

Importance of E-Learning

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E learning helps all of us to upgrade and update knowledge of your field. We all know that new technology is growing very fast. To cope up with new trends worldwide it is necessary ourselves to learn and adjust with newer and higher technology. Use of internet and technology has shown a great change in each and every sector of human life. Here e-learning is a computer based educational system that enables you to learn anywhere and at any time. With the advent of e- learning one can have direct access to the knowledge at international level. E learning is today's need. At least to have common minimum programme of higher education no alternative to eLearning process.

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In today's technologically advanced world it is very important to be well prepared for effective and successful way of doing things. Most of the time concerned people in the field of arts specifically performing arts may not be well equipped or interested in technical education but we can make them hi-tech with the help of e-learning. In the country like Taiwan, government has enlisted e-learning as their featured policy since 2003 and thus e-learning programs are designed by council for cultural Affairs and National palace museum. They have e-learning courses in multiple languages .It really helps them to keep the department of art and culture updated with current trends and happenings all over the world. It also provides easy access to common people to get the knowledge about their art and culture, online. To cope up with challenges of the rising information society and how to utilize the various possibilities of information and communication technologies ,modern times imply today's ubiquitous information processing .Mobile phones, iPods ,mp3 players, computers with broadband internet connections, digital entertainment for video games has become a part of our daily life. This shows the greater developments of the society. With these global changes to initiate and strengthen the use of information, and digitally bound knowledge we need to imply e-learning.

(Importance of e-learning for developing countries-Nikos Andriotis-(2014))

"Now that affordable e-learning solutions exist for both computers and internet, it only takes a good e-learning tool for education to be facilitated from virtually anywhere. Technology has advanced so much that the geographical gap is bridged with the use of tools that make you feel as if you are inside the classroom. E-learning offers the ability to share material in all kinds of formats such as videos, slideshows, word documents, and PDFs. Conducting webinars (live online classes) and communicating with professors via chat and message forums is also an option available to users"

E-learning is that, in that it reduces costs traditionally associated with education such as for classroom and educational material, to the point it becomes affordable to a developing nation. A connection to internet, an LMS deployment and few cheap PC'S are all that is needed to give kids access to a vast array of educational material. Also uniquely suited to some other challenges those nations faces, such as deficiency highway systems, which make transporting kids from remote rural areas difficult.

The term e-learning is in existence since 1999 when the word was first utilized at a CBT systems seminar. The other term developed was online learning and virtual learning .The principles behind e-learning have been well documented throughout history and there is even evidence which suggests that early terms of e-learning existed as far back as the 19th century.

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/236605781_Virtual_reality_in_theatre_education_and_design_practice_-_new_developments_and_applications

"Technology-based teaching techniques can benefit the Whole process of learning, not only through experimenting with existing course designs but also by transforming the established methods of knowledge delivery. I investigate the impact of cyberspace and digital technologies on contemporary education,"

With the introduction of computer and internet in the late 20th century-learning tools and delivery methods expanded. The first MAC in 1980's enabled individuals to have computers in their homes, making it easier for them to learn about particular subjects and developed certain skill sets. Then in following decade, virtual learning environments began to truly thrive, with people gaining access to wealth of online information and e-learning opportunities.

(A Theory for e-learning-Mark Nicholas -Journal of Educational Technology and Society (April 2003)

"If literature is likened to a 'tree of knowledge' about a particular subject the dire need for more eLearning theory becomes clear. Practice based research can be likened to the branches of the tree, those parts that are readily visible and most easily appreciated. Theoretical principles can be likened to the roots; they do not provide any practical things for people like shade or fruit and neither are they aesthetically pleasing. However it is the root system that determines the health of the tree and also the extent to which it can grow. Unless attention is given to eLearning theory, the branches cannot stretch out for fear of toppling the entire structure. Unless attention is given to eLearning theory, eLearning practice cannot develop fully. Without further debate and development in the theoretical underpinnings, we will be left with bonsai eLearning"

E-learning ,in comparison with traditional learning ,allows for easier access to online resources, databases, periodicals, journals and other material you wouldn't normally have access to from a library. If a student has trouble understanding part of the course work ,finding tips on the matter couldn't be easier than having immediate access to supplementary ,unlimited and free material online .Moreover ,e-learning is designed to cater to the needs of different types of learners ,who wouldn't normally do as well in a traditional learning environment ,as well as complement the traditional environment with more features to make it an even more appealing option for the skeptics.

