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1	Analysis of Views of Undergraduate Students towards Online and
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7 Abstract

The COVID-19 pandemic has set new challenges before the world in all areas including, 8 education, and India is not an exception. The elementary, secondary and higher education 9 system of our country is severely affected with this deadly disease. As such, the schools, 10 colleges and universities have suspended their offline classes throughout the country since 11 March last week of 2020. Amidst these challenges, it has also opened up new opportunities for 12 the teachers, educators, and technocrats, etc. to use online virtual learning strategies for 13 imparting learning experiences to students across the world. Thus, techno-pedagogy is the 14 need of the hour in India and especially in Higher Education. However, the nation is gradually 15 moving towards normalcy, and offline classes have been started by some of the states. Hence, 16 it was necessary to assess how effective online teaching, learning and evaluation in the context 17 of offline teaching, learning and examination. The present paper highlights the views of the 18 undergraduate students on the feasibility of online teaching, learning and examination in the 19 state of Arunachal Pradesh. 20

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22 Index terms— covid 19, online teaching, online examination, offline examination.

²³ 1 Introduction

ince the very dawn of human civilization, the human race has been facing several epidemics like Cholera, Spanish 24 flu, Plague, Swine Flu, SARS-, Ebola, and the present COVID 19. These highly infectious and contagious 25 diseases have made life miserable, taking thousands of lives of human beings and influenced the social, economic, 26 and educational sectors of the entire world. The Corona virus hurts the global economy and the education 27 realm, and India is not an exception. The elementary, secondary and higher education system of our country 28 is severely affected with this deadly disease. As such the schools, colleges and universities have suspended 29 their classes throughout the country since March last week. According to a report of the Ministry of Human 30 31 Resource Development, Government of India (AISSE, 2018) conducted a survey on higher education and observed 32 that there are 993 universities, 39931 Colleges and 10725 Standalone Institutions listed on their portal, which 33 contribute to education. These institutions further reflect the student density of India as the total enrolments in higher education every year are nearly 37.4 million, reflecting the expanding horizons of the education industry. 34 The sector was seen catching pace by the passing day until Corona virus impacted the country intensely. There 35 is a paradigm shift in the mode of delivery of education system throughout the country both urban and rural. 36 Recently the MHRD and other Apex bodies of different education sectors have issued guidelines to go for virtual 37 mode of teaching from the traditional face to face system of education. This calls for accommodating the changing 38 dynamics in education system by our planners, administrators and practitioners. 39

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41 3 Origin of the Research Problem

We are living in the world of 21 st century. In every Sphere of life technology has been able to deliver tremendous 42 power in the hands of human beings in terms of access, speed, accuracy, precision, control, manipulation and 43 prediction. In the area of agriculture to administration technology is effectively and efficiently used by the 44 people. Education without being an exception has been influenced by technology in terms of its contents, 45 processes and pedagogy. In the words of Alvin Toffler "The illiterate of the 21 st century will not be those 46 who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn and relearn". Digital education is generating 47 new learning opportunities as students engage themselves in online digital environments and as faculties change 48 educational practices through the use of hybrid courses, personalized instruction, new collaboration models and 49 a wide array of innovative and engaging learning strategies. Besides, in 21st century the view of learner's success 50 requires students to not only be thoughtful consumers of digital content, but also effective and collaborative 51 creators of digital media, demonstrating competencies and communicating ideas through dynamic storytelling, 52 data visualization and content creation. Technology in the classroom opens more platforms of delivery of content, 53 introduces new experiences, and creates more opportunities for selfdiscovery. The present COVID-19 pandemic 54 55 has set new challenges before the world in all areas including up new opportunities for the educators, technocrats 56 etc to use online virtual learning strategies for imparting learning experiences to the students across the world. 57 Thus, techno-pedagogy is the need of the hour in India and especially in Higher Education.

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59 5 Significance of the Study

Arunachal Pradesh is the largest state in terms of area among the north eastern states. The COVID 19 pandemic 60 61 has influenced the state's education system starting from primary to higher education with respect to its planning, mechanism of delivery and evaluation. The Department of Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh is taking all 62 measures to ensure that education especially higher education should continue amidst this pandemic by stressing 63 on online classes, focus on online examination and evaluation etc. Till the end of July 2020 the spike in COVID 64 19 cases in the state is in an alarming stage. The UGC issued fresh guidelines that examination of the terminal 65 semester students should be held and this has created confusions among the students fraternity as to how the 66 67 examinations could be conducted whether offline mode or online mode.

