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# Editor's Note...

We are living through a historical event that would go down in books; The Coronavirus Pandemic. It has affected mental health, somatic health, economy, and whatnot, but as opposed to previous Historic pandemics, the world has not stopped. Looking into the past historical events, something positive always came out of even the worst of crises. For instance, during World War II, women finally got a chance to take off their aprons and step into the "fields of men" where they proved the worth of their labor. The Black Death or the bubonic plague resulted in the birth of the Great renaissance that transformed art and Culture, forever. The Y2k problem was also a major crisis that required the assistance of Indian engineers, resulting in workspace diversity. COVID-19 has already caused ample damage, but it may have boosted the technological understanding in the educational sector.

It is not news that the majority of the educators and teachers resisted the use of technology. However, lockdowns that have emptied the roads, and locked the people inside their safe havens, calls for a magic bullet that could put an end to educational concerns. Under such circumstances, distance-learning or E-learning is playing a role none less than that of a savior. In this issue, we are introducing IAO's Learning Management System, a first of its kind learning program. The magazine also includes a list of IAO accredited institutes, online learning strategies, applications, and much more!

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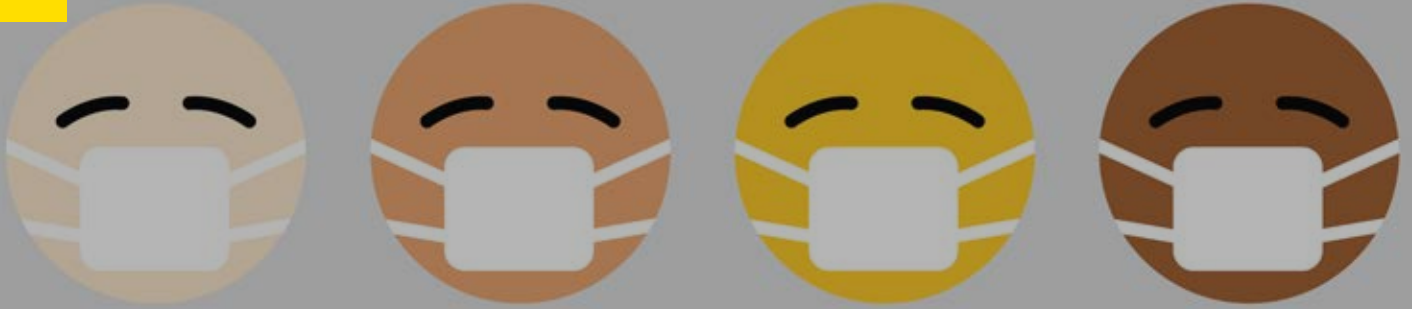
COVID-19 has been equally testing for everyone. It has impacted different areas of life and has taken the form of a lethal poison. Although, a little hindrance in education can have a long-term effect on student productivity. During these trying times, teachers are extremely worried about student progress and learning. They are doing their best to continue student learning without compromising on quality. From live streams to video conferences, teachers are trying to use all and every medium they can get their hands on

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Due to COVID-19 many teachers and parents want to understand and comprehend technology in a better way so that they can help their children. Although it is hard to find a way to bridge such a long gap in a small time. Complicated software, applications, and platforms are hard to understand for people who grew up around newspapers, pens, and journals. When it comes to academics and education, there are many premium software that tech-forward teachers are using. Although these softwares may not be ideal for those who are just introducing themselves to the tech world.





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Although, the COVID-19 situation has made tasks as simple as getting groceries much more complicated. Under such a situation, doing daily tasks and chores has become nothing less than extreme support. The timelessness of this virus has surely panicked many people including students, teachers, entrepreneurs. This panic has led the leaders in their respective industries to come up with new ways to continue their work and businesses. The educational industry has progressed during the small period of quarantine to ensure that learning continues.



**IAO** didn't stay behind in this hustle to ensure the deliverance of quality education. With a collective effort, we were able to come up with a solution that would make remote learning a reality. Our upcoming project that is in its final stages is an ultimate learning solution both for teachers and students.

