



## Technology helps legal education leap forward in the country

The increasing use of technology will give a new direction to the legal profession in the future, writes  
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**T**he Indian legal industry has seen rapid growth in the last couple of decades, with a burgeoning demand for legal services across various sectors. The legal sector has transformed significantly with top-tier law firms, multinational corporations, Indian corporates, and government entities recruiting legal professionals at an unprecedented rate. As the country continues to develop and integrate with the global economy the need for skilled legal practitioners has become more pronounced than ever.

Legal education in India has evolved tremendously over the years. From the traditional three-year law courses to five-year integrated degree programs to various specialised honours programmes. The landscape of legal education in the country has changed to accommodate the changing needs of the profession and the industry. In the last few years, this evolution has been driven by the rapid changes in technology, globalisation, and the increasing complexity of legal disputes.

### Impact of technology on the Legal industry

Technology has had a profound impact on the legal industry in India with the advent of digitisation as it has brought many changes. The automation (still WIP) of legal research, electronic filing systems, and the use of the Artificial Intelligence (AI) (again WIP and more as pilot projects) in contract review and due diligence have all contributed to the growth and development of the sector.

### Specialisation in Disruptive Technologies Law

In response to the growing demand for legal professionals with expertise in disruptive technologies, institutions have now launched innovative courses like LLB in Disruptive Technologies Law, BTech in Computer Science and Engineering and LLB (Hons) in Cyber Laws, LLB with Cyber Law Specialisation, etc. These courses would provide students with an in-depth understanding of the legal implications of disruptive technologies and cyber law which would help them to explore the legal issues surrounding the development and deployment of these technologies that have the potential to disrupt established industries and ways of doing things.

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● The increasing use of technology would create new avenues of employment in the legal domain

● To streamline the justice giving mechanisms in the country it is essential to revisit the law curriculum

