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Scope of Blended Learning

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The teaching learning process has been evolving since Times immemorial. In ancient times there was Guru Shishya system in which students had to sacrifice their household comfort and work hard devotedly in the complete authority of Guru. With the passage of time the school education system shifted the powers of Guru to the government and management of the institution. The situation of the teacher is also transformed. Now the teacher has to adapt himself to the needs of the changing society. Still in traditional classroom the teacher had the full authority inside the classroom over his students. But now in the era of digital learning the role of teacher has become challenging. He is more a facilitator than a knowledge provider. Google is available for every student for any kind of knowledge but without the help of a good teacher the student can not make use of that Google knowledge. So in this era of digitalization blended learning has become the need of the hour. Where in the teacher with the blend of traditional and digital learning can successfully achieve the objective of teaching learning process. This paper attempts to explore the scope of blended learning in post pandemic era.

Blended learning is an approach to education that combines online educational material and opportunity for interaction online with traditional classroom methods. It requires the physical presence of both the teacher and the student. It incorporates direct instruction, indirect instruction, collaborative teaching and individualized computer assisted learning. Blended learning has now become the need of the hour. In the present scenario due to the COVID-19 pandemic student engagement has become the greatest challenge in front of the teachers. In order to convert the challenges into opportunity the teacher has to observe minutely the nature of the students. Their interest has to be studied, their need is to be analysed and their circumstances have to be considered. Now a days students are exposed to technology at a very young age. Most of the parents today are working from home, therefore they are connected to their offices for 24 into 7 hours. Thus today's kids are brought up with these gadgets as the important part of their upbringing. Even in preparatory schools a child starts surfing over the net. Now the teacher has to encash this interest of students and guide them to achieve their learning outcome. Blended

learning provides wider scope to achieve 100% student engagement. Let's now discuss in detail the major aspects of blended learning. Flexible environment : In this era of globalisation the students of Higher Education has free access to knowledge they can opt for professional learning or the specialised learning or for vocational learning. They can enroll for more than one courses simultaneously. In such a varied situation the students need to be provided with the flexible environment . they are allowed to study and explore at their own pace. This will help them in focusing at the desired outcome. Thus by creating flexible spaces for the students the educator's take the help of help of blended learning in the assessment of of students education. Even in post pandemic period blended learning will become the preferred mode of learning the flexible environment provided by the teachers help in creating the learning culture . The student will be provided with the the video / audio to introduce the desired concept. During the free class time the student can make himself acquainted with the topic of the concept the teacher will be explaining during the class. Thus this flexible environment will also Orient these students for the teaching learning activity. It will initiate the students interest in the topics and also a assign his responsibility to grope into new concepts of the topic of discussion. This learning culture will help the teachers to make their classes more interactive and interesting. It will remove the monotony of the traditional classroom. Blended mode of learning in class time is dedicated to exploring topics in Greater depth and creating learning environment. Here the challenge before the teachers is to determine what material they should provide two students and what the students should themselves explore .the students will become the part of teaching learning process .they will learn to introspect and evaluate their learning. Thus blended learning will decrease the burden of traditional teaching and increased the role of teacher as a facilitator.

A facilitator needs to understand his students roadblocks to understanding. The teacher has to play a prominent role in blended learning as compared to the traditional learning. In blended learning the teachers seems to be nowhere but actually he is everywhere with the students .in traditional classroom the teacher feeds student with his own cooked broth but in blended learning the teacher remains with the students and makes him to prepare his own broth, enjoy the preparation and cherish the result. Thus in blended learning the teacher has to be more alert ,more vigilant, More updated ,more knowledgeable and more human than the traditional teachers.

Blended learning not only put challenges before teachers but also make students more competent than in traditional class . In traditional classroom the student does not have any responsibility of teaching learning process. He is totally dependent upon the teachers. His Horizon is limited . he is only a receiver who just collect more and more information and keep

them in mind to reproduce in exams. but in blended mode he is an equal partner of teaching learning process. From the first day he starts shouldering the responsibility of exploring reading analysing and producing the knowledge. Time management: in this mode of learning students will learn himself how to manage his time . he managed to view videos PPT shared by the teachers and gets acquainted with the subject to be studied while viewing this materials he Learns to be totally focused upon the subject in hand. The effect of sound and picture is so captivating that it does not lead to any kind of deviation. Having introduced to the subject to be studied the student is now fully engaged in the topic to be taught by the teacher. Blended learning inculcates leadership and team building. the students automatically loves to work in a team. Everyone from their comfort zone can collaborate in a particular project. Division of work and understanding each others priority will make them better human being in a team defence students with their different abilities can contribute effectively only in blended learning. Blended learning provides an extended time to teachers with students. They can clarify their query through email Google classrooms etc . the teacher on the other hand can have one to one interaction with the students which was not possible in traditional classroom. In a blended learning the teacher can observe every student s workb minutely. Blended learning May provide more opportunities for collaboration. This would in still better decision making among the students will stop the student will become more efficient in technology also become thus with the integration of Technology a teacher can improve his teaching information retention engagement responsibility and enjoyment .

Further the blended learning would encourage the paperless teaching learning system which would lead to environment friendly institution . No doubt the traditional classroom used to have its own Grace privacy for warmth and beauty . Above all we are comfortable confident and to be inevitable and those who acknowledge this change and try to popup with it will only survive this is a proven fact that those who are able to see out change and actively embrace it will thrive. Therefore the teachers also need to change from traditional to online teaching .

YouTube channels education is a lifelong process sometimes along with the students teachers do need to sharpen their skills in the present scenario the role of teacher is more challenging he has to channelize The curiosity of the students, the creativity of his students as well as the collaborative efforts of the studenst therefore in order to update himself or herself a teacher can also get ageess to t some experts opinion through YouTube channel .audio and video lectures of college teachers are also uploaded on the college website for the benefit of the students this it is an additional benefit of blended learning

Blended learning would also solve the problems of dropouts. It helps reaching to all students irrespective of their time and place. In a blended learning mode if a student Mrs DPS to face class he or she can have the option to complete that missed learning through online videos and audios does this mod is successful in fulfilling the dreams of Swami Vivekananda who has he said “if people cannot reach School schools should reach them “. Through this mode we can imagine literate India every child whether he is working in the farms for sharing the responsibility of earning bread at his father’s business everywhere he is is accessing knowledge through this mode of learning. Though the Government and the other stakeholders would be needed in this direction as their financial support would provide internet connectivity in every town in every village. The blended mode of learning would also educate the family of the students since a student is very much attached to his parents so when at home the student is having access to online education he would discuss all his problems in in handling this online material with his parents that would in turn educate the parents as well does the blended mode of learning would bring education from college to home the whole family would get access to the education material and would apply that knowledge in their life does it would result in to community education

The blended mode of learning would also help in bringing total empowerment of the girls students even today in the remote areas girls students are still deprived of the basic facilities of life do their parents have given them the freedom to get education but they are still not provided with smartphones so when blended learning will become the part of of education process the parents have to provide this basic facility e given to their daughters which would actually bring a complete empowerment to girl students

Globalised education in the era of globalisation online learning has globalised the education also in blended Mode a teacher can suggest to attend some online webinar to his students or the student from anywhere in the world can take the benefit of experts lecture through online seminar and webinars Aamir Khan’s words in his movie 3 Idiots as he says “education is pouring in everywhere and in abundance” seems very true in the wake of blended learning.

India has strongest roots of culture .Education in India has always given importance to ethical values .value education has always been a part of Curriculum in Indian education system. in a blended mode of learning these values can be inculcated to the students through various activities like yoga and meditation A teacher can suggest the students to write about the teachings of great personalities of the world with the help of google. this would create the

exposure and practice of the values of life by the student. Various life skills like decision making ,self-management, critical thinking, communication, patients and empathy can be taught to students through online learning by organising online competitions and awareness programmes .values of social well being are also inculcated among the students through this mode of learning .It also prepares students for the job market .he or she becomes proficient in all the electronic gadgets, technological tools which would certainly improve their employability. hence the very purpose of education is fulfilled.

Thus blended learning would prove to be a boon to society. Also keeping in mind the above discussed advantages of blended learning we can conclude that it is the demand of the present times above all the Corona period has shown the requirement of blended learning. The need of social distancing during this pandemic has increased the requirement of e-Learning hence we can say that the time has reached when the traditional way of teaching needs to be renovated with the new bricks of blended learning.

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