

Collaborative Services through Websites of Law Colleges in India: An Evaluation

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Abstract

At present, Law Educational institutions in India maintain website and provide information about. This paper is focused on evaluation of websites of top law colleges in India. The paper aims to study and analyse these. These reveal various facets such as services, resources, and facilities available in 25 law colleges in India. The evaluation process is achieved by grading and ranking. Out of these, 5 top law college websites are ranked, and finally a model of law education is given.

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1. Introduction

Education is a process of unfolding the learners' personalities, abilities, interest, attitudes, competencies, and values. Any educational policy must essentially aim at ethical, social, academic, and economical development. The objective of education is to stimulate the power of thinking of human mind and make their life easy in society. Knowledge is a very powerful source that can change the lives.

“Legal Education is essentially a multi-disciplined, multi-purpose education ...” Law has to deal with problems of diverse magnitudes and a student of law and an Advocate has to be trained in Professional skills to meet the challenges of globalisation of law. With the advent of multinationals in India as anywhere else, the task of lawyers would be highly technical and an imperative need would arise to have competent lawyers.

2. Impact of Information Technology on Law Education

Information technology deals with use of electronic computers and computer software to convert, store, protect, process, transmit, and retrieve information. The websites are the most commonly used tools to search for information and download it. It is used for instant access of information. Due to use of IT, a user can perform a task quickly that would otherwise take hours to perform manually.

3. Need of the Study

In this information age, legal information is provided with new online information services. This study attempts to explore legal information coverage on internet. On considering, wider utility of this topic, this may be beneficial to all legal professionals.

4. Objectives of the Study

1. To study the websites,
2. To study data available on homepage,
3. To evaluate the websites,

4. To evaluate the online resources available on websites, and
5. To evaluate the ranking of top law colleges' websites in India.

5. Scope and Limitations of the Study and Methodology

The study is based on internet. In India, There are 25 top law colleges. The present study is restricted to these 25 colleges in India. The data available on homepage of these law colleges has been collected by using the websites of colleges available on the internet. It was designed to find out the data available on the colleges homepage. The data has been analysed and interpreted.

6. Findings of the Study

Table 1. Contact Details on Homepage of Top Law Colleges in India

Sr. No.	Criteria	No. of Top Law Colleges having Facility	Percentage
1	Address on Homepage (HP)	11	44%
2	Phone No.	22	88%
3	Fax	21	84%
4	Email Address	21	84%
5	Separate Contact	21	84%
6	Last Update Date	03	12%
7	Total No. of Links	25	100%

It has been observed that 11 (44%) out of 25, provide complete contact details on homepage. Phone No. by 22(88%), Fax 21(84%), Email Address 21(84%), Separate Address 21(84%), Last Update Date is given on Homepage 3(12%) and all law colleges have website.

Table 2. Analysis of Content Coverage on Homepage of Top Law Colleges in India

Sr.No.	Criteria	No. of Colleges Have having facility	Percentage
1	About	22	88%
2	Home	24	96%
3	Academic Programmes	12	48%
4	Infrastructure	4	16%
5	Faculty	19	76%
6	students	14	56%
7	Library	14	56%
8	Alumni	13	52%
9	News & Events	16	64%
10	Contact	23	92%
11	Admission	12	48%

12	Student Exchange Programme	1	4%
13	Calender	5	20%
14	Placement	10	40%
15	Campus	8	32%
16	Academic Block	2	8%
17	Class Room	2	8%
18	Check Email	1	4%
19	Photo gallery	9	36%
20	Resources	3	12%
21	Law Publications	5	20%
22	What's New	2	8%
23	Site map	8	32%
24	Search	5	20%
25	Copyright	13	52%
26	Facebook	2	8%
27	Twitter	2	8%
28	Flickr	1	4%
29	You Tube	1	4%
30	RSS Feed	1	4%
31	Examination Schedule and Result	6	24%
32	Facilities	10	40%
33	New Courses	11	44%
34	Centers	4	16%
35	Tender	8	32%
36	Circular & Notices	8	32%
37	Anti Ragging Cell	4	16%
38	Workshop/Conferences	7	28%
39	Partner Institutions	1	4%
40	Hostel Rules	1	4%

It is observed that out of 25 top Colleges websites, 22(88%) provide about link, 24(96%) have home link, 12(48%) have Academic Programmes Link, 4(16%) Infrastructure link, 19(76%) Faculty link, 14(56%) Student link, 14(56%) library link, 13(52%) Alumni link, 16(64%) News and Event link, 23(92%) contact link, 12(48%) Admission link, 1(4%) student exchange programme link, 5(20%) Calendar link, 10(40%) Placement link, 8(32%) Campus link, 2(8%) Academic Block Link, 2(8%) Class Room link, 1(4%) Check Email link, 9(36%) Photo Gallery link, 3(12%) Resources link, 5(20%) Law Publications link, 2(8%) Whats New link, 8(32%) Site Map link, 5(20%) Search link, 13(52%) Copyright link, 2(8%) Facebook link, 2(8%) Twitter link, 1(4%) Flickr link, 1(4%) You Tube link, 1(4%) RSS Feed link, 6(24%) Examination schedule and Result link, 10(40%)

Facilities link, 11(44%) New Courses, 4(16%) Centres link, 8(32%) Tender link, 8(32%) Circular and Notices link, 4(16%) Anti-Ragging Cell, 7(28%) Workshops/ Conferences link, 1(4%) Partner Institutions link, 1(4%) Hostel Rules link.

