

*FROM PLACE TO SPACE-
Encountering Design Education
Online*

***COVID- A CONSENT TO
STUDENTS***

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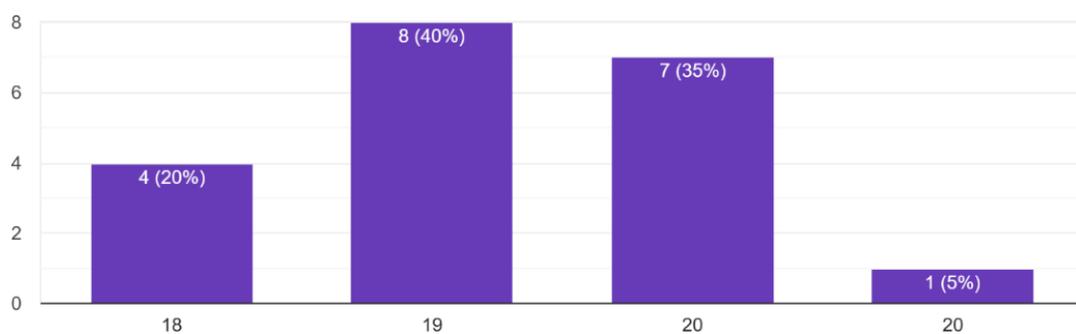
The Covid-19 has resulted in schools shut across the world. Students are out of the classroom. As a result, education has changed dramatically, with the distinctive rise of online learning whereby teaching is undertaken remotely and on digital platform. The sudden shift of education to virtual mode comes with several challenges. For designer students its more exacting they must get materials for their practical work which is not possible in this pandemic while I experience a common thing that every single student faces many difficulties during virtual classes.

To understand the situation, survey done by me to know the barriers students deal with and their needs; what they want for their future and for new comes. I prepared a questionnaire to understand the situation students dealing with in their virtual classes. I have sent this to 30 students of foundation year and get 20 responses. This questionnaire includes questions about there experience during online classes and barrier faced by them and suggestion to make learning easy.

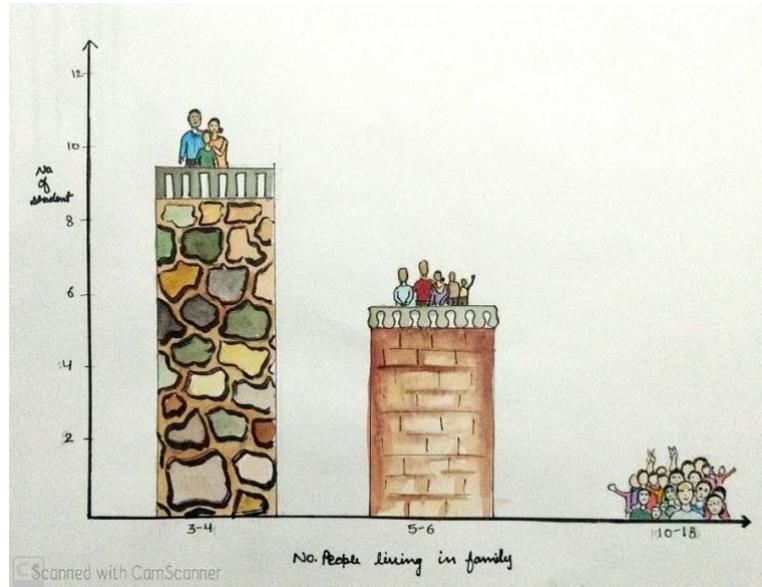
*This questionnaire gets going with very basic question like there name and age. The age of respondents is between 18 to 20.

What is your age?