IAO's learning system is an online learning platform that brings educationalists, students, and teachers closer to make sure that learning never stops. It has several features that make this program an all in one solution for those who are jiggling between applications and software. Here's how IAO's e-learning program will benefit students during these testing times of COVID-19.

# 1. Video Conference for Live Classes



**Teachers** all over the world are using live streaming platforms or video chatting to conduct live classes during COVID-19. Among many other features, IAIO's program will also offer a smooth live conference feature that would allow the students to continue their classes from where they left off. Teachers can conduct smooth live lectures without unnecessary jerks, lags, and errors. This specific feature is minimalist so that teachers and students find it easier to communicate with each other.



## 2. Live Chat Box

**Video** conference softwares that are created on old models usually lack live chat box. Although students can ask their questions verbally during a live class, a live chat box is extremely important. This way teachers won't be interrupted during the class and decide for themselves whether a question is important enough and should instantly be answered or should be answered after the class in a detailed manner. Moreover, a live chat box would boost class engagement between the students. Students can discuss a topic under discussion with one another without interrupting the teacher. We have discussed it earlier that the engagement level may be comparatively lower in an online class. Therefore, a live chat box is a must-have when it comes to engagement and interaction.







### 3. Expansive Cloud Storage

If you are a teacher or a student who has been using multiple applications for one purpose. Many online learning softwares have only chat and calling features and leave you no other option but to switch to another option to store your files. IAO's e-learning system comes with expansive cloud storage that would safely keep all your files, notes, and books in one place. You don't have to switch between ten applications to get good grades and boost productivity. The large space will allow you to keep all your documents safe and stored in one place. The convenient and user-friendly design will allow you to skim through your notes smoothly on the go!



# 4. Sharing with peers

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**IAO's** e-learning program is all about engagement and interaction as we understand the importance of communication in learning. IAO's e-learning program allows the students to interact with one another after the class. Students can share their cloud storage and notes with one another. They can also create groups to discuss relevant topics and benefit from each other's understanding of the subject. This feature of IAO's e-learning system boosts class engagement in a smooth and simple way. Not only that, but students can contact the teacher as well after the class. All of this interaction forms a wholesome and productive class environment which is usually quite hard to achieve in an online setting.



# 5. Planning and Organizing

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**IAO's** e-learning system has so many great features, yet it manages to be minimalist, simple, and user-friendly. The application layout allows personalization and customization, making it easy for the user to access it. Students and teachers can easily organize their lectures, documents, images, and videos. Students can also make reminder notes and plan their days and lessons to learn. Many students waste a lot of time finding notes, planning their schedule and forgetting to do important tasks. These features of IAO's e-learning system allow students to be productive and prevent them from wasting their time.

# Final Words

IAO's e-Learning system is based purely on user experience and fulfills the need of real students and teachers. This user-friendly system will change the life of students for good, once and for all. This complex and premium program is currently in its beta version and will be released for all very soon!



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# Featured Institutes

*With e-Learning gain popularity all around the globe, many institutes are opting more and more for accreditation from a reliable body such as International Accreditation Organization. Here are some of our most promising and esteemed institutes that aim to acquire IAO's accreditation.*

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Sustainable Living

## THE GLOBAL CENTER

**The Global Center** has taken it upon itself to educate the masses about sustainable living. Majority of their work revolves around informative articles regarding power saving, solar technology, energy saving, and so on. Their work is handled by some of the experienced academicians who ace in the field of sustainable living in Tech era.

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**DAVID**  
**UNIVERSITY**

**Established** in the year 2000, David University offers various courses to students that would help them build a career in the fast-paced world. They offer bachelors, Masters, Doctorate degrees that hold a great value in the educational world. The institute is well recognized in several countries and is building an excellent repute every day through its exceptional academic environment. Along with skilled teachers, the university has more than 5000 students who are currently acquiring higher education from David University.



## NORTHERN INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

**Northern International University** takes pride in offering blended and online learning courses that are being supervised by experienced and skilled management. Professors and mentors at NIU are using methodological and constructive approaches to equip their students with skills that are required in the modern world. Teachers at NIU are armed with student centered teaching methods that are being taught with the assistance of cutting-edge technology.



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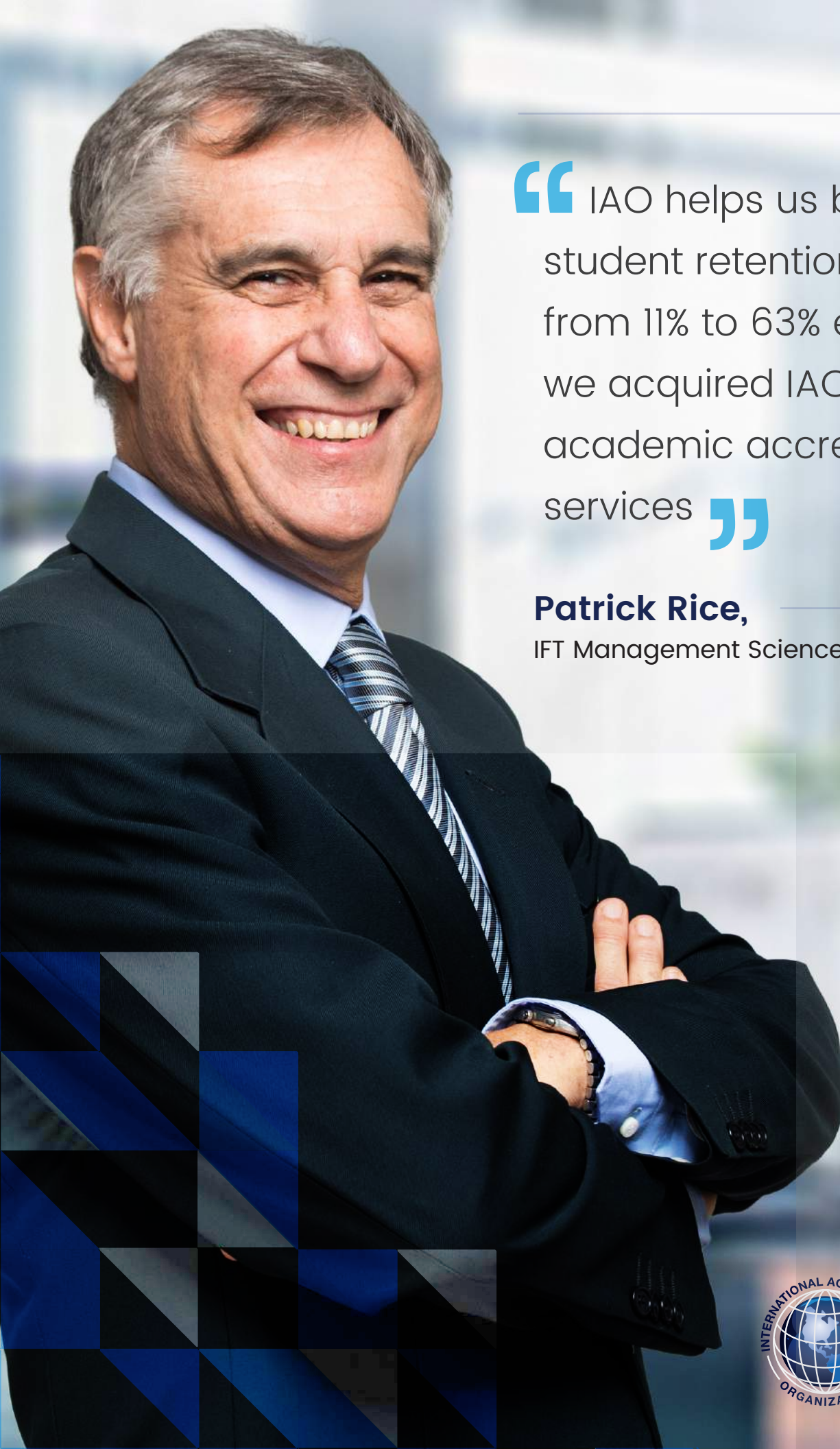
**FIDENS**  
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## THE PLANET SKILL DEVELOPMENT MISSION (TPSDM)

**The Planet Skill Development Mission (TPSDM)** is known for promoting an understanding of history, music, dance, human resources, and other fields among their students. Apart from that, they are also offering diploma programs and short courses in literature, spoken English, fashion designing and the like. Their educational institute is known for their benchmark academic cultural and finest teaching staff.



“ IAO helps us boost our student retention rates from 11% to 63% ever since we acquired IAO’s academic accreditation services ”

**Patrick Rice,**  
IFT Management Sciences School



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## **Academic Life:**

**Q: Could you please walk us through your academic background and achievements? Your extensive and varied experience can be a source of inspiration for many; please share the highlights and milestones of your professional journey.**

I am Senior Educationist & Mentor for Sports Education. My overall experience in field of sports as player, coach, teacher & administrator is of overall two decades. I have done my Doctorate & Masters in Physical Education while did Graduation in Physiotherapy. I am also Harvard University certified Nutritionist and have done various sports certification from eminent institutes.

I received Life Time Achievement Award in Cricket while Atal National Award in Sports Promotion. Various other awards I received are Innovative Teacher Award, Global Teacher Award, Rajya Puraskar (Govt.of Maharashtra).



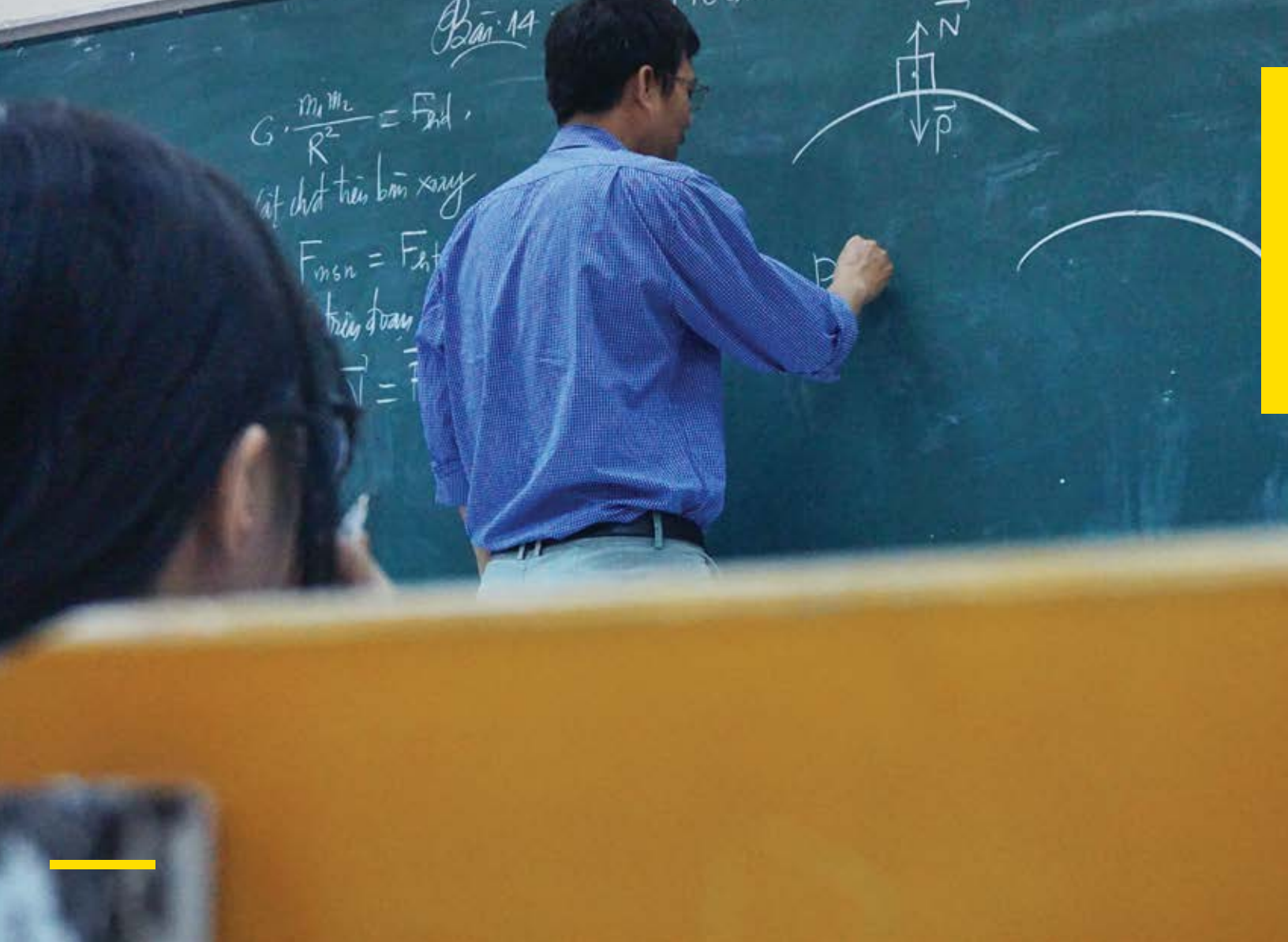
## Experience:

