



Effective ways of using Technology in Teaching

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ABSTRACT

During last two decades, technology has evolved and is still evolving. Many people are becoming technologically adept and digital citizens. Technology is essential to the creation and exchange of knowledge in the teaching sector in the current digital era. When technology is used in the classroom, it may improve teacher knowledge and aid in the learning and motivation of the students. Social networking has been used to support teaching over the past ten years, including its integration with online games and educational content (Johnson & Germain-Froese, 2016). Technology has also demonstrated its efficacy in the classroom, serving as a source of inspiration and creating an environment conducive to real learning. But there are still drawbacks to using technology in the classroom. Students might misuse technology and easily become distracted. In addition, excessive use of technology may impair students' ability to think (Fetylyana Nor Pazilah, 2019). This study looked at the best practices for integrating technology into the classroom. It aims to identify the most efficient online platforms and technological resources that teachers can use in their line of work. For creating educational content, many of these tools are free and simple to use. The purpose of this study is to determine how much awareness there is among teachers and students at various colleges regarding the use of technology in the classroom.

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Introduction

Technology has developed over the past 20 years and is continuing to grow into the 21st century. Many individuals are becoming technologically adept and digital citizens. Technology is essential for the provision and exchange of knowledge in the teaching sector in the era of digital transformation. Therefore, we are currently exploring how technology is used in classrooms and for teaching.

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Research Questions

1. Do teachers incorporate the use of technology in classrooms while giving lectures? If yes, how do they use technology? If not, why not?
2. Which technologies or media can be used in classrooms.

Method

A. Participants

In this study, college teachers and students filled out the survey from different colleges in the Tricity of Chandigarh, Mohali, and Panchkula. For the information collection, everyone was invited to complete a questionnaire that asked them to report on their technology use in classrooms. The participants are chosen randomly and voluntarily.

B. Instrument

The use of technical tools by teachers, the kind of tool they use, and their motivations were all gathered using a questionnaire. Thirty questions made up the teacher survey, which was broken down into five categories: the teacher's educational background, the classroom environment, the technology used by the teachers, their opinions regarding the use of technology, and factors influencing your use of technological tools. There were 18 items on the student survey.

C. Data collection and analysis

A total of 150 teachers filled out the survey questionnaire of different colleges. Teachers were asked to fill complete the questionnaire reporting their attitudes towards the use of technology and technological knowledge. These responses were analysed through the use of percentages.

1. **Education Background:** Table 1 lists the teachers' educational backgrounds who took part in the survey. The majority of teachers hold master's degrees, and some have earned PhDs. Some have less experience teaching but more professional experience, while the remaining only have teaching experience.

Table 1. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

| Categories | Options | Percentage |
|----------------------|----------|------------|
| Background Education | Bachelor | 0% |
| | Master | 60% |
| | PhD | 40% |

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| Categories | Options | Percentage |
|---------------------|--------------|------------|
| Teaching Experience | Below 5 | 40% |
| Field of Teaching | Below 10 | 20% |
| | More than 10 | 40% |
| | Technology | 50% |
| | Management | 20% |
| | Finance | 10% |
| | Marketing | 10% |
| | Accounting | 10% |

2. **Classroom Facilities:** The following table show the facilities available in classrooms.

Table 2. CLASSROOM SETTINGS

| Categories | Options | Percentage |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Facilities | Computer | 80% |
| | Projector | 100% |
| | Microphone | 40% |
| | Speaker | 40% |
| | LAN | 80% |
| | Wifi | 20% |
| | Whiteboard | 60% |
| Students' use of smartphones | Yes | 80% |
| | No | 20% |

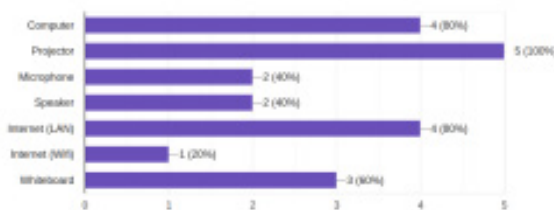


Fig. 1. Facilities available in Classrooms

The above fig shows graphically that most of the technologies like a computer with internet LAN, projectors and microphone are available in classrooms and are provided by their colleges and universities.

3. **Technological Knowledge of Teachers:** If someone knows how to use the technology and can use it, the technology is more useful. The teachers' technological proficiency is displayed in the following table.

Table 3. TECHNOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE OF TEACHERS

| Categories | Options | Percentage |
|---|------------------|------------|
| Teachers using technology in classrooms | Yes | 100% |
| | No | 0% |
| Applications used | Word | 60% |
| | Excel | 60% |
| | PowerPoint | 100% |
| | Youtube | 60% |
| | Google Drive | 50% |
| Use of Online Platform | Google Classroom | 80% |
| | Zoom | 80% |
| | AWW App | 20% |
| | Ted Talks | 20% |
| | Microsoft Teams | 100% |
| | Google Meet | 20% |

The above table shows application which is mostly used by teachers graphically. It shows that Microsoft PowerPoint is the most useful application and is used for giving presentations, Microsoft word for giving assignments and Microsoft Excel for maintaining student records.

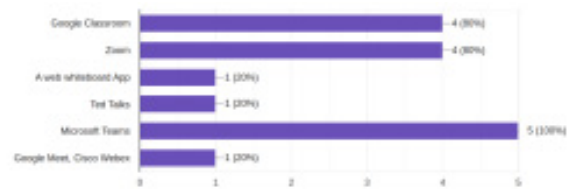


Fig. 2. Application used by Teachers

The graph above demonstrates that Microsoft Teams is the most popular online teaching platform. Teachers become more tech-savvy during the pandemic and begin using online video-conferencing tools like Google Meet, Zoom, Microsoft Teams, etc. for teaching purposes. It can be challenging to use them at first due to a variety of issues, such as limited experience with various applications or technical issues, such as a slow internet connection. Since the pandemic, technology use has increased, and the majority of teachers are currently utilizing it.

