

## Learning and Development in Digital Age



One thing that has taken the world by storm during the coronavirus induced pandemic is the emergence of large number of [online learning websites](#). Be it for the schools, colleges or the professional studies, the **educational platforms** are trying hard to provide knowledge to the next generation.

Digital world has made the learning process simple and inexpensive; as a result, the number of learners in this decade is far more than the earlier decades taken together.

But does this learning help with the overall development of the students?

Would it be right to replace the schools and colleges with the courses available on internet?

Let us discuss both the questions further in the article.

## **The Process of Learning**

Anything that is new to us and we adapt it to make our lives better is called learning. New information or knowledge that we gather throughout our lives is nothing but learning in progress.

Learning is a lifelong process which begins from the moment we enter into the four walls of the school. Right from learning alphabets to writing codes for the next programming project or making art for exhibition, everything is included in the learning process.

To learn is to evolve. Throughout the history of mankind, humans have learned so much, is it making fire from stones or sending a spacecraft to Mars. Initially, humans learned how to survive but now the level of learning has increased manifold times.

## **What is Development?**

Learning and development are two sides of a coin. Where learning is gathering of knowledge, development corresponds to using the knowledge to improve one's skills and experience.

In today's world mere learning of textbooks would not get you anywhere in the life. With that you also need large number of skills like communication, awareness, technical skills and other factors to excel in your field.

**E-learning websites** provide students with an opportunity to both learn and develop their skills. But it does not mean that schools and colleges have lost their utility in the digital world.

Schools help children to lay down their foundation of learning. It teaches children to grasp information and also makes them socially active. Apart from that, there are sports and co-curricular activities that help in overall development of the children. All this is not possible through the online learning.

## **Role of E-learning websites**

The [online learning websites](#) can help students to learn extra skills and courses that can help them in finding jobs or cracking exams.

For instance, colleges do not include courses on quantitative aptitude or English language as per the syllabus of various entrance exams. In such cases **e-learning websites** come very handy.

Thus, [online learning platforms](#) complement what we learn during schools and colleges. It enhances our development process.

Some of the best **e learning websites** in India are:

### **Khan Academy**

It is a free educational website that focuses on subjects from schools and many more courses are available. You can learn about Math, Art, Computer Programming, Physics and more. It was launched in 2008.

### **Unacademy**

Students can prepare for various government exams on this website. There are good number of tutors that help you to clear your concepts and doubts related to any exam or subject.

### **Byjus**

This [e-learning platform](#) also provides study material for school kids and also for various examination preparations. Video tutorials are also provided by this platform. It was founded in 2011 and is among the country's most valuable private internet companies.

### **Coursera**

It provides free courses for various fields like computer programming, art, photography, psychology, decision-making and

more. The courses from top universities like Yale, Stanford and also from leading companies. It is one of the most sought-after platforms for professional development of a person. These courses help in the career of the people who can take their skills to next level.

## **Edx**

This platform is one of the [best e learning platforms](#) which were founded in 2012 by Harvard and MIT University. Various classroom programmes and courses are available on this platform. It is one of the best platforms to improve skills related to technical field like engineering, computer science, data science and other areas.

## **Conclusion**

As we have seen that all the learning material is available on the internet and most of it could be accessed freely. But this does not negate the need of the schools and colleges as they have their own role in the lifespan of an educated human. However, one thing is for sure that now a person does not need to depend on others to learn and develop his skills.