

Good afternoon to everyone present here, today I Shreyas Sawant would like to broaden your minds on the impact of Covid 19 on the Indian Education System.

The education system in India is facing a new crisis thanks to COVID-19. India has the world's second-largest school system, after China. Shutting schools to maintain social distancing amidst the COVID-19 crisis was the most logical solution to avoid community transmission. However, this prolonged closure has a disproportionately negative impact on the most vulnerable students. To state some facts, over 1.5 million schools across India closed down due to the pandemic and a switch to large-scale digital education is not possible now. It was very challenging to India as many people live in areas without internet, and others attend more poorly equipped government-run schools. Many efforts were made to continue education at all levels with online methods, but it could not be made available to everyone.

Educational activities have been hampered to a great extent, and we could sense a great amount of confusion, the postponement or delay in exams, academic sessions or the like. There was not enough space for the so-called co-curriculum. The pandemic not only created issues for the students but, the digital world was a dilemma for the teachers who were experts in book, talk, chalk and classroom methods. They had to be trained to meet the challenges of the present situation and go ahead with online teaching.

The midday meal provision is a great blessing to many students in India, closure of schools during lockdown meant many children were deprived and malnourished. Pandemic has been a challenge to educational institutions, as the payment of fees was very poor. Many low budget schools got shut down.

Though the outbreak of COVID-19 has created many negative impacts on education, educational institutions of India have accepted the challenges and trying their best to provide seamless support services to the students during the pandemic. Indian education system got the opportunity for transformation from traditional system to a new era. The pandemic situation induced people to learn and use digital technology and resulted in increasing the digital literacy.

In the end, COVID-19 has impacted immensely to the education sector of India. Though it has created many challenges, various opportunities are also evolved and with these opportunities we should pave away for a better future.

Thank You!