

A Study on the Possible Effects of Making Basic Laws as a Mandatory Subject from High School Students in both Public and Private Schools

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Abstract—The research study aims on the possible effects of making basic laws as a mandatory subject from High School students in both Public and Private schools. Laws are the rules which make every citizen equal in the country. Introducing basic law as a mandatory subject from high school in both public and private schools will help the students in developing morals, ethics, good behavior and insights which will help them to be good citizens in the future. The research paper exactly points out the major aspects about why people are not aware about the Indian laws and recommend suggestions, to reverse this current trend. The study was conducted among High school students from both Public and Private schools to collect data required for the study. The research method used here is Survey method through online questionnaire. It was found that majority of the students are not aware about the common laws prevailing in the nation. It can be concluded from the study that laws are important because it protects the common welfare and make sure that the rights help the citizens in case of maltreat by strangers or by some Institutions, organizations or by the government itself. The study suggests that basic law should be made mandatory subject in schools.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Every Indian citizen must know the basic laws and rights. Laws are the rules which makes every citizen equal in the country. Laws are important because it protects the common welfare and make sure that the rights help the citizens in case of maltreat by strangers or by some institutions, organizations or the government itself. Every citizen has the equal rights to make their lives safely. In all the three levels those laws exist that is local, state and in National level.

The laws, rules and regulations are actually equal for all citizen in India. But the main problem is that majority of the people are not aware about laws.

Every citizen in India has the right to seek information from government offices or ask questions. The citizen can seek any information and take copies of any government documents and government records as per section 2(a)(h) every citizen has the right to seek information from the public office.

In each and every department of government offices at least one officer has been designated as the Public Information Officer (PIO). He or she accept the request forms and provide information to the public.

Majority of the students are not aware about the laws in India. The only way is to make them aware about the rules

and regulations, what all are their rights, the laws which they have to follow etc. can only achieve through their academic. Every citizen of India should have a clear idea about their rights and responsibilities which they have to perform for the sake of our country. This is only possible when the people know about the laws. It can be done only when a new subject that is, about the basic laws should provide to the students from High School.

In both public and private schools, Indian basic laws should be directed or taught to every students as a mandatory subject. Thus far, the students study below 1 percentage of Indian law in High school as part of civics. So it is important to make the students aware about the Indian laws, rules and regulations, punishment for violence etc.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Legal awareness crucial for students

This article written by dining diagram emphasizes the importance of educating the students about the basic laws. Basic legal knowledge is necessary for creating duty bound and responsible citizen. To the other legal awareness must be enhanced among the students. He is of the opinion to make basic laws as mandatory subject for high school students. This will reduce the stress on the authorities for enforcing laws in our country. Moreover, people will learn

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to respect and pay attention to others feelings. Crime rates will be lower than usual. He also adds many quotes in his article to make people recognize the value of studying laws. People like to make new laws, but they are not at all interested in following them. This attitude among the people had to be changed in India, there are many people who are illiterate and are denied of their basic amenities. They didn't even know how to fight against injustice. This situation can be avoided by educating all the citizens of a country about their rights. He concludes by saying that India can achieve success only by molding each and every one into lawful citizen.

Increasing violation of laws

This article by Mehta Singh sheds light upon the fact that crimes are increasing at a tremendous rate in our nation is partly due to the unawareness of the laws prevailing in our country. This article shows us the dismal situation in our country which is becoming hub of all crimes. Lack of knowledge is seen as a root cause of all the evils in our country. Discrimination based on caste sex religion is widespread in our nation. People don't know how to fight against this established in nation. Women abuses are also increasing. Child marriages and other demon existing in our country. In such a situation, it is necessary to educate all the people about the laws in order to hinder these ever increasing crime rates, children had to be first taught from their family about laws. The next had to be done in the schools, children had to be taught the most important parts of our constitution. They should be made aware about their basic rights in order to lead a lawful, productive, responsible life. The article ends with an optimistic thought that India would be able to lower the ever increasing crime.