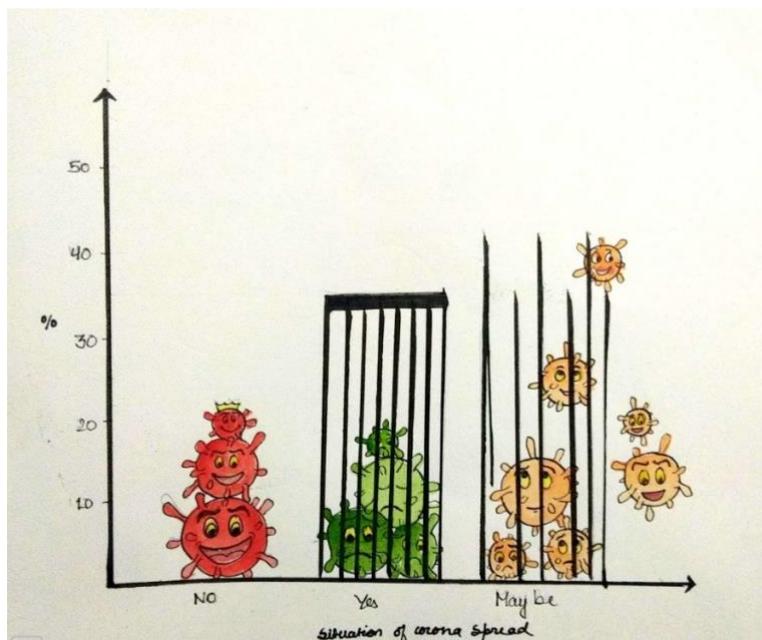
20 responses



*Next question leads to how many members live in their family. The responses are like 80% students are from nuclear family. 20% are from joint family like very huge family about 18 members and in this there are 83% of students have siblings and remaining percentage are only child.

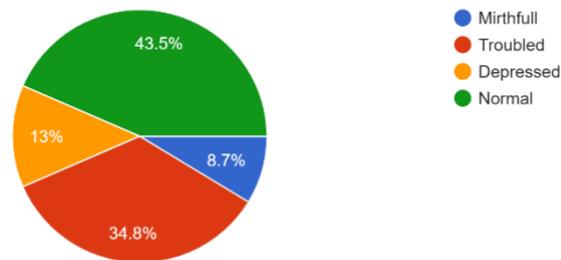


Most of the students were not sure about the situation of Covid-19 at there place and this pandemic they face many difficulties in collecting materials for their different courses and this lockdown is biggest barrier for designer students but on other side it converts into innovation for them by doing “Juggad” for it. Indians are very habituated to this word and students get out of this problem. With the consent next question was– Is there any patient at your home? I was happy to see that almost students and their family members are safe and only single student answer with yes, although it was her uncle but he is now doing well. It was good to know that he is alright now.



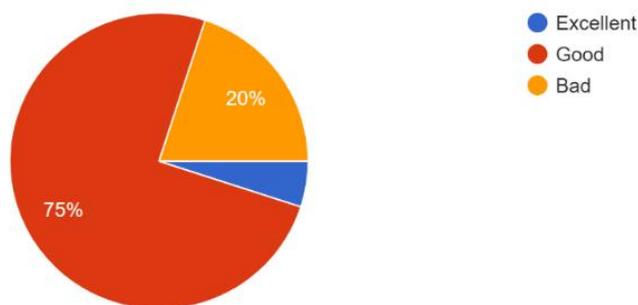
***Preference which made consent among us-** The reaction when they get to know that there online classes are going to be start and most of the student about 40% feels normal, it seems like they knew the things will happen and some respondent about 55% feels in troubled and depressed cause they think about their practical work or studio based work, how they can deal with them?, how it can be possible in the lockdown to get there materials? Every student are from different geographical area and it is not possible that they get material at there place. That is what I feel because I also deal with these problems and some students use their phone to attend their class and it is not possible to do there all work only with mobile phone. I do not know why 10% of students are feeling mirthful for there classes, “they were not happy staying home peacefully without any work?”. Well, I guess they are very workaholic and excited about it.

This Covid-19 situation leads to starting virtual classes so, what is the reaction when you get to know that your classes are going to be online?
23 responses



***Chooses which are been accepted in the situation –** “Do they prefer their online classes?”. Most of the students are not sure if they like there classes or not because they have different courses, some courses are good, some are bad or maybe there some problem in the method of teaching or in schedule by which they cant understand the things, and most of respondent’s classes are going good but not excellent as shown in the pie chart below. About 75% of respondent said their classes are going well and 20% of them have bad classes as they face many issues at there places and 5% of students are enjoying their classes.