68 Most of the students studying in colleges of Arunachal Pradesh largely live in rural sector in remote areas 69 which is devoid of internet connectivity. Even though the country and the state have been adapting to the newage learning, but there are ground realities that obstructs this objective of virtual learning. What still remains 70 71 intact is that only 45 crore people of our total population of the country have access to the internet and thus to e-learning. The people residing in rural areas are still very much deprived of the latest advancements and 72 therefore hampering the cause of online learning. Now, virtual classrooms are not only dependent on e-lectures 73 but also require one to have access to the e-content and online study material, practice sheets etc. as well. And 74 that's where we lag behind as India is not fully equipped to make education reach all corners of the nation via 75 digital platforms or online classrooms. The students who aren't privileged like the others will be held back due 76 77 to the current resort and there is no denying that. But universities and the government of India are relentlessly 78 trying to come up with a solution to resolve this problem. The 21 st century is widely acclaimed as the age of super specialization and the age of ICT. The shift from the 79

traditional one to one and face to face mode of learning to the virtual mode of teaching, learning and evaluation is the need of the hour. The COVID 19 pandemic has compelled the educational planners and practitioners to bring changes in the content creation, mode of delivery of the contents and the process of assessing the learning outcomes by the use of technology. Therefore, we have to create adequate resources meant for successful implementation of online teaching, learning and evaluation.

It is being said that an optimist finds opportunity in all difficulties and a pessimist finds difficulty in every 85 opportunities. The pressing need of online education by the central government, state government and affiliated 86 universities cannot be sidelined completely without any valid empirical data. This calls for a detailed study of the 87 88 views of the stakeholders like the students, teachers, parents etc. This will help us in knowing in exact terms and 89 empirically the feasibility of implementation of online teaching, learning and examination. Realizing the need 90 of the hour the authority of IGG College, Tezu thought it imperative and timely to assign the Department of 91 Education to undertake this piece of research work to provide insights into the workability of the online mode of teaching, learning and evaluation and the issues, challenges and problems supposed to be faced by the students 92 and to derive the probable solutions. The results of the study will provide a sound basis for Planners, Policy 93 makers and Administrators for successful implementation of online mode of teaching, learning and examination 94 in Arunachal Pradesh in particular and India in General. 95

⁹⁶ IV.

97 6 Statement of the Problem

98 Keeping in view the above considerations the present study has been entitled as "Analysis of views of 99 undergraduate students towards online and offline mode of teaching, learning and examination".

¹⁰⁰ 7 a) Objectives of the Study

101 The study was undertaken with the following objectives:

1. To study the overall views of the under-graduate students towards online and offline mode of teaching, learning and examination in Arunachal Pradesh. 2. To examine the views of the under-graduate students towards online and offline mode of teaching and learning in Arunachal Pradesh. 3. To examine the views of undergraduate students towards online and offline mode of examination in Arunachal Pradesh. 4. To analyze the views of students on the problems faced during online mode of teaching, learning and examination in Arunachal Pradesh. 5. To suggest and evolve suitable measures for the effective implementation of online mode of teaching, learning and examination.

¹⁰⁹ 8 b) Hypotheses of the Study

In view of the objectives of the study, the following hypotheses were formulated: 1. Undergraduate students
 don't differ in their views towards online and offline mode of teaching and learning in Arunachal Pradesh.

112 2. Undergraduate students don't differ in their views towards online and offline mode of examination in113 Arunachal Pradesh.

¹¹⁴ 9 c) Operational Definitions of the Terms Used

The following terms are operationally defined in the present study. Undergraduate students: All the students who are studying in B.A, BSC and BCOM under the semester system under Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar,

117 Arunachal Pradesh.

Online Teaching: It refers to the process of imparting teaching through virtual mode by the use of technology in the synchronous or asynchronous mode.