Table 3.1. Analysis of Links Supporting Navigation on Homepage of Top Law Colleges in India

	Name of Institute	Best Viewed	Use of Images	Link Clearly Labelled Pages	Printed	Separately Homelink on Each Page	Sitemap	Keyword Searching	Scrolling Page
1	National Law School of India Univ, Bangalore	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓
2	NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-	✓	✓
3	National Law Institute University, Bhopal	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	✓
4	National Law University, Jodhpur	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
5	Campus Law Center, Delhi University, Delhi	✓		✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	WB National Univ of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata	✓	✓	✓	-	-	✓	-	✓
7	Symbiosis Society's Law college, Pune	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
8	ILS Law College, Pune	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	✓
9	Government Law College, Mumbai	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
10	Amity Law School, Delhi	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-	✓	✓
11	Faculty of Law, AMU, Aligarh	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	✓	✓
12	University Law College, Bangalore Univ., Bangalore	✓	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓
13	Faculty of Law Mumbai University, Mumbai	✓	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓
14	Faculty of Law BHU, Varanasi	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-	✓	✓
15	Deptt of Laws, Punjab University, Chandigarh	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	✓	✓
16	Bangalore Institute of Legal Studies, Bangalore	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	?
17	School of Law, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
18	Tamil Nadu Dr Ambedkar Law Univ., Chennai	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	-	✓
19	Army Institute of Law, Mohali	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-	✓	✓
20	Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-	✓	✓
21	DES Law College, Pune	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
22	Deptt of Law Calcutta University, Kolkata	✓	-	✓	-	✓	-	-	✓
23	Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	✓
24	Govt Law College, Kerala Univ, Thiruvananthapuram	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	✓
25	Faculty of Law, Allahabad University Allahabad	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-	✓	✓

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Sr.No.	Criteria	No. of Top Law Colleges having facility	Percentage
1	Best Viewed	25	100%
2	Use of Images	23	92%
3	Link Clearly labelled	24	96%
4	Pages Printed Separately	1	4%
5	Home link on each page	19	76%
6	Index\sitemap	11	44%
7	Keyword Searching	17	68%
8	Scrolling Page	25	100%

Table 4. Evaluation of Online Databases available on Internet of Top Law Colleges in India

		Kluwer Arbitration	Kluwer Patent Law Online	Khular Competition Law	Jstor	Hein Online	LexisNexis	Springerlink	Manupatra	Indlaw.com	Law Khoj	Legalsutra	Advocate Khoj	Taxmann west law india new	SCC Onne Case Finder	MelaWnge	Science Direct	Scopus index	Delnet	SAGE	Elesvier
1	National Law School of India Univ, Bangalore	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓				
2	NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad																				
3	National Law Institute University, Bhopal				✓	✓	✓		✓					✓							
4	National Law University, Jodhpur	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓					✓							
5	Campus Law Center, Delhi University, Delhi						✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓						✓
6	WB National Univ of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata				✓	✓	✓		✓					✓	✓						✓
7	Symbiosis Society's Law college, Pune	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓					✓	✓						
8	ILS Law College, Pune																				
9	Government Law College, Mumbai															✓					
10	Amity Law School, Delhi									✓				✓							
11	Faculty of Law, AMU, Aligarh																				✓
12	University Law College, Bangalore Univ., Bangalore																				
13	Faculty of Law Mumbai University, Mumbai																				

13	Taxmann	2	8%
14	west law india new	11	44%
15	SCC Oline Case Finder	3	12%
16	MelaWnge	1	4%
17	Science Direct	2	8%
18	Scopus	1	4%
19	indest	1	4%
20	Delnet	1	4%
21	SAGE	3	12%
22	Elesvier	1	4%

It is observed that out of 25 have online database, 3 (12%) Kluwer Arbitration link, 1 (4%) Kluwer Patent Law Online link, 1 (4%) Khular Competition Law link 7 (28%) Jstor link , 6 (24%) Hein Online link 7 (28%) LexisNexis link 4 (16%) Springerlink link 13 (52%) Manupatra link 2 (8%) Indlaw.com link, 2 (8%) Law Khoj link 2 (8%) Legalsutra link, 1 (4%) Advocate Khoj link 2 (8%) Taxmann link 11 (44%) West law India new link, 3 (12%) SCC Oline Case Finder link, 1 (4%) MelaWnge link, 2 (8%) Science Direct link, 1 (4%) Scopus link, 1 (4%) Indest link 1 (4%) Delnet link 3 (12%) SAGE link 1 (4%) Elesvier link.

7. Conclusion

Internet has emerged as most powerful medium for storage and retrieval of legal information. Internet has become a necessity for every institution of higher learning and research. The computerisation can improve efficiency in legal service and administration of justice, statues and judgments can be electronically stored and provided through internet. Full impact on the Indian legal information has got to be fully known. Libraries that effectively use collaboration services will find themselves accomplishing certain goals more quickly; establishing collaborative workspace for content management sharing documents and assembling teams that can connect quickly and more effectively. So we are trying to give the services more effectively through resources available on internet.

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