



**Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad
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Digital Aid Centre

Introduction:-

Symbiosis Law School Hyderabad (SLS-H) since its inception has remained true to its mission of imparting quality legal education, contributing to the community good through extension activities, faculty and student research, fostering legal development and reform, and cooperating with government, judiciary, corporate and the Bar. This dynamism and quest for excellence in imparting legal education has helped SLS-H to spread its roots firmly in the land of Telangana and the same is validated by overwhelming response it receives every year.

On July 1, 2015, Indian Government under the stewardship of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi came up with an idea of Digital India and decided to celebrate 'Digital India Week'. The vision of Digital India programme is to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy.

To take forward the zeal of government in bringing a social change by empowering people with digital knowledge, Symbiosis Law School (SLS), Hyderabad constituent of Symbiosis International University, Pune celebrates a 'Digital India Week' from 31st August to 05th September 2015. As a part of this initiative, SLS, Hyderabad announces 'First All India National Quiz Competition'.

As a part of the Digital India Week Celebration, on 4th September 2015 Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad inaugurated India's first 'Digital Aid Center' with an aim to help the local villagers in filling up the forms or providing help by giving information of the different schemes that are being given in the Digital India Program. Digital Aid Centre will be active every weekend.

Objectives:

Vision of Digital Aid Centre:

- Digital Services on Demand
- Digital Empowerment of Citizens
- Educate Poor people in the vicinity
- Awareness of Digitization

The University Grants Commission (UGC) also directed all varsities and higher education institutes across the country to observe the Digital India Week.

1. What is Digital India Campaign?

Digital India is an initiative by Government of India to make sure that all Government work go online which will help citizens to avail benefits and get their work done easily and transparently. It will also help in reducing paper work.

2. What are the benefits & Advantages of Digital India for citizens?

With the launch of Digital India programme, the government is taking a big step forward to transform the country into a digitally empowered knowledge economy.

1. It will help in reducing corruption if implemented on whole.
2. It will help in getting things done quickly.
3. It will help in reducing paper work.

Some of the facilities which will be provided through this dream initiative are Digital Locker, e-education, e-health, e-sign and national scholarship portal.

3. Impact of Digital India by 2019

Broadband in 2.5 lakh villages, universal phone connectivity Net Zero Imports by 2020 400,000 Public Internet Access Points Wi-fi in 2.5 lakh schools, all universities; Public wi-fi hotspots for citizens Digital Inclusion: 1.7 Cr trained for IT, Telecom and Electronics Jobs Job creation: Direct 1.7 Cr. and Indirect at least 8.5 Cr. e-Governance & eServices: Across government India to be leader in IT use in services – health, education, banking Digitally empowered citizens – public cloud, internet access

4. What are all the long term advantages of Digital India Project? How can a citizen give his contribution to make this project success?

The long term advantages of Digital India Project:

1. Connectivity
2. E-governance and service delivery
3. E-commerce/E-business
4. Education

E-governance & service delivery

The world is moving towards e-governance. The 2nd Administrative Reform Commission report (2005) devoted an entire chapter to e-governance. E-governance is in essence, the application of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) to government functioning in order to create '*Simple, Moral, Accountable, Responsive and Transparent*' (SMART) governance.

The use of ICT enables efficient interaction of the government departments with each other, with the citizens and with business organisations.

It allows for easy storage, retrieval and transmission of data (no more piles of files), processing of large amount of data in a very short time, reduced subjectivity and red tapeism (as most tasks are executed by the computer,

so the *babus* would have a very little scope to demand favors in return for doing a job they are meant to do anyway).

The National e-Governance Plan (NeGP) was approved in 2006 to take a holistic view of e-governance initiatives across the country, integrating them into a collective vision. Digital India aims to take the plan forward and make it a grand success.

The focus today is on designing e-Governance applications in such a way that the related information, services and grievance-handling mechanism are accessible online on a real time basis and across all types of access devices such as desktop computers, laptops, tablets, mobiles, etc.

