

# Open Courseware: Concept, Need and Benefits

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## ABSTRACT

*In recent years, Internet and electronic resources have become most popular sources of information for the researchers, scholars, teachers, professionals and students. Due to the advancement of education technology many new ways of teaching-learning are emerging now a days. Greater impact of ICT and internet on the education have developed new concept of online learning and as a result of latest innovations, Open Courseware is an innovative and new idea in the field of education. The major goal of the Open Courseware to support online and digital teaching-learning activity. These Open Courseware contains the variety of material which is very useful for a learners beyond the classroom activity. OCW are the digital material which is available online for the users from the remote area with barrier of time and distance. Open Courseware are the free and open digital publication of high quality educational materials, organized as courses.*

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