Legal awareness - Stepping stone to development

This article by Milan Rao emphasize the role played by lawful population for molding a developed country. The article gives us the idea that studying between offers and opportunity to develop a range of skills and explore many aspects of human life. It gives every individual the chance to sharpen his or her mind, strength and their understanding and deepen their experience across the full range of humanities and social science till the people irrespective of their age, social and cultural background should be provided with enough knowledge about law. In most of the areas people are working day and night for less wages without being aware about their rights as a worker. Students are the future wealth, basically provided with the basic knowledge about laws. This not only help them but also the teachers, their family, there villages etc. When one is taught, it will pass many and thus we will be able to develop population which knows all the visitors, a population which can be used effectively for the development of a country.

Understanding of basic law holds valuable lessons for students.

This article is written by Kerry Kennedy saying rote learning will not serve their best interest. The article consolidates the idea that citizens who do not understand the law that guide so much of their lives may lack the knowledge to make productive contribution to political and social development. The author is of the opinion that students need to be engaged in a process that takes them beyond role learning. They need to discuss and debate ideas and listen to other people's ideas to consolidate their learning. There are at least 5 brought domains that can structure learning and the role of law is the first laws are there to protect individuals and society, maintain order and mortality to guarantee that individual can live feeling protected, but not overly constrained. So it is necessary all people should be aware of the laws in our country so as to protect their rights. Thus it became mandatory to teach students the basic laws in order to convert them into an asset to our country.

III. OBJECTIVES

1. To find out the students' mentality or attitude towards studying basic law as a subject
2. To list the common problems of students, due to lack of knowledge of basic laws.
3. To propose the basic laws as a mandatory subject from high school students in both public and private schools by highlighting the possible benefits of its implementation.

IV. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The survey for this study was conducted among totally different teams of students from high school. The analysis study is conducted with the information collected from a sample size of 100. Sampling technique used here is simple random sampling. The analysis study is prescribed to the geographical area of Kerala. The data for the analysis study was obtained through web based survey further questionnaire was circulated through online among the students of High school. Tool like % analysis chart is employed for analysis and interpretation. The study is maintained with associate exploratory analysis involved with an introduction of basic law as a compulsory subject in each public and private school.

V. BASIC LAWS

Most of the citizen in India are not aware about their rights which our Indian constitution has provide various rights to the citizen for securing their fundamental rights. Some of the basic rights are:

- According to Motor Vehicle Act, if a person 100 ml

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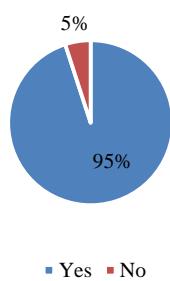
blood contains about 30 MG of alcohol then, the police has the right to arrest the person without any warrant.

- According to Maternity Benefit Act, the institutions, organizations or company whether it belongs to private or public, they don't have the right to fire or punish a pregnant woman. If it found so that person will be punishable up to 3 years of imprisonment.
- According to Code of Criminal Procedure, the citizens are not aware about that while cooking if their gas cylinder blasts then the Gas agency authority is liable to make the payment of rupees 50,00,000 as compensation to victims. The victims should file an FIR on gas cylinder blasts to the police station and submit that to the respected gas agency for claiming the compensation.
- As per the Maximum Retail Price act, the shopkeepers are not allowed to charge more price than the printed price of any product but the customer can bargain the product for lesser price than the printed price.
- According to child labor act in India, a child who is below 14 years of age are not supposed to do work in any factories or organization.
- Untouchability is abolished by the (article 17) and its use in any kind should be punishable. The offender should be punishable up to maximum of 2 years of imprisonment and also he or she will be disqualified for participating in election for both union and state legislature.
- A foreigner can acquire Indian citizenship by marrying an Indian citizen; according to the Citizenship Act by Marriage.
- For the protection of children below the age of 18 from sexual abuse and exploitation, the Posco Act was passed.

VI. FINDINGS

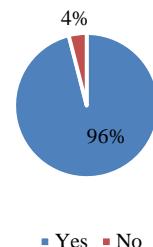
- From this research study the researcher finds out that the majority of the students are not aware about the basic laws prevailing in India. Only few students know something about Indian laws.

