



Ministry of National Education
National Tenders Scheme



is organizing

A Debate On

Is Digital Education 2020 a Boon or Bane

In commemoration of Youth Day Celebration



we invite you to
participate in the debate

Platform: Google Meet

Date: 13.08.2020

Time: 10.00 AM



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Extension Activity

The National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit
A Debate on Is Digital Education 2020 a Boon or Bane?

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On **13th of August, 2020**, the National Service Scheme (NSS), Madras School of Social Work (MSSW) organized a Debate on the topic Is Digital Education 2020 a Boon or Bane, in observance of the International Youth Day 2020. The Debate was started by 10am and continued till 1pm. About **39 NSS Volunteers** (BSW- 2nd year) participated and shared their insights in a very structural manner. **Mr. Shaanjay Kumar** (2nd year BSW student) played the Moderator role.



The program began with highlighting the importance of celebrating Youth Day and the role of Youths in the development of a nation. This was given by **Ms. Vishnu Priya.V** (2nd year BSW student). Next was the Welcoming part. **Mr. Anthony Jude** (2nd year BSW student) gave the Welcome Speech. After which, the debate began with Mr. Shaanjay sharing a few of his insights about the topic.

Importance of Celebrating Youth Day:-



The Best Resource a Nation can ever have trust to grow is the ‘Youths’. Youths are the future pillars of the nation. Hence it becomes important for the youths to take part in Economic, Political and Social life and processes. International Youth Day gives us an opportunity to celebrate and mainstream young peoples’ voices, actions and initiatives, as well as their meaningful, universal and equitable engagement.

The UN theme for Youth Day 2020 is Youth Engagement in Global Action which seeks to highlight the ways in which the engagement of young people at the local, national and global

levels is enriching national and multilateral institutions and processes. Therefore it becomes the prime responsibility of the youths to be active in the society and be the ‘Change Makers’ rather than insisting others to bring in changes in the society. **Insights of the**

Participants:-

The participants from both the teams were very active and clear while expressing their views which made the debate a successful one. A few of the insights are mentioned here:

BOON:	BANE:
Digital education is the only way to make students study during this pandemic.	Students don’t take it seriously; they take it for granted and hence there is a lack of concentration.
It is the possible effort any Government would take for the wellness of students.	Watching mobile phone for a long time damages eyesight and causes other health problems.
It paves way for the teachers to associate creative methods while teaching.	Since there are network problems everywhere, students will not be able to attend classes and pay attention to the classes.
It has made the parents of the students understand their mentality and hence they teach their children after classes.	As there is a lack of Socialization among the students, whatever efforts taken are an utter failure.

Digital education is not only about online classes, but it has also provided the opportunity for other online courses and internship facilities for the development of skills of the students.

As there is no internet facility and sufficient mobile phones in some of the families, it has resulted in an increased rate of suicides.

All the participants expressed their viewpoints relating to the current situation, current affairs which led to a better understanding of the topic. A few of them even rebutted certain points. A few other notable points are that Digital Education 2020 is a bane as it has made our family and house like a factory. Hence, it is a mental pressure as we are not able to spend quality time with our family. Many other insights like this were shared covering many other aspects like mental health, thus giving us a holistic idea of the topic.

The debate was ended by the conclusion saying that Digital Education 2020 is a '**BOON**'. Later on, Mrs. Sudarmathy Gururajan, Assistant Professor in BSW Dept., MSSW, shared her thoughts on the topic.

The program came to an end by Proposing the Vote of Thanks by **Mr. Dharanidharan.O.J** (2nd year BSW student). By the end of the program we, the youths took an oath (Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam inspired) promising to be a responsible citizen in the society

