

Effect of COVID- 19 on Learning English Language of Students in Jalgaon District

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Abstract

The present research paper aims to find out the effect of the Covid-19 problem on learning English language of students in the Jalgaon District. English is the most important language in the world. In India, use of English language from daily transaction to the Indian constitution is notable. Due to Covid-19, the whole world suffered. Because of this pandemic people from the entire world were badly impacted, they suffered a lot economically, socially, and also educationally. COVID-19 is a viral disease so, it can be spread from one person to another through touch. To prevent this COVID-19 there was a lockdown in the whole world. The impact of this lockdown education was provided by the government on the online mode. Students could learn all subjects online but they have difficulty to learning English language because to learn any new language or English there should be social contact and a proper atmosphere to learn that language. Still, In the time of the pandemic, there was no proper atmosphere to spoken English at home, some students faced a problem in learning the English language because they could not afforded a mobile which is important for learning English, and some students were from the rural areas faced

network issues, lack of discipline, time table of the study were disturbed, Social distance, and lack of interaction with teachers and friends in English language. Now lockdown is over so all schools and colleges are opening so teachers have to give more attention to their students, they should teach them English from a basic level. Students also need to be focused on improving their English to speak fluent English.

Keywords - COVID-19, Lockdown, Language, English.

Introduction

COVID-19

COVID-19 is also called the coronavirus pandemic. The global pandemic of coronavirus disease 2019 is an ongoing cause of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2(SARS-Cov-2). The first patient of covid-19 was found in Wuhan, China, in December 2019. Later, this COVID-19 spread all over the world. The Public Health Emergency of International concern on 30 January 2020 and a pandemic on 11 March 2020 were declared by the World Health Organization (WHO). Because of this novel virus more than 527million cases were infected and 6.28 million confirmed deaths. Most of the people who infected with the COVID-19 were experienced mild to moderate respiratory illness and recovered without any special treatment. However, some people were seriously ill and required medical attention. Older and those people who have underlying medical conditions like diabetes, cardiovascular disease, chronic respiratory disease, or Cancer are most likely to develop serious illnesses. Anyone can be infected with COVID-19 and become seriously ill or can die at any age. According to WHO the best way to protect yourself and others from the infection of COVID-19 is by staying at least a 1-meter distance from others, wearing a proper mask, washing hands, and getting vaccinated. Caused by the pandemic whole world faced so many problems like health issues, an increased proportion of death caused by COVID-19,

extreme poverty, losing their livelihood, no income meaning no food, and most important lack of social contact because the whole world was in lockdown.

Language-

Language is a god's special gift to a human being. In the absence of language human civilization is impossible. Language is an important part of human life. Language is a store of knowledge, means of communication, an instrument of thinking as well as a source of delight. The Encyclopedia Britannica defines language as “A system of conventional, spoken or written symbols using which human beings as members of a social group and as participants in its culture, communicate”. Block and Irager Defined language as “A Language is a system of arbitrary vocal symbols using which a social group co-operates”. According to this definition and scholars, social contact is most important to learning any language of a human being. If a child keeps away from society or social contact he will not be able to learn any language. During the lockdown period or pandemics, people were away from each other. They were restricted to come together. This situation of pandemic affected the social life of the people and people faced the problem of learning a new language.

Importance of the English language-

Now a days, English language growing as an important language in the world. It is widely spoken in whole World. English is not only important in a specific country or state but also the whole world. Increasing the importance of the English language everybody wants to learn it for education, politics, trade and commerce. English is very important to make a good career, Education, Personality development, many multinational companies offer job aspirants who can speak English language fluently. The more than half websites of internet

have made in English language which help us gaining a vast knowledge through the internet. We can communicate and share our ideas easily with English language. It is said that 'English is a milk of tigriss.' In India, the English language was introduced by the East India Company during the British rule for the purposed of trade and commerce. The English is the official language of five Union Territories, Seven states, and also an additional official language of One Union Territory and seven States. The English language is the official language of the Judiciary of India.

Learning English language problems caused by COVID-19:

We know how human beings learn the language. Without social contact, a child can not learn the language. So, for learning English language there should be social contact. During the pandemic time, the whole world was in lockdown caused by COVID-19. Jalgaon District which is in Maharashtra, India also was in lockdown, this district come under the ruler area. During the pandemic time or lockdown period schools and colleges were closed, and because of this, students were restricted to come to schools and colleges. That is why Government started online education for students. Online education was a good option to learn students and they were able to avoid the infection of COVID 19. In this online mode, students began to learn but they suffered a lot to learn the English language. Students from Jalgaon district facing a problem in learning the English language caused by COVID-19 because they were no proper atmosphere at home to learn English during the lockdown. Some students were belonged from poor families so they could not afford a mobile phone to learn English that is why that students were away from the stream of learning the English language. Some students were belonged from the rural areas, and they faced network issues during online classes so, they could not learn the English language. COVID-19 badly impacted on student's life, caused by COVID-19 students from Jalgaon district faced

problems learning the English language, which will be a negative impact on the student's life. Everyone knows how the English language is important. If a student speaks English fluently he can easily impress other people and he can feel more confident with English. Everyone tries to learn English to make their personality impressive. During the lockdown period, students could not learn the English language so, after the lockdown they were not able to speak English because they were deprived of the proper atmosphere of speaking the English language.

Conclusion

In the time of pandemic students from Jalgaon district faced problem of learning English language which is important not only for job but also successful life. Caused by COVID-19 school and college were closed and education provided by online mode. In online education students learned at home but they troubled to learn English at home because there was no proper atmosphere at home to speak English. Now lockdown is over and the situation of pandemic is improving, school and college are opening so, to solve this learning English language problem teacher needs to be given extra attention to their students and teach them from basic level. A student also needs to be focused to learn English and they should practice with teachers and friends. Teachers and students' extra effort will be help to solve leaning English language problem of Jalgaon district.

Suggestions:

- 1) Students from the Jalgaon district facing the problem of learning the English language caused by COVID-19 so, schools or colleges need to pay extra attention to students.
- 2) Teachers should teach their students from the basic level so they can recall grammar and others rules of English speaking.

3) Teachers should take English speaking practice of students and group discussions in the classroom. It will help students not fluent in English but also build up their confidence.

4) School or college should start English-speaking remedial classes for students. It will help them to improve their English.

5) Students should be focused on learning English at school or college. They can also use their Smartphones to learn English; they can practice with teachers, friends, and family to speak fluently.

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