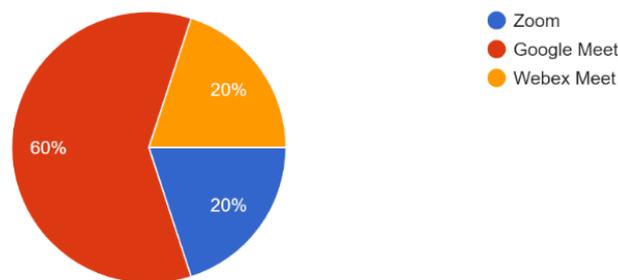
How your online classes are going on?
20 responses



***Time occupancy with their studies-** “About what time their online classes get started?”. Most of the student’s class start’s between 9AM to 10AM and for some students, it depends on their submission or assignment and teachers. So, these class time keeps varying.

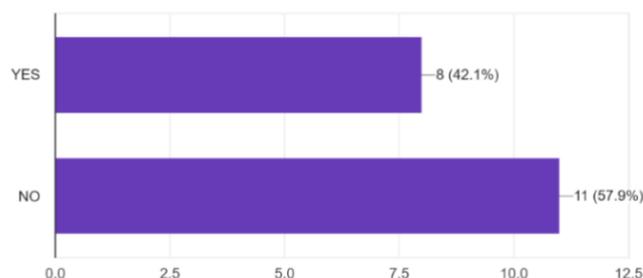
As on student we experienced 3 apps for our online learning, so I asked students that “which app do they think works for them as a designer student for better understanding?”. Majority of students are up with **google meet** cause it designed to be helpful, students can join meeting directly from an email mailed by them or directly by the link too. All the event details are right there when you need them, weather you are joining from a computer or phone, and there is no problem of time limit that zoom has, and I also prefer google meet for better learning.

Which app do you think works for you as a designer student for better understanding?
20 responses



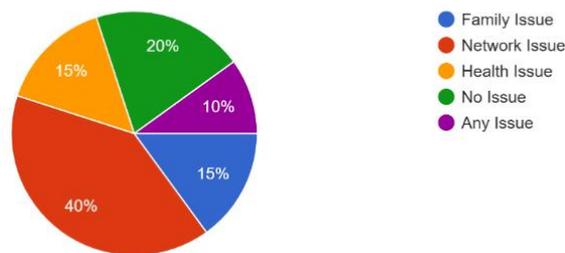
***Troublesome with their network-** Every student is from different geographical area and few students living in undeveloped area. So, there are chances of network issue at there places about 42.1% of students suffer with network issue during virtual classes and 57.9% of students have no issue of network and this creates problem in their classes and learning. Next question leads to “Fondness of network do they use in the online classes?”, most of the students, about 60% use broadband for there virtual classes and having better network availability. My problem is with students who uses mobile network for their classes because they have limited data to use per day.

Is there any network issue at your place?
19 responses



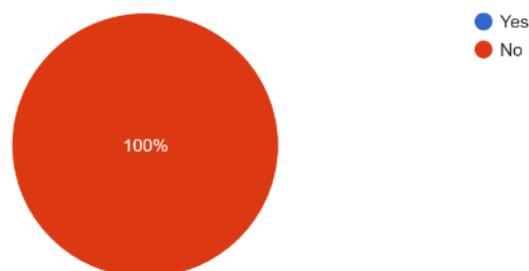
***Basic issues deal by each one of us-** “Did they face any difficulty during online classes?”. Students have mostly network issue but besides that they have many other issues that I feel because I am also dealing with those issues that is family issue. In questionnaire about 13% of students have family issue, because they get disturbed from their family fights and this problem is mostly faced by those students who have joint family. 15% of students have health issues, 20% of students have no issue and 10% of them are other issue. Most of the students are not disturbed from family issues during virtual classes. About 57.9% of students have no distraction and are from nuclear family, 42.1% of students get distracted from there family members and are mostly from joint family or having their siblings.

Did you face any difficulty during online classes?
20 responses



***The understanding level of student** - Not same as in live classroom. The question lead to “Did you get the same level of understanding as in live classroom?”. Response is like 100% of students did not get the thing as they get in live classrooms. May be the issue can be the attention which they used to get in the live classroom or their enthusiasm for learning something on practical basis as a designer.