E-commerce/E-business

Most business houses are shifting their operations to the online world. Right from buying apparels to computers to booking tickets and renting out apartments, everything can be done through the Internet now. It is a win-win formula for both the customers and the business houses. Digital India aims to boost E-business and the E-commerce industry with the vision that it would in turn boost the economy as a whole.

Education

The pedagogy in the Indian educational system is hardly dynamic and effective. This is reflected in the poor learning outcomes witnessed at all levels of the education system in the country.

Greater penetration of IT (combined with a push from the government in that direction) will enable schools to design effective curriculum and keep themselves abreast of the recent trends in various fields. Students at the secondary and tertiary levels may be able to access study material from all around the world with the help of Internet.

As citizens we can do the following to make the Digital India project a success:

- Educate people around us about the initiative so that more and more people come forward and participate in it. People must be made aware that they need not stand in queues for hours in front of government offices when most of the government services can be carried out with the click of a button. Farmers need to be encouraged to seek help from experts through various mobile-enabled services like mKisan.

Citizens need to be told about how immensely the RTI has empowered them. One can seek any information from the government just by filling up a form online and paying a nominal fee of ₹10/- (RTI Online) This can help in promoting transparency at the grassroot levels.

- Provide feedback to the government wherever possible so that the government may continually bring the necessary changes in its service delivery mechanism. (See the myGov website).

There are many objectives defined in these initiatives and many distinct outcomes expected as is explained in the detailed answers already posted.

But, simply put, it is expected to leverage digital technology to speed up and make more effective, all our interactions with the government. It has potential to curb corruption and empower the working middle class which seldom had time to 'deal' with government related tasks which are typically very long and winding if you don't want to bribe your way through.

digital locker system - people can save their certificate online . no need of showing your documents at government office just tell them about digital locker then they can access certificate just by one click .A lot of time will be saved and govt.system will be boosted .also we can save much amount of papers.

Bharat net— it is assumed that by 2019. All gram panchayat will be connected by internet service means that single stop solution for rural people .

Digital India is an ambition by central Government where the main goal is that internet is available to each part of the country & most of the work can be done electronically . It has various merits which are:-

- Digitization will create digital literacy in the country.
- Getting licences, clearances, summons etc. will be electronic which will create efficiency in these areas which are more time consuming.
- Through this every part of the country & will be connected to the world through internet, which indirectly means that everyone will be connected through internet.

Digital India aims all Government work go online which can help of citizens and easy and fast work. It provides the facility of reducing paperwork. It will help in reducing corruption. It provides the Some of the facilities like Digital Locker, e-education, e-health, e-sign and national scholarship portal.

Activities Conducted by Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad

"DIGITAL INDIA WEEK"

31st August – 5th September

The cell, motivated by the novel initiative by our beloved **Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi**, decided to celebrate the 'Digital India Week' in the College. As a part of this, many exciting event were conducted by the cell to educate the masses and the students of the college about the concept of 'DIGITALISATION' in India. The Day to day report of the activities is as follows:

The day-to-day report of programme is as follows:

30thAugust

The "Digital India Week" was inaugurated and officially declared as 'Open' on 31st of August by our Director **Dr. M. I. Baig**. He encouraged the students to adopt digitalisation in a healthy and greener way. He also encouraged them to spread the message that our beloved Prime Minister envisioned when he started this programme. He asked them to use the electronic media like Facebook, WatsApp, Twitter etc to spread the message and benefits of digitalisation among the people.

The students were provided with art and craft materials and were encouraged to make posters depicting '**Digital India Week**'. The students made many posters and decorated the college premises beautifully by sticking them on the walls outside the classes.

The college was decorated with beautiful and vivid themes and ideas depicting the digitalisation in India. Notice Boards were displayed all across the campus spreading the message of Digital India.