4. **Factors affected by the use of technology in classrooms:** Many factors affect the use of technology while

teaching in a classroom. Some of the factors like teacher interest will increase if he/she will familiar with technology, increases teacher's skills, decreases workload, increase confidence, preparation time is more needed it will be less if one is familiar with the platform, facilities are more important (e.g., Internet, Wi-Fi, computer), more of them are support from heads of departments and teaching content.

5. **Teacher perception of technology:** The below table shows the different perceptions of the teachers towards the use of technology. Most teachers rate that technology is necessary for teaching and thinks that digital technology can help students in learning.

Table 4. TEACHER'S PERCEPTION

| Perceptions | Rating | Percentage |
|--|--------|------------|
| Level of your technology literacy | 1 | 20% |
| | 2 | 60% |
| | 3 | 0% |
| | 4 | 0% |
| | 5 | 20% |
| Technology is necessary for teaching. | 1 | 20% |
| | 2 | 0% |
| | 3 | 0% |
| | 4 | 0% |
| | 5 | 80% |
| Digital technology can help in the learning of students. | 1 | 20% |
| | 2 | 0% |
| | 3 | 0% |
| | 4 | 0% |
| | 5 | 80% |

6. **Devices used by Students and teachers:** The following figure show graphically the most used device by students and teachers.

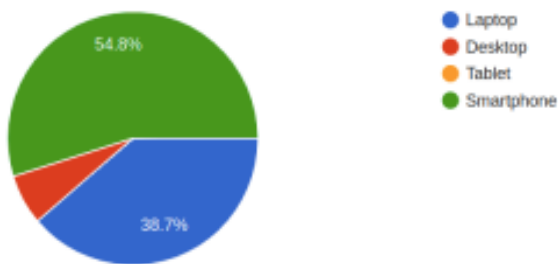


Fig. 3. Most used devices

7. **College awareness for online learning:** The following chart shows the rating given by teachers and students to their college regarding the awareness of technology for online learning.



Fig. 4. College awareness for online learning

8. **Things students like about online learning:** Students like to use technology while learning. Technology helps in describing topics with graphical examples and animation, these animations and PPTs can be shared with the students to repeat the topic again and again. Classes through online mode make liked by students because of flexible timing, no pressure, learning from their comfort zone, more safety at home, no disturbance from other classmates, one to one talk, doubts can be easily cleared, and cost-friendly as it decreases the transportation expenses, concept clearance and can learn advanced topics.
9. **Things students dislike about online learning:** Students like the online classes but some of the things which are not liked by them. Some problems like network issues cause internet and audio problems, less face to face interaction with teachers, low motivation, occasionally non seriousness, sitting in front of a laptop for a too long period causes eyes problems, and also bad for practical things.
10. **Student's satisfaction in using technology:** The following fig shows how much students get satisfied by using technology while learning.

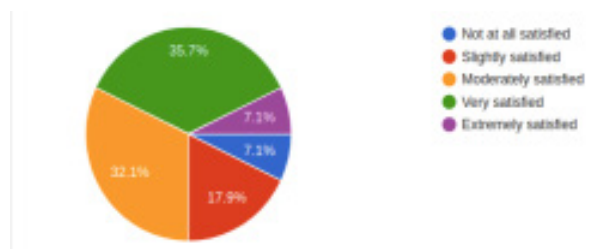


Fig. 4. Students satisfaction

11. **Importance of technology in Teaching and Learning:** The following chart shows either technology is important or not while learning or teaching.

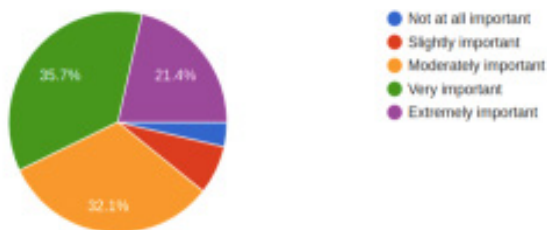


Fig. 5. Importance of technology

12. **Importance of face to face communication:** The following fig shows either face to face interaction is important or not while learning or teaching along with the technology.

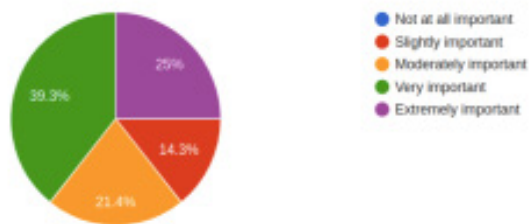


Fig. 6. Importance of face to face interaction

Conclusions

After the analysis of the survey and research we find that technology is very important in classrooms or in online learning like during the pandemic. Technology can enhance the way of teaching and learning in different ways by utilising a graphical representation of the working of any model. For using technologies one needs to know about them. A lack of technological knowledge can reduce the efficiency of the teachers. During the pandemic, offline college classes are not possible so the use of technology has been boosted and teachers started taking online classes. Students like the online classes because of different benefits but there are some difficulties also. Teaching can be enriched by adopting the technology, for daily use and especially

for practical things for example in Computer Science practical knowledge is also more important. by providing regular 5-10 min assignment which uses any technology that will help a student to learn something new in day to day life. Teachers need proper technical guidance and training to use them efficiently during teaching. In the future, more new technology will be introduced which are more efficient than the current time. For improving the teaching skills by using technology, colleges and universities need to organise half-yearly or quarterly training sessions. These sessions will be more helpful.

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