



TECHNOLOGY DARWINISM IN LEGAL EDUCATION

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ABSTRACT

In India, the legal education needs to have a progressive approach. A shift towards technology is requisite for being cerebrally challenging and professionally germane. An endeavour has to be for the mutation of the conventional method of teaching in the law schools. The legal learning methodologies of the universities involve the ancestral method of coaching where the professor is teaching from the bare acts, books, etc. which is a superannuated and stodgy modus operandi.

These classic methods were pragmatic earlier but in today's age there has been automation in every industry like agriculture industry, healthcare industry, telecom industry, aviation industry, etc., the legal system cannot work on decrepit methods. The law schools should focus on making the students tech savvy and not only focus on book-learning.

According to Connie," the digital evolution has led to an information surplus coming various directions and with an escalated speed of information". Indeed, the cosmos has a downturn and it is strenuous to differentiate among the foreign law and the domestic law.

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ANTIQUITY OF LEGAL EDUCATION

The footing of the legal system lied in the concept of Dharma. The Vedas were the palpable sources of law. Most, of the people were unfamiliar with working of law. The nerve centre of legal education was to shape the minds of the youth in manner in which they are conscious of the legal provisions and rights and duties guaranteed by the constitution to the citizens of the country for the ultimate benefit if the people. Education had the locus of making the population familiar with the mechanism of the law.

AIMS OF LEGAL EDUCATION

1. To train the students for the profession which includes enhancing their vocal abilities along with the textbook knowledge. To teach the application of the law is the central idea of schooling in law schools.

2. To participate creatively in the growth and improvement of the society.

The point of convergence is to furnishing the skills and competence. It must be responsive towards the society identify the loopholes and work towards social and economic justice by the ROL and to strike out the concepts of poverty, injustice, corruption , from the society.

The legal education centralizes the idea of intensifying the human perceivability. It invests in safeguarding the equality and human liberty before the law.

MODIFICATION OF LEGAL EDUCATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY

With the technological advancement the following factors should be given importance for the transition of the legal education which are as follows: -

- ❖ Permutation in the requirements of the legal market at the domestic and int. levels.



- ❖ The foundation of state-of-the-art regimes in the surface areas of the economy.
- ❖ Elevation of the telecommunication industry.
- ❖ The onset of corporate culture, especially in the IPR division of the law.
- ❖ Fraternization with the foreign schools and the influence of the globalisation.
- ❖ The students should be trained in the pathway of the methods and the concept of the importance of legal research. It should be made an integral part of the coaching and graduating from the law schools.
- ❖ Pertinence of the knowledge attained from the classroom teaching should be the cynosure of the legal education.

MUTATION OF LEGAL SYSTEM DUE TO OUTBREAK OF COVID-19

The unfortunate situation of the novel coronavirus had led to shift towards the procurement of the justice by the method of Video Conferencing. It has made us rethink and reboot the judicial structure and the pedagogy techniques.

There have been numerous obstacles faced by the lawyers in order to prepare their case files, cross examination of the witnesses in the virtual method of trails in order to implement the guidelines of social distancing to break the chain of the pandemic. But this has also led to recognition of a major quandary in the functioning of the enfeebled approach of the law. The technological advancement a necessity at this time will be the new normal in the future.

GAME PLAN TO EMBROIL TECHNOLOGY IN LEGAL EDUCATION

- a) Garner the pace of evolution of the technology

- b) Indulge to contemporary desires with universal perspective
- c) Bolster subordination scrutiny to meet the challenges across the globe
- d) Elate the attributes of the law schools
- e) Mechanization in the law schools and court rooms.

ILLUSTRATION OF ADOPTION OF TECHNOLOGICAL METHOD OF EDUCATION IN OTHER INDUSTRIES

1. MEDICAL INDUSTRY

The medical education is expeditiously modifying. This is the result of various components which includes the modification of the healthcare habitat, semblance of the physician, revamp of the societal conjecture, the permutation of the community puts the patients care in jeopardy. The educational ambition of the use of technology in medical education interpolate walk through radical dogma, remodelling the call, enrichment perceptual swerve, remodelling dexterity, polish skills for cynical events, erudition of team domestication. Technologies such as google glass, simulations, apps, digital classrooms are some of the tactics feasible to ratify wavering educational ambience.

2. ENGINEERING INDUSTRY

Educational rubrics pitch competence that may aggrandize UG education in engineering and technical sphere. The faculty in fabrication pedagogy have tremendous allied intensity of establishment and keenness for contemporary educational automation. It along with vigorous interest in about chronology and ways and means analogous to the use of digital method of education. The aggrandization of educational mechanization in time to come may bolster student enthusiasm. The cue taken can lay foundation of present-day practice that can be a helping-



hand to analyse opportunities for faculty bedeck the adoption of the tutorial technologies. This can help in composition of the education to match the demur of tomorrow.

ADAVANTAGES TO INCULCATE TECHNOLOGY IN EDUCATION

1. COST EFFICIENCY

Before the technical age there was more use of pen and paper method of teaching which reached sky-high prices for the students as well as for the educational institutions. As former had to invest in books, notebooks, stationary, etc. and latter had invested in chalks, blackboards, written handouts for the students, etc.

