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Five-star promises, one-star performance at private law schools



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When you arrive for admission to a private law school, everything appears to be flawless. glossy pamphlets, stunning campus images, and employees promising you a bright future and a career. They provide the impression that you will quickly get to the pinnacle of the legal profession. However, the majority of pupils realize they have been duped after three years and lakhs of rupees.

One thing that private law schools have mastered is making lofty promises that they are unable to fulfill. Making money is more important to them than providing pupils with quality instruction. And regrettably, needy parents and students

consistently fall for these scams.

Instructors who don't actually exist

You will hear about the college's "experienced professors" who hold large degrees. The reality is that these renowned educators seldom ever appear. The majority of your lessons are taught by inexperienced instructors who are recent graduates.

The outcome? In the end, Google teaches you more than your lecturers. You still can't prepare a basic legal application or comprehend how courts operate after five years. You have no actual knowledge, only theory.

The false promise of a job

This is where you are truly defrauded by private law schools. Their claim that **"90% of students get jobs"** is based on everything, including when a student becomes a tutor or finds employment through family ties. When they mention **"average salary 8 lakhs,"** they're referring to the one fortunate student who was hired by a large company while disregarding the 50 others who are still without jobs.

Finding legal job is a challenge for the majority of graduates from private colleges. These graