



M-LEARNING TRENDS ON THE RISE

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ABSTRACT : *The present article undertakings to bring out the amplitude of M-learning via education which paves way to acquire knowledge and skills using mobile technology and that's result in modification of behaviour. The main focus of the article are to became learning as a learner centered process and also endeavors to make the M-Learning more effective and meaningful. It pinpoint many challenges to M-learning but despite the drawbacks it insists the M-learning accessible to everyone regardless by time or location to fulfill the goal to reach the high efficiency of mobile learning for the future generations.*



M-LEARNING CURRENT PRACTICES

Learning occupies a very Important place in our life. It is measured in terms of improvement of behaviour. Advancement in science and technology makes the learning process so easy and possible without geographical barriers (Singh, 2005). The usage of non print media such as Educational Radio, Educational Television and Computers enhances the process of learning. With the help of Internet, learning became learner centred process (Venaktaiah, 2004)

MOBILE PHONES

Recently mobile phones are being used for learning mobile phones were invented for communication but can play an important role in the process of Media transformation. Mobile Phones are general packet radio service (GPRS) tracking devices, video and cameras, wireless internet connections and pocket calculators. They are also used to deliver, texts, audio clips and digital pictures. Mobile phones have the ability to make learning a process easy.

MOBILE LEARNING

M-learning is the acquisition of any knowledge and skills using mobile technology. It can result in modification of behaviour and is defined as “learning that happens across locations or that takes advantages of learning opportunities offered by portable technologies.” (Wikipedia). M-learning aims at making the learning process more flexible, accessible and personalized. It enhances in mobility of the learner, interacting with portable technology, learning in a mobile society, etc. The connectivity and computing needs of people can be met through mobile phone. The learners can share photos and news with classmates via the mobile phones. M-learning provides an opportunity to get in touch with the group of hard to reach learner.

EDUCATION VIA M-LEARNING

Students operate mobiles phones to collaborate with peers faculty and experts and these devices have been mainly used for:

- * gathering responses from students
- * participatory simulations
- * collaborative data gathering
- * supporting communication among group members