

17. Paradigm Shift in Education in India: Journey from Gurukul to E-Learning



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Abstract

The education system has changed the way of learning from ancient Gurukul to the present e-Learning system. There has been a gradual transition in education system from the traditional method of teaching and learning, to e-Learning. The changing method of learning from classroom to virtual class room and black board to smart board has boomed in education system. Now days Learning Management System is being used in some of higher educational institutions in India. e-Learning initiatives by the government are a great step towards encouraging ICT in education.

Key words: Gurukul, e-Learning, ICT, LMS, Education.

Introduction

Education is very important for social political and economic development of any nation. It is thus necessary to have effective teaching which will help the children to progress. They should be provided the right guidance (atmosphere) so that they can learn independently. Effective refers to bringing out the best in students. With the advent of modern technology e-learning has become a new trend in teaching, but its effectiveness still remains a question. This paper is an attempt to study the change in the education system from the Gurukul times to this modern era of e-Learning.

Concept of Education

According to Scholars the word "Education" has been derived from the Latin term "Educatum" which means the act of teaching or training.

According to some educationists it has been derived from another Latin word "Educare" which means "to bring up" or "to raise".[1]