



## Blended learning – The new normal

### Description

#### Theme:

- Blended learning combines classroom learning and e-learning methods. Even though blended learning methods came a few years ago, now many educational institutions are adopting them after the pandemic.

#### Advantages:

- E-learning offers many advantages such as flexibility, increased outreach etc. But it cannot completely replace classroom learning because classroom learning is necessary for the overall development of students. So, blended learning is a great opportunity to utilize both e-learning and offline learning to the benefit of students.
- Every student's way of learning is different. So, blended learning is a great tool to customize learning methods to suit the needs of the student, which is called 'hybrid learning'.
- The blended learning methods allow students to learn at their own pace, and also with the help of a teacher. So, it is quite beneficial for slow learners.

#### Challenges:

- Blended learning methods are not available to all. There is still a digital divide. Lack of technological infrastructure is a big challenge.
- Increased dependence on technology may strain students.
- It can become an extra burden on teachers. And hence, teachers may not concentrate on all children.
- It may weaken the student-teacher relationship.
- Not all the content on the internet is genuine and original. Guiding students to follow only authentic resources is also a challenge.

## **Conclusion:**

Blended learning is a great opportunity to utilize both [e-learning](#) and classroom learning to the benefit of students. But the necessary steps should be taken to make the option available to all.

## **Your Turn...**

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