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## Rapid Survey to Assess Remote Learning at the School level in India during Covid-19



What did we learn from 11,200+ students and their parents/teachers about remote learning during COVID-19 in India?

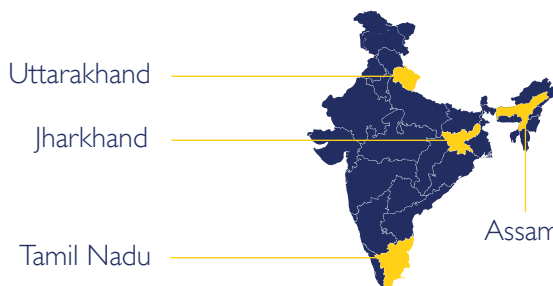
The study titled “Rapid Survey to Assess Remote Learning at the School level in India during Covid-19” was conducted in Sep-Dec 2020 by Outline India with due support from the Asian Development Bank. The aim was to understand the challenges specifically related to ICT-based learning tools and associated requirements, and the learning environment at home.

The Outline India team interacted with more than 11,200 students and their parents/interviews across four states in India via phone interviews.

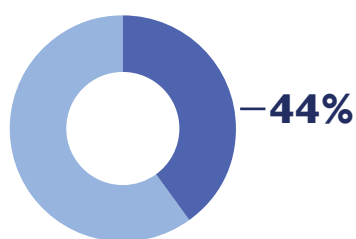
Here we share a glimpse of the on ground scenario and our insights based on the data collected.

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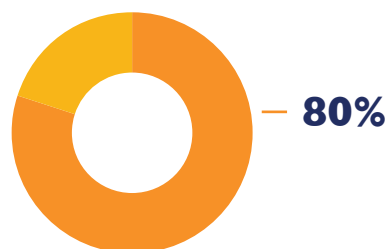
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The data depicted that 43.5% of the students interviewed were male and 56.5% students were female.

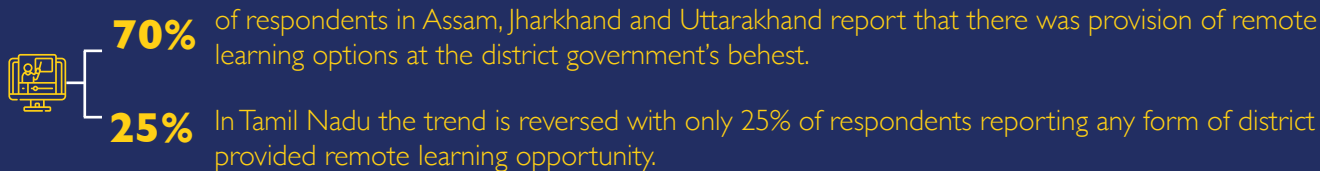


44% report that the father is primarily engaged in daily wage-earning activities



80% report that mothers are housewives.

## Remote learning services during COVID-19



Respondents receiving remote learning services from their schools.



respondents report having been involved in some form of self-learning programme at home



