

THE EFFECT OF COVID -19 PANDEMIC ON RURAL STUDENTS: A STUDY

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ABSTRACT

Covid -19 pandemic has drastically changed the teaching-learning process. Our educational system in rural areas is not that efficient, even in the better times. Adding to this, the pace of the corona's spread has compelled the governments to shut down the educational institutions even after the lockdown resulting in the transition of physical learning to online. The developed countries, however, could cope with this scenario. It has affected the students of our nation, mainly in the rural areas, exceptionally. Even though the students of rural areas faced challenges in their classroom education before this pandemic, they somehow managed to hark to the classes to enhance their skills. However, the pandemic has thrust the students into ambiguity towards learning as most of the rural areas' students are illiterate in using the technology to educate themselves. This paper presents the difficulties of the students of the rural areas in attending their online classes.

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