But with the progression and the impact of the global pandemic of the society there is major changeover in the education techniques which has decrease of the cost of education as a by-product.

COST INCURRED IN GETTING ACCESS TO THE MOBILES, LAPTOPS, TABLETS, DATA PACKS, WIFI, LICENCING FEES OF THE WEBEX, ZOOM, GOOGLE MEET, ETC.

It is a corollary of the pandemic that has hit our lives which made following the social distancing norms imperious in order to harbour from the virus. But this has induced a financial weigh down for the parents of the students as they have to make their child well-equipped with gadgets to be part of the online education to avert wreckage of their child's education.

These digital classrooms have also kindled fiscal injury to the educational institutions as they have to subscribe to numerous online

podiums in order to cater coaching to the students to counter loss of studies of the learners.

In order to deal with the economical catastrophe that backwash both the students as well as the educational institutions the government need to come up with peculiar educational policies with the objective of ingress to online education to all the students irrespective of their economic status. This goal can be achieved by slashing or providing student discounts on the electronic gadgets, WIFI as well as making the subscriptions to various online platforms like Zoom, WebEx, Google meet free for teaching purposes.

2. EASIER WAY TO STOCK AND ACCESS INFORMATION

The emergence of technology has led to effortless to hoard data. There has been a transition in the way the data is stored like a pen drive can be used to store the data, hard disk can be used for storage of huge amount of data. There has been progression in the tech world which has led to the advent of the cloud storage which is a splendid manner of stockpile.

3. DIGITAL CLASSROOMS

The students and teachers have both become more tilted towards the online methods of teaching which is significant impact of the novel coronavirus. It has been the only way out in order to confer with the guidelines of the government in order to ensure the social distancing for breaking the chain of COVID-19. This shift from physical to online classrooms has been strenuous for both children and the teachers. But it has also made us think the method of education in future. The paramount plus of the switch is that the it has become a simpler manner to study for the students as the notes is in



manner of pdf or word format. It saves time of jotting down notes in class and in turn increases the time of interaction with the professor and clear any doubts related to the topic taught in the class.

4. TECHNOLOGY CAN BE TOOL TO ENHANCE STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

The online classes can be effective to scale up the engagement of the students by using augmented reality to animate lectures is whole different league. In case of experiments held or approach to be developed while dealing with problem or case can be taught by showing presentations, case studies, documentaries or simulation tools to coach the young pupils and the future of the mankind to become a fruitful resource for the country and human race.

CONCLUSION: -

The millennium of legal education will be distinctive than the law profession in the present scenario. Next generation lawyers need to be acclimatised with the technological innovation. The inception of the dominant variance has already taken place by interim virtual trials rather than the open courts. Due to the nationwide lockdown in the country due to the COVID-19 and also the presentation of the evidence in the form of images, or any other form as the case maybe. Metamorphosis in the forensic science to determine the cause of the crime, visual aids, etc.

Technology is considered to be a threat to the privacy and personal information of the citizens. It can boost the education system across the globe which will be a stepping stone to gear up the students for tomorrow. It will be a world which is would be inclined to

the auto pilot approach and less towards the self-reliant approach. It will also be efficacious to preserve the environment by cutting down the use of paper and stocking up the information digitally.

Technology can amplify the classroom limitations. It can be more than study in four walls of the classroom. It can also augment their connections by establishing a bond between different students and field experts online. This will be remarkably effective in expansion of the thinking proficiency of the students. It will be potent apparatus to encourage the students to think outside the box and not be limited to a certain extent.

The digital classrooms have dramatically transformed the learning process. If there was not an ongoing pandemic across the globe; there would not be switch of physical modus operandi of teaching to the smart classrooms which has made the shift from classroom notes to the digital notes. The seminars which used to be held in packed auditoriums has repositioned to webinars organised online on various platforms like zoom, google meet, WebEx meetings with audience from various locations connected through the medium of knowledge.

There has been inclination towards the learning apps which focus on making the topics of study more interactive and collaborative. It escalates the student interest which is proportional to the academic performance of the students.

Before the internet age no would in their wildest dreams would have thought of online classes or virtual courtrooms which is the result of the progression of the society which has altered the way the technology can be



accessed and stored. New technological fields result in the technological convergence. It is temporary measure and it can't be made permanent as it would require complete metamorphosis of the way the judicial system operates and will also cause fiscal burden to be adroit towards technological knowledge.

Remote areas with weak internet connectivity and where internet is banned likewise in Jammu and Kashmir are crudely hit by the pandemic as it had made the elucidation with the globe formidable. The connectivity matter of contention that yearns to be taken care of. This point of departure can be manged by radio, phone calls, television channels in order to rapture all the jurisdictional issues to orbit to maximum students.

In the present scenario the law education and the legal system are in the fix to the flexibility and the technological reboot in the mechanism of the legal education and insure egalitarianism. But having dynamic approach is the way to get with it.

