

# Basic Computer Education Program by NSS- Sangruli village, Panvel

The National Service Scheme (NSS) Cell of AIKTC technical campus has undertaken a significant initiative to promote digital literacy among rural populations through the Basic Computer Education Program. This program is designed to empower individuals with essential computer skills, bridging the digital divide and enhancing socio-economic development in rural areas. It was organized on Monday, July 29th, 2024, in the village Zila parishad school Sangurli Tal Panvel. Ten dedicated volunteers from the NSS cell, whose contribution is invaluable, trained 30 students from the school.

## Objectives

The key objectives of the Basic Computer Education Program are:

1. **Promote Digital Literacy:** Provide primary computer education to rural residents, enabling them to use computers and the internet effectively.
2. **Enhance Employability:** Equip participants with digital skills that are increasingly required in the job market.
3. **Foster Social Inclusion:** Ensure rural communities have access to digital technology's benefits, contributing to overall social inclusion and empowerment.

## Program Structure

The Basic Computer Education Program is structured as a series of workshops and training sessions, typically held in community centers, schools, or other accessible locations in rural areas. The program includes:

1. **Basic Computer Skills:** Introduction to hardware and software, operating systems, word processing, spreadsheets, and presentations.
2. **Internet and Online Safety:** This course covers the basics of Internet usage, email, social media, and safe online practices.
3. **Digital Communication:** Training on digital communication tools such as video conferencing and instant messaging.
4. **Practical Applications:** Digital tools can be used for everyday tasks, including online banking, e-commerce, and accessing government services.

The NSS Basic Computer Education Program is a vital initiative that plays a crucial role in bridging the digital divide in rural areas. By providing essential computer skills and promoting digital literacy, the program enhances individual capabilities and contributes to the overall development and empowerment of rural communities. Continued support and expansion of this program can significantly impact the socio-economic landscape of rural India, paving the way for a more inclusive and digitally connected society.