**Q: Currently heading the institute, what are some of your long-term and short-term goals for the education system?**

As a Leader of School, I always look forward for holistic development of every student of the school. Also, it's important to have right assessment system with research and action methods and good overall outcome. Its very important that Life skills should be given out most importance by channelizing Teachers Learning Process.

**Q: What do you think your biggest challenge is working in the education industry at such a key position?**

Constant building and maintaining good communication skills to enhance the quality education process is always biggest challenge.



**Q: During your entire career, which milestone felt most accomplished and why**

Playing for Nationals as a Player & Programming complete assessment system for various schools made me feel accomplished as both involved tremendous vision, planning, and proper execution.

**Q: Educationists are advised usually to share their experience and learning. What method of information- dissemination would you say is most effective for this purpose?**

My experience as educationist has always been creative, innovative and challenging. Education system needs to always be flexible in its methodology as in education every learner is different and we as educationist need to cater to the needs of every students.



## Interest & Opinions:

**Q: Recently, there have been many reports and trends of students opting for alternate methods of education such as distance learning, diplomas, short-courses, etc. instead of traditional degrees. What's your view on this?**

Traditional degrees are always required for new learners and persons who is developing his or her experience while distance learning & short courses can always be used and done by experienced learners as their professional development purpose.

**Q: As an educator, what's your perspective on the current education system in your region and how do you think it can be improved or revolutionized, if required.**

Education in India is in development phase. Good vision, right objectives, and aligned systems will build strong education system. Teacher's professional development and right utilization of resources will create good environment for students to learn and develop.

# Ending Notes

**Q.** Please share your philosophy of the ideal education a person can achieve regardless of its methods and processes. E.g. it could simply be a moment of enlightenment or a life-long struggle to gain perspective, how would you like to describe 'the best education or lesson' one can get.

Ideal education is good, all round knowledge related to life skills, global development and communication. Giving practical experience of Life skills is out most important in today's world.

**Q.** Thank you for taking the time to answer a few questions for IA0 Accreditor. Do you have any parting words of wisdom for educationists and students?

Educationalists share knowledge to the society without any expectation and always keep developing knowledge that will enhance the quality of Education holistically. Student learning is a process which keeps developing human thoughts & process. So, keep learning and be passionate to achieve growth in education world.







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# TOP 10 PROGRAMS/ SOFTWARES THAT WOULD BOOST DISTANCE LEARNING



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It is still unknown when the lock down is going to be lifted so that things go back to normal. Therefore, it is about time that professionals in their fields find valuable and permanent solutions to problems they are faced with during quarantine. Technology is playing a major and important role in education during his hard times. 80% of the business and education centres are relying upon digital devices and technology. It is important to put available resources to the full and correct use. We have gathered a list of mobile phone applications, softwares, and programs to help students reach their full potential while they are in self-quarantine.



# 1-Grammarly

**Grammarly** is not only beneficial for students, but it is equally beneficial for the teachers. It is an editing software that does much more than only editing your notes. It is one of the most convenient and advanced softwares when it comes to editing and is preferred by teachers and students alike.

It will come in extremely handy for students when it comes to writing down lectures during class. Grammarly will make sure that your notes are error-free and accurate so that you can smoothly read them later on. This software will also help the students in creating their digital assignments. The software will prevent any chances of minor grammatical mistakes so that students can focus entirely on the assignment content.