Online examination: It refers to the process of conducting examination by the use of new software where students can appear examinations online according to their own time, own device regardless of where they live. V.

¹²³ 10 Methodology and Design of the Study a) Methodology

For the completion of this piece of research work the investigators adopted the Descriptive-cum-Normative Survey method of research.

¹²⁶ 11 b) Population of the Study

All the Under-graduate students of Indira Gandhi Government College, Tezu, Arunachal Pradesh constituted
 the population of the study.

¹²⁹ 12 i. Selection of Sample

130 Data were Collected from a sample of 606 under-graduate students from IGG College, Tezu Arunachal Pradesh.

¹³¹ The sample was selected by adopting stratified random sampling technique. Out of 606 undergraduate students

132 338 were female students and 268 were male students, 472 students were from rural area and 134 students were

from urban area and 421 students were from Arts Stream, 76 were from commerce stream and 109 students were
 from science stream.

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$_{\scriptscriptstyle 136}$ $\,$ 13 $\,$. Tools and Techniques Used

137 The investigators developed and used the following tools for collecting the required data.

138 1. A self developed online questionnaire to measure the views of Under-graduate students towards online 139 teaching, learning and examination in Arunachal Pradesh.

The questionnaire was developed comprising different dimensions of online teaching, learning and examination from the perspective of the students. A total number of 30 items were there out of which 29 items were closed ended and one item was open ended.

¹⁴³ 14 iii. Collection of data

Relevant data were collected from the UG students through online mode by mailing them the questionnaire in their personal registered email address. The questionnaire was prepared using Google Forms.

¹⁴⁶ 15 c) Scope and delimitations of the Study

147 The scope of the study was delimited to:

20 IMPLICATIONS OF THE STUDY

1. 606 Under Graduate students of Indira Gandhi Govt College, Tezu Arunachal Pradesh. 2. The variables
 like Sex, Academic Stream and locality. 3. One self developed online questionnaire.

¹⁵⁰ 16 d) Analysis and Interpretation of Data

The investigator used appropriate statistical techniques feasible for analysis and interpretation of data. The simple percentage analysis was used to analyze and interpret the data.

¹⁵³ 17 a. Analysis of views of Undergraduate Students towards ¹⁵⁴ Online and Offline Mode of Teaching and Learning:

As it has been stated that the present study was conducted on a sizeable sample of 606 undergraduate students of different streams of Indira Gandhi Government College, Tezu, Arunachal Pradesh, one of the objectives of the present study was to study the views of undergraduate students towards online and offline mode of teaching and learning in Arunachal Pradesh. Hence, the collected data has been analyzed in the following tables:

18 b. Analysis of views of Undergraduate students Online and Offline Mode of Examination:

Since one of the objectives of the present study was to study the views of undergraduate students towards online and offline modes of examination, the collected data were analyzed under the following: VI.

¹⁶³ 19 Major Findings of the Study

On the basis of the present online survey and analysis of the data, the following findings of the study are derived. 164 1. Nearly half of the undergraduate students (45.70%) were aware about online learning, e-learning and virtual 165 166 learning. However, more than one-fourth (28.50%) of the undergraduate students revealed that they were unaware 167 of online learning, e-learning and virtual learning. 2. Majority (69.10%) of the students could not attend a single 168 class in the last two months during the pandemic period because of poor connectivity/internet facilities. However, nearly one fourth (24.80%) of undergraduate students had attended between 1-10 online classes. 3. Almost all 169 the students (95.70%) used smart phones at the time of online classes. Only a meager (3.60%) of undergraduate 170 students used both laptops and smart phones at the time of online classes. 4. Majority (72.60%) of the teachers 171 used Google Meet platform whereas a little more than one-fourth (27.20%) of the teacher used Zoom online 172 platform for the online classes. 5. A little less than half (43.00%) of the teachers shred self-prepared textual 173 materials whereas a little more than one-fourth of the teachers (26.10%) shared online teaching learning materials 174 to the students after the online classes. Besides, a considerable percentage (21.80%), i.e. a little more than one-175 fifth of the teachers shared useful and relevant links among their students after each online classes. 6. Half (50%) 176 of the students felt that online teaching increased their self-learning ability. However, it is interesting to note 177 that a high percentage of undergraduate students (40.50%) expressed that online teaching did not increase any of 178 179 the abovementioned skills and abilities amongst them. 7. Majority (61%) of the undergraduate students felt that online teaching and learning is either least effective or not at all effective for them. However, only (30%) of the 180 undergraduate students revealed that it is effective for them. 8. Majority of undergraduate students (77.60%) felt 181 that online teaching is not better as compared to offline teaching. Only (8.00%) of the undergraduate students 182 said that online teaching is better than offline teaching and learning. 9. Majority (89%) of the undergraduate 183 students either strongly agreed or agreed on the statement that they were devoid of proper net connectivity in 184 their habitations. Only (5%) undergraduate students revealed that they had good net connectivity in their areas. 185 10. More than (80%) of the undergraduate students were either strongly agreed or agreed on the statement that 186 all the teachers and students are not technically efficient to carry on with online teaching and learning. However, 187 only less than (5%) students were not in favour of the statement. 188

