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Week 6

Topic: Information Transmission

#### **©** Lesson Objectives

By the end of this lesson, students should be able to:

- 1. Define information transmission.
- 2. List and explain **ancient methods** of transmitting information.
- 3. Identify and describe **modern methods** of transmitting information.

### Introduction

Information is power. But for information to be useful, it must be **shared** or **transmitted** from one person or place to another. Information transmission refers to the process of sending and receiving messages, data, or facts.

# 📌 1. Meaning of Information Transmission

- **Information Transmission** is the process of **sending** and **receiving** information (messages, signals, data) from one person, device, or place to another.
- It involves a **sender**, a **medium**, and a **receiver**.

## **Example:**

 When a teacher announces homework in class, the teacher is the sender, speech is the medium, and the students are the receivers.

# 2. Ancient Methods of Transmitting Information

Before the invention of modern technologies, people used **traditional** methods to communicate:

Method	Description	
Oral communication	Talking face to face or shouting messages.	
Fire lighting	Smoke signals were used to pass danger or important messages over a distance.	
Whistling	Whistling in a coded way to pass secret or quick information (e.g. in villages or forests).	
Beating drums	Talking drums used in African cultures to send coded messages.	
Town crying	A person (town crier) moves from street to street making public announcements.	
Drawing diagrams	Used in caves or walls to show events or send warnings.	
Making representations	Using symbols or signs to represent ideas (e.g., using stones, sticks, or patterns).	
These methods were useful but limited by distance, speed, and accuracy.		



**3.** Modern Methods of Transmitting Information

With technology, information can now be sent faster, clearer, and over long distances:

Method	Description

**GSM (Mobile phones)** Used for calls, text messages (SMS), and internet access.

**Radio** Broadcasts audio messages to a wide audience.

**Television** Combines audio and video to transmit news and programs.

**Computer** Through emails, chats, social media, etc.

**Internet** Allows fast sharing of messages globally.

**Satellite** Used for weather reports, GPS, and long-distance communication.

Method Description

**Fax** Sends copies of documents over telephone lines.

**Email** A digital letter sent through the internet.

**Example:** Sending a WhatsApp message is modern information transmission using **computer** and **GSM**.

## Comparison Table: Ancient vs Modern Methods

#### **Ancient Methods Modern Methods**

Town crying GSM phone calls

Beating drums Radio broadcasts

Fire lighting Television

Oral messages Video calls/Emails