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Introduction

ICT stands for "information and communication technologies". It has become important in all aspects of life. The use of ICT in teaching-learning process is a relatively new technique and it plays important role in the field of education and researchers point of view. ICT is the latest trend which helps in improving the efficiency in the educational process. According to a United Nations report (1999) ICTs cover Internet service provision, telecommunications equipment and services, information technology equipment and services, media and broadcasting, libraries and documentation centres, commercial information providers, network-based information services, and other related information and communication activities. There are various kinds of ICT products available related to education, such as teleconferencing, email, audio conferencing, television lessons, radio broadcasts, interactive radio counselling, interactive voice response system, audiocassettes and CD ROMs etc have been used in education for different purposes. ICT can be defined as "anything which allows us to get information, to communicate with each other, or to have an effect on the environment using electronic or digital equipment" (Siraj-Blatchford & Siraj-Blatchford, 2003, p. 4). ICT helps to improve the memory power, motivates and the new approaches to teaching and learning.

Meaning of ICT

ICT refers to the technology or system which allows to store, process, retrieve, print, update and transmission of information. Example: computer, digital TV, laptop, internet, mobile, printer etc.