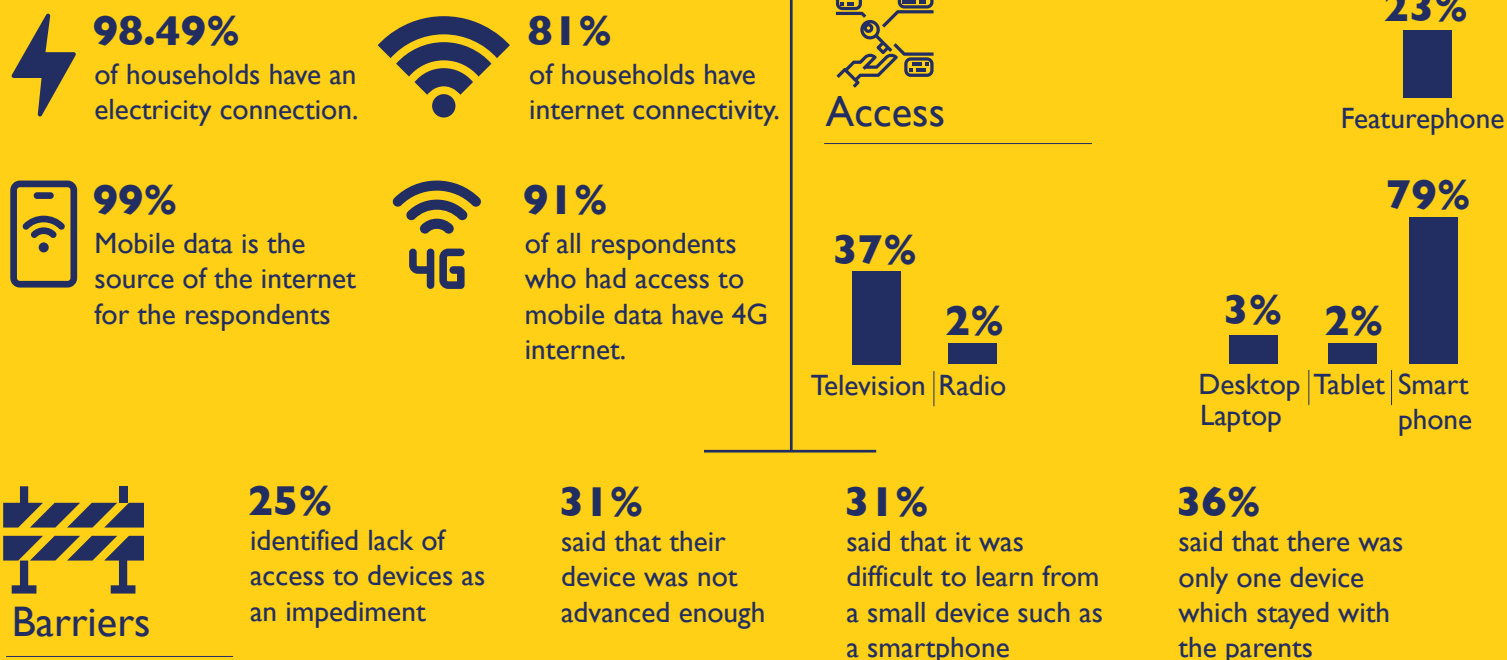
of those who received school level remote learning opportunities respectively, report that they were engaged in remote learning



of those who received district level remote learning opportunities respectively, report that they were engaged in remote learning

It was also reported in most cases that attendance was initially very low at the onset of online classes, but over time this figure has only increased

