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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p>Compulsory REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript) Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title) Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate? Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct? Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form. <p><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></p>	<p>This is a manuscript that analyzes the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on education and psychosocial behavior among school students in two adjacent blocks of North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, India. The paper begins with an introduction that provides background information on the COVID-19 pandemic, its spread, and the subsequent lockdown measures implemented in India. The paper then highlights the impact of school closures on students and their families, particularly those who cannot afford the necessary technologies and gadgets required for online learning. The study concludes by emphasizing the importance of schools as a foundation for the future generation and the need for an inclusive education system that caters to students from all socio-economic backgrounds.</p> <p>The manuscript presents the results of a study on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the education system in two blocks of West Bengal, India. The study found that the majority of online classes were taken in one block as compared to the other, and a higher percentage of students in one block bought new smartphones for online classes during the pandemic. The study also found that many students could not access online classes due to lack of accessible electronic devices and higher rates of poverty. Private tuition was the primary source of academic knowledge during school closures for most students, and many students lost their sincerity towards education and got addicted to mobile phones during the lockdown. The study highlights the challenges faced by students, teachers, and parents during the pandemic and the need to address the digital divide and poverty to ensure access to education for all.</p> <p>The conclusion of the manuscript emphasizes the importance of education for the development of a country and how the sudden arrival of the pandemic disturbed the education system. The study highlighted that there were massive behavioral changes among school students during the pandemic period, and online education was a big challenge in developing countries like India. The government's initiatives to increase digital learning were not accessible to all students, and a huge gap was observed between private and government schools. The traditional method of teaching can make students responsible and also improve their mental and mental health. The study recommends that if schools need to be shut down again, alternative, affordable, and accessible measures should be considered to continue the academic process for every student from every section of household. Government policies should be implemented to ensure that all students can enroll themselves in the academic process, regardless of their economic status. It is also recommended that the environment of the school is important for the student's social and mental health.</p>	
<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications? 	<p>The manuscript presents the results of a relevant study that sheds light on the impact of the pandemic on the education system in West Bengal. The findings are well-supported by the data and the discussion provides a good analysis of the results.</p>	
<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<p>The study concludes that although education is a basic right, the pandemic uncovered some different scenarios, and the recommendations provided can help address the challenges faced by the education system during the pandemic. However, the manuscript could benefit from further contextualization of the findings within the broader literature on the impact of the pandemic on education in developing countries.</p> <p>Firstly, the study involves human subjects, specifically children and their parents, and therefore should follow ethical guidelines for the protection of participants. The manuscript does not provide</p>	

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	<p>information about obtaining informed consent from participants or ethical approval from an institutional review board.</p> <p>Secondly, the study addresses economic inequalities and poverty. The manuscript notes that many students and their families were unable to afford the technology necessary for online classes. The potential ethical issue is that this study could inadvertently stigmatize or harm the reputation of the poor students and their families.</p> <p>Thirdly, the manuscript describes changes in behavior and attitudes among the students, which could raise privacy concerns. It is unclear whether the participants provided consent for sharing their personal information.</p> <p>Fourthly, the manuscript does not provide a clear explanation of how the data was collected and analyzed. It is important to ensure that the data collection and analysis methods are rigorous, reliable, and valid.</p> <p>In summary, the manuscript raises potential ethical concerns related to human subjects, economic inequalities, privacy, and research rigor. These issues should be addressed before the manuscript can be considered for publication.</p>	
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PART 2:

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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