

GLASSROOM VERSUS CLASSROOM LEARNING - AN OVERVIEW OF GD WITH SCE STUDENTS



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ABSTRACT

Computer Assisted Language Learning (CALL) in current scenario is drawing a lot of learners' attention in learning and gaining knowledge of multiple tools available in the computer. Nowadays, computer literacy is becoming more important. Computer Technology improvises Teaching - learning simulation interestingly in which the learner as well as the teacher can witness the 'reality' of the work. The modern technology like Information and Communication Technology (ICT) been using to guide language learning and teaching in mixed ability of large groups. Interactive and very useful tools likes Google Classroom, Moodle (Gnomio) etc., make students to work in groups, physically active and collaboratively. Role Play, Mind Mapping, Brainstorming, Story Telling etc., allows each student to speak and expose their creativity in a safe zone which develops their soft skills too. Thus, CALL and ICT and its principles certainly enhance language teachers' to design the course, plan the team activities etc., at this pandemic situation in order to develop language skills among the learners' with varieties of methods, approaches and techniques with interactiveness. Individuals are motivated to learn in order to develop them physically and psychologically and to satisfy the need of an hour.

Keywords: *Computer Assisted Language Learning (CALL), Information and Communication Technology (ICT), Google Classroom, Moodle (Gnomio), collaborative learning.*

REAL EXPERIENCE SHARED

‘Covid -19’, Lock down sprints students’ of Suguna College of Engineering, Coimbatore -14, to create a great passion over free e- learning resources. It is well said that, “Doctors cure the World, Engineers make the World and Agriculturist feed the World”. Yes, Engineers are the builders of the nation; they are the innovators, creators and professionals. By virtue of it, the experts of Anna University had framed the syllabus named Professional Communication. The syllabus focuses on the topics like Soft Skills and Hard Skills, Interview Skills, Presentation Skills, Managerial Skills and covers Group Discussion too.

This article is all about a one such GD conducted via ‘Google Classroom’ recently among the students’ of Engineering due to lock down. Collaborative learning experimented and could witness the students interest towards communicational skills i.e., all four skills (LSRW) in single platform.

Topic Assigned: ‘Learning without a Classroom – A Classroom Warm Up!’

Students’ came forward enthusiastically to discuss their individual views related to the topic. The responses are stated here clearly for the benefit of the students’ corner and to create the awareness about the availability of free online e-learning materials and the web links which is very informative at this current scenario.



ABHISHEK. D.

III YEAR / ECE

1. Learning without a classroom is quite different and at the same time it is interesting. There is a link <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=info.therithal.brainkart.anna.university.notes>. Friends, you all could go through this link and get the notes for the preparation of Anna University semester examinations.



KALEESWARAN

III YEAR / EEE

2. Yes. I too heard the same. Similarly, there is a link initiated by ICT / MHRD <https://storage.googleapis.com/uniquecourses/online.html>. This link gives the course content of each and every technical subject.



SAGAYA ROBIN

III YEAR / MTS

3. Very good. You are highly informative. Meanwhile, I would like to point some of the websites which offers online certification courses like

Mooc – <https://mooc.org/>

Edx- <https://www.edx.org/>

Coursera – <https://www.coursea.org/>

Ted – <https://ed.ted.com/>

ios app development – <https://digitaldefynd.com/best-ios-app-development-course-tutorial/>

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Tuts Plus – <https://tutsplus.com/>

Moreover, these certification courses are free to learn and interact with each other where collaborative learning takes place.



RANJITH KUMAR.S
III YEAR / CIVIL

4. Amazing! It's a roadmap to skill based and practice oriented learning through Data Driven Approaches and Artificial Intelligence Driven Mentoring. There are also capability development links like <https://www.classcentral.com/>

[https://neat.aicte-india.org/course details](https://neat.aicte-india.org/course%20details)

<https://covid19.iisc.ac.in/>

www.e-box.in



RANJITH
III YEAR / MECH

5. That's so nice to hear. Will surely go through the above links at the earliest. On the other side, there are some of the links where free internships training provided with the stipends too. At this juncture, I would like to share the links to you all of what I have gone through these days are the following.

www.capability.development.org

<https://em.internshala.com/link.php?workfromhome>

<https://trainings.internshala.com/>



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I YEAR / MTS

6. Meanwhile, due to lock down, not only the suspension of classroom learning prevails but also the closure of physical libraries occurs. Instead, National Digital Library of India (NDLI) has initiated specially designed collections of e- resources for the students at free of cost. The links are , <https://www.ndl.gov.in>

<https://ndl.iitkgp.ac.in>



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7. Wow! Friends. Really a wonderful discussion between us. I would like to update you that our college has registered our names in TCSion Digital Glassroom platform. Enrolled at free of cost. You can view the link

<https://learning.tcsionhub.in/dotcom/ICMP/Eforms/TCSiONDigitalglass-roomOn-boarding>

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OMG! Speaking about 'Glassroom' learning never end it seems...

CONCLUSION

Enjoy Learning! My dear students and readers, hoping that the discussion shared will be a great motivation to the students' of Engineering discipline and even some links for other professionals too. Believing that the readers shall go through the links mentioned and utilizes the same in the lock down scenario which is free of learning and for developing each and every co- curricular cum extracurricular skills in order to face the global challenges with self-esteem and self-confidence. Group Discussions among the students will surely enhance their communicational skills, upgrading skills, technological skills and soft skills too. I personally believe that this sort of activity performed via some interesting and easy to handle network tools will certainly develop students' communication professionally.

At the outset, I would like to pay my tribute to the Management, Director, Principal, Faculty and the Students of Suguna College of Engineering for sharing the most wanted information about free e- learning resources at this critical lock down period as this is a need of the hour. STAY HOME! STAY SAFE!

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