STEM Education in India: A Path to Innovation

Empowering Students for a Bright Future

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Session Overview

- Discover what STEM education is and why it matters
- Learn about STEMs origins in India and globally
- Explore how STEM helps students create, solve problems, and work together
- Understand challenges and solutions for STEM in Indian schools
- Align with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020

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Activity: What STEM project would you like to try?

Origins of STEM Education

- **Global**: Started in the 1990s by the National Science Foundation (NSF) to improve science and math learning [5].
- **Influencers**: Schools like MIT and Stanford used projects like robotics [3].
- **India**: Grew after 2010, boosted by NEP 2020 for hands-on learning [2].
- **Example**: Schools use Scratch to code games while learning math [3].

Challenges of STEM in India

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Discussion: What challenges do you see for STEM in your school?

Solutions for STEM Success

- **Use Free Tools**: Try Scratch or GeoGebra for coding and math [3].
- **Train Teachers**: More workshops to help teachers [1].
- **Connect to Lessons**: Use STEM projects with school subjects.
- **Reach Everyone**: Bring STEM kits to rural schools [6].
- **Share Ideas**: Teachers and students can share projects at events.

Wrap-Up

- STEM combines science, tech, engineering, and math for fun, hands-on learning.
- It helps students create, solve problems, and prepare for the future.
- Challenges like resources can be solved with free tools and training.
- **Next Steps**: Try a STEM project or join a STEM event!

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Lets inspire students with STEM innovation!