

Dear Sir,

I thought I should share my experience of using a Learning Management System like MOODLE here. While doing so, I must make an honest confession too.

When this whole idea of online classroom was suggested, initially I was reluctant to go ahead and experiment with it thinking that how could a language and literary text be taught using MOODLE!

However, I can't stop thanking this pandemic for leaving us with no choice but to accept, embrace and adapt to the unbelievable transformation in education in the digital world. I must also thank my daughter who reprimanded me for my initial resistance to this idea saying that I am expected to cater to students who are 'digital native' and not 'baby-boomers'. She made me realize that how in the present times, it was absolutely necessary for all to move away from conventional method of teaching to digital ones

Having said that, I must express my deep sense of appreciation for our **Principal, Dr. Sanjay Kharat** who with his progressive attitude motivated all of us to get into the groove of using technology extensively in our day-to-day teaching by organizing Hands-on MOODLE Training Sessions.

And it was here that the sincere and dedicated efforts of **Mr. Amol Patil** paid off. Right from the 1st session he was able to create that curiosity and eagerness in me to log in and explore the wide range of possibilities the platform showed up. Once again I must admit, it was through continuous trial and error method that I began to figure out how to use the LMS, not to miss mentioning here the patient attitude and immense cooperation of Amol Patil Sir. I say this because he never hesitated to promptly answer my queries through calls and messages. He even used the 'Desk Share' Application to personally teach me how to go about using Moodle.

Speaking about using Moodle with my students, they responded promptly to all the instructions issued to them through my WhatsApp group and got the Moodle app installed without any delay. Each one of them made sure to report to me on WhatsApp once they had finished attempting the Quiz. This explains the fact that my students are quite receptive to this new tool of learning. I have experienced similar enthusiasm & interest among them even during my Revision lectures conducted using Zoom- yet another online learning platform.

Beginning from 21st April, I am attending two sessions of a Web lecture series everyday that is being organized for Literature and Language teachers where I'm getting to acquaint myself with a lot of technological tools that can be used in a language class. It must be reiterated here that though digital /technological methods can never **substitute** a teacher, it can certainly **supplement** pedagogical methods by making the entire teaching-learning experience exciting, and innovative!

Before I conclude, I must confess that including any change in a set system is challenging, but even more challenging is to overcome all the roadblocks and succeed. The race for me has begun and am sure this whole new technological experience is going to be extremely exciting and fruitful.

Best Wishes & Regards

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