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LAW MEETS CODE: HOW AI AFFECTS INDIA'S LEGAL SYSTEM

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Introduction

Think of a world where the machines have the ability to think, learn and act similar to humans, and that too without any constraints of the human biases, human emotions or any accountability. You are welcome to the grand era of the Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Artificial intelligence basically refers to the creation of a system of computers that are able to perform tasks that generally require the human mind and intelligence, including learning, problem solving and understanding the process of decision making and implementing it as well.

By utilising the extreme potential of AI, the Landscape of AI in India has been continuously evolving, in the policy making, business and individual sectors. This blog delves into the various facets of AI in India.

A Dive into the World of Artificial Intelligence

Starting with Industrial Revolution to the Digital Age, mankind has been witnessing to transformative shifts. Today, AI has been revolutionising various fields, from finance to healthcare and even the legal system. The impact of AI has been great, with the technology in document review, contract management and predictive analytics. As the Artificial Intelligence continues to grow, it redefines the way the human lives, interact and learn. The AI powered tools enhance the ability to be more efficient, accurate and decisive.

AI IN THE LEGAL WORLD

Artificial Intelligence has a very significant use case in the legal field and it can be harnessed by the students of law and the legal professionals. Following are the various facets of use of AI in the legal field:

1. Document Drafting: The lawyers can draft the documents in the best possible manner through exploration of various legal data and the information. The work of hours can be completed in a few minutes and this also shreds the workload.

2. Judgements: As we have seen how the courts in India are overburdened with the unsolved cases. The use of AI will help in reducing the time of judgement writing and will assist in the paperless as well as effective functioning of the courts.

3. Case Laws evaluation: Every student of law as well as the advocates can effectively study the case laws in their summarised and correct form by the better use of Artificial Intelligence.

Indian AI Strategy

The Indian government has made the research, implementation, and promotion of artificial intelligence (AI) a top priority. This strategy is based on the idea that AI has the ability to improve people's lives and create a more inclusive society.

1. #AIFORALL NITI AAYOG'S National AI strategy

India has adopted a novel approach to its national AI policy by emphasizing the use of AI for social inclusion as well as economic prosperity. The government think tank that developed and presented the plan, NITI Aayog, refers to this policy as #AIforAll. On June 4, 2018, India's AI strategy document was released by NITI Aayog. Healthcare, agriculture, education, smart cities and infrastructure, and smart mobility and transportation were the five key areas of interest for NITI AAYOG.

2. The Ministry of Electronics and IT's (MEITY) AI initiatives:

MEITY established the following four AI committees in order to develop a policy framework and to consider the potential effects of AI on the economy and society. The reports from the four committees were published in December 2019 after being made public in July 2019. The committees related to AI are:

- Committee A on Artificial Intelligence Platforms and Data.
- Committee B on using AI to find national tasks in important fields.

3. The National Portal for Artificial Intelligence

On May 30, 2020, the Indian government unveiled the National Artificial Intelligence Portal, www.ai.gov.in. The portal will serve as a one-stop online resource for advances in AI in India, including articles, start-ups, AI investment funds, and information about AI-related businesses

and educational institutions in the country. Documents, case studies, research papers, and other materials will also be shared via the platform.

Legal Aspects to Consider when working with AI in India

1. Data Protection: It is imperative to ensure the adherence to the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 along with the other significant data protection laws.
2. Intellectual Property: It is necessary to understand the various impacts of the AI generated content on the IPR and also develop the strategies that are apt to protect IP.
3. Liability and Accountability: One big issue with the AI is the liability and the transparency, thus, making it difficult to hold anyone accountable for any wrong.
4. Regulatory Compliance: The role of IT ACT, 2000 and various sector specific regulations becomes even more important.

Conclusion

To sum things up, it can be explicitly stated that how AI can be used to solve problems at large in every sector including the healthcare, education, law and so on. Moving forward, it becomes even more important that better laws are framed so that the AI is used in a regulated environment. The laws are of utmost concern and with that said, the ethical standards should also reflect upon. With all this work, AI can really be a revolution in itself.

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