Celebration of Digital India Week

31st August

On 31st of August, the college hosted the '**First National Online Quiz Competition**' which was an online general knowledge quiz that was hosted on the college website. This quiz was organised in collaboration with '**Walnut Solutions**', an organisation founded and managed by two quiz masters aiming to make the world a more intuitive and knowledgeable place

in their own way. The quiz was scheduled to go online and live at 4 p.m. on 31st August and was to end at 4 p.m. on 1st September. The members of the Website, Media and PR Cell guided by its incharge, Prof. Amit Jatale kept monitoring the quiz throughout its term. For the quiz, enormous preparations had been done by the members. A **database of all the law colleges and other stream colleges of India was compiled**. This database contained all the contact details of the colleges.

Attractive **e-Banners** were designed by the members and the students to invite students from all across India to participate in the quiz. E-mails were sent to around **400+ colleges** inviting them to participate in the quiz. The e-Banners were posted on various social media sites like **Facebook** and various communication apps like **WhatsApp, Hike** etc were used to spread the e-Banners around India. The quiz was conducted as scheduled and we received ----- entries from all across India. Cash prizes of **Rupees 10,000, 7000 and 5000** were announced respectively.

The quiz consisted of **25 questions** and a time limit of **15 minutes**. The participants had to log on to the college website, i.e., www.slsh.edu.in and register for the quiz. Once they had registered, they could give the quiz anytime from 4 p.m. of 31st August to 4 p.m. of 1st September. The winners of the Quiz are as follows:

I Prize: Ms. Amruta Karkhanis

II Prize: Mr. Sagar Shete

III Prize: Mr. Nalin Verma

The quiz went on smoothly without any glitches and was successful. Our aim to organise an online quiz all across India **within a year of the start of college** was successful. We intend to raise it up a notch the next year.

1st September

To commemorate the Digital India Week, an initiative our beloved Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi started, we the members of Website, Media and PR Cell at Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad celebrated the same by organizing **atheme making competition**. The theme making competition was named as **"Mapping For Digital India"**. Basically, it was an application developing competition held in line with the purpose of organizing it. Participants were asked to develop an app which they think would cater to the digitalization of our country. Altogether, there were 18 teams who showed their utmost dedication and creativity to develop applications which would benefit the entire community.

The rules of the competition were quite simple and the evaluation criteria was based on the innovativeness, creativity and the utility of the app. All the participants lived up to the expectation. Even though it was very difficult to choose a winner but finally we managed to select them. The winners were as follows:

I Prize: Himani Patel, Aryaman Singh, Vaishnavi Agarwal, Tammanna B.

II Prize: Rajat Ratna, Souryan Bhattacharya.

III Prize: Doyel Basu, Kousini Gupta, Yashodhara Roy.

2nd September

The Digital India week was held in our college from 31 August 2015 to 5 September 2015. The Website, Media & PR Cell conducted a 'Poster Making Competition' on 2 September 2015 as a part of the Digital India Week. The

competition was basically depicting the '**DIGITALISATION**' in India on posters.

9 groups of enthusiastic students participated in the competition. The member limit for each team was 5. The students got to know more about the digitalization and the **impact of Internet** apart from the use of social networking sites and other messaging platforms like WhatsApp hike etc. They honed in on their artistic skills and made posters that were unimaginably beautiful and at the same time delivered the message of 'Digitalization' perfectly. The campus was beautifully decorated with the posters made by the participants and we even panned touse them in the rally which was to be conducted on 4th September 2015.

The poster making competition was tough to judge and the students who were participating in the competition were enthusiastic about the concept of '**Digital India**' and each one of the groups had a message to deliver. A message that got through to a lot of people. Looking at the dexterity of the participants, it was really difficult for the judges to decide the winner. But, our learned judges were very skilled and were successful in selecting the sole winner whose poster stood out among the rest. The winner was

Winner: Akshay, Soumya, Siddhant, Tameem, Amrita.

