

HOUSEHOLD CHORES V/S DESIGN CORES

Analysis of the Questionnaire regarding online learning

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*“Ghar mein bandh hai mahino se
khadein hain ek aise mod par,
jahaan aage jaane mein khatara hai,
aur peeche rehne mein bhalayi.
Toh chalo sath milkar apanayein
Internet wali duniya ko svikaar karein.”*

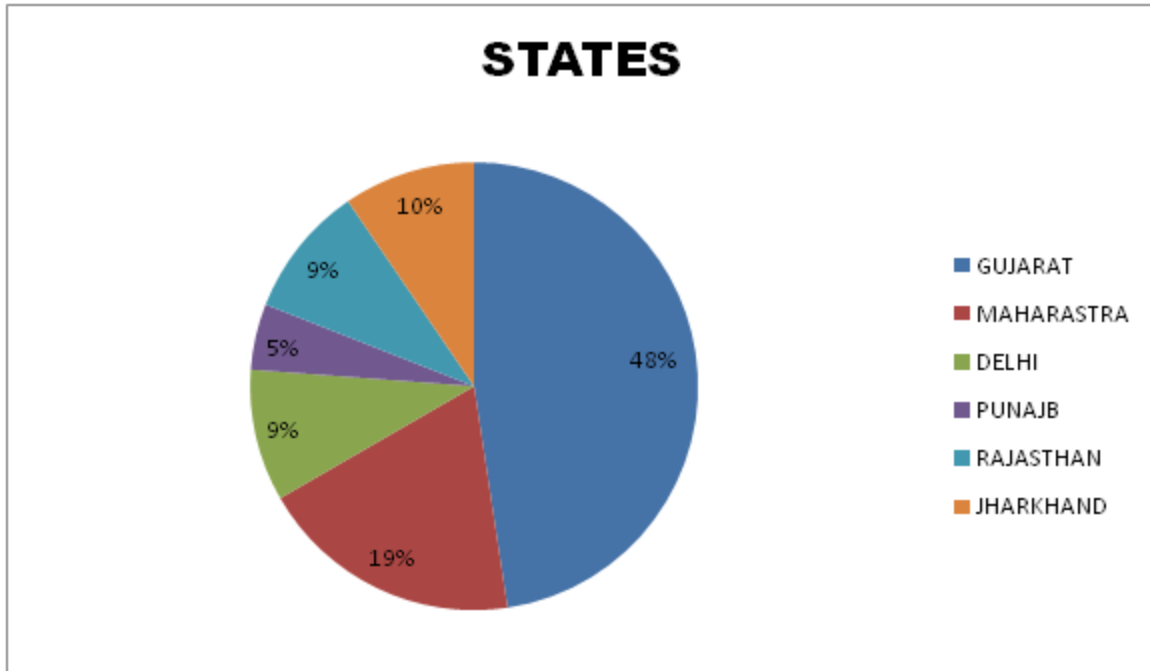
Introduction:

Online learning is a sudden transformation in the education system. It proved to be revolutionary. Many of them had their hands full of facilities to learn and progress on online platforms but some of the families and students are still unfamiliar with the process.