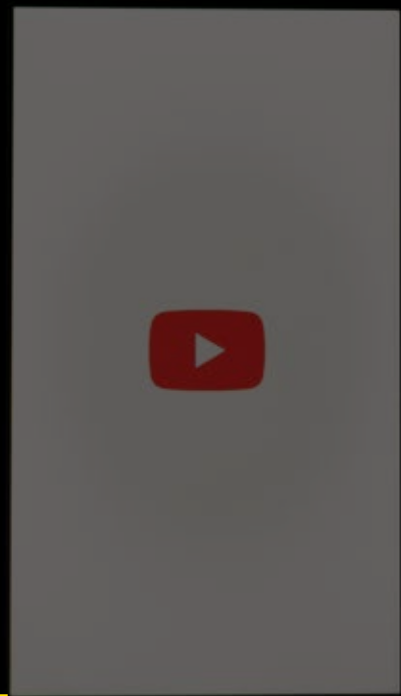


## 2-Google Drive

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**Many** students are still new to full time online learning. It is hard for them to manage their online notes, essays, and books. The data is usually scattered all over the place which makes it hard for them to find the required file when needed. Organizing notes is one of the most difficult tasks students agreed.

Google drive is an extremely convenient and expensive cloud storage that provides a lot of space for students to store their data. Students can safely keep their files in an organized manner on Google drive. The drive also allows the student to edit their files so that they wouldn't have to create several copies of the same file to make minor changes. Not only that, but Google drive also allows the storage of media such as images and videos.



## 3-YouTube

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**YouTube** is another online platform that can be extremely beneficial for students. There are thousands of educational lectures on YouTube that teachers can use in their classroom to make complicated concepts clearer. Although, not all teachers like to use media platforms such as YouTube in their classes. Under such a situation, students can explore YouTube on their own and find out educational lectures affiliated with their subject.

One of the many pros of YouTube videos is that they are extremely informative, visual, and are easier to understand. The uses of graphics, images, and media make YouTube videos extremely interactive and less complicated as compared to a generic class lecture. Students can also upload relevant videos on their own YouTube channels and share them with their classmates.



## 4-Discord

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Discord is an amazing chatting application that a lot of students are already using. It has so many features that can make distance learning easier and advanced. If your teacher is not incorporating a voice chatting software application into online learning then students can create their own channels and groups on discord. Students can use these channels to communicate with one another and share notes via text and media. Discord also allows group video chatting and live streaming that promotes engagement and interaction between students.



## 5-Remind

**Class** engagement is both one of the most important and challenging parts of distance learning. It is recommended for teachers and students both to do their best to maintain a proper engagement and interaction between each other. Remind is a mobile phone application that does just that. Students can use this application to share notes with one another and set reminders for their class. The application provides an option to create groups and classroom services where students can interact with the teacher and get daily updates regarding the class schedule. The productivity of this application becomes tenfold when a teacher is involved, as the application is based on the concept of a real-life classroom.