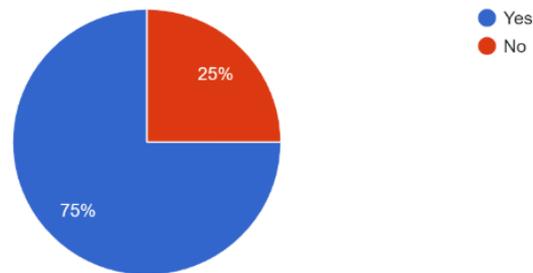
Did you get the same level of understanding in virtual classes as in live classroom?
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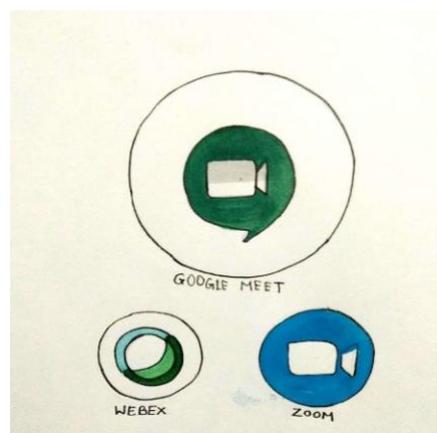
***Environmental changes which required-** About 75% of student were not satisfied from there online classes as they want changes in there method of teaching in online classes like most of the time the class were too long and the students losses their interest from virtual

class and eagerly waiting for the break between the long lecture cause sitting continuously in front of the screen is not possible, it created many health issues like eyesight problem, headache, back pain, or any other. Students think that it can be more organised, and they know teachers are doing hard work for making it more smoothly for them.

Do you want any changes in the method of teaching in online classes?
20 responses

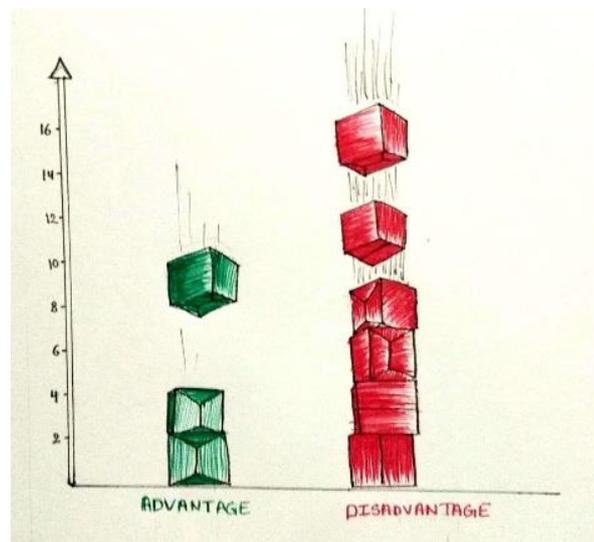


***Perspective to a visualizing problem for a designer-** Many students have problem in using the apps in beginning but now they are familiar with it. So, they have been asked them “If they want better understanding”. And they answered this question by giving their own suggestion for some new features in the apps that they are using for there online classes like, it could record and send mail the session as soon as it ends to every individual on its own. Zoom needs to add audio volume while screen sharing video, maybe possibility of drawing to explain for the students as well, less data uses, google meet should also have an option of recording, and remaining students were ok with it as they don’t want any changes in there app and 73.7% of students want a specific app for designer student to understand things easily.



***Responses which made us thinking-** After getting responses from students of advantages and disadvantages of virtual classes. It resulted that disadvantage comes more than the advantages, because it is a new thing to be used to it and becomes comfortable with.

Disadvantages are like – online learning cannot offer human interaction as lack of interaction between students and teachers cause of students feeling shy for asking any questions or answering question in front of whole class, some students said – design is a practical cause therefore it couldn't be taught online, there is lack of better understanding and missing that designing vibe, they can't follow an exact schedule so it becomes difficult to manage thing at home too. A designer student needs to learn more things practically rather than virtually. Better understanding could be built line, but we also get to learn how to make use of this situation wisely and as a designer in future if such things again happens what all new things could create for better development. Responses from advantages sides are like save time. It works properly for the theoretical class, more organised, ease and convenience of time and place.



***Conclusion** - Some students feel that it's not sufficient for designer student to be learned from classes, if this situation continues some students were not sure about it and some students agree and give a comment that there is always a scope of improvement which could be worked upon. After all we must find a way for our best learning through online classes but the courses which are completely studio based will be very difficult to do at home and studio-based learning is always better. Exploring things and experimenting with it coming up with more innovative ideas this is what makes us a designer rather than being in a close shade.