

CRITICALLY ANALYSE THE CHALLENGES AND IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATIONAL GUIDANCE DURING THE PERIOD OF CORONAVIRUS.

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ABSTRACT: Corona virus or Covid- 19 is a contagious disease that is familiarized in over the world. The period of covid-19 is known as the pandemic in over the world which intersecting the boundaries of the nation. At the time of the writing this paper (10th Feb, 2021), there are 1,08,58,681 cases are confirmed, 1,38,901 cases are active, 1,05,59,915 cases are recovered and 1,55,283 case are lost due to covid -19. **WHO** define, during the devastating period, stress, anxiety, mental illness problems are faced by most of the students, parents and teachers, so proper guidance is needed to resolve this problem. This paper is analytical in nature. The researcher found lots of challenges like – incompleteness of curriculum, restriction for face to face communication, lack of parents support, lack of guidance and training are arose due to pandemic. Educational guidance is important because it helps to maintain a discipline, enhance technical efficiency, enhancing online teaching, for sustainable development and also for proper adjustment, etc.

Key Words: Coronavirus, Educational Guidance, Challenges and Opportunities.

INTRODUCTION :

Coronavirus or Covid- 19 is a contagious disease that is familiarized in over the world. From March 2020, most of the government of the world declared a lockdown in their nation due to covid-19. The Indian government also decided to close the educational institution in a greatest attempt to reduce the spread of infectious disease. The period of covid-19 is known as the pandemic in over the world which intersecting the boundaries of the nation. At the time of the writing this paper (10th Feb, 2021), there are 1,08,58,681 cases are confirmed, 1,38,901 cases are active, 1,05,59,915 cases are recovered and 1,55,283 cases are lost due to covid-19. Schools, colleges, universities are closed due to covid-19. Educational institutions are the backbone of every country. Human resources are developed in the educational institution. **Allen (2020)** mentioned in his

paper that good human resources are the future of our nation which shows the human power of a nation. Proper human resource management is very much needed to control any situation in our country. Covid-19 has the greatest impact on the education system of our country. Teachers, students, parents, policymakers, government and common people are also suffering during this devastating period. Students can not contact their teachers or mentors. One way communication is not sufficient to fulfil the goal of the education system. Before the pandemic period, students, teachers and parents are not ready to handle this kind of epidemic situation. The people who have attached to the education system directly or indirectly are disappointed, they could not know how to overcome this pandemic situation, how to adjust to this infectious disease.

There is a negative impact on the education system due to the coronavirus. We have seen lots of problems occurred due to infectious disease. Some of them are drop out problems in education, students adjustment problems due to usage of technology, depression, mental illness, unemployment, etc. For solving such kind of issues which provokes in education due to coronavirus, guidance and counselling are very much important. The education system is closely related to the economic, political, social development of the nation. Education is the process of development, it is a process of human development. **WHO** define, during the devastating period, stress, anxiety, mental illness problems are faced by most of the students, parents and teachers, so proper guidance is needed to resolve this problem. Guidance and counselling are the most important component of life which exhibits a right path towards life and also make life becomes easy to survive and adjust in any situation. During the pandemic period doctors, nurses, police officers are provided lots of guidance to reduce the spread of covid-19. In this epidemic, the government plays an important role to control the effect of the coronavirus and create a protocol so that every person of the nation alert highly to control covid-19.

REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE :

Pandy (2005) mentioned in his book that the principles of guidance and counselling and also the different type of strategies for implementing a good education system through proper guidance. We all are familiarized that due to pandemic situation students, parents and teachers are not in touch directly with each other. School, colleges, universities are completely closed as a measure to control coronavirus

disease. **Daniel (2020)** mentioned that students are facing lots of problems like – adjustment problems, educational problems, social problems. Pandemic hampers all types of students including normal students, gifted children as well as a person with disabled children. In that case, guidance and counselling are very important to set up a completely inclusive environment. **Gupta (2007)** mentioned in his book that guidance means personal help given by someone. In an educational institution, the teacher helps students to chose the right path. The teacher role should be a friend, philosopher and guide to help student in solving their problems. Due to pandemic, teachers can not give proper guidance to students. Students and parents lost their mental strength, they can not adjust properly in the pandemic situation. Face to face communication helps both students and teachers to conduct an effective teaching-learning system. In India, online teaching and learning system can not provide equal opportunities to all, education is acquired only by only some people because of insufficient money. So, proper guidance and counselling are very much needed to help those students.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PAPER :

During the period of the pandemic, students feel stress, anxiety, grief and tensions. Government restricted children, parents, teachers as well as the people of our country in travelling, play and even physical contact with each other. It completely harms children social, physical development. Students are completely deprived of access to learning. They have completely broken into this pandemic situation. Nowadays, most of the students are online and on the social platform, many rumours are spread, which lead the many psychological problems. This study is very significant because it helps to understand the emotional needs of

children, helping students deal with a stressful environment, provides some measures in handling students educational problems and also study about the importance of guidance and counselling during the period of covid-19. Proper guidance and counselling help students a lot in facing positively various mental health issues due to the ongoing epidemic. Education is the only means which helps to aware the students about the problems and solutions or possible measures of a pandemic situation so that government provides some rules and regulation to educational institution also.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY :

- To study the challenges for which educational guidance is needed during the pandemic situation.
- To study the importance of guidance and counselling during the pandemic situation.