189 20 Implications of the Study

190 The present study has implications for the Undergraduate Students, Assistant and Associate Professors at the 191 college level, Principals, University authorities, Policy makers and State Government at large.

The study has implications for the students that they should develop awareness and positive attitude in receiving education through online mode of teaching and learning in the pandemic situation.

The study has implications for the Assistant and Associate Professors that they should adopt online teaching and learning, learn new techniques of imparting virtual learning, use of different platforms like Google meet, Zoom, Cisco webex etc and accept new changes in pedagogy during and in post Covid 19 period.

The Study has implications for the Principals that they should create a techno-friendly environment in the college campus, ensure minimum logistic support to the teaching staff and the students, have liaison and collaboration with district administration and higher authorities and appraise the state government and university authorities regarding the basic and emerging needs to cope up with the situation.

The study has implications for the University authorities and State Government that they should have a healthy rapport with the college authorities, sanction additional funds to mitigate the problems, reduce curricular load, and have interaction with all stakeholders before taking any plausible decision specially in conducting online examinations.

The study has implications for the Policy makers that they should evolve new strategies for the successful and smooth carry out of online mode of teaching and learning at the college level, have proper liaison with Apex bodies like the UGC, recommend the state government about the suggestions and recommendations of different stakeholders of higher education and take appropriate and feasible steps for online teaching, learning and examination.

²¹⁰ **21 VIII.**

211 22 Conclusion

By and large, online teaching, learning and examination are a new experience to the academia. Although 212 this concept was practically least used before the Covid 19 outbreak throughout the world, it was used as 213 a supplementary to the offline teaching, learning and examination during the pandemic period and continues 214 till today. This has opened new vistas in the field of teaching and learning by providing techno-pedagogical 215 avenues to the teachers to expedite their delivery mechanisms and go beyond the traditional face to face mode of 216 classroom teaching. The present study revealed that online mode of teaching, learning and examination is not a 217 viable approach as the state of Arunachal Pradesh and other Indian States don't have proper electricity and net 218 connectivity. Besides, since lockdown was imposed all of a sudden and there was a transition from face to face 219 mode to Virtual mode suddenly, teachers were also not so much equipped with the technological skills to carry 220 out the same. However, with the limited experiences and able administrative interventions the teachers of this 221 hilly state had surmounted the problems and carried on teaching online and the examination in online -blended 222 mode.

No1

Are you aware of the concept of online learning,	Undergraduate Students	
e learning		
and virtual learning	Number	Percentage
Yes	277	45.70%
No	173	28.55%
Can't Say	156	25.75%

Figure 1: Table No . 1 :

No2

How many online classes have you attended in the Undergraduate Students last

two months?	Number	Percentage
No classes attended	419	69.10%
1-10 classes attended	150	24.80%
More than 10 classes attended	37	6.10%
Total	606	100.00%

Figure 2: Table No . 2 :

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No3

Which device did you use at the time of online	Undergraduate Students Number Percentage	
classes?		
Smart Phones	580	95.70%
Laptops	03	0.50%
Desktops	01	0.20%
Both Laptops and Smart Phones	22	3.60%
Total	606	100.00%

Figure 3: Table No . 3 :

