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# PROMOTING JUSTICE THROUGH LEGAL AND PARALEGAL EDUCATION: THE RELEVANCE OF FORENSIC SCIENCE AND DIGITAL EVIDENCE

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## ABSTRACT

Legal empowerment, which ensures that individuals and communities can effectively navigate legal systems, is a crucial element of access to justice. While paralegal studies support evidence management, legal aid, and case documentation, law schools focus on preparing lawyers. This helps bridge the gap between the general public and legal professionals. Even though forensic science and digital technologies have transformed court proceedings in the modern era, traditional legal and paralegal education in India does not provide specialized instruction in these areas. Insufficient knowledge of forensic documentation, digital evidence processing, and legal technology may make it difficult for lawyers to ensure the fair and efficient administration of justice. In order to improve legal empowerment, this paper looks at the way forensic science and legal information technology may improve legal and paralegal education. It identifies the shortcomings of India's current system and suggests educational reforms by examining global models that incorporate forensic and digital training into law courses. In order to increase the effectiveness, evidence-basedness, and accessibility of justice, the study recommends incorporating digital forensics, digital documentation, and based on artificial intelligence legal research tools into legal and paralegal school programs.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Multidisciplinary legal studies is undoubtedly going to be the way of the future for legal education. Actually, this strategy has already been started by introducing a variety of legal studies fields. Among the many interdisciplinary approaches, forensic science is one of the fields in both law and medicine that is growing and changing the fastest. Expert testimony and forensic science findings are becoming increasingly significant in criminal adjudication.

Before being entered into evidence during a criminal trial, forensic evidence must be vetted by judges, prosecutors, and lawyers, just like any other kind of evidence.<sup>1</sup> Understanding the significance of forensics and the extent to which the legal education curriculum has integrated such specialized subjects or training on scientific techniques or evidence is essential for promoting the effective administration of justice. This paper highlights the importance of integrating forensic science into the curriculum of contemporary law education by looking at several aspects of the field that could enhance knowledge of forensic evidence in the criminal justice system. Public awareness and education initiatives are necessary to inform the public, police officers, and legal professionals about the advantages and disadvantages of forensic science. Media representations often fuel misconceptions about forensic evidence, which may lead to unrealistic expectations in the courts (Starushkevych, 2024). The objectives of teaching programs should be to make clear the role of forensic science and to emphasize the importance of moral dilemmas and evidence-based practices in the criminal justice system. Forensic science has to be reformed in order to improve its accuracy, reliability, and ethical use in the criminal justice system. By establishing independent monitoring, supporting research, creating ethical standards, standardizing processes, enhancing training, and raising awareness, stakeholders may ensure that forensic science remains a valid and crucial component of justice.<sup>2</sup> Due to the growing use of digital technology and forensic evidence in court proceedings, forensic science, digital evidence analysis, and case recording skills are essential components of contemporary legal and paralegal education. This paper looks at how enhancing legal and paralegal education improves the efficacy, openness, and evidence-based character of justice, which in turn increases legal empowerment.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Ankita Pandey & Dr Shammi Kesh Roy , “Forensic Science and the Law: Exploring Legal and Ethical Challenges in Criminal Justice” 5IJRPR 10(2024)

<sup>2</sup> Goodwin, L., Maru, V. What Do We Know about Legal Empowerment? Mapping the Evidence. Hague J Rule Law 9, 157–194 (2017)

<sup>3</sup> Amartya Sen, The Idea of Justice 45 (Harvard University Press, 2009).

## **II LEGAL & PARALEGAL STUDIES' CONTRIBUTION TO LEGAL EMPOWERMENT**

### **Foundation of Justice**

By teaching legal rights, judicial procedures, and advocacy techniques, law schools significantly contribute to the development of future attorneys (Harvard Law Review, American Bar Association). Although theoretical legal principles have historically been emphasized in the curriculum, practical legal training is becoming more and more acknowledged as being crucial to closing the gap between academics and actual legal practice. To provide practical experience in client advocacy and case strategy, contemporary legal education increasingly incorporates clinical training in law, moot courts, and legal aid internships. The inclusion of digital case management and forensic evidence processing in legal education, however, is an important but sometimes disregarded topic. Since forensic science is now a fundamental component of contemporary legal proceedings, law students must be knowledgeable with crime scene investigation, forensic documentation, and the admissibility of evidence <sup>4</sup>

