

How do you think Covid-19 will impact education in Nagaland? How should one be prepared for both current and post Covid-19 Nagaland?

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As we all know, the whole world has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Most of the transportation, commerce, education, public sectors etc., are all under lockdown in order to prevent the spread of this contagious and deadly virus. The lockdown that has been taking place all over the world will have a great impact in many of these fields.

Educational sector is one of the major areas that have been negatively impacted because of this lockdown. In Nagaland itself, there are around 66 colleges with a total student population of around 24,000. Ever since the lockdown, everyone has been confined to their own homes. The NU examination that was supposed to be held in the month of April has been extended to the month of July (uncertain).

The COVID-19 pandemic has shattered the regular schedule of our educational system. We can do nothing but stay home to save other and ourselves. And since we do not have proper internet connection in some parts of the state, it is difficult to conduct online classes. What is even more regretful is the great loss for the younger primary students as the primary educational years is the period where the foundation of the student is built.

In this kind of situation, one thing that we as students could do is to keep in touch with our books; and for parents to give proper education to younger kids at home. This way we can exercise our brain and help ourselves retain the lessons we have learnt already. One thing I highly appreciate is the introduction of DD Kohima, a television channel where we can get lectures in almost all the subjects for classes 9 & 10. It would be of immense help if such a channel for the semester students could be introduced as well.

After this pandemic, the whole educational system will have drastic changes. It will be very challenging to properly adopt measures in order to recover the times that has been lost during the pandemic. However if the government supports the students with such channels for continued learning and if the students take this lock down as an opportunity to study properly at home, then I believe it will not be impossible to turn the tide when the lock down is finally lifted.