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In the development of internet E-mail was the first world to be heard. After that came e-commerce, e-book, e-school and today most popular world in the field of education is e-learning. Electronic media in relation with learning come to be known as e learning. An arrangement where in education, administration, teaching, learning, evaluation, management is co-ordinate through electronic media is called as e-learning. The mobile learning is a part of e-learning. In today's world Mobile technologies are common place in our society Development in microelectronic and telecommunication technologies provide continuing increase of processing power, improved interfaces, extended functionality, fast and diverse wireless connectivity for mobile terminal. Mobile is a personal acquisition tool and easily available to everyone. These things have opened a new door of E-learning to which we call M-learning.

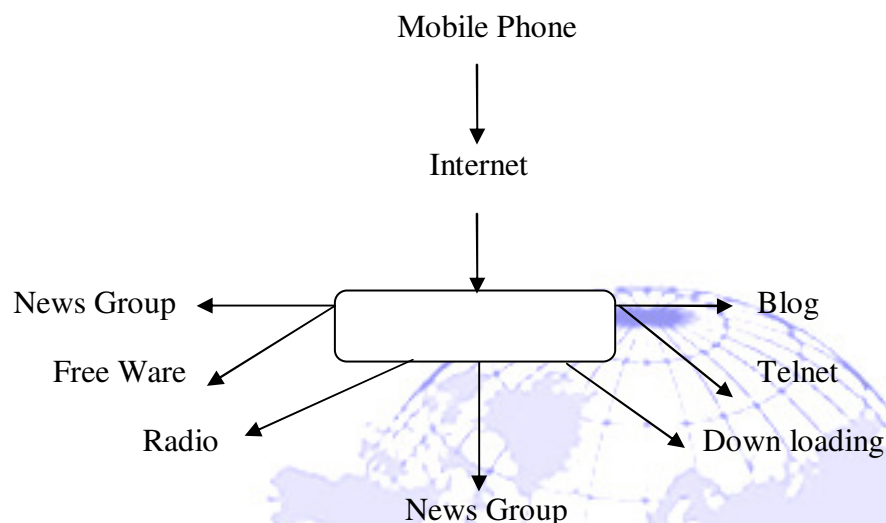
Definition of Mobile Education -

The use of Mobile Technology in education is known as Mobile Education m-education. It may be defined as 'any service or facility that supplies a learner with information, educational content through mobile phones that aids in acquisition of knowledge, skills, and culture regardless of location and time.'

Mobile learning -**Traxler (2005) -**

He defined m-learning as,"any educational provision where the sole or dominant technologies are handled or palmtop devices."

M-learning states it as the delivery of training by means of mobile devices such as pocket PCS Mobile phones and palmtop computing devices. PDAS and similar handheld devices

Characteristic features of Mobile learning-**Possible Transformation in Indian Education by using M-Learning -**

- 1) Students will take the initiative, without remaining passive listeners they themselves will construct knowledge in the atmosphere of freedom, motivation and commitment.
- 2) Researches have proved that attainment of goals is done more successfully through Mobile Learning approach. Due to Mobile Learning students get alert and more active. To develop different types of life skill and soft skill such as creativity critical attitude and divergent thinking M-learning is essential.
- 3) In twenty first century education process is a child centered process. It means that teacher is a guide who shows the way to students and child is a self learner.
- 4) Students learning will be sustainable and ultimately natural development of life long skills will occur among the students.

Advantages of Mobile –LEARNING -

- 1) Learning can occurs at any place, at any time.
- 2) More voice, graphics and animations base instruction.
- 3) Instant delivery of e-mail or SMS.
- 4) Through M-learning interaction among student and teacher will develop.
- 5) Audio- video conferencing also possible.

- 6) 24/7 learning is the one of the important advantage of M-learning.
- 7) Collaborative learning and cooperative learning also possible.

The educational technology depends mainly of teacher and the students must physically participate in the learning process. The twenty first century promises to be developing knowledge oriented society. Information, communication technology is the important part of student and teacher life. The rapid growth of information communication technologies and rising computer knowledge of the students make possible appearance of these new educational forms. The relatively recent availability of 3G mobile phones and personal data assistant will increase opportunities for mobile learning and web-based information can be used to expand the learning experience.

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