### **As Stepping Stones to Justice, Paralegals**

**LEGAL AID SERVICES** Paralegals play a crucial role in increasing access to justice, especially for underserved areas. Assisting with legal research, drafting paperwork, and legal literacy initiatives, they are essential to pro bono services and legal aid clinics (American Bar Association, UNDP). Trained paralegals ensure efficient case processing in criminal cases by assisting with the administration of forensic reports, the documenting of evidence, and trial preparation (International Journal of Clinical Legal Education). Their participation in community-based legal services and alternative dispute resolution (ADR) enhances legal empowerment.<sup>5</sup> The Bar Council of India and NALSA acknowledge paralegals as essential to legal aid in India and offer formal training programs to increase their effectiveness. Professional paralegal certification programs are required to give them the abilities they need to handle forensic evidence and use legal technology, as scientific investigations and digital forensics gain popularity. Paralegals can prevent erroneous convictions, increase legal

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<sup>4</sup> Houck, M. M., & Siegel, Fundamentals of Forensic Science J. A. (2015). Academic Press

<sup>5</sup> K.K. Venugopal, "Legal Education and the Role of Lawyers in Strengthening Democracy," 3 Journal of the Indian Law Institute 215 (2016).

empowerment, and improve the administration of justice by combining forensic and digital training.<sup>67</sup>

### **Paralegals' Role in the Management of Forensic Evidence in Criminal Cases**

Forensic evidence is essential in criminal proceedings to establish guilt or innocence. The way forensic evidence is handled, recorded, and presented can have a big influence on how a trial turns out. Skilled paralegals support attorneys by making sure that trial preparation, evidence documentation, and forensic reports are handled effectively and in accordance with the law.<sup>8</sup> By making sure that forensic evidence is handled, recorded, and used appropriately in criminal proceedings, paralegals with training serves as crucial liaisons between forensic science and legal practice. The need for paralegals with knowledge of digital forensics, crime scene recording, and forensic evidence management is increasing as forensic technology develops. Justice delivery systems can be greatly strengthened by improving legal education for paralegals with specific forensic training.

### **Paralegal Certification Programs**

Through managing case files, supporting lawyers, and guaranteeing procedural compliance, paralegals play a vital role in the legal system. The necessity for paralegals to have specialized training in forensics, digital evidence, and legal technology is increasing as these fields are being rapidly incorporated into contemporary legal practice. Their capacity to efficiently support the administration of justice would be improved by a specialized certification program that focuses mainly forensics, digital forensics, and legal technology.

***The Increasing Significance of Dedicated Paralegal Education:*** The main areas of focus for traditional paralegal education include legal research, drafting, and procedural aspects of the law. Nonetheless, forensic evidence and digital data are crucial in contemporary legal issues, particularly in the areas of criminal law, cybercrime, and corporate litigation. Because forensic science and digital forensics are becoming more sophisticated, paralegals must undergo organized training in these fields in order to effectively support legal practitioners.

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<sup>6</sup> Upendra Baxi, *The Crisis of the Indian Legal System* 68 (Vikas Publishing, 1982).

<sup>7</sup> Law Commission of India, *Report on Free Legal Aid to the Poor*, Report No. 131, 1988.

<sup>8</sup> Richard Saferstein, *Criminalistics: An Introduction to Forensic Science* 89 (Pearson, 2018).

### ***Essential Elements of a Certification Program for Paralegals***

#### (i) Fundamentals of Forensic Science and Evidence Handling

- An overview of forensic science and its use in court cases.
- Being familiar with ballistics, toxicology, DNA analysis, and forensic reports.
- Procedures for the chain of custody and the legal acceptability of forensic evidence.

#### (ii) Digital crime, online scams, and cybersecurity laws

- An overview of digital forensics and cyber evidence management, gathering, preserving, and evaluating digital evidence.
- Cloud forensics, AI, and blockchain's place in contemporary legal practice.

#### (iii) Legal Technology & E-Discovery

- Databases for legal research and case management software, application of AI-based technologies for litigation support and contract analysis.
- Procedures for electronic discovery, or ("e-discovery"), and adherence to regulations governing digital evidence.

