

MESSAGE FROM CHIEF EDITOR



Billionsof students have been affected by the closure of health profession institutes and universities around the world to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

But faced with this new reality, educational institutions are now scrambling to find best practices in online learning. They have also considerednew policy adjustments in academic delivery and assessment.

We all agree that, the very nature of the classroom has changed suddenly. Sending voice notes, recording lectures, staring in front of the screens for long periods, preparing and evaluating assignments and monitoring each student's progress is a Himalayan task for teachers. And at the same time teachers as well as students feel the absence of a chuckle, a joke, discussions and the warmth of being together in a classroom. While most teachers may tell that it's a challenge to get students' attention in classrooms.

A sharp rise in social distancing and learning from homes could translate into a clarion call for free internet access to be considered a basic human right. These responsibilities rests more critically with regulators and education ministries around the world. Not just them, politicians, policymakers, device manufacturers and internet service providers (ISPs) have also come together to battle the disruption in classrooms and work towards a plan that can take care of the current contingencies.

Hope we all will manage to sail in this storm and enjoy the best times again!! DON'T LET YOUR FAITH DIM IN THE STORM OF LIFE

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