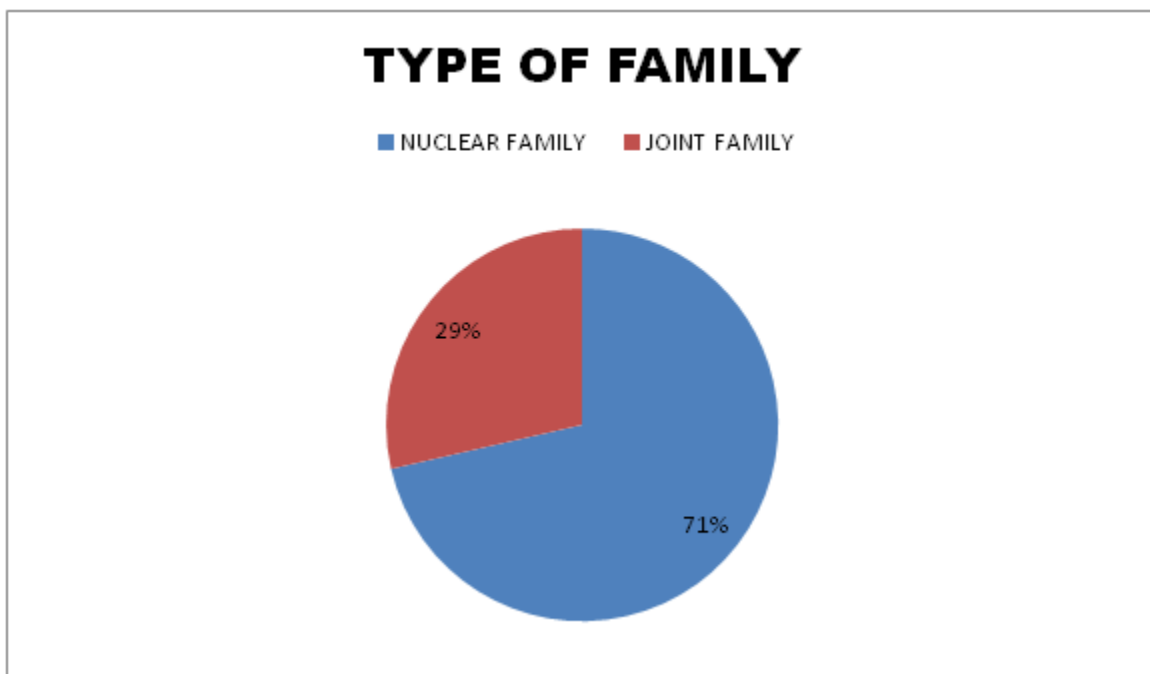
Learning online from the utmost comfortable place was easy to cope up for the students but the homemakers, our mothers had to face challenges. Besides her, the whole family had an impact in some or the other ways. So, I tried to cover different perspectives of the family and students during online classes in the questionnaire. It is the primary research for further analysis.

Demographic Details:

The questionnaire was sent to the foundation students of Nirma University, Department Of Design. Out of 30 students, 21 had replied. The mode used was e-mail and for follow up and feedback, Whatsapp was used. The respondents were majorly between 18-20 years of age. According to the data 38.1% of them were male and 61.9% were female respondents. Most of them were the residents of Western states- Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan. A few of them were from Northern part of the country- New Delhi, Punjab. Others were from the Eastern state of Jharkhand.



Nearly 71.4% of the students belong to nuclear families, which are a set of compact and closed structures, and the rest of the 28.6% lived in the Joint Family. It has been observed that the major number of students are either from Gujarat or Maharashtra, who belong to a joint family. Out of which, one of the respondents is the only child in the family. Other than that, most of the respondents have siblings.



“Bhaagti daudhti zindagi par thakna mana hai.

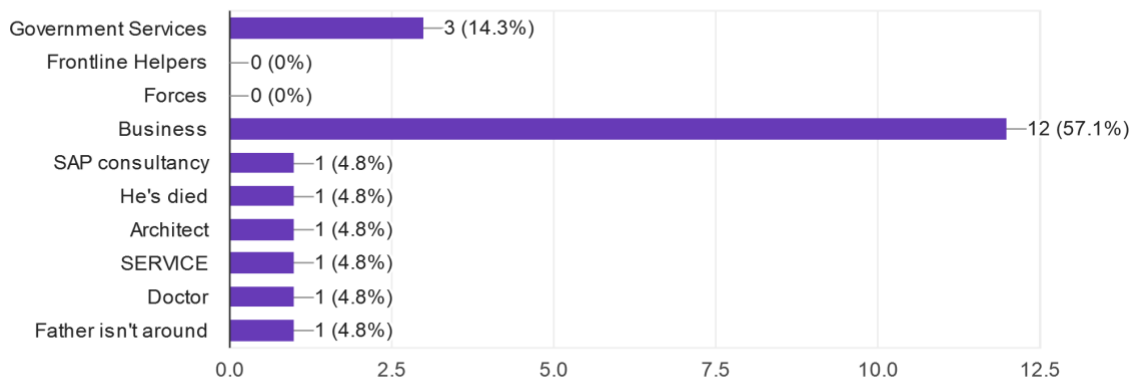
Magar iss zindagi mein viraam lag gaya.”

