Here I discuss, the most mind blasting, and endless medium that touches the hearts of so many million people-"INTERNET"; the two sides of this coin, its boons and its banes. Is internet a boon or a bane for me? I don't really know. But I am sure it is not any one of it. Maybe I will be able to find the answer for this question if I think about how and what I use the internet for. I use internet mostly for chatting, mailing, project references, entertainment such as music, movies, games, and so on.

I am not sure if chatting is advantageous or disadvantageous because it is economical compared to talking through the phone. It is possible to see the other person, and talk to that person at the same time. If a person does not have the knowledge of computer or if the person is illiterate that person would not be able to use this facility. Chatting uses a whole lot of slang words. Slang is used to shorten the message; its aim is to only communicate the message easily. Due to this, these words are reflected in other places of writing.

Mailing is time saving but decreases writing skills. The postal department controlled by the government of India is to work in a loss if electronic mailing fully replaces letters. And the postman and other employees of the postal department are to be unemployed. Then a portion of the government income decreases. Due to which, indirectly we are going to face problems. Then such minute problems stand as a barer for the development of the country.

Music and movies are easily available entertainment in the internet. They are both illegal and legal. Even if a product costs only 1 rupee and legal but free and illegal- the financially selfish people are obviously going to buy the product for free. That is what is happening regarding movies and music in the internet. Everybody is so selfish that they are downloading music and movies illegally for free. This impacts, economically on the film makers or the music band and the cinema theater owners.

Games are largely practiced addictions of the internet, especially by kids. There are a whole lot of violent games which are practiced even in life apart from internet, which leads to hazardous impacts. There are other such entertainments like puzzles, brick games, adventurous games, etc. These are major addicts; once children get exposed to these games it is very hard to pull them out. These games have brought the children into rooms from outside playgrounds. This leads to less physical activity and the light signals effect the eye sight adversely. These games have isolated youngsters inside the computer from the interaction with the outer world.

One very adult activity of the internet is checking the news. Though news can be looked up at the newspaper or the television, the internet can avail most recent bits of news. The television channels have their own schedule of timing (so they can not cast any news at any time), and newspapers take time to be printed and to be supplied. News in this form is stored and can be referred when needed.

There are also other kinds of stored information that can be researched. The internet has all kinds of information. It is one medium covering and combining facts on all fields. This can be disadvantageous because the first few facts on the topic we are referring to satisfies us. We don't really see if the information is proper, correct information. The information on the internet is not always edited and censored. If it was a book, it goes through the process of editing. If the information in a book is

wrong or if we want to comment on it, the feedback is hard to communicate, but the feedback for information on the internet is easily sent and received.

One of the most important aspect of the internet is that it can be used for shopping. Shopping through internet brings us the latest, in cars, clothing, furniture, everything and anything. Nowadays, booking tickets for movies and transport are mostly done through internet. Finding the appropriate website and paying online though credit cards are practiced. The problem comes in during paying the money. Lots are easily cheated.

Like having separate websites for cinema theaters and transport facilities; separate websites for events, celebrities, gossips, clubs, newspapers, TV channels, commercial brands, educational subjects, etc are also accessible. Through this people with similar interests with different ideas meet up and share their thoughts with each other. This brings about different kinds of people; from different parts of the globe; with different culture and tradition, together. The government also has websites for itself for political awareness. The cricket council has generated a website in which the cricket news can be passed though to people who can access it. The google website has got satellite pictures of all parts of the world.

In India the main growth for the computer field is the 'Information Technology'. Only because of IT field the internet has reached so many people. This field has not only developed the internet, but also lives for plenty thousand people. The salary for each IT personality ranges in lakes so lots of youngsters prefer taking up this field.

One major bane of the internet is that it has so far reached only the literate, especially the English literate. So we can't really say that its reach is vast. It greatly increases the peer pressure on students among themselves. If a student in a class does not have access to the internet he/ she s considered inferior. If a person in the same class knows everything about internet then he or she is considered superior.

In everything that exists there are advantages and disadvantages, but all that matters is the way we use it. We should try and benefit maximum out of it. Nothing can be black or white there is always the intermediate-grey. These greys, blacks and whites are faced by every single of use directly or indirectly. I feel there are more advantages regarding the internet, considering it is a developing field we need to give it time to get rid of the backwardness. I would like to conclude by saying that 'the globe is becoming a village through internet'.