

Encouraging the Legal Profession in India

Promoting the profession of law in our country is a very difficult task because it involves a lot of struggles. It is not that we lack manpower, but rather we lack trainers for that manpower. Today's generation is very energetic and efficient in modern technology, but they are somewhat weak in matters related to the legal field. If they are given proper training, the new generation will do remarkable work. The skills of the new generation combined with the training of the old generation will definitely yield very good results. Many young people turn away after seeing the struggle in the world of advocacy. This is a negative point for this field. Those who do not turn away often give up and sit down. Very few become good advocates, attorneys general, or judges. Therefore, we need to find people who can provide good training to the new generation and impart the right knowledge of law.

It is not that the new generation is not being trained; they are, but the numbers are very low. Currently, we are training only 100 students, out of which only 10 are capable. Out of those 10, maybe only one will become a top advocate, attorneys general, or a good judge.

This means we will have very few options to choose from. If the options are few, we might end up making someone with low capability a judge, which will not be good for our judiciary system. The lack of capable people will result in people not getting justice, and even if they do get justice, it might not be as effective or satisfactory as it should be. The delay in getting justice due to the lack of capable people will increase the pendency of cases in courts, leading to cases being dragged on for years. The negative impact of this will be that people will lose faith in the judiciary system. To ensure that people's faith in the judiciary system remains intact, it is very important to bring as many capable people as possible into the profession of advocacy, educate them, and train them.

Currently, we are checking the capabilities of children and then educating them, which is wasting a lot of time. We should educate law students in bulk. There is a lot of struggles in the law field right now, but we should remove the struggle and bring in competition. If there is competition in the law field, we will get top-class advocates, top-class attorneys general, and top-class judges who will

represent India on national and international levels. We should utilize the thoughts, energy, and skills of the new generation. The doors of the law field should be opened to the general public so that good people can come into this field. Right now, we are educating only 100 law students, which is not a big number. We should educate 1000 law students. If we educate 1000 law students, then 100 capable ones will emerge. Out of those 100 students, 10 will become top-class advocates, top-class judges, or attorneys general. Remember, when we train the first 1000 students, one of them will become a Ram Jethmalani. When we educate the next 1000 students, one of them will become a Kapil Sibal, and when we educate the third 1000 students, one of them will become an Abhishek Manu Singhvi. And when we educate 100,000 students in this way, one of them will become the Chief Justice of India, like Dr. D.Y. Chandrachud. Instead of checking the students' capabilities first and then educating them, we should educate them, and the capable ones will emerge and find their own path, just like a river finds its own course.

We do not know how capable each student will be, but we know that a capable person will emerge on their own with a little training. When we educate as many people as possible, more capable individuals will come into this field. With more capable people entering the field, we will get more capable advocates, solicitor generals, attorney generals, and capable judges who will resolve cases quickly. For this, we need to bring competition into our field and remove the struggle. Furthermore, by increasing the number of trained law professionals, we will not only strengthen our legal system but also instill a sense of justice and integrity in the society. An educated and competitive legal workforce will ensure that the judiciary system remains robust and efficient. It will also foster public trust in the legal system, as people will see timely and fair resolution of cases. By providing opportunities to a larger pool of students, we are essentially investing in the future of our country's legal framework. This approach will help bridge the gap between current capabilities and the needs of a rapidly evolving society. In doing so, we will create a legal environment that is not only proficient but also adaptable to future challenges. In addition, we should focus on continuous professional development and lifelong learning for legal professionals. This will help them stay updated with the latest developments in law and technology, further enhancing their ability to serve justice efficiently. Creating a culture of excellence and continuous improvement will attract the brightest minds to the

legal profession, ensuring that our judiciary is always at the forefront of innovation and fairness.

Yes, that's absolutely right. A knowledgeable advocate who understands right and wrong, and has a judicial perspective, can become a good judge. To become a judge, a person needs deep knowledge of justice, societal support, and legal principles, which are qualities often found in a good advocate. In this way, a competent advocate, with their legal expertise and practical experience, can effectively serve as a judge.

Just as we don't know where in the ocean we will find a pearl, similarly, we don't know where we will encounter capable individuals in such large gatherings. Just as finding a pearl requires diving into the depths of the ocean or even churning the ocean like the Samudra Manthan, similarly, we also need to assess such large groups carefully to identify capable and right-minded individuals and integrate them into our lives." It's a profound analogy highlighting the effort and discernment required to recognize and collaborate with talented individuals, much like the dedication needed in searching for precious pearls in the vast depths of the ocean.

To learn from new people, we will need new and talented individuals who can teach as many students as possible. Anyone should be promoted based on their talent and not their seniority. Because If we want to progress and top the world, talent and merit will be what counts. In today's date, we need talented individuals, not just senior ones. Therefore, we must impart legal knowledge to as many students as possible so they can advance and help our country progress as well.

The field of law is vast, as immense as our ocean. Considering the expanse of this ocean, we lack enough educated and talented law students. There are many law students, but no one to teach them. Therefore, we need to find individuals who can teach new law students and make them talented.

Not every student has the same caliber. Some students have a lower learning capacity, while others have a higher one. If we teach someone with lower caliber, they will serve the country at a lower level. If we teach someone with higher caliber, they will serve the country at a higher level. It's not about the level; it's about teaching everyone. Everyone contributes to the country's growth.

We should teach law students as much as possible. We need to utilize their talents and skills effectively.

If we teach new students, these students will go to different parts of the country and strengthen the foundations of law.

We need talented and skilled people not only at the national level but also at the international level. Our new generation is both talented and skilled. We just need to provide them with knowledge of the law, and then they will change the world. We have a good generation; we should make use of it rather than wasting it.

Encouraging the Legal Profession in India:

Mentorship Programs: Initiate mentorship programs where experienced lawyers can guide young law graduates.

Internship Opportunities: Collaborate with law firms and legal departments to create more internship opportunities for law students.

Continuing Legal Education (CLE): Organize regular CLE programs to help lawyers stay updated with the latest legal developments and skills. Current

Projects and Future Plans: -**Digital Transformation:** Implement digital platforms for virtual legal consultations and e-filing of cases to make legal processes more efficient.

Research and Publications: Encourage and fund research projects on critical legal issues and publish findings to contribute to legal scholarship.

Advocacy for Legal Reforms: Advocate for necessary legal reforms by preparing policy papers and engaging with government bodies.

I hope these suggestions are helpful and contribute positively to the goals of SCBA.