The Characteristics of learning:

Learning is the process of absorbing information and retaining it with the goal of increasing skills and abilities in order to achieve goals but it is more than that. Learning is what we go through when we want to be equipped for non-specific and unexpected situations and the two are not mutually exclusive. While you do learn to do something specific, you are also inadvertently equipped with the knowledge and /or skills to face future challenges. In essence, learning is all about equipping a person to tackle not just today's issues, but preparing him/her to creatively come up with ways to tackle tomorrow's issues.

Future of E-Learning:

E-learning is here to stay. As compute ownership grows across the globe e-learning becomes increasingly viable and accessible. Internet connection speeds are increasing and with that opportunities for more multimedia training methods arise. With the immense improvement of mobile networks in the past few years and the increase in telecommuting, taking all the awesome features of e-learning on the road is a reality with smart phones and other portable devices. Technologies such as social media are also transforming education constantly.

Use of internet and technology has shown a great change in each and every sector of human life. So be in acquaintance with this rapidly changing and progressing techno world one has to keep him /her updated. For that e learning is the correct solution. Also changing approach towards performing arts due to glamour and money related to it; drama is also not an exception. With the availability of smart phones at the hand it will turn out to be very useful. To provide the students with easy and exact access to the correct information with updated knowledge e learning is the correct medium .After completion of this I hope the information that will be available to the students will definitely be useful.

With the act of sharing, an apple with each other Adam and Eve started the process of socialization. The urge for SHARING either it may be emotions, things, or knowledge which can be considered as basic instinct of being human. Thus human became socialized animal. Sharing or transferring knowledge form one generation to another (next) generation has been part and parcel of Indian culture in Gurukul system. In this context we have two examples of Arjuna and Eklavya earning knowledge from same guru .Centuries after we have schools and colleges and universities and much developed educational system in India.

Talking about today's era technology has emerged as a grand change in each and every field of human life in 20th century. Traditionally we have classroom type of learning system where physical presence of a teacher is of much more importance. With the computer evolution we can see radical change in the learning canvas with any subject. Here e-learning is a computer based educational system that enables you to learn anywhere and at any time.

(E-learning -101-Jan2014-v1.1 pdf)

"E-learning is commonly referred to the intentional use of networked information and communications Technology in teaching and learning. A number of other terms are also used to describe this mode of Teaching and learning. They include online learning, virtual learning, distributed learning, network and Web based learning."

As today e-learning is available with the use of internet where as in the past it was using computer based methods like CD-ROM. With the technology geographical gap has been linked with the tools and can make you feel same as if you are sitting in classroom learning offers the ability to share material in all kinds of formats such as videos, slideshows, word documents, images and pdfs. With online teaching programs one can have direct access to the professors through chat and message and video conferencing.

With the rapid and incredible progress in technology world has become a small digital village where shearing your ideas, thoughts, opinions and knowledge has become much more easy. And for that one must be e-educated. To have a sound knowledge of using technology in a right way with its 100% efficiency e-learning is quite essential. With the advent of e- learning one can have direct access to the knowledge at international level.

Technology is in progress day by day. Everyday new software's and apps are launching .Smart phones are like the key to the knowledge and information available to each and every one, worldwide. Available with the use of ,e learning. In each and every element of drama e learning can play a distinct role educating students of drama with newer and broader opportunities.

While speaking about elements of drama there comes script selection and direction at very first step. Direct access to wonderful scripts from authors and playwrights from all over the world students can have extremely large range of script selection. Such is the case while directing a play, directors from all over the world and their styles of directing with different forms of presentations can be made available at hand .Same is the case when we think about technical aspects of drama i.e. setting, light, music, costume and makeup .A wide range of information and knowledge's available on internet on different websites and online videos and workshops. "Time is the most valuable thing" we know this proverb since our childhood but we can understand its significance in 21st century most correctly .We are travelling in e-age in the age of nano seconds. This technological revolution is working so fast that before downloading one software, newer version of that software and apps w are served.

21st century is an age of internet and mobiles with the advent of so many electronic gazettes life is becoming more and more fast and easy. Inevitably one has to become a part of this digital race where there is actually no time to rest .In this context importance of e-learning is quite obvious thing. one cannot live without knowing how to operate internet and utilize different apps for his daily needs .With the concept of digital India here is kind of compulsion that we must be well acquainted with e-learning .Banking ,travelling ,shopping ,learning any art form ,you name it and technology has arrived in each and every field of life. So importance of e-learning is equally associated with our daily life and live hood.

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