Group Discussion Report

Mentoring Program: Week 1, Day 1

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On 21st August 2019, First Group Discussion was conducted on the topic **"Social Media: Impact on Human Behavior and Society"**. At the beginning of the session everybody seemed hesitant in expressing their opinion but soon the discussion picked up the pace and the purpose of the discussion, which was to encourage students to speak up and boost their confidence, was fulfilled.

The discussion was between three groups, First group chose to highlight the positive impact of social media, Second group comprised of students who perceived negative impact of social media and the third group was the neutral group that apprised about both the benefits and challenges of social media.

Points discussed in the favour of the topic were like "**it makes people broad minded, helps in expanding knowledge, makes easy to find jobs, promotes digital marketing, access to more information and enhances social connectivity & communication". T**he views against the motion were "leads to false trap, **self-obsession and materialism, means of spreading fake news, promotes gossips, trolling and addiction"** .

Lastly, we tried to draw attention of the students to summarise and conclude the GD highlighting all the important points' discussed by all the groups.

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On August 22, 2019, 2nd group discussion was conducted in the classroom on the topic "**Is India ready for cashless economy?**". I would say that the discussion was successful, the session seemed to have more energy and interest than the previous discussion.

There were three groups in discussion, first who was in favour that India is ready for the cashless economy, second against it and third one was neutral.

The aim of this group discussion was to enhance the confidence, communication skills, leadership quality and thinking capacity. The points discussed in the favour of the topic were like " **restricts fake currency issues, an economy booster , cost reduction strategy, risk reduction ,increasing the tax base, reduced corruption** & **promotes transparency in the transaction**" and the points against it were like " **concerns for uneducated people, limitations of internet connectivity, fear of hacking** and **cyber security**".

Overall the discussion was positive because each one of us contributed good information and everyone listened with the utmost interest when other members were sharing their ideas. Speaking in the group discussion is gradually bringing everyone in mainstream by boosting their self-confidence.