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New Beginning Amidst the Pandemic

The current pandemic has placed the whole world at a standstill with nations going into lockdown to stall the virus's relentless march. Still, there is no specific data on when situations will stabilize. What is certain is that the people are learning valuable lessons through this global crisis, and life after COVID is sure to change for the better. The COVID-19 pandemic has sparked a global realization that our current way of life does not work. It has broken our perception of what is normal and deconstructed society as we know it.



Life after the Covid-19 outbreak will never be the same. We are at the beginning of the end, waiting for a new beginning.

One such critical area, where the need for change has become evident, is education. The effects of the coronavirus and thereby its preventive measures, has upended the life of students, parents and teachers.

Given the period we've spent in lockdown and the observations of our abrupt transition to online learning, we've found the time to think and the direction in which we must apply our efforts. We've not only been given a chance to rethink the education sector, but also the opportunity to visualize how it can evolve in tandem with our changing world.

Few factors that contribute to the evolving education system:

A change in the purpose of learning: The course of learning and the way curriculums are taught may change. Aspects that were once considered fundamental to education may be revised to largely accommodate life skills of the future. Not just careers, but residents of the future as well will require skills like resilience, adaptability, collaboration, communication, empathy, creativity and emotional intelligence. Learning will have a new purpose, and it will be a major deviation from the information-focused education of today.

The utilization of innovative methods of education: Apart from the disruption faced due to the novel coronavirus, education in our developing world has experienced some major changes. Yet, even in the face of rapid innovation, we have yet to shift the way in which we impart education. Learning is the acquisition of knowledge, but it doesn't have to solely occur through age-old methods that do not utilize the highest potential of the brain. Instead of being taught, as students you can experience the influences of learning. Approaches like integrated learning and experiential learning, with greater implementation of technology.

A tighter relationship with technology: In the face of a crippling pandemic, technology has emerged as a major lifesaver. Communication is a major key to our interconnected existence and technology is the driving force that maintains our connections. Perhaps, education may become more flexible and accessible, relinquishing its over-reliance on rigid structures that we currently consider necessary.

Getting your motivation back: While this major challenge has come upon us, the world hasn't stopped turning. The education we're privileged enough to receive and the important work we're doing, whether it be at a job or in raising our voices for what we believe in, never lost importance. Now that we've had our time to settle in and process the situation, it's time to learn to push ourselves in this



"new normal" environment. We need to take care of our health, now more than ever, but

not at the cost of all productivity—and not at the cost of our goals and aspirations. The key to a stress-free life is to keep yourself positively engaged. It could also be a good time to follow your passion and take out some time to do what makes your soul happy.

On a concluding note, if we all work together in breaking the chain of coronavirus infection, a better world is emerging. The tough times are sure to pass, leaving behind the wisdom of practicing compassion and caring for what genuinely matters in life, like the welfare of family members. People have realized the need for precautions and are taking steps against future contingencies, to keep the coming generations safe.

Resources:

1. [Article on Life After Coronavirus: A New Beginning](#)
2. <https://www.aegonlife.com/insurance-investment-knowledge/life-after-covid-19/>
3. [Video on Staying Positive Amid the Covid-19 Pandemic](#)

“Nothing is predestined. The obstacles of your past can become the gateways that lead to new beginnings. – Ralph Blum”

Update on Skill Development & Training

The new cohort for Skills training (currently in 2nd year BTech) supported by Capgemini are in the English training program. 1431 students are identified for this course with 814 students mapped to Hello English and 617 to Kings Learning. They are currently doing the post assessment

Among the current 3rd year BTech students supported by MSDF, 720 students are in the Coursera program 558 students are in the Hi-Touch English program by eAge Tutors. In the final year (scholars supported by MSDF), 617/891 students are participating in Mock Interview trainings with Ethnus.

45 BPharm students have been enrolled in the English program with Kings Learning.

ANANYA foundation has been organizing virtual Technical sessions for Civil and Computer science students with over 100+ participation in each session. Internships opportunities are in the pipeline for Civil scholars through ANANYA in companies like NCC construction, Afcon, Gemserv, etc.

In December 2020, Oracle India Private Limited conducted over 10 sessions (technical and soft skills) for over 180 students. In January, KPMG will be conducting a series of sessions on soft skills for prefinal students from 7th to 23rd Jan (250 students).

CMI has successfully completed the 12-day course for 2 batches of FFE scholars - one in November and the other in December.

Placement update: Of the 1023 Engineering scholars graduating this year (2020), 684 (66%) have gained employment and 173 (17%) are interested in pursuing their higher education. 166 (17%) scholars are seeking employment opportunities.”

In the 2020-21 graduating cohort (current final years), 245/891 have secured jobs (23%), 119/891 are opting for higher studies (12%), and 527/891 are seeking employment (59%).

Below are toppers in the Coursera training program. They have been issued with gift vouchers, based on their performance. Congratulations to all of you!

Toppers in the Coursera Program (November & December)

Govind Kulkarni	Shri Guru Gobind Singhji Institute Of Engineering And Technology, Nanded
Rajath Adiga T R	National Institute of Technology, Suratkal
Dhilip Kumar	Madras Institute of Technology
Manasvi Dobariya	School of engineering & Applied science, Ahmedabad
Harshan Gowda S R	National Institute of Technology, Suratkal

Anandha Varman E	Government College of Technology, Coimbatore
Krupali Dobariya	Charotar University of Science and Technology, Petlad
Atul Patil	National Institute of Technology, Suratkal
Jeevan Revaneppa Hirethanad	Indian Institution of Information Technology, Dharwad
Prince Prag	Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati

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"Wishing all students, a very happy and a prosperous New Year 2021!"

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