3rd September

On 3rd September 2015, we, the students of Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad conducted a Street Play as a part of Digital India Week. Senior students of 2014-19 batch along with the students of 2015-20 batch took part in the street play and displayed their talent. The street play was basically an awareness program regarding Digital India Scheme that was started by our H'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Damodardas Modi on 01st

July 2015. In the play we tried to depict how things are changing rapidly in the world. How rapidly digitalization is taking place. The different themes for the street play were Digitalization in Television, Education, Banking and Communication. In the television theme, we showed that earlier there was only one television and numbers of viewers were more. There was only one channel and when a movie was telecasted, people get excited as that was the only source of entertainment at that time. If the movie stops in the middle due to some problem, basically because of the antenna problem, people gets annoyed and starts hitting the television. In those days, technology was not that much advanced. Then further in the modern era we showed how chaos takes place for the control of the remote to watch television. Grandfather wants to watch news and children want to watch cartoon and on the other side teenager want to listen to the songs. Through this we can see the variety of channels and the taste of people according to their generation. Since the number of channels is more, we get to see all the shows and stuffs that are happening all over the world.

Now comes the second theme of the show and that is digitalization in the field of education. Earlier when a student wanted to study then he/she learned from the teacher. Facts about the world or even the basic knowledge of any particular subject were learned through text books. Learning took place in the classroom. Whatever query a student has, he/she asks the teacher and teacher used to give the answer in the class itself. Teacher has to answer as he/she was the only source of knowledge for a student apart from a text book. Teachers also asked questions and the students answered them. Any information about any part of the world, or any faraway places was found in the books only. But same is not the scene in the modern world. Today, students learn from the teacher but apart from her they used to learn from each other, the internet, books, movies, any third person whether he/she is a part of one's school or not etc. Today technology is advancing

very fast. In the play we showed that a village girl is there who wanted to study but her mother does not allow her to study and instead she is asking her daughter to look after the kitchen work. The girl is giving preference to rote learning instead of understanding the particular subject. Then a man comes into the scene. He belongs to the same village. He went to the city and got some job there. He comes and convinced the mother to let her daughter study. This man gives one laptop to the girl and asks her to study with help of laptop. Now, this shows the technological advancement in today's world. Earlier books and teachers were the only source of knowledge but today we have various options to gain knowledge. Students are learning through enquiry. Students explore, experiments, investigate new ideas and all this is possible through internet. Through this scene we also spread the message, 'Agar ekladkipadhtihaitohpurapariwarpadhtahai (If you educate a girl, you educate a family) and also 'Padhega India tabhitohbadhega India'.

Now the next scene shows the effect of digitalization on banking. Earlier, in village's one zamindar used to lend the money to the villagers as loan and in turn takes his land documents as collateral. But the problem with these zamindars of the olden days was that they used to charge high amount of interest on the loan. Later on banks came up in cities providing loans by charging minimal amount of interest. In the play it was shown how banks function, what all process takes place in order to deposit or withdraw money. Now comes the next generation and the present generation, the "e-generation" where two girls go to shopping mall to buy a dress and there the debit card swipe machine doesn't work then they rush back to the ATM center where even the ATM doesn't function. One of the girls educates the other girl that even payment can be done through e-banking. This shows how fast the technology is evolving and made an individual's life easier day by day.

Next phase of digitalization was the communication. The mode of communication in the past was soldiers of the kings who used to send war notifications and on the other hand pigeons were used to send the message of love by tying the letter to its feet. Later on the postal services were introduced to send letters. A girl who has applied to 3 universities waits for her confirmation letter. While talking to her mother the postman arrives and gives the girl a letter in which she gets her seat confirmed. Next scene was of the modern generation where face to face conversation was just one click away. Two lovers converse with each other through video conferencing. This shows how easy it is to stay connected to each other even though you are miles apart.

4th September

On 4th September 2015 Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad conducted a rally as a part of Digital India Week. The rally was conducted in the nearby village, viz. Mamidipally. All the students of SLS, Hyderabad witnessed their presence in the rally along with the faculty members, our Director Dr. M. I. Baig and our Deputy Director Dr. Sukhvinder Singh Dari. It was basically an awareness program in which we tried to make people (village people) aware about the different-different schemes that are being present in the Digital India Program. We distributed brochures, pamphlets and fliers among the people which was printed in their local language i.e., Telugu.