Lockdown and the pandemic situation not only ceased normal life but also locked the source of income in the country. Due to the situation, many labourers were thrown into the pond of unemployment and livelihood of daily wage workers was affected. According to the data, out of 21 only one respondent's father had to relocate the business. After being personally interviewed, the respondent replied, "primarily my father was involved in the education sector as a college professor but now since educational institutions were temporarily shut so he shifted in the health sector."

Other question was based on parents' occupation. More than half of the respondents i.e., 12 fathers are involved in different types of business. Along with fathers, 2 of the respondent's mothers are also involved in business simultaneously and out of them 8 are residing in nuclear families. Other fathers are involved in government services, architect, doctor etc. One of the respondent's father is no more and mother is a professor. Out of 21, 12 of the mothers are home-makers. It has been analysed that mostly mothers are involved in teaching profession than fathers are in holding business.

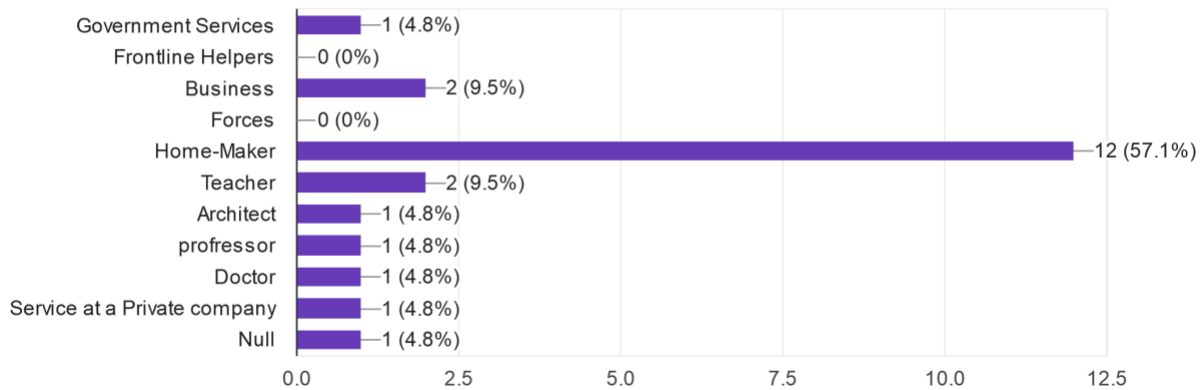
WHAT IS YOUR FATHER'S OCCUPATION?

21 responses



WHAT IS YOUR MOTHER'S OCCUPATION?

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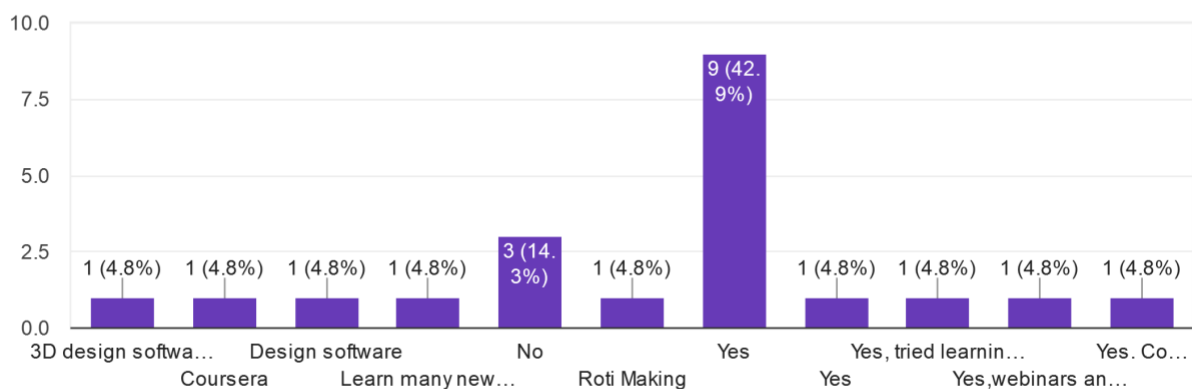
Exploring Talent:

“ I’m always trying new things and learning new things. If there isn’t anything more you can learn- go off and die.”- **Morgan Freeman**

Similarly, design students have the tendency to learn new things in different ways . Most of the students tried hands-on activities like learning new design software, taking up online courses and some of the female respondents showed interest in cooking, roti making etc. This has been observed that no male respondents didn’t showed much interest in cooking etc.