## Ownership and access of ICT infrastructure



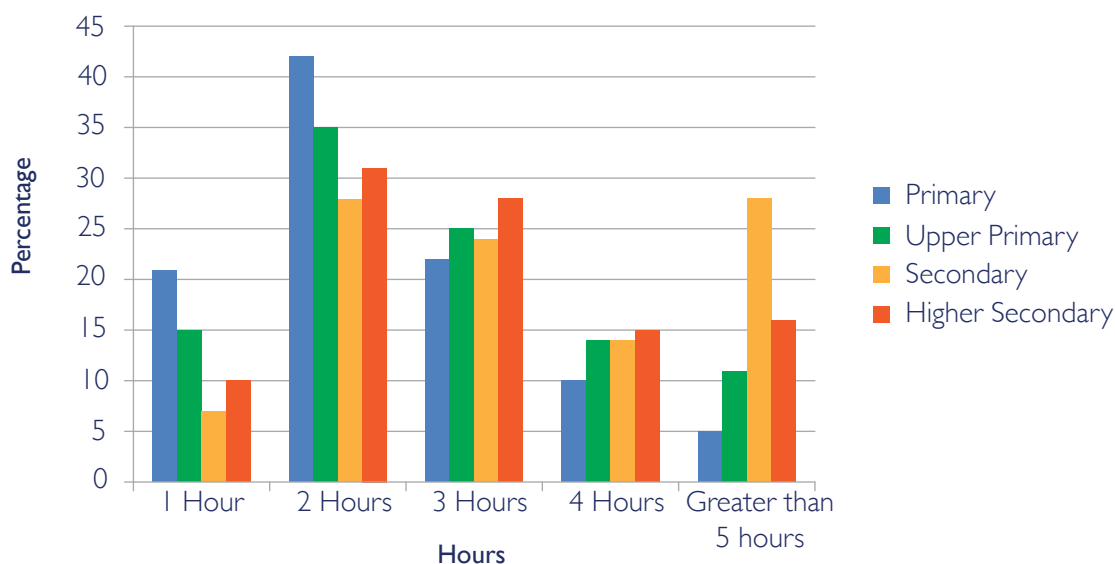
## Media and Content



**35%** of the students use YouTube as the most common medium for remote learning



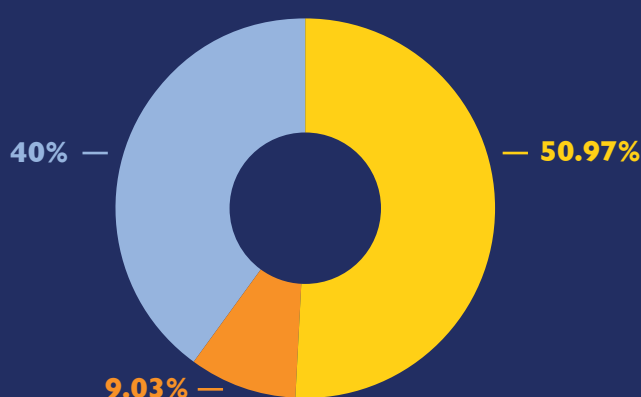
**31%** of the students refer to WhatsApp as the most used source



## Communication and Monitoring



The teachers primarily used WhatsApp groups to carry out the teaching-learning process

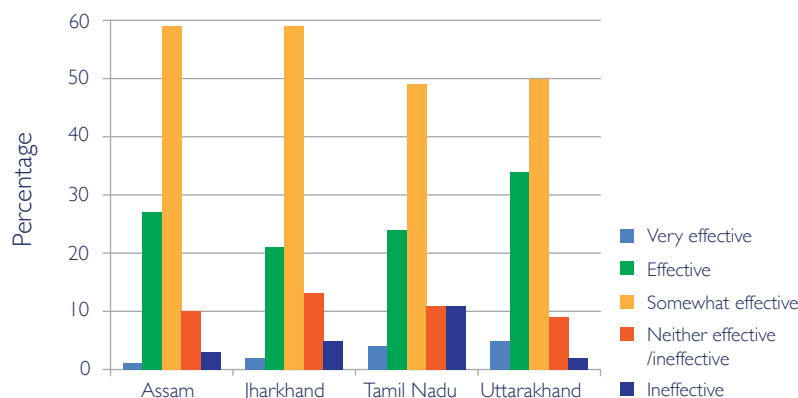


Mode of communication from school administration/teachers' regarding online learning

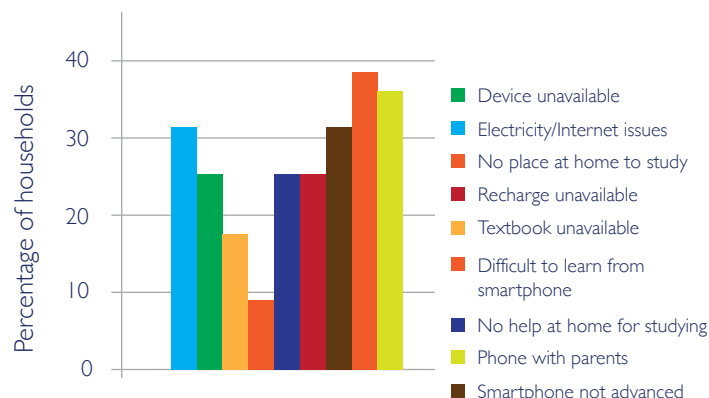
- Broadcasting
- Over phone
- Through teacher

**92%** of the respondents were engaged in remote learning

Effectiveness of remote learning



Barriers to effective learning at home



Preferred mode of engagement to continue remote learning.



## Recommendations



Recording of sessions for convenience of students.



Usage of a combination of Smartphones and TV for remote learning.



School devising a strong monitoring and feedback system for fruitful remote learning.



Capacity building programmes for teachers.



Multiple medium for administering remote learning.

## Excerpts from the field



**Parents are valuing the remote classes**

"...the parents are valuing the classes in general since they are worried about their children's education, and are happy that classes are still going on ..."

- Teacher from Assam



**Sharing of learning material on WhatsApp helps**

"...It is easy to have learning material on WhatsApp as that allows the children to go through the material as per convenience and availability of device ..."

- Guardian from Assam



**In constant touch with students**

"...I contacted the students for giving lessons, to monitor the students, for the admissions in the class for the next academic year. I also contacted the students to inform them about social distancing norms and how to follow them...."

- Teacher from Jharkhand



**Attendance in Remote Learning Increasing**

"...In offline learning almost 60-80% of the enrolled students attended classes but now the attendance is dependent on the guardians. Students can log in for the classes only when their parents allow them to use the smartphone...."

- Teacher from Jharkhand



**Guidance is provided to the parents**

"...The head teacher had even called for a meeting to motivate the parents to guide their children. Guidance is provided to the parents on a regular basis...."

- Parent from Uttarakhand