

Digital India for Atamnirbhar Bharat: Opportunities on COVID-19 and Beyond

“Have pride on how far you have come and have faith on how far you will go!” -Anonymous

Where will we be in the next six months, a year, or a decade from now? The multifarious world is withstanding one of the greatest disasters ever occurred on the planet. Since the last few months, we all have seen the situations which were created by the pandemic. In the world, lakhs of lives have been taken; many have been affected and the economic prosperity and status of many have trembled down. And the effects in the coming few years are going to flourish and not vanish. The societies will never identical to that before nor the economy. Relations and celebrations will also be affected both in positive and negative ways.

But now a question arises: What can we do? Should we be at home, sleeping, eating and follow our normal passive routine or perform something productive etc. The utilization of time during this period would create a path on which the future of our country lies. In the digital world, it is our responsibility to secure the Technological Revolution as a boon rather than bane. As world's hatred towards China has increased in an enormous way, big and multi-national companies are now shifting towards India where they could be facilitated with labour in supernumerary helping them to grow their company and helping people residing in India to get employed. More employment will lead to increase in GDP and help the country to prosper.

As waste production has been one of the major liabilities, more focus on waste-to-power plants should be given to increase power supply and reduce garbage and trash accumulation. This would also reduce the pressure on exhaustible resources and clean up the air by 80%. The New Education Policy has remarkably uprooted the tradition of rote learning and now emphasizes on more practical information. With better youths in nation, India can become one of the most powerful nations. The new generation needs to give their health an equal importance to that of their education. It is utmost essential for a being to be healthy for better results and become an asset to the country.

But during the start of this pandemic and lockdown, an average Indian scrolled through the social media pages for around four to four-and-a-half hour a day. This is a severe problem that is affecting our country. The youth need to understand that this period is not just a waste or fun rather a time to look back and wing our mistakes and improvise. This proves to be a major setback for the upcoming youngsters.

In the end, I would like to conclude that, the opportunities lie in our hand and its prime responsibility to use them at their fullest. An advanced technology is needed to safeguard us and our nation also, which is set to come in future.

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