pandemic has affected education?

Education is one of the worst affected sectors in India during the pandemic. It has thrown a new challenge in every students' life. The learning process of around 32 crores students in India has suddenly come to a halt. According to the UNESCO report, about 14 crores of primary and 13 crore of secondary students are affected. And, that made every student resilient and getting adapted to the new challenges. They opted for technological platforms to have an uninterrupted learning process. Even many educational institutions cancelled their classes, examinations and internships among others and took to the online medium. Thus, COVID-19 has also taught many ways to emerge victorious from the pandemic both from students and teachers.

Teachers assigned work to students via the internet, delivered lectures via online video conferencing using different apps like Zoom, Skype and various google apps. Though the scenario was not similar everywhere, it was still a challenge of good internet penetration in rural areas. Government has also postponed the examinations of secondary and higher secondary classes and later conducted examinations strictly adhering to COVID-19 guidelines.

The education scenario in 2022

Indian educational institutes have adjusted to the new normal despite the initial hiccups of adhering to the usage of technology. They tried their best to provide seamless support in providing continuous education in the times of the pandemic and transformed from traditional learning to the new era of learning. Here are some of the ways the education scenario in 2022 will roll out:

- Shift towards blended learning: This kind of learning will give the exposure of both online and face-to-face learning. In a recent survey, it has been found out that 59% of students are more motivated to learn through blended or hybrid learning than in a fully online course or a flipped classroom setting. It gives the advantage of learning at their own pace and via an interface with digital technology. At the same time, learning done in this virtual way is often best consolidated by in-person interactions. In many ways, blended learning combines the best of both worlds.

- Rise in use of the learning management system: Educational institutes are going through a rising demand for learning management systems. It's providing a great opportunity to the companies, who are developing and strengthening the learning management system. There is a rise in the demand for soft copy of learning material across the institutes.

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