OTHER THAN ONLINE CLASSES, DID YOU LEARNT OR TRY SOMETHING NEW?

21 responses

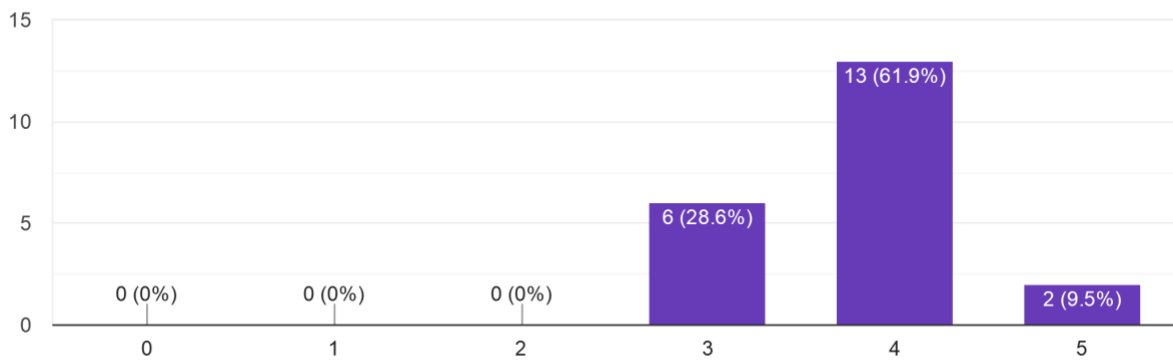


Mode of Study:

Different platforms have different interfaces. According to respondents, their online classes jumped from Google Meet to Zoom App and sometimes Cisco Webex and also Google Meet being the comfortable and convenient platform to take up class due to ease in login, friendly interface, security purpose as it is based on Google. Google Meet has been rated as a 4 star. Comparatively Zoom was not suitable for students as it doesn't have easy access and the interface is not as good.

GIVE RATINGS FOR THE ONLINE PLATFORM.

21 responses

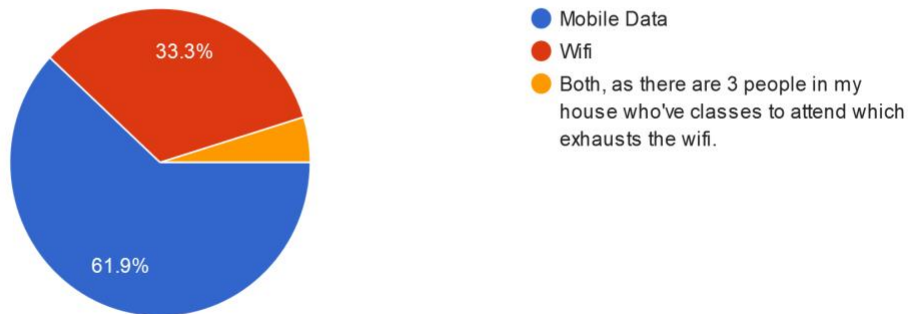


Most of the students had their laptops on which they attend classes but some of them also use smart phones for the same. One of the respondents kept switching between laptop and smart phone. The reason was, “either the microphone had some problems or sometimes it felt lazy to use the laptop and use it.” It shows that for the respondent, mobile is more convenient than a laptop.

Wi-Fi is the acceptable Internet service for most of the students and some use mobile data but most of the time they face network issues. One of the respondents wrote that. “ keep on switching between Wi-Fi and data as there are 3-4 members who are using it and it exhausts Wi-Fi.”

WHAT DO YOU USE FOR INTERNET SERVICES?

21 responses



Family Responsibilities:

Generally, when we are on the campus, we spend six hours a day in official class and on top of that, extra 1-2 hours to complete assignments. I really used to enjoy the time spent under the bright yellow walls of our studio with proper ventilation but cannot afford the same schedule at home as we have to take up other duties too. According to data, class time is flexible depending on the importance and the length of the topic. But when asked for the feedback, most of them wanted the teaching time to be reduced and let students explore in their ways.

