



# Education at the Crossroads

New Thoughts of the Changing Era

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## **Digital Education to Strengthen the Learning Gaps during New Normal Situation in India**

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### **Introduction**

The new normal situation during COVID-19 propelled the use of contactless digital technology across India. Indian used the COVID-19 opportunity to further spread the use of digital technology. An important role was played by Digital India Vision of the Government of India which seems to be an instrument in solving the situation in the present scenario, where every sector is caught in a crisis because of COVID-19. All the sectors including business activities have been put to halt. It has badly affected the education sector too. Educational institutions are shut down and as a result, it is putting a lot of stress on students and youths for their education, admission to career-making courses, skill enhancement, employment opportunities, etc. As, per UNESCO, it has been observed that approximately 157 crore students across the globe are facing a do-or-die situation in terms of education.

This new normal situation during COVID-19 has forced us to re-plan and re-organise our education system within these five to six months. Every one of us is realising that the education system needs to change. Now the policymakers and the educationists need to think seriously about its systematic change. This new normal situation has allowed adopting digital technology in education. It