

## LEGAL EDUCATION IS AN EFFECTIVE TOOL TO STOP CRIME FROM THE SOCIETY: AN ANALYTICAL STUDY

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### ABSTRACT

Laws are important to society because they serve as a code of conduct for citizens. Legal education provides law students with general and cultural education and serves society generously by making them law-abiding and good citizens. Such legal education instills in students the importance and relevance of democratic culture. Law, legal education, and development have become interrelated issues in modern emerging economies that are evolving into welfare states and seeking sustainable means to improve the socioeconomic status of their people. I'm here. The same is true in our country. With the help of this research article, I want to know whether legal education is the capacity to stop crime from society or not. People say that Legal education is an effective tool to remove crime from society.

### Introduction

Integrating crime prevention and criminal justice into education at all levels is essential to building a long-term approach to combating crime and violence. Ensuring that the rule of law is respected from an early age is also critical to building a safe and prosperous society for all. Recognizing this, the Doha Declaration, adopted at the 13th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, calls for universal action for children and young people to combat crime, terrorism and corruption and to promote sustainable development. emphasized the fundamental importance of a good education.

There are many factors that lead people to commit crimes, but studies show there's a direct correlation between education and criminality. Those who finish high school or go on to further their education is much less likely to end up in jail or commit another crime. However, the criminal justice system has seen a rise in those coming from uneducated backgrounds, especially among poor people and living in slums areas. Good Education reduces the crime rate among adults and teens. This is because better-educated people tend to get better jobs with higher incomes. Additionally, general knowledge about society and laws makes it less likely that an individual will commit a crime or be manipulated into committing one. Because of this, getting an education is essential for anyone interested in keeping their future secure from the threat of incarceration.

### How Legal Education Helps Prevent Crime

Legal education also helps reduce crime by giving people a better understanding of the law. This means people will be less likely to accidentally break the law, and they'll know better how to navigate it when they get in trouble with the law. Legal education also helps people avoid being manipulated into committing crimes. This is because most anti-social crimes have legal reasons behind them. For example, many people try to manipulate people into committing sexual assault. They might do this by claiming the victim is a sex offender. Because people have a better understanding of the law, they'll be less likely to fall for these kinds of manipulations. Beyond just helping individuals better understand the law; legal education can also benefit society as a whole. This is because it teaches people how to challenge unjust laws and protect their rights. Legal education can also help people prevent or end

wars and other major conflicts by helping them understand the legal system and how to use it.

### Learning About Criminal Law and Rights

It's common knowledge that crime exists in all societies, but few people have an understanding of the laws that define it. This lack of knowledge leads to confusion and a feeling of injustice, but it also makes it easier for people to accidentally break the law. For example, many people don't know that littering can be punished with fines and community service. However, those who know the law will be less likely to break it and more likely to report other people who do, which is critical to maintaining a healthy society. Additionally, learning about criminal law can help people avoid being manipulated into committing a crime. This can happen in numerous ways. For example, people might be tricked into taking drugs or stealing something because they don't know that's a crime. Knowing how to recognize undesired influences can protect people from committing crimes they never intended to do.

### Knowing What Constitutes a Crime is also Important

People have to know what crimes are and what they're not before they can avoid them. This means knowing the definitions of all crimes, including drug and weapons trafficking, murder, assault, sexual assault, vandalism, and more. Beyond just knowing the definitions, it's also important to understand the consequences of committing each crime. This includes the potential punishments and how long they last. Knowing about crimes and their consequences is essential for anybody who wants to be a productive member of society. This is because crime is defined as any act that's against the law, which means it's something all people have the potential and opportunity to commit. This is why it's so important to know what crimes are and what they're not. It's impossible to avoid committing a crime if you don't know which ones are illegal.

### Important Law Related to Legal Education

1. The Constitution of India
2. Legal Service Authority Act, 1987

### The Constitution of India

In order to fulfill its preamble promise to ensure social, economic and political justice for all citizens, Article 39A of the Indian Constitution provides for the protection of the poor and poor of society in order to

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promote justice based on equal opportunity. We provide free legal assistance for vulnerable areas. Articles 14 and 22(1) of the Constitution also obligate states to guarantee equality before the law.<sup>1</sup>

#### **The Legal Services Authority Act, 1987**

In 1987, the Legal Services Authority Act was passed by Congress and came into effect on November 9, 1995, creating a unified nationwide network to provide free and efficient legal services to vulnerable segments of society.

#### **Present Condition of Legal Education in India**

Legal Education can be divided into three divisions<sup>2</sup>-

- Academic legal education,
- Legal literacy and
- Continuous legal education to advocates.