After spending so many hours in class and assignments it is also necessary to help mother in the household chores else she would say-

"Jhaadu pocha karoge toh milenge ande,

khaakar peeke mote hoge toh padenge dande."

Surprisingly, 85% of them helped their mother in household chores. Breaking all the stereotypes, both male and female respondents showed up interest

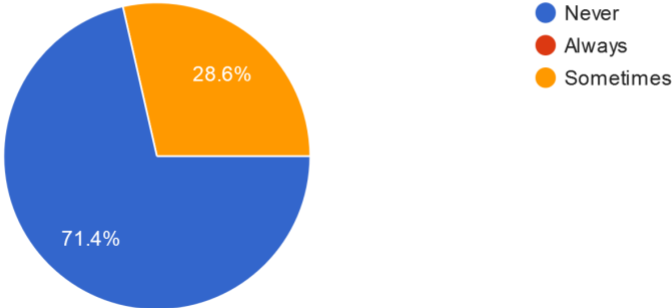
"A mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take."-

Cardinal Meymillod.

Mothers have an infinite number of duties to be fulfilled. From making breakfast to washing and cleaning. But during lockdown most important tasks were the household chores and data shows that all the respondents engaged themselves in different activities, from cooking to cleaning.

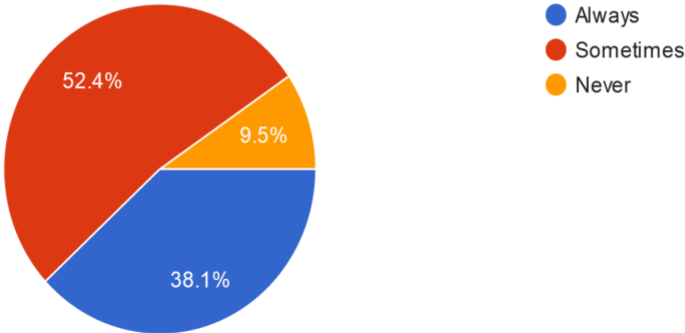
In my opinion and in real life scenarios, parents were unaware of what exactly our work is and how we compile it. This was the best time for parents and students to speak about work more .When asked students whether they take help from their parents, most of them replied in affirmative and a few said sometimes.

DO YOU TAKE HELP FROM YOUR PARENTS TO COMPLETE YOUR ASSIGNMENTS?
21 responses



Since it's the lockdown period, no one had work except children attending online classes. A design student's work is difficult to understand at first but when explained in detailed one can easily grasp it. After seeing all the mess created all around the room and having sleepless nights, parents started to take interest in the respondents work.

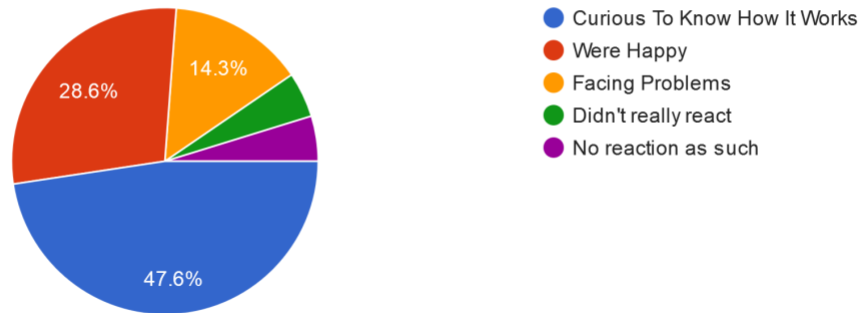
DID YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS SHOWED INTEREST IN YOUR WORK?
21 responses



Commencement of the online lectures of the students had jolted the family especially the mothers as they may be feel burdened as their classes last for 4hours and on the top of that respondents have a bag full of assignments. So, parents had mixed reactions on this- some were curious to know how it works, some were facing problems and inconvenience.

WHEN THE CLASSES RESUMED, WHAT WAS THE REACTION OF THE FAMILY?

