Information Resources for Law Education: An Overview

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ABSTRACT

 This Paper present the information resources for law education which includes primary, secondary, sources of information , digital legal information as a well as Online legal database and e-journals e-books which are useful for law education.

Keywords: Primary, Secondary legal information, offline and online legal information, legal database.

1. INTRODUCTION

 A Law Library is a collection of legal materials such as case laws, constitution, legislations, Legal articles, reporting journals, Parliamentary Proceedings, level monographs, treatises, judicial and Administrative decisions and other legal resources related to national and international level means in print as well as digital form of media, for a specific class of users such as Law Students, Legal Scholars, Researchers, Judges, Advocates, Parliamentarians and other legal specialists. The Legal Researchers, Students, Judges need various types of information based on their subject area.

Due to wide area of legal information and legal research the organization of books and other documents are becoming very difficult in the library. But now in the age of information technology the wary of library services is change. Today most of law libraries are using computers for information storage and retrieval. Several International and national Legal Database are available to explore legal information

     Information retrieval from such databases with the help of computer is called online information retrieval system. Now library also provides as per the user requirements e-books and e-journals offline journals which are easy to access information and fulfil the S.R. Ranganathan's law of library science.

1. Law Education Resources:

1.1 *Primary Legal Resources*

Constitutions of India and Other Nations

Legislations in India

> - Indian Codes
> - Gazette of India
> - Acts of Parliaments
> - Bills of Parliaments
> - Local Laws of All States

Legislations- in Foreign

- U.S. Code
- United Kingdom Statutes
- Australia – commonwealth consolidated Acts.
- Canada Consolidated Statutes.

Indian Reports

a) Supreme Court:

- All India Reports (1914 onward)
- Supreme Court reports (1950 onwards)
- Judgement Today
- SCALE
- Supreme Court Case

b) High Court

- All High Courts Reports.

Foreign reports

- U.S. Supreme Court Reports.
- Supreme Court Reports-Canada.
- Australian Law Reports.
- Reports on Patents and Trademark Cases.
- Law Reports of the Commonwealth.
- All England Law Reports.
- Weekly Law reports.
- Dominion Law Reports.
- Federal Law Reporter.

Academic journals

- Indian journals
- Foreign journals.

1.2 SecondaryLegal Sources:

❖ **Legal Encyclopaedias**

- Halsbury's Law of England, Halsbury's Law of India, American Jurisprudence

Forms and Precedents, Words and Phrases

❖ **Legal Dictionary**

- Black's Legal Dictionary, Stroud's Legal Dictionary, Wharton's Law Lexicon

Aiyar's Advanced Law Lexicon, Oxford English Dictionary, Words and Phrases legally defined, Judicial Dictionary, Legal and Commercial Dictionary, Supreme Court words and phrases, Concise Law dictionary.

❖ **Digests**

- Supreme Court Yearly Digest (SCC), High Courts Cases Digests, Indies to Indian Legal Periodicals, Index to Legal Periodicals and books, Supreme Court Labour Digest, Digest of Labour Cases, Digest of Tax

Cases, Service Law Reporter Digest, A.I. R. Yearly Digest, Supreme Court of Indian nominal index and Comparative Tables.

2. Online legal diabase:

- ✓ West Law international
- ✓ Hein Online
- ✓ LexisNexis
- ✓ JSTOR
- ✓ E-Hart

2.1 Westlaw international

Westlaw International is a password based and IP address based online legal research database. Highlights of coverage of materials in Westlaw International are as under:

Cases

- o United Kingdom from 1865
- o United States (Federal and State) from 1658
- o European United From 1952
- o Australian from 1903
- o Hongkong from 1905
- o Canada from 1825

Statutes

- o United Kingdom statutes from 1267
- o United states code
- o Comprehensive European Union legislations
- o Hong Kong Legislation
- o Canada Legislation

Journals

- o Harvard Law Review
- o European Competition law review
- o Criminal Law Review
- o McGill Law Review
- o Malborne university Law Review
- o Hong Kong Law Journal

News

- o New York Times, Financial Times, Thomson Financial New, AP Newswires, Economist, Transcripts from Major News Channels.

2.2 Hein Online

The Hein Online is product with more than 50 million pages of legal history available in an online. The Law journal library in Hein Online is a collection of nearly 1300 law and law related periodicals, coverage is from the first issue published for all periodicals and goes through the most currently published issued allowed based on contracts with publishers.

2.3 LexisNexis

LexisNexis Academic is a service for researching news, business and legal topics. It contains more than 6000 sources form all over the world, down from print, broadcast and online media. LexisNexis gives us new magazine, including major publications form the U.S. and around the world and local publications from all 50 statues.TV and radio broadcast transcript, blogs and web-based publications. Law review and journals.

2.4 JSTOR

It is not for profit service that helps scholars, researchers and students it provides   information in eight modules.