#### **Academic legal education**

Academic Legal Education is which will be provided through appropriate academic institutes which provide much better philosophic and rationalistic orientation in various statutes along side educational instruction this is certainly appropriate.

#### **Legal literacy**

Legal literacy may be the knowledge that is appropriate for mass legal knowledge through appropriate literacy camps conducted by Legal Services Authorities designed for this function.

#### **Continuous legal education**

Constant knowledge this is certainly legal supporters is the fact that that is supplied through workshops, workshops with the talks on contemporary problems and statutes that creep in and by posting the appropriate journals with articles on burning topics associated with the day. In India, appropriate knowledge is directed by the Bar Councils, Universities plus the University Grants Commission

#### **Role of Authorities**

##### **NALSA (The National Legal Services Authority)**

The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) was established under the Legal Services Authority Act 1987 to provide free legal services to Poor & vulnerable segments of society. The Chief Justice of India is the Patron of the Supreme Court and the Senior Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of India is the Executive Chairman of the Authority. NALSA is currently located at New Delhi.<sup>3</sup>

Public awareness, equal chance and deliverable justice will be the cornerstones upon which the edifice of NALSA is based. The objective this is certainly principal of is always to offer no-cost and skilled appropriate Legal services into the weaker sections of the society and to make sure opportunities for securing justice aren't denied to virtually any resident by explanation of financial or other disabilities, also to organize Lok Adalats for amicable settlement of conflicts. Besides the abovementioned, features of NALSA consist of distributing literacy this is certainly legal understanding, doing personal justice litigations etc.

##### **SALSA (The State Legal Services Authority)**

The State Legal Services Authority (SALSA) was established under the section 06 of the Legal Services Authority Act 1987 to provide free legal services to vulnerable segments of society. SALSA exercise the power and perform the functions conferred on, or assigned by the Legal Services Authority Act 1987.<sup>4</sup>

##### **DALSA (The District Legal Services Authority)**

Firstly the State Government shall consultation with the Chief Justice of the High Court and after that constitute a body to be called the DALSA

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(District Legal Services Authority) for every district in the State. Now these are authorities to exercise the power and perform the functions conferred by the Legal Services Authority Act 1987.<sup>5</sup>

#### **How to Increase percentage of Legal Education in the Society**

There is some ways to spread legal awareness-

1. The government needs that legal news should be run on T.V. channels.
2. Make the education policies and syllabus related to Legal Awareness Projects for Law students.
3. Legal Projects for students should be mandatory for the completing law degrees. Who will have to organize legal awareness camps in the rural and slum areas?
4. Legal Services Authorities need to the appointment of Legal Agents and established Legal Help Centers in every city & village.

#### **Duties of every person**

Legal awareness means being aware of your rights and responsibilities, staying informed about changes in the law, knowing who to contact when you need legal help, and recognizing when you need to hire an attorney instead of handling something yourself. If that sounds like a lot to take in, it is. But it's also not as complicated or unapproachable as it might seem. The more you know about the law, the more confident you'll be should you find yourself in a situation where knowledge of the law could help protect you from unfair treatment or exploitation. Knowledge of the law can also help prevent unnecessary conflicts with others or unfortunate misunderstandings. Keeping informed about changes in the law gives you inside information that could protect your interests if those changes affect you directly. Knowing who to contact for legal help gives you timely access to local resources when you need them most. Recognizing when to hire an attorney instead of handling something yourself prevents unneeded risks and complications.

#### **Conclusion**

Education is an effective tool to stop crime by reducing the number of people who commit crime and helping those who have committed crimes reintegrate into society. Moreover, education helps foster better relationships among people of different ethnicities and backgrounds. The more people know about each other, the less likely they are to discriminate against each other. Beyond just reducing crime and discrimination, education is also important for helping ex-convicts reintegrate back into society. This can be difficult because employers often discriminate against people with criminal records. However, it's easier if the ex-offender has continued their education. This is because an education shows potential employers that the individual is responsible and determined to do well in life.

#### **Endnotes**

<sup>1</sup> Introduction: National Legal Services Authority (NALSA): Last seen 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022: <https://nalsa.gov.in/about-us/introduction#:~:text=The%20principal%20objective%20of%20NALSA,for%20amicable%20settlement%20of%20disputes>.

<sup>2</sup> Dr. S.R. Myneni: Public Interest Lawyering, Legal Aid and Para Legal Services: Asia Law House Hyderabad, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition 2007, Page no. 185.

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<sup>4</sup> Section 06 of the Legal Services Authority Act 1987

<sup>5</sup> Section 09 of the Legal Services Authority Act 1987