



## TEACHER TRAINING: TURNING CHALLENGES INTO OPPORTUNITIES

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### ABSTRACT

The unprecedented disruption caused by COVID19 has influenced each and every domain of human existence. The pandemic created a sense of insecurity, isolation and uncertainty in human mind. Like other domains of human life, education, teaching learning process, pedagogical practices were also influenced by the spread of this pandemic. The virus had a huge impact on teaching learning processes as almost 1.6 billion learners across 200 countries were affected by the spread of the pandemic. Many research studies have been conducted to gauge the adverse effect of this pandemic on teaching- learning situations. But we should also accept the fact that the spread of the virus also created the need to think, plan and experiment innovative and alternative educational practices and strategies. This paved the way for introduction of digital pedagogical practices including teacher trainings. The present paper focuses on the online training programmes for teachers to nurture their professional competencies. The study has been delimited to exploration and analysis of online teacher training programmes for teaching of Languages. Language plays an integral part in the holistic development of an individual. Language teaching enables learners to acquire the four basic skills, namely listening, speaking, reading and writing. An updated and well-trained teacher can turn the learners into well-informed individuals who can think creatively and critically.

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