### ***Benefits of Legal Empowerment Certification***

- **Better Access to Justice:** Forensic and digital forensics-trained paralegals can be of vital support in areas such as wrongful convictions, legal aid issues, and disputes involving technology.
- **Increased Productivity in Law Firms and Courts:** Trained paralegals can expedite digital case management, evidence tracking, and forensic

documentation.

- **Closing the Knowledge Gap:** Paralegals will be kept abreast of developing legal technology, forensic developments, and digital evidence standards thanks to certification programs.

### ***Suggestions for Establishing Certification Programs for Paralegals***

- Cooperation to create a uniform curriculum amongst legal schools, forensic labs, and computer companies.
- Creating online certification programs to help working professionals advance their knowledge in the fields of digital law and forensics.
- Establishing certification programs supported by the government to guarantee that paralegals with forensic training are more widely accepted and acknowledged in the judicial system.<sup>9</sup>

## **III LEGAL EMPOWERMENT THROUGH THE USE OF DIGITAL EVIDENCE AND FORENSIC SCIENCE**

### **FORENSIC SCIENCE'S PART IN IMPROVED JUSTICE**

In order to guarantee truth, equity, and effectiveness in the legal system, forensic science is essential. Forensic evidence assists in establishing facts, identifying offenders, and preventing erroneous convictions by utilizing scientific methods in criminal investigations (National Institute of Justice, 2023). DNA analysis, fingerprint analysis, toxicology, and ballistic testing are some of the ways that forensic science supports evidence-based justice in criminal situations (Journal of Forensic Sciences, 2022). In order to bolster legal claims and decide case outcomes, courts are depending more and more on forensic studies and expert testimony. However, errors in evidence handling might impact trial procedures due to misinterpretation of forensic findings or a lack of trained workers.<sup>10</sup> Due to the increase in cybercrimes and cyberfraud, digital forensics—the study of electronic evidence such as emails, encrypted data,

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<sup>9</sup> National Paralegal College, *Certified Paralegal Studies Program Handbook* (2021).

<sup>10</sup> Jonathan L. Fairtlough, *Digital Evidence and Computer Crime: Forensic Science, Computers, and the Internet* 155 (Elsevier, 2011).

and financial transactions—has become a part of forensic science (Oxford Journal of Law and Technology, 2022). This development enhances court cases by guaranteeing the integrity of digital evidence. Enhancing justice delivery requires incorporating forensic science into law and paralegal education. Legal practitioners can be trained in digital evidence management, chain of custody, and forensic documentation to make the judicial system more technologically sophisticated, transparent, and dependable.

### **The Development of Legal Technology and Digital Evidence<sup>11</sup>**

Digital evidence encompasses any electronic information that can be utilized in court. This can include encrypted communications, digital forensic traces discovered on devices, emails, texts, and social media posts. In the current legal environment, digital evidence is being used more and more in business, civil, and criminal cases.

### **The Value of Digital Evidence in Contemporary Legal Systems**

- Digital evidence is essential for proving terrorist attacks, financial fraud, cybercrimes, and intellectual property theft.
- In order to ensure the legitimacy, integrity, and dependability of electronic data, courts have established rules for admissibility of evidence.
- International frameworks that provide legal standards for the management of digital evidence include the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime.

### **Difficulties in Managing Digital Evidence**

- Integrity of Information & Chain of Custody: Digital evidence must be kept undisturbed in order to be admitted into court.
- Questions of Jurisdiction: Multiple jurisdictions are frequently involved in cybercrimes, which makes gathering and exchanging evidence difficult.
- Privacy and Encryption Laws: Law enforcement finds it more difficult to obtain digital

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<sup>11</sup> Stephen Mason, *Electronic Evidence* 202 (LexisNexis, 2017).

evidence as end-to-end encryption becomes more prevalent.

### **The function of legal technology in managing digital evidence**

- AI & Machine Learning: AI-powered legal research instruments are capable of effectively analyzing large volumes of digital evidence.
- Evidence Management with Blockchain: Courts are investigating the use of blockchain technology to protect evidence chains.
- E-Discovery & Case Management Software: Relativity and Everlaw are two examples of tools that help lawyers manage massive amounts of digital documents.

