



An Analytical Study of Benefits and Limitations of e-Learning

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Abstract: This paper contributes to the understanding of the learners' perception on the major benefits, limitations of online learning and their impact on evaluating the effectiveness of online programs. The study is based on a self-administered questionnaire with learners enrolled to higher education in private and government universities of Moradabad Region, India. The limitations and benefits identified in online learning offers a positive effect on the evaluation of the effectiveness of online program. Additionally the impact of learning goals and self-efficacy as learner characteristics on the effectiveness of online learning has been explored in this study. Based on prior literatures, learning goal is one of the attributes of self-regulatory aspect which is possessed by successful learners. Learning goal orientation as discussed in this study focuses on intrinsic goal orientation aspects. A causal model is introduced to study the impact of learner characteristics on perceived satisfaction of learners and the impact of benefits, limitations of online learning features on the overall effectiveness of the online learning methods.

Key Words: Online learning, benefits, limitations, effectiveness, learning goals, self efficacy, higher education.

Introduction: Presently higher education in India is experiencing a major transformation in terms of increased accessibility. With technology changing at a rapid rate, innovative ways of obtaining and sharing information, knowledge are being developed and applied to the higher education setting. Educational institutions are offering