# 6-Watch 2gether

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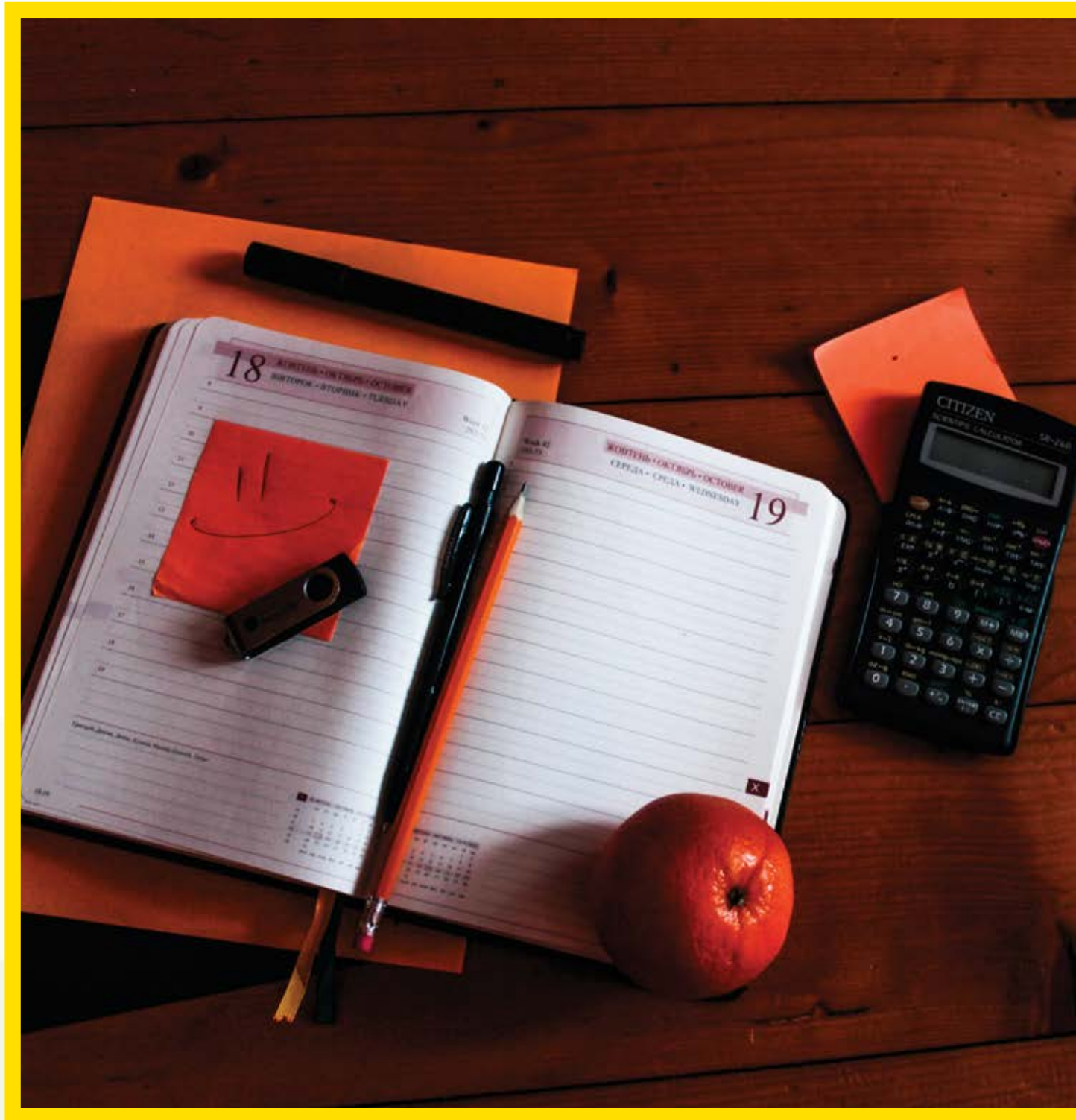
Digital natives prefer to study their notes in the form of visuals. They prefer pictures over text and video over pictures. If you are a student whose learning is greatly reliant upon YouTube videos and other video platforms, then you may want to familiarize yourself with this website. Watch 2gether is a website that allows multiple students to watch one video together at the same time. Usually, when students are doing group study in an online environment, they tend to start the video at the same timestamp. Although, it can be a bit annoying when one student misses the timestamp and you have to restart the entire thing all over again. On watch 2gether, a video pause at the same time on all monitors so that students can have a smooth learning experience. Students can record class lectures and watch them later and where together they can also be tutorials and relevant videos on the internet to boost their engagement interaction and productivity.

## FINALLY

Online learning is a simple convenient and effective. Although, it becomes an extreme sport when there is no real-life engagement involved. Under such condition teachers and students may want to go all out to ensure that class quality is not impacted due to the distance. There are several other applications, softwares, and programs that teachers and students can use to improve the quality of their online classes.



# 5 General Applications You Can Use For Academic Purposes





**Has** your child's proficiency with Tech devices ever left you speechless? You're not alone. There are many parents and teachers who are way behind when it comes to tech familiarity. Digital natives grew up with technology as their best friend. This relationship between technology and the young generation has resulted in a strong bond and has set a high benchmark for teachers and parents.