### **CASE STUDIES SUPPORTING DIGITAL EVIDENCE**

- Riley v. California, 573 U.S. 373 (2014) – U.S. Supreme Court decided that in order to search digital data on mobile phones, law enforcement must get a warrant.
- Shafhi Mohammad v. State of Himachal Pradesh, (2018) 2 SCC 801-The Indian Supreme Court provided clarification on whether electronic evidence is admissible under Section 65B of the Indian Evidence Act.

To maintain justice in the face of the exponential growth in digital interactions, paralegals and legal professionals need to be schooled in legal technology and digital forensics. By implementing technology advancements for evidence management, courts and law enforcement organizations must also adjust to the changing digital environment.<sup>12</sup>

### **The Reasons Paralegals Require Particular Instruction in Digital and Forensic Evidence**

#### **THE GROWING FUNCTION OF PARALEGALS IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW**

These days, paralegals are essential to legal research, case preparation, and evidence management; they are no longer just involved in secretarial and administrative work. Paralegals must receive specific training in forensic science and digital evidence because these fields are becoming more and more important in court cases.

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<sup>12</sup> Andrew S. Tanenbaum, *Modern Operating Systems* 410 (Prentice Hall, 2020).

## **MAKING CERTAIN THAT FORENSIC EVIDENCE IS HANDLED AND DOCUMENTED CORRECTLY**

- In both criminal and civil trials, forensic evidence—such as DNA, finger prints ballistic reports, and toxicological results—is essential.
- By helping with the gathering, classifying, and documenting of evidence, paralegals make sure that forensic materials adhere to chain of custody regulations.
- Proper training is crucial because handling forensic evidence incorrectly might result in false convictions or case dismissals.

## **ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTATION AND E-DISCOVERY ADMINISGTRATION**

- Because of the increase in financial fraud, cybercrimes, and online interaction in court cases, paralegals must be adept at handling electronic evidence.
- Paralegals can expedite casework by receiving training in e-discovery tools, a blockchain-based evidence preservation, and AI-assisted legal research.
- Data integrity, admissibility, and adherence to legal requirements like the Indian Evidence Act (Section 65B) and global cybersecurity regulations are ensured by knowing digital forensic procedures.

## **HELPING ATTORNEYS PREPARE FOR COURT**

- By creating forensic reports, compiling expert witness testimony, and making sure digital evidence has the appropriate legal citations, paralegals assist lawyers.
- Paralegals who receive training in forensics and digital evidence are better able to evaluate case precedents, confirm forensic conclusions, and collaborate with forensic specialists to create more compelling legal arguments.<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>13</sup> National Institute of Justice, *Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States: A Path Forward* 73 (National Academies Press, 2009).

## **THE REQUIREMENT FOR DIGITAL AND FORENSIC CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS**

- Many jurisdictions do not have formal training programs for paralegals that specialize in digital and forensic evidence.
- To enhance professional proficiency, legal education should include courses in digital forensics, cyber law, and forensic case documentation.
- Collaborations between cybersecurity organizations, forensic science colleges, and law schools can give paralegals hands-on training.

With the increasing integration of digital and forensic evidence into modern legal systems, paralegals require specialized training to adapt to evolving legal procedures. By equipping paralegals with forensic knowledge and digital evidence handling skills, judicial systems can become more accurate, efficient, and technologically advanced.<sup>14</sup>

## **IV. INTERNATIONAL LEGAL AND PARALEGAL TRAINING MODELS FOR LEGAL EMPOWERMENT**

Different jurisdictions have different models for legal and paralegal training, which reflects variations in professional regulations, educational frameworks, and legal systems. By enhancing access to justice, enhancing legal services, and incorporating forensic and electronic evidence administration into legal practice, several nations have widely recognized legal and paralegal education programs that greatly support legal empowerment.

### ***COMBINED LEGAL AND PARALEGAL EDUCATION IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED KINGDOM***

- **Structured Accreditation & Specialization in the United States**  
The paralegal certification system in the United States is fairly well-organized, and recognized programs offer specialty in fields including cyber law, forensic science, and e-discovery.

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<sup>14</sup> P.C. Agarwal, "Challenges of Digital Evidence in Criminal Trials," 11 *National Law School Journal* 192 (2019).

