Ans:

Education sector one of the disrupted sector due to pandemic situation. Formal education systems like - schools, colleges are closed for uncertain time. In such uncertainity online education and learning comes with both challenges and opportunities.

Challenges of Online mode of education -

① Infrastructure & Unavailability

- Internet penetration as per TRAI
  - Urban India (62%)
  - Rural (14%)

② Divides - Digital divide.

- Rich - Poor
- Urban - Rural

③ Unavailability of online Content

- formal education systems cannot be suddenly digitised
- Language and mother tounge education issue
  Ex: e-HCERT need all language translation

④ Issue of
- Accessibility
- Affordability
- Availability
- Quality etc.

⑤ Teacher - pupil connect, curricular activities,

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extra curricular activities, value system hard to be fullfilled by online mode.

⑥ Interest maintaince is hard (attention span)

→ Opportunities —

① Online mode provides → more options & sources
→ connect and compete with large no. of students.

(eg) Swayam program

② Quality maintainance
— As continuous monitoring can be done
Like — Teachers absentism is 35% as per NITI Ayog Report.

③ Time flexibility
— Online mode can be accessed as per demand and time.

④ Better mode for exigencies —
— Ex: present pandemic situation, cyclone risk area on coasts, areas

⑤ Equality
— At present only 12% of ~~private~~ EWS students in private schools against requirement of 25%.
↳ Online mode will be equally accessible.

⑥ Change with the time
— will lead to scientific temper in students.

Despite challenges, online mode of learning provides opportunities. It is need of time to slowly complement formal education system with online mode. There is need to have political, experts analysis of above opportunity.

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