The programme started with the welcome of the Mahabubnagar District Collector and also District Magistrate, Dr. T. K. Sreedevi. On the same day we inaugurated our 'Digital Aid Center' with an aim to help the local villagers in filling up the forms or providing help by giving information of the different schemes that are being given in the Digital India Program. Digital Aid Centre will be active every weekend. Dr. T. K. Sreedevi inaugurated the Digital Aid Centre followed by her felicitation ceremony and

a speech delivered by her. Just after that the rally started from our college premises to the village. The place in the village where the program was conducted was 2 kilometres far away from our college so the students and the faculty walked towards the village with two banners and placards in hand. On the way we distributed the brochures and fliers to the villagers and told them about Digital India. Then we reached a place where a stage was set. The Gram Sarpanch arranged a small program for us and there our senior-most faculty member Dr. Shankar Rao Sir held the mic to address the villagers as he is a localite and knows Telugu language so it became easy for the villagers to understand what we were trying to convey through this awareness programme. Later on refreshments were distributed among the villagers and the programme came to an end.



Digital Aid Centre



**Inauguration of Digital Aid Centre by Dr. Sri Devi, Hon'ble Collector,
Mahaboob Nagar**



Digital India Week: Rally to nearby village



Dr. Shankar Rao addressing the villagers about the importance of Digital India Scheme



Students interacting with the villagers

5th September

We ended the celebration of 'Digital Week' on 5th September. We concluded the celebration on a high note; the occasion was graced by multiple personalities; Justice P. S. Narayana, the Chairman of the Delhi Water Tribunal, Dr. Harold D'Costa, an esteemed lawyer with expertise in Cyber Security, Harshvardhan Reddy, a youth activist and Dr. Purshottam Reddy, graced the occasion and felicitated the prize winners of the competitions that were conducted throughout the week. Dr. Harold D'Costa delivered a lecture on '**Cyber Security & Hygiene**' and educated the audience as to how to secure their personal data. 5th September also being the auspicious occasion of Teacher's Day, the teachers were awarded with various awards for their dedication.

The 'Digital India Week' came to an end and the programme ended on a successful note. Being the first programme to be organized by our college on such a large scale, it was successful in achieving its motives. It was successful in educating the masses about the benefit of digitalization and managed to promote the idea of 'digitalisation' in the day-to-day life of the common man.

The celebration, also created awareness among us regarding the greater and more judicious use of the internet. It was a small step taken by the students of our college but it was important as it heralded the digital era in India.



**Dr. Harold D'Costa, CEO Intelligence Quotient Security Systems,
Mumbai delivering the lecture on 'Cyber Security & Hygiene'**



Digital India Week:- Mr. Sagar Shete won the Second Prize in First All India National Level Online Quiz Competition



Digital India Week:- Ms. Amruta Karkhanis won the First Prize in First All India National Level Online Quiz Competition

Future Plan:

1. As a part of this activity we are offering a '**Certificate Programme on Basics of Computer and its Applications**'. It's a 2 credit (30 hours of teaching) programme which will be running on weekends.
2. SLS Hyderabad is planning to start an e-Seva Kendra (an initiative taken by Telangana Government) to serve the nearby community.
3. SLS Hyderabad will conduct the Second Edition of National Level Online Quiz Competition.

Free Certificate Course on Basics of Computers through Digital Aid Center from October 12th –15 October 2016

Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad had as a part of social initiative undertook in imparting a *Free Certificate Course on Basics of Computers* through Digital Aid Center. It was a one Credit course. The applications were called for, from around the nearby villages who have their matriculation qualification as an essential requirement.



Training was imparted to students of nearby villages by Sri Sathish Kotha Lab Instructor

This course was organized and conducted in a very systematic manner in starting from inviting applications from eligible candidates and training them thoroughly with regard to the basic fundamentals of computers by Shri Sathish Kotha –Lab Instructor. And finally formal exam was conducted and certificates were given away by the Sri M.I. Baig--Director Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad.



Students of Free Certificate Course on Basics of Computers along with Director and Dy.

Director