No4

Which online platforms are used by your	Undergraduate Stu	udents
teacher during		
online classes?	Number	Percentage
Zoom App	165	27.20%
Google Meet	440	72.60%
Cisco Webex	10	1.70%
Skype	28	4.60%
Total	606	100.00%

Figure 4: Table No . 4 :

No5

What kind of materials the teachers share after the	Undergraduate Students	
online classes?	Number	Percentage
PPT Slides	55	9.10%
Online Materials	158	26.10%
Self-Prepared textual Materials	261	43.00%
Sharing Useful Links	132	21.80%
Total	606	100.00%

Figure 5: Table No . 5 :

No6

Online teaching increased your: -	Undergraduate Students Number Percentage	
Interpersonal Skills	27	4.50%
Self-learning Ability	303	50.00%
Skill of Using Internet	30	5.00%
None of the Above	246	40.50%
Total	606	100.00%

Figure 6: Table No . 6 :

No7

How do you rate Online Teaching?	Undergraduate Students Number Percentage	
Very Highly Effective	15	2.50%
Very Effective	34	5.60%
Effective	182	30.00%
Least Effective	222	36.60%
Not at all Effective	153	25.30%
Total	606	100.00%

Figure 7: Table No . 7 :

No8

Do you think online teaching and learning is	Undergraduate Stu	udents
better than offline teaching and learning?	Number	Percentage
Yes	49	8.00%
No	470	77.60%
Can't Say	87	14.40%
Total	606	100.00%

Figure 8: Table No . 8 :

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	Undergraduate Stude	ents
	Number	Percentage
Agree	205	33.80%
Disagree	260	42.90%
Can't Say	141	23.30%
Total	606	100.00%

[Note: . 9: Effectiveness of Online Teaching.Online teaching is very effective as it can be accessed from anywhere at any time and by any person.]

Figure 9: Table No

StronglyAgreeUndergraduate Students Number Percentage 313 51.70% 203 33.50% 49 8.10% 36 5.90%AgreeNeutralDisagreeStronglyDisagree606100.00%©2021

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Figure 10: Table No .

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	Undergraduate Students	
	Number	Percentage
Strongly Agree	350	57.80%
Agree	192	31.70%
Neutral	31	5.10%
Disagree	20	3.30%
Strongly Disagree	13	2.10%

Figure 11: Table No .

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	Undergraduate Students	
	Number	Percentage
Strongly Agree	200	33.00%
Agree	287	47.36%
Neutral	86	14.19%
Disagree	29	4.79%
Strongly Disagree	04	0.66%
Total	606	100.00%

Figure 12: Table No .

	Undergraduate Students	
	Number	Percentage
Agree	497	82.00%
Neutral	93	15.30%
Disagree	16	2.70%
Total	606	100.00%

Figure 13: Table No .

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	Undergraduate Students	
	Number	Percentage
Agree	530	87.50%
Neutral	64	10.50%
Disagree	12	2.00%
Total	606	100.00%

Figure 14: Table No .

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Inexperience in handling technological gadgets	40	6.60%
Lack of concentration	108	17.80%
Total	606	100.00%
. 15: Problems faced during Online Teaching and Learning		
Mention the problems that you have faced during online	Undergrad	luate Students
teaching and learning	Number	Percentage
Serious network problem from your side	371	61.20%
Problem of data consumption	58	9.60%
Lack of ability of teachers to teach online	29	4.80%

Figure 15: Table No

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As a student do you think that online teaching improves	Undergradu	ate Students
your		
learning and academic achievement?	Number	Percentage
Yes, it improves a lot	102	16.80%
No, it does not improve	361	59.60%
No, it is highly ineffective as it does not cater to child	143	23.60%
psychology		
Total	606	100%

Figure 16: Table No .

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How can we make online teaching effective?	Undergraduate	Students Number Percentage
By creating adequate resources and infrastructure	20	3.30%
By imparting proper training to the teachers and students	54	8.90%
By supplying proper network facility in the rural and remote	213	35.10%
areas		
All the above	319	52.70%
Total	606	100%

Figure 17: Table No .