Due to COVID-19 many teachers and parents want to understand and comprehend technology in a better way so that they can help their children. Although it is hard to find a way to bridge such a long gap in a small time. Complicated software, applications, and platforms are hard to understand for people who grew up around newspapers, pens, and journals. When it comes to academics and education, there are many premium software that tech-forward teachers are using. Although these softwares may not be ideal for those who are just introducing themselves to the tech world. We highly recommend starting off from simple applications or a software that is not highly technical. We have compiled a list of non-academic softwares/programs that teachers and parents may find easy to use.



# 1- Discord

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**COVID-19** has transformed the educational world to a huge extent. Traditional classes have shifted to the internet where teachers are using either live conferencing or live streaming softwares to conduct their sessions. Although many of these softwares are not only complicated but are outdated as well. When we inquired students about their preferred software for live classes, they chose softwares that were based on new models and designs. On the contrary, teachers are still using softwares that are a tale of the past.

It is important for teachers to keep themselves updated about student preferred methods. Live video chatting or live conferences is extremely common among the students of the 21st century. Teachers can benefit from this and use the same softwares that students prefer to conduct their live sessions. For example, Discord is a great live chatting and live streaming platform that is not necessarily affiliated with academics. Many students who are into gaming and building online communities are already using this software. Teachers can turn this same software into a productive one by arranging live classes, sharing notes, media, and important updates on discord. There are many unique, beneficial, and convenient features available for teachers and students such as live streaming, video conferencing, audio chat, media sharing, etc.

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## 2-Facebook

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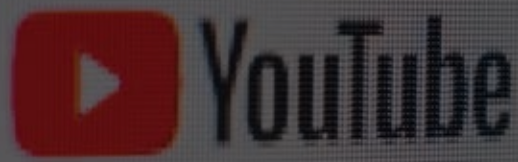
**Facebook** is another non-academic site that teachers can use for their own advantage and that of the students. Class engagement has always been one of the major issues when it comes to online learning. Teachers who opposed Ed-tech usually build their argument on the lack of class engagement and interaction in online classes. Although these teachers are not entirely wrong, this weakness of online learning is much more stunted as compared to the strength and benefits that it has to offer. The issue of engagement can easily be fixed by incorporating non-academic sites such as social media sites into education.

As mentioned earlier, teachers need to be well aware of student preferred methods. It is not a news to anyone that almost every student has a Facebook account. Facebook has multiple features that would help the teachers boost class engagement and student interaction among one another. For example, group chat, shared images, and wall post features would help students interact with each other in a more wholesome, modern, and productive way.



### 3-Spotify

**When** you say music, Spotify is the first application/software that comes to the mind. Although there is much more that Spotify has to offer. This music application has thousands of podcasts regarding different topics and genres. Teachers can skim through Spotify and find educational lectures for the students. These educational lectures would not only boost the general knowledge of students but would help them learn conveniently. Teachers can either make Spotify a part of the class curriculum or use it as a fun after-class activity.



## 4-YouTube

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**YouTube** is another platform that is known among the digital natives as an entertainment platform. Although, it is just another platform that needs the appropriate attention of educationalists and teachers. There are already many teachers who are using YouTube as a freelance platform to publish their lectures. Although correct attention from school organizations and management would certainly benefit students at large. Instead of quoting random lectures in class, teachers can recommend YouTube lectures to students so that they can watch them after the class.



# Medium

## 5-Medium

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In our previous articles, we have discussed the importance of blog writing in education. Unfortunately, there are not many blog writing websites that are free and open for all. Students who are passionate about writing are using social media sites to express their talents and thoughts. Medium is a platform that provides the student with the right features to polish their writing skills and showcase their talents to the relevant audience. It is recommended for teachers to boost the idea of writing among students so that they can find a way of expression for themselves while polishing the writing skills for academics. Medium is an ideal platform for students and teachers alike, as it offers suitable features that are available in any top-notch writing software.

## Final Words

During the trying times of COVID-19, it has become even harder for students to catch up on their study schedule and curriculum. Therefore, it is recommended for teachers to help the students distract their minds from stringent academic routines in a productive way. Incorporating non-academic platforms for educational purposes may help students learn in a casual yet healthy way.

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