- After undergoing extensive training, paralegals are certified by groups such as the American Bar Association (ABA) and the National Association of Legal Assistants (NALA).
- A major emphasis of U.S. law education is the application of digital forensics and forensic evidence in criminal and civil cases. Through clinical legal education programs offered by law schools, students can work with actual clients under supervision and have hands-on experience managing forensic evidence.<sup>15</sup>

### ***UK: FOCUS ON FORENSICS AND LEGAL TECHNOLOGY***

- Law and paralegal education in the UK incorporates forensic science, legal technology, and case documentation methods.
- Digital evidence analysis and forensic case recording are two of the structured training programs offered to legal practitioners by the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives (CILEx).
- With their training in alternative dispute resolution (ADR), paralegals contribute to the expansion of access to justice outside of conventional court systems.<sup>16</sup>

### ***CANADA AND AUSTRALIA: HANDS-ON EDUCATION & EXPERTISE***

#### ***LEGAL CLINICS & FORENSIC SCIENCE EDUCATION IN CANADA***

- The focus of Canadian legal education is on clinical programs that give paralegals and law students practical experience in providing legal assistance services.
- Digital evidence management and forensic science are components of paralegal and law enforcement education.
- The Paralegal Licensing Process (PLP) located in Ontario incorporates forensic research and e-discovery training.

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<sup>15</sup> American Bar Association, *ABA Guidelines for the Approval of Paralegal Education Programs* (2018).

<sup>16</sup> Legal Services Commission, UK, *Legal Aid and Paralegal Training* (2020).

### ***COMMUNITY LEGAL CENTRES & LEGAL AID IN AUSTRALIA***

- The community legal centers (CLCs) in Australia have a robust network of paralegals with scientific and digital case management training.
- Paralegal studies diploma programs incorporating forensic investigation training are available from TAFE (Technical and Further Education) schools. Universities prepare legal specialists for solving crime scenes and evidence-based litigation by fusing forensic science with legal education.

### ***INDIA: THE REQUIREMENT FOR BETTER LEGAL AND PARALEGAL EDUCATION***

- With little incorporation of digital forensics and forensic science into law and paralegal training, legal education in India is still primarily theoretical.
- Although paralegal volunteers are used by the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) to promote legal aid, there are no official certification programs for paralegals practicing digital law and forensic science.

#### ***India's legal empowerment can be improved by:***

- Introducing certification programs for paralegals that concentrate on cyber law and forensic evidence.
- Enhancing collaborations between legal assistance clinics, forensic science organizations, and law schools.
- Putting into practice clinical legal education models unlike to those in the US and Canada.<sup>17</sup>
- Educating paralegals involved in criminal and civil trials on the management of digital evidence.<sup>18</sup>

International models of legal and paralegal education emphasize the value of digital case

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<sup>17</sup> S. Muralidhar, "Legal Aid and Access to Justice in India," 15 *Economic and Political Weekly* 89 (2018).

<sup>18</sup> Bar Council of India, *Report on Legal Education Reform in India*, 2022.

management, forensic science, and specialized legal education in enhancing legal empowerment. Countries that have incorporated forensic and digital training into legal courses, such as the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, and Australia, have established standards that India and other countries can follow. It is possible to greatly increase access to justice globally by integrating forensic and technical innovations into legal and paralegal education.

## **V. CASE STUDIES & SOURCES FOR INCREASING LEGAL EMPOWERMENT Via TEACHING**

### *Digital Evidence and Forensic Science Integration in Legal and Paralegal Studies*

#### *Case Study: The Innocence Project's (USA) Use of DNA Evidence in Wrongful Convictions*

- In the United States, The Innocence Project has used DNA forensic evidence to successfully overturn more than 375 erroneous convictions.
- Forensic training is necessary for paralegals and legal professionals to avoid judicial errors, as demonstrated by the case of Steven Avery, who was wrongfully imprisoned in 1985 but exonerated in 2003 thanks to DNA testing.

#### *Case Study: The Value of Forensic Evidence in the Administration of Justice in the Nirbhaya Case (India)*

- Forensic science was crucial in ensuring the accused's conviction in the 2012 Delhi gang rape case.
- The prosecution's case was strengthened through the use of digital forensics, including forensic DNA analysis, mobile tracking, and CCTV footage.
- This emphasizes how paralegals must receive training in managing evidence and documenting forensic cases.

