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Distance Education and E-learning

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Abstract

The process of transforming India into a global knowledge hub and transforming the 25 years population into a global workforce essentially envisages access to knowledge and education. Distance education has a major role to play in this, for it can enhance the access of knowledge to remote areas and provide knowledge and educational opportunities to the unreached population. In distance education, there is a need for planned learning away from the classroom, which requires special techniques of innovative instructional and communication methods by using electronic resources. The developments in information technology have enabled us to use electronic learning that is e-learning as an option to make learning programmes more effective, popular and feasible for the student. Electronic resources and expands opportunities for interaction, a two-way communication between the learner and the instructor. The subject matter can be presented in a way that the learner acquires an understanding and knowledge retention. Professionals making use of e-learning's flexibility can use it as an effective means to enhance their qualifications and getting promotions in the job market. E-learning is consistent with other technologies, as an effective means to provide educational content. It is an innovative to develop suitable content. Further, low cost personal computers and broadband facilities that can penetrate deeper into the remote rural areas of India. This paper would also present the role of electronic resources in distance education mode at Centre for Distance Education, Acharya Nagarjuna University.

Distance education is the type of teaching and learning that occurs in personal communication between the teacher and the learner in the classroom setting. This is anchored in the reality

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