School importance -missing school or not

COVID-19 has been heart breaking for every individual on this earth, especially for school children. Losing parents, friends, relatives, and teachers was enormously tragic. An alternative medium of online learning was introduced to substitute physical school learning. This imparted academics, but majority of students still miss regular school system- Assemblies, functions, lunch breaks, canteen food, peers, teachers, teamwork, physical education, laughing together, chatters, playgrounds, and most of all our sacred freedom. Now our school routine has been shrunken to a tiny screen.

The physical world, where all the students were happy, has now transformed into an alienated world. Normalcy is missing and so is century's old -Guru Shishya Parampara. Covid 19 pandemic has created a distance amongst instructors and learners. Lack of face-to-face interactions, question answer sessions, sports have left us with a void and the worst affected are the students whose parents can't afford electronic gadgets for supporting their online classes. As a result, these students are left with only one choice of dropping out from school and help their parents in various chores.

Deteriorating mental health is a significant trauma faced by children post COVID. Communicating and expressing yourself freely in front of your peers released stress but now, missing school feels like missing life, missing sunlight, our freedom, and our development.

Our education system is based on a holistic approach that addresses students learning, social and emotional needs. Online education can only impart learning but will not be able to take us out of this solitude, sad and deserted world. Undoubtedly, academics are significant for our growth, but socializing is uniformly more important, and schools are the first place that teach us to be a good social being. Regular School functioning will gift independence to students from virtual imprisonment.