

Teaching and Learning with ICT Tools: Issues and Challenges in Higher Education in India

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Abstract: *Higher education in India has gained momentum due to advancements in Information and Communication Technology (ICT). The ICT is the driving force for the successful delivery of quality education in higher learning. The last two decades have witnessed the inclusion of developments in ICTs in higher education systems around the world. Demand for skilled and competent manpower is increasing day by day in this modern globalized society. The Government of India is sponsoring students from primary level till to the higher education level but much needs to be done to make an educated nation that is technologically literate. Access to quality higher education has emerged as determining factor of economic growth and development. In order to increase the access to higher education and improving its reach to the remotest parts of the country, contribution of open and distance and online learning courses is on the increase. Presently higher education in India is experiencing a major transformation in terms of access to the ICT. In addition, it is catering to life-long learning aspirations and that too at affordable cost. Still in-spite of many advantages and opportunities there are some uncertainties and challenges of using ICT in higher learning.*

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