### **Paralegal Certification Programs in Digital Evidence Management and Forensic**

#### *Case Study: Forensic Science and Cyber Law Paralegal Training in the United Kingdom*

- Cyber law, forensic evidence management, and digital forensics are among the

paralegal certification programs offered by the UK's Chartered Institute of Legal Executives (CILEx).

- Skilled paralegals are being used more and more by UK law firms for digital case documentation and cybercrime investigations.

*Case Study: The Need for Organized Paralegal Education in India*

- In contrast to the United States and the United Kingdom, paralegals in India do not receive formal forensic training.
- Through a pilot program at NALSAR University in Hyderabad, paralegals received training in forensic records and evidence handling, which greatly increased the effectiveness of legal aid services.

**Applying AI and Legal Technology to the Provision of Justice**

*Case Study: ROSS Intelligence's AI-Powered Legal Research (USA)*

- For attorneys and paralegals, case law research has been revolutionized by ROSS Intelligence, an AI-powered legal research tool.
- Justice is delivered more quickly and effectively because to the application of machine learning algorithms, which provide speedier access to court precedents.

*Case Study: AI in Legal Aid & India's E-Courts Initiative*

- The Indian government's E-Courts Mission Mode Project has digitized online court filings, case administration, and AI-powered legal analytics.
- Legal aid services can be greatly improved by paralegals with training in digital forensic documentation and e-courts.

**Enhancing Legal Aid Programs with Paralegal Assistance**

*Case Study: Community-Based Paralegal System in South Africa*

- Legal aid, conflict resolution, and forensic document analysis are all provided by

qualified paralegals in South Africa's well-established community-based paralegal system.

- In remote places, this technique has greatly decreased the backlog of cases.

## **Multidisciplinary Cooperation Between Technology, Forensic Science, and Law**

### *Case Study: Harvard Law School's Multidisciplinary Legal-Tech Partnership*

- In collaboration with MIT, Harvard Law School is offering courses in legal technology, forensic science, and AI-driven case analysis.
- The course emphasizes interdisciplinary instruction in digital evidence management, legal analytics, and forensic investigations.
- An analysis of the first cyber law and forensic university in India (National Forensic Sciences University, or NFSU)
- Specialized courses in AI-driven evidence analysis, forensic law, and cyber forensics are available at Gujarat's NFSU.
- In India, it involves establishing a standard for combining legal and forensic education.

In legal and paralegal education, forensic and digital training are crucial worldwide, as these case studies and references demonstrate. Multidisciplinary legal research, AI-powered legal technology, and forensic science can all be combined to improve justice systems around the world.<sup>1920</sup>

## **VI. CONCLUSION**

To guarantee a more resilient and easily accessible justice system, legal empowerment goes beyond merely being aware of one's legal rights. It also includes the development of specific skills among paralegals and legal professionals. In today's legal environment, including forensic science, the integration of digital forensics and legal technology into the curriculum

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<sup>19</sup> B.R. Sharma, *Forensic Science in Criminal Investigation & Trials* 312 (Universal Law Publishing, 2018).

<sup>20</sup> C. Dinesh, "Role of Digital Forensics in Indian Judiciary," 7 *Indian Journal of Law & Technology* 156 (2020).

of lawyers and paralegal training is not only an option—it is now essential. Justice delivery may be made more effective, transparent, and evidence-based by providing attorneys with training in forensic testimony management, digital investigation, and new legal technologies. By including forensic and digital training in their legal curricula, world leaders like the US and the UK have already accepted this shift and made sure that both attorneys and paralegals are equipped to handle the intricate legal issues of the digital age. Given how quickly its legal system is developing, India needs to proactively update its legal education curriculum to take these developments into account. Addressing the gap in legal accessibility will require enhancing paralegal certification programs, bolstering forensics and digital training in schools of law, and encouraging multidisciplinary cooperation between the legal, forensic, and technical realms. In addition to accelerating legal proceedings, a justice system bolstered by paralegals and technologically savvy attorneys will also increase public confidence in the legal system. To guarantee that justice is available and fair to everyone, legal education must develop in accordance with international best practices.