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. 18: Appearing in online examination		
Have you ever experienced appearing in examina-	Undergraduate St	udents
tions		
online?	Number	Percentage
Yes	85	14.00%
No	498	82.20%
Can't say	23	3.80%
Total	606	100%

Figure 18: Table No

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What is your opinion about online exami- nation in a state like Arunachal Pradesh? Online examination is a better alternative. Offline examination is more effective.	Undergraduate	Students Number	Percentage 103	17.00%	359 59
Online examination should not be imposed.	144	23.80%			
Total	606	100%			
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Figure 19: Table No .

Offline examination is more effective than online exam-	Undergraduate Students	
ination as		
it fosters creativity in skill of writing and has clarity in	Number	Percentage
directions of responding.		
Strongly Agree	266	43.90%
Agree	248	40.90%
Neutral	58	9.60%
Disagree	25	4.10%
Strongly Disagree	09	1.50%
Total	606	100.00%

Figure 20: Table No .

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	Undergraduate Students	
	Number	Percentage
Strongly Agree	310	51.20%
Agree	239	39.40%
Neutral	48	7.90%
Disagree	08	1.30%
Strongly Disagree	01	0.20%
Total	606	100.00%

Figure 21: Table No .

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Online examination will lead to Mass Malpractice	Undergraduate Students	
and originality of		
the students could not be assessed properly.	Number	Percentage
Strongly Agree	166	27.40%
Agree	300	49.50%
Neutral	122	20.10%
Disagree	14	2.30%
Strongly Disagree	04	0.70%
Total	606	100.00%

Figure 22: Table No .

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Online examination is a very good alternative to offline	Undergraduat	e Students
examination		
during and in post covid-19 pandemic.	Number	Percentage
Yes	360	59.60%
No	66	10.90%
Can't say	180	29.70%
Total	606	100%
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Figure 23: Table No .

No

	Undergraduate Students	
	Number	Percentage
Strongly Agree	257	42.40%
Agree	298	49.20%
Neutral	42	6.90%
Disagree	07	1.20%
Strongly Disagree	02	0.30%
Total	606	100.00%

Figure 24: Table No .

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What is your opinion regarding the decision of the University	Undergraduate Students	
to		
conduct online teaching, learning and examination?	Number	Percentage
The decision is very pragmatic and practical.	195	32.20%
The decision is impractical and hurried.	103	17.00%
The University authority should rethink on the decision taken.	308	50.80%
Total	606	100%

Figure 25: Table No .

Do you find any difficulty during online	Undergraduate Students Number Percentage	
filling up?		
Yes	397	65.50%
No	182	30.00%
Can't say	27	4.50%
Total	606	100%

Figure 26: Table No .

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How far you are satisfied with the Online Teach-	Undergraduate Students	
ing, Learning		
and Examination?	Number	Percentage
Very Satisfied	13	2.10%
Satisfied	208	34.30%
Not Satisfied	385	63.60%
Total	606	100%

Figure 27: Table No .

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Poor	275	45.50%
Total	606	100.00%
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	Undergraduate Students	
How do you rate overall Online	Undergraduate	Students
How do you rate overall Online Teaching, Learning and	Undergraduate	Students
Ū.	Undergraduate Number	Students Percentage
Teaching, Learning and	0	
Teaching, Learning and Examination?	Number	Percentage
Teaching, Learning and Examination? Excellent	Number 05	Percentage 0.80%

Figure 28: Table No .

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Mention any suggestions for the improvement of present system of online teaching, learning and examination	Undergraduate Students Numb le ercentage	
The service providers like BSNL, Airtel, Jio, Vodafone etc should ensure provision of proper internet facility in the rural and urban areas on priority basis.	599	98.84%
Govt. should make provision of proper supply of electricity connectivity especially in the rural areas.	595	98.18%
Teachers and students should be properly oriented and made aware regarding the use of technological gadgets and Applications. For this there should be training programmes on online teaching and	575	94.88%
examination. Government should first create minimum infrastructure in terms of ICT		
components and providing other logistic support before implementation of online teaching, learning and examination.	574	94.71%
Govt should provide one time incentive to all undergraduate students to have smart phones as an ICT incentive to carry out this mode of	570	94.05%
teaching and learning.		
Teachers should develop need based online teaching learning materials for the students. Examinations should be conducted offline.	497	82.01%

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