

Information Technology: A Curse or Blessing

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Information technology is the use of computer systems or devices to access information. Information technology is used by everyone from big enterprises to one person businesses and local operations. Information technology is a revolutionary concept of 21st century which is not less than a blessing but it has certain negative impacts on socio-economic and individual lives of society and governments. However its blessings are more than curses.

Information technology has connected the whole world. Now the information of the world is available in the hands of an individual. Major number of population consider it a blessing and some people call the information technology a curse. The blessing or curse

of Information is dependant on its use.

Information technology is such a blessing that has revolutionized the lives of individuals and society and even countries.

In the current era world is considered as a global village. All the countries of the world are interconnected. Sharing of information, ideas and concepts has become easy. Even the underdeveloped countries of world which were lacking behind the other world are now progressing. The major items of one country can now be identified by the others which are exported by the underdeveloped countries, resulting in progress and development.

In the old times seeking of proper informations was a much expensive and time consuming process. One had to travel alot for getting information, nowadays information is available in the hands of people.

One can now access information from all over the world efficiently and quickly. Now a days research is easy.

Education is considered to be indispensable for the survival of a nation. Without education a nation cannot progress.

Literacy rate of country is a parameter for assessing the development of a country.

Major reason for lower literacy rate is "no access to education".

Information technology as transformed the other aspects of nation's development has also revolutionized the education system. In the recent times of covid-19 when there were dark

clouds everywhere and every affair of the world got ceased, education system was not exempted from it. The only solution that seemed to work was the online education which was the outcome of information technology.

As all the aspects of the country and society are progressing into the proper way the commerce and business is also flourishing by indulgence of information ~~and~~ technology in this sector. E-commerce is the brainchild and a direct outcome of information technology. E-commerce is the business through internet while people interacting online with each other. It has modernized the business. The major enterprises of the world are generating great revenue through E-commerce. E-commerce has certain groups like B2B (Business to Business), B2C (Business to Customer) and C2C (Customer to Customer). In under developed countries the populace of low income families are also making their bread and butter while sitting in their houses. E-commerce is being carried on local levels and at international level.

Information technology is proved to be effective in law enforcement. Criminal record is maintained online using information technology, thereby criminal tracing is now

easy and accessible to the enforcement agencies. Investigation that is basically the collection of evidence has seen innovation and old/traditional modes of investigation are being replaced by information technology. Forensic science is so advanced, recording of fingerprints etc has revolutionized the investigation. Only real culprits are arrested and the innocent people are not humiliated. In this way information technology is a blessing. Automobile tracking, GPS (Global Positioning System) all such technologies are produced by the information technology. Information technology is beneficial if used in a positive way. The negative use of information technology poses it as a curse.

Along with its benefits there are certain disadvantages of information technology. Negative use of information technology has pushed the world into a doom. Economy of world is more prone to it. Almost all the financial transactions among the countries and the institutions or banks are done online. If the credentials of the accounts are received by some criminal minded people then the assets of the institutions as well as individuals can be looted. Although the world is working on the security of information technology. It is ~~also~~ also

deteriorating the society. with availability of obscene content, Misinformation and violent as well as sectarian misinformation on internet. The youth of our society is indulging in watching pornographic movies which are impacting their health; physical as well as mental health. Misinformation available on the internet regarding the world is causing anxiety among the people. Sectarian violence is direct consequence of misinformation available on internet in modern society. People are producing hate against each other by provocation through social media. Information technology has pushed the people into isolation. People are less active today. All the functions of government are managed through the use of information technology. It has been penetrated into the lives of individuals. Artificial Intelligence along with transforming lives has also caused troubles in society.

Information technology has automated the lives of people at individual and social levels. It has resulted transformations in the business of government functionaries. It has modernized the way of getting education, expanded the business of enterprises as well as poor people. Also helpful in the crime control. But negative use of Information Technolo

has bring all its beneficiaries at the edge of destruction. There must be introduced rules, regulations and laws to regulate the use of information technology at national and international levels. Moreover the masses should be educated to prevent its improper usage.