Right to Access Internet: The Journey from Luxury to Necessity

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ABSTRACT:

Right to access to internet implies connect to every body all over the world. It makes the life of an individual easier. Now a days, Internet in not only about collect data or information from websites but also a system which make the public life faster and has brought new horizon of development. This paper tries to highlight different aspect of internet access, which showed the significance of the right to access to internet. At present situation internet access is required to everybody and to everywhere, otherwise daily life will be hampered. Education to occupation, health sector to travel agency, spending leisure to attending conference or payment -for every single activity the right to access to internet make it more special. Easily it has been proved that now a days it’s not luxury to mankind, rather it’s a necessity. So no one should not be deprived of this right.
Right to access to internet can change the meaning of life of an individual. Because with this category of right, along with right different opportunities also take into place which make the life of the person more UpToDate. Therefore, positive vibes channelize them into another new wave of development. Any violation of this right implies exploitation of natural flow of life.

**Education and Right to internet:**

Most importantly now a days, no one can imagine a single day without internet access. If it is in case of education sector, then it became a mandatory factor undoubtedly. From primary school students to PG students, internet access is extremely required. Otherwise, they are not able to join their online classes as well as deprived of excellent facility of technology, for which on the other hand society will be cursed.

Apart from online class, during offline class also internet access makes the teaching-learning system easier. So, it can be said that if a student does not have the internet access he or she will be deprived of education for the present scenario, which will affect the society very badly. Hence the right to access to internet is extremely needed in today’s lifestyle.

With the advancement of technology, if anybody wants to grab the advantage of different aspect of it, he or she must have the internet access. This category of right has opened the door of many new scopes for utilization, Such as MOOC i.e. Massive Open Online Courses, SWAYAM (Study Webs of Active-Learning for Young Aspiring Minds), SWAYAM PRABHA, NPTEL (National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning) and many more.

If anybody wants to read book, he or she is able to do so and only by accessed to internet has shown that how easy it is with the presence of digital library. There is no need to rush to library always for reading books & journals. At the same time people are able to join different online job-oriented courses with the upgradation of technology, which leads the mass life in a new direction. But no one will get benefit from it until & unless they have access to internet. So right to internet access can be termed as the basic rights of present century.

People can easily gain a degree from foreign university, which will affect the society in a different way. Only on the basis of this facility of technology there are different courses, training.
So internet access not only developed the society it also maintains excellent performance at the global platform.

**Lockdown & Right to Access to Internet:**

Last year, during pandemic people have to stay at home. During that time (This year also) educational institutions were closed but study was not stopped, people used to avoid markets & shopping mall but they didn’t leave shopping, people met virtually, Right to access to internet has only made all these possible. People realized that to live a better life right to access to internet is not a luxury, rather it’s a necessity.

Ashima, a young lady working in a MNC, to keep pace with her busy and fast life, she also maintains perfect social relation with her relatives and friends, as well as spend quality time with her family members. According to her, all these are possible only for the use of digitalization of technology. Being a single child, she has lots of responsibilities for her family. Apart from her personal and professional life she has her own study. She is pursuing higher study, which she has to complete for the promotion of her career. To her, online payment of bill to attending her online class, or watching online movie to online chatting-for every simple activity of daily life, right to access to internet make it more precious.

**Internet access and different occupations:**

Now a days there are different categories of people who are employed on the basis of internet access, this opportunity in the business and service sector, make people more skilled and trained, which on the other hand affect the economy of the country.

In the present scenario of globalization, people have less time and more opportunities, which can only be fulfilled with internet access. This right of people is related to their professional as well as personal life. Online ticket booking system and online banking save more time also.
Social networking and internet access;

In this century of digitalization, everyone is connected with each other. Kashmir to Kanyakumari or India to England is not about distance only. Anybody can communicate to other person who is far miles away from him or her. Because there are several options to connect. Along with telephone, there are video call, online chat option which make public communication faster and easier indeed. Activities of different updated social networking sites helps to bring all people around the world together, where people can express their own opinion also. But the entire process is not possible without internet access.

Right to internet access enhance the public life extensively. This facility of internet not only affect the educational and professional life but also physical and mental life have been affected to a large extent which has shown new flow of development. There is online treatment system, along with that online payment and medicine facilities sometimes add new speed in health service.

In case of mental illness, now anybody easily can take the help of online counselling system.

If anybody wants to spend his or her leisure time also, they need to take the help of internet. For this reason, it is their right to have internet access. Listening Music is not only limited option now, there are lots of unlimited stock of music. People can listen out of their own culture also. In this way cultural exchange is going on, which influence the nation in different way. People can upload their own music or other performance also such as dance, video etc.

So, it can be said that, internet access is not necessary to know required information, but it helps to bring new meaning and utilizations of one’s life.

Yes, right to access to internet is another name of huge opportunity in the global context, which implies that there will be no existence of wait for anything. Existence of wait, pending work, next day payment etc. will be abolished gradually. Lastly it can be said that the right to access to internet has explored new horizon of civilization, hence it is now a necessity of mankind which make their life more balanced.