2.5 E-HART

It is an online database provides books published by publisher. Library may choose selected books, titles through one-time freesubscription. It provides information on IP base.

3. National (Indian) Online Legal Research Database:

- Manupatra
- Indlaw
- SCC Online
- AIR SC and high Court
- AIR Criminal Law Journal
- CDJ Law Journal

3.1 Manupatra

Manupatra is most comprehensive online legal and business policy database Manupatra revolutionized the way in which people do legal researches in India. Manupatra covers the following legal information

- Judgements incudes supreme Court of India, high Courts, Tribunals etc.
- Commission and committee reports
- Gazette notifications and circulars
- Bare Acts, rules and Regulations
- Ordinance and Pending Bills
- Legal Materials on subject based research.

3.2 Indlaw

INDLAW is business to business Internet provider of research modules relating to Indian Legal, Tax business and regulatory issues. Indlaw is a part of the Indian online project which was launched in April 1997. As collaborative exercises between professionals and academicians based in U,K. and in India to build an electronic legal library to enable solicitors, advocates, students and clients to have access to information on various primary and secondary legal documents like the constitutional text, parliamentary debates, case law, parliamentary and state enactments and delegated legislation in both India and the U.K.

3.3 SCC-ONLINE

Supreme Court Cases the law library may provide court cases online with the help of SCC online commercial software. A case may be searching by general search, topical search, case index and by citation and you can download latest judgements.

3.4AIR supreme court and high court

All India Reporter provides information by online contains most of high courtsdata.

3.5 AIR Criminal Law journals

Criminal Law Journals software contains data of various high courts through intranet and on mobile apps user can access any place at any time

3.6 CDJ Law Journals:

This legal journal provides information of all courts through mobile apps we can search legal information at any place.

4. SOME LEGAL INFORAMTION WEBSITES:

4.1 Human Right commissions

- Asian Human Right commission
- http://www.ahrchk.net/index.php
- Human Right commission of Maldives
- http:www.hrcm.org.mv/
- Human Right Commission of New Zealand
- http://www.hrc.co.nz
- Human Right and Equal Opportunity commission
- Http://hreoc.gov.au/index.html
- Human Rights Internet
- http://www.hri.ca/index.aspx

4.2 Law Commissions

- International Law Commission
- http://untreaty.un.org/ilc/guide/annex2.htm
- Law Commission of India
- www.lawcommissionofindia.com
- Law commission of Canada
- http://www.lcc.gc.ca/
- Australian Law Reform Commission
- http://www.alrc.gov.au/
- Law commission united Kingdom
- http://lawcom.gov.uk/

4.3 Commission and Committee reports

- National Commission of Women reports
- http://new.nic.in/frmPub_Reports.aspx
- National Human Right Commission reports
- http://nhrc.nic.in/
- Law Commission O India reports
- http://www.lawcommissionof india.nic.in/
- National Commission for SC/ST Reports
- http://ncsc.nic.in/index1.asp?linkid=154

5 OTHER INFORMATION RESOURCES:

- **NLIST** (http://nlist.inflibmnet.ac.in)

- **NDL** (http://ndl.ac.in)

5.1 NLIST (http://nlist.inflibmnet.ac.in)

The N-LIST (National Library and information services infrastructure for Scholarly Content) The NLIST being jointly executed by the UGC-INFONET Digital Library consortium, INFLIBNET centre and the INDEST-AICTE consortium, IIT Delhi under the overall guidance of a National Steering committee of the two consortia that guide and steer the activities of the N-LIST programme. College desirous of accessing e-resources ae required to register themselves with the N-LIST programme. Visit N-LIST website, register online or download registration form to register offline and send to INFLIBNET Ahmadabad. College should be under UGC 12B/2F of UGC. N-LIST has 31,35000 + E-books and 6000+ E- Journals NLIST has full text Electronic Resources includes all subjects.

5.2 NDL (http://ndl.iitkgp.ac.in)

NDL (National Digital Library) is a ministry of HRD under national mission on education through information and communication technology has initiated the National Digital Library (NDL) pilot project to develop a frame work of virtual repository of learning research with least efforts and minimum time. It being developed at IIT Kharagpur.

NDL includes resources such as Books, Articles, Thesis, Manuscripts, Audio lecturers, Video lecturers. And subject such as Computer science, information and general works, philosophy and psychology, religion, social science.

CONCLUSION: -

The law libraries have a significant role in developing e-resources of collection as well as the legal researchers. There are various offline and online legal information resources which is very important to give current and updated information to law students, teachers, advocates, and other legal professionals.

Now a day the E- Resources are updating the information in legal education the updating e- resources seen to be challenging to user due to technophobia. The Libraries are expected to play protective role in providing guidance and research in present rapidly evolving technological environment.

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