The Covid-19 Effect on School Education in India

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Abstract

Education is not only a basic fundamental right; it also is the enabling factor behind the achievement of all other human rights. When the pillars of the education structure collapse, all other related sectors are bound to get affected. The unexpected outbreak of the Covid-19 virus has revealed some of the major loopholes in the Indian education system. The crisis is exacerbating pre-existing economic and social disparities even further by creating digital divides among students. Huge learning losses have emerged that threatens to extend beyond this generation and alter decades worth of progress. But with the negative effects, the pandemic has also introduced creative techniques and has stimulated innovations in the education domain. Covid-19 has created an opportunity for the government to learn from past gaps and amend for a sustainable and resilient education system. In this context, this paper studies the effect of Covid-19 on Indian school education.

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