

Expanding Information Technology: A curse or Blessing

Outline

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A. Introduction

Hook

Background

Thesis: Expanding Information Technology is a blessing which has facilitated connectivity, education, and healthcare management. It has transformed commerce and trade with improved governance and efficient public service delivery.

B. Sectors where Information Technology is considered a curse. (anti-Thesis)

1. Issue of hybrid warfare maligning national image of a country

1.1 Narrative building and propaganda

EU Disinfo Lab report

1.2 5th generation warfare

Refusal of New Zealand Cricket Team in 2021

2. ^{Increasing} Culture of fake news and propaganda due to ease of communication

2.1 Doctored images and videos of politicians and social media influencers

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3. Compromising moral values in traditional societies

3.1 ^{Easy} spread of obscenity and provocative content

3.2 Use of social media platforms and trending content

- 4. Mental health concerns through virtual connectivity
 - 4.1 Increased case of depression, anxiety and social isolation
 - 4.2 Screen addiction in children slows brain development

c. Sectors where Information Technology is a blessing (Thesis)

- 1. Transformation of Trade and Business Sector
 - 1.1 Increasing contribution of digital economy to the global trade.

(World Economic Forum Report)

- 1.2 Rising businesses in e-commerce and entrepreneurship, such as Amazon, Etsy, eBay, and Alibaba

- 1.3 shifting to the new era of digitized economy.

(ADB Report)

- 2. Enhanced connectivity at global level

- 2.1 Easy Access to information and news through social media platforms

- 3. Provides avenues for distant learning

- 3.1 Zoom classrooms and other online learning courses

- 3.2 Adjustable timings and recorded lectures provides opportunities to the working individual

- 3.3 Reduce burden on state resources

4.2 Digitization of public sectors addresses governance challenges

4.1. Blockchain technology: Enhances transparency and security

4.2. Uzbekistan is a case in point

4.3. Restores public confidence in state institutions

5. Revitalizing healthcare management

5.1 Concept of Telemedicine, distant surgeries

5.2 Digital health records eases diagnosis and concise treatment

D. Conclusion