

A Group Discussion(G.D) on 'Online versus Offline Education' was arranged on 08.04.2023 at 1:30 pm in room no-34 attached to the departmental chamber of English. The facilitator was Prof. Uday Kumar Nandi, H.O.D, English. The G.D was made by 4 groups of 4th semester English honours students. while group (A) and (C) spoke in favour of the OFFLINE mode, group (B) and (D) in favour of the ONLINE mode.



**The points raised by different groups:
(Group-A)**

1. Offline education creates a positive competitive Environment:

In offline classes, students are engaged in a healthy competition with each other related to their learning. But in online education, the students do not get the environment to interact with the teachers as well as their peers.

2. Offline system of education makes students more responsible and disciplined than the online one:

since the educational institution have many rules and regulations, students have to abide by, as a result of which they become responsible and self disciplined in due course. But in the ONLINE system of education, they do not become so conscious of their time and self confident due to the lack of concentration on the screen.

(Group-B):

1. Issue of Time management:

online education saves us from wasting our time while going to schools and colleges and coming back home. And online classes can be attended from our home.

2. Distance Issue:

It becomes harder for students who live far from their schools and had to travel by bus or train which waste more time and give stress to them. But in online and education, they can attend the class at ease.



**Group
(A)**



**Group
(B)**

Group-C:

1. Scope for overcoming shyness:

In online classes, we have the option not to turn on camera and Mike for speaking and sirs and madams become indifferent to this and manage their classes with the rather advanced students. But in offline classes, the teachers become more serious about the activities of the students in the class. And they make eye-contact with the teachers, which is a must for successful teaching-learning process.

2. Extra curricular activities :

Offline classes offer multiple extra-curricular activities like sports and games, cultural competitions and many other things.

Group -D:

1. Expensive:

Offline education is expensive. Because learning in a school/colleges, demands fees for smart classes, study materials, uniforms, transport, etc. But online classes save the cost of school uniforms, transport facilities and for other purposes.

2. Students become lifelong learners:

Another benefit of the online learning is that it is arranged to create interest in the learners.



**Group-
C**



**Group
-D**

After the exciting group discussion among the students was over Prof. Nandi, the conductor of it, made a comparative analysis of the merits and demerits of both the system of education. And he declared at the end of the session by giving a vote of thanks to all present in it, the group leaders, in particular. In response, the students express their heartiest gratitude to Prof. Nandi for organising such a fresh program to complete the usual class- teaching program and, requested him such and such program in the days ahead.