Are you interested in studying basic laws?
(100 responses)



- ❖ The research study shows that, 95% of students are interested to study basic law as their subject

Do you think studying basic laws will be useful for your future?
(100 responses)



- ❖ The research study aims to show that, 96% of students responded that studying basic law will be useful for their future.
- The study gives an information to the researcher, that 89 % of the students in India are not aware about the consequences of violating laws in India, only 11 % of students knows little bit about the consequences.
- The research study states that all of the students have a great opinion about studying basic law as a subject. Because only through their academic period they can acquire knowledge on basic laws prevailing in India. So it is important to add one more subject that is 'basic laws' to the curriculum.
- The researcher got an information 97 % of student responded that it is necessary for them to study basic laws. It is important to know the rules and regulations of our country. So the students are willing to study basic laws as a subject.
- The common problems faced by the people due to lack of knowledge of basic laws are, 39% of students responded that illiteracy is major problem in India, many children are not getting education and getting forced for marriage, mainly this happens in rural areas. It happens because they are not aware about their rights, 18% of students responded that child labor, many children are doing jobs in many factories or industries to make their basic needs.
- Those citizens are not aware that a child who is below 14 years of age are not supposed to do work in any industries also they should get basic education according to Right to Education Act, 17% of students responded that basic sanitation is a major problem and 25% of students responded that women's safety is a major problem. The citizens were not aware that what are offences or punishment if they miss behave to women in India.
- The researcher gives an information from this study that it is necessary for the students to study basic laws and 60% of students responded that to avoid common problems due to lack of knowledge of basic laws and

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24% of students said that there can be no excuse for not knowing the law and 15% of students' opinion is that it is one of the basic rights. So the students should know the basic laws.

- The researcher finds out some of the benefits after studying basic laws as a subject, 70% of students responded that it will create awareness of rights and responsibilities of our country, 14% said that it will develop their self-confidence, 8% responded that it helps to promote consciousness of legal culture and again 8% of students responded that it will help to promote ethics in society.
- Majority of students, i.e. 86% of students responded that adding basic laws as a subject in their curriculum will not add stress because it is important for every citizens' life and also it is important to know the rules and regulations of our country, remaining 14% students responded that it would add stress because they were too lazy or not interested in spending extra hour in school.
- In this research study 96% of students said that studying basic laws will be useful for their future.
- From this research study, the researcher finds out that 95% of students are highly interested in studying basic laws.

VII. SUGGESTIONS

The research study conducted on students from high school in both public and private school in Kerala highlights the need and importance of making basic law as a mandatory subject from high school. Based on the study conducted by the researcher, following suggestions can be made.

- It is suggested that there is at most need for studying basic law will give its benefit and positive effects on the society.
- By studying basic law at school level would show positive behavior changes among students which would lead to decrease the crime rate. There is a big difference between studying basic law as a subject and just reading about it from outside sources.
- The researcher suggest that the basic law should be made as a mandatory subject from High school since majority of the students are not aware about the laws prevailing in India and all the students have positive attitude about studying basic law as a subject.
- It is strongly suggested that students should have awareness of rules and regulations, law, constitution, etc. which are useful whenever there is a problem or issue in our life.
- The study also suggest that the syllabus of the basic law must cover all the topics and laws that are essential for life and for livelihood.

- It is compulsory to cover social, economic, political, environmental, cultural and religious aspects of laws.
- By studying the basic laws, the students should have clear understanding about the consequences and the punishment of violating the basic law.
- It is recommended that the basic laws should be allotted to the students for at least 3 hours a week to realize effective results in them.
- The study also recommended that the marks should not be the basic of judgement in basic law as a subject but it is the responsibility of the government to make each and every student aware about the laws, rules and regulations of our country.

VIII. CONCLUSION

The study was conducted to obtain information on the positive effects of making basic laws as a mandatory subject from high school in both public and private schools.

Students learn various subjects in school but they don't learn everything about the law existing in the country. This ignorance of law will lead them to a lot of problems. Since they don't know what is legally right or wrong. It would not only be beneficial for the students and society but also for the nation to learn basic law and many activities connected with the law that will be useful to a common man. Basic law is something which are very much needed in our daily life.

Survey was conducted using online questionnaire among high school students from both public and private school to collect the data needed for the study. The findings of the study suggest that basic laws as a mandatory subject from high school in all the schools.

It was found that child labor, illiteracy, basic sanitation, women's safety etc. are the common problems that people face due to lack ignorance of law. Through their curriculum only they can achieve basic laws, which they want to practice in their life. As a citizen of India without knowing basic laws he or she will be incomplete, because the basic thing is to know the rules and regulations of our country.

The education system in our country should incorporate new subjects like basic law to make it effective throughout our life.

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