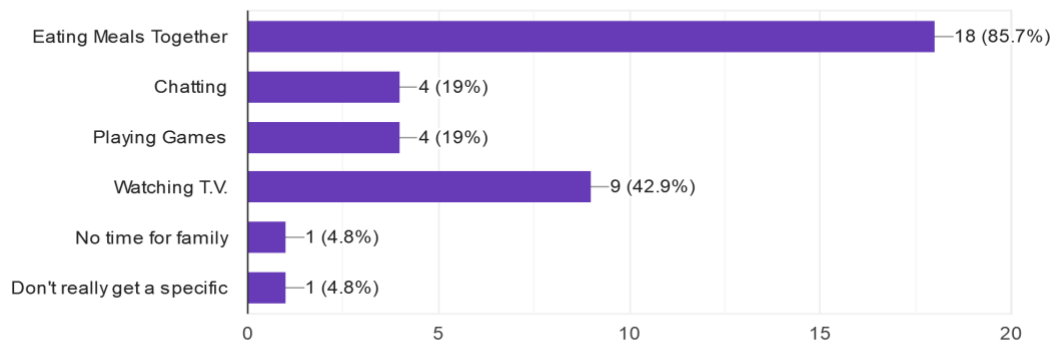
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Apart from the household chores and design assignments, respondents have duties to fulfil towards the family. When asked about how they spend time with family, many of them answered they watch television together while others have a habit of eating meals together. It was found out that these were the best time to know each other and support in this critical situation. I personally believe that this time spent with the family is much more exciting and far more better than ever before. I made a great connection with my grandfather. I spent time in the above mentioned activities. Other than this it has been a regular schedule for me, brother and dadu to play mono deal twice a day. This would have never happened if we would not be caught in such circumstances.

AFTER ATTENDING CLASSES AND HAVING HANDFUL OF HOMEWORK, HOW YOU GIVE TIME TO YOUR FAMILY?

21 responses

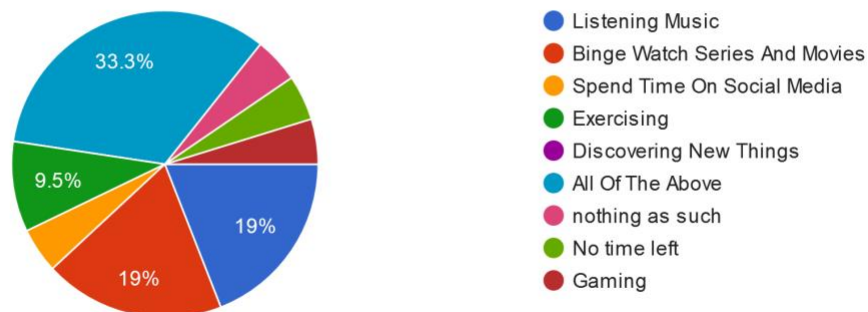


As duly quoted by **Diane Von Furstenberg** ,“It is so important to take time for yourself and find clarity. The most important relationship is the one you have with yourself. This is the time to unwind, kick back, and relax for the sake of one’s well-being.” In a study done by the University of London, researchers found that people who experienced the highest quality time, had the highest production rates of work. Think of it like recharging your dead batteries which gives more energy and motivation to get back to work and do all the assignments on time.
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So the followed the different series of activities or hobbies taken up to get stress free. For example listening to music, gaming etc but there are a few who do not get time to relax maybe due to the assignments and other work.

HOW YOU SPEND TIME FOR YOURSELF AFTER THE BUSY SCHEDULE?

21 responses



Interestingly, since everyone is home, most of the respondents preferred to take up their hobbies again, which was not possible while, we were in hostel. I really enjoyed reading books. Earlier, whenever I used to get time say in the bus while to and fro home and school, or sitting on the last bench and reading etc but now since joined college, I tried to start reading but couldn’t complete any book. But now I can spare a bit of time to invest in books as I believe it increases vocabulary.

Conclusion:

Therefore, to conclude I would say, “stepping out of the comfort zone and facing the unusual challenges is the real you.” No doubt, this challenge is for everyone but being a design student is a challenge itself, in leaning online. This is the time when you lessen your mother’s burden and come out with a way to relieve your father’s tension. This is the time to fight, even if the lights went down, even if the sun sets in east.