METHODOLOGY :

This paper is analytical in nature. The authors had gone through the secondary data, i.e – books, official websites, articles, journals. In this paper, an attempt has been made to analyse the importance of guidance in education during the period of coronavirus.

ANALYSIS OF THE OBJECTIVES :

Daniel (2020) mentioned in his paper that education is a major weapon to solving psychological problems during a pandemic. Covid -19 is an infectious disease, which crosses the country boundaries. From a localized level to a globalized level, the education sector is highly affected due to pandemic. Educators, teachers, policymakers guidance can work as a medicine to students. They get positivity only from teachers. Students face lots of mental health issues, adjustment problems during the pandemic period. Because most of the teachers, students use

technology for working, studying, teaching. The online teaching and learning process

helps to solve these problems. Virtual communication between teachers and students also help during the pandemic. Stakeholders can also be benefited from technology. Hence, teachers provide educational guidance through the uses of technology. We have seen different students facing different problems in the pandemic period. These problems are not limited only to the school environment but also facing some psychological problems. Student can not complete their classroom syllabus during the pandemic, students who are living out of the home or state leave their residential areas due to pandemic.

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plays a prominent role in facing the coronavirus. Students are facing lots of educational and vocational problems, many parents are lost their job due to pandemic. There is not have any social and emotional interaction among the children. Drop out rate of the students are highly increased basically in the case of the girls. Because poor parents do not earn money during the pandemic. Students belonging to poor family did not get the requirement during the lockdown. We have seen two types of classification in our locality. One is urban people and another is poor people. Children belonging to the urban family can easily access technology. But the children belonging to the poor family can not access it during the pandemic situation. Teachers can not communicate that kind of children to guide properly. Online teaching and learning provide educational opportunities only for few students. India is a developing country, so the education sector is highly affected because of the huge amount of

population. Most of the parents are not aware of the pandemic regarding the usage of ICT. For solving parents problems or changing parental attitudes, teachers guidance must be needed. Educational guidance helps students to cope up with this pandemic situation.

CHALLENGES FOR WHICH EDUCATIONAL GUIDANCE IS NEEDED :

- **Incompletion of Curriculum:** educational guidance is very important to provide necessary information and material to cope up with the pandemic situation. They did not get the opportunity to learn every topic and also deprived of education.
- **Absence of Classroom Environment:** due to the coronavirus, face to face communication is not possible between teachers and students, so it is needed to give positive direction toward the right path.
- **Restriction of Physical communication:** government of India strictly give order not to coming in physical contact with each other, which leads to lots of problems in education.
- **Economic Background:** economically backward family can not fulfil the requirement of the students during the pandemic situation, it can break the mental health of the students.
- **Lack of Technical Facilities:** lack of technical equipment and knowledge create many problems during the period of the coronavirus. All students are not benefited equally from online teaching and learning.
- **Guidance for Few:** the online teaching-learning process is not affordable for all children during the coronavirus. Only a few children are benefited from it. Many are facing

anxiety, stress due to using the online teaching-learning process.

- **Lack of parental support:** In India, we have seen poor people suffer lots of problems due to lack of money and also they are not aware of the innovation for which sometimes parents are not supported to use technology. During the period of coronavirus, it creates many problems.
- **Lack of Professional Training:** teachers are also facing some problems during the pandemic situation. Lack of professional training is one of the major issues for which students are not getting proper guidance from teachers.
- **Online Teaching-Learning:** online teaching and learning are not affordable for all student because of lack of money. During the pandemic situation, students are facing lots of problem in attending online classes, submitting assignment and also appearing in the online exam.

IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATIONAL GUIDANCE DURING THE DEVASTATING PERIOD OF CORONA VIRUS

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- **Proper Adjustment:** educational guidance is very much important in this pandemic situation. Teachers guide students so that they can easily adjust to the changing environment.
- **Solving Mental Health Issue:** Mental health is very important for the overall development of the students. Due to the coronavirus, many students lost their mental strength. Educational guidance helps

to reduce anxiety, stress, etc.

- **Education for All Students:** educational guidance helps poor children to cope up with the technological world. It also helps to aware of the people and provides technical knowledge.
- **Maintain a Discipline:** it is education that helps to maintain discipline in our society. Education helps to face the infectious disease and make people aware of the coronavirus.
- **Enhance Online Opportunities:** educational guidance is important to enhance online opportunities so that we should make our country digitally advanced.
- **Sustainable Development:** educational guidance helps to develop a good human resource in our society so that they can contribute to our environment and make our country sustainable.
- **Enhance Technical Efficiency:** educational guidance is needed for developing work efficiency among the students as well as teachers. It helps to provides technical knowledge which helps to face the pandemic situation.
- **Economic Development:** economic development of our country is highly dependent on education. educational guidance helps to develop capable human resources. During a pandemic situation, people can work their every work online mode.

CONCLUSION :

During the period of the coronavirus, our education system is completely changed. Students, teachers, parents, policymakers, the government, etc are facing lots of

problems. Hence, educational guidance is very important to handling such pandemic situation. It helps in giving proper direction to all, maintain discipline in the country, make people technically aware and also helps in understanding the social relationship. Nowadays, online teaching-learning is very much important not only in the pandemic situation but also in the competitive world. Many challenges and opportunities are come in front of us in using technology. Educational guidance helps every person of an educational institution to take a good decision and improves the education system as well as the economic growth of the country.

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