

MADRAS SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
QUESTA FORUM
**Social Stock Exchange Developments and Current
Development**

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Venue: Tag Auditorium

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Total Participants: 39

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On April 19th, 2023, the students of MSSW were privileged to have Mr. Nagappa, a renowned social entrepreneur, as a guest speaker. Mr. Nagappa's presentation was focused on the concept of the social stock exchange, which is gaining traction as a means of financing social enterprises. This report highlights the key takeaways from the session and provides an overview of the presentation.

Mr. Nagappa began his presentation by providing a comprehensive overview of the social stock exchange. He explained that it is a platform that provides social enterprises with access to capital from impact investors. The social stock exchange is designed to facilitate the listing and trading of shares of social enterprises that meet specific criteria, including a social impact goal, a robust business model, and transparent governance.

Mr. Nagappa also provided an insightful explanation of the regulations governing the social stock exchange. He emphasized that the exchange is regulated by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and is subject to strict guidelines to ensure transparency, accountability, and investor protection. He further explained that social enterprises seeking to list on the exchange must meet the eligibility criteria, which includes a minimum track record of three

years and a minimum paid-up capital of INR 1 crore.

Mr. Nagappa went on to discuss the benefits of listing on the social stock exchange. He explained that listing on the exchange can provide social enterprises with access to a larger pool of impact investors, increased visibility, and greater credibility. He further emphasized that listing on the exchange can also help social enterprises to scale up their operations, enhance their social impact, and generate financial returns for their shareholders.

In addition to discussing the social stock exchange, Mr. Nagappa also shared valuable life lessons on the social factors of entrepreneurship. He emphasized the importance of building a strong team, developing a social impact goal, and ensuring that the business model is sustainable. He also discussed the challenges that social entrepreneurs face, including raising capital and balancing social impact with financial returns.

Photos of the Event:

Conclusion:

Overall, Mr. Nagappa's presentation was an informative and valuable session for the students of MSSW. His effort to provide a comprehensive explanation of the social stock exchange, coupled with his valuable life lessons, was commendable. The students appreciated Mr. Nagappa's insights into the social factors of entrepreneurship and his emphasis on the importance of balancing social impact with financial returns. The students of MSSW wholeheartedly thank Mr. Nagappa for sharing his knowledge and taking the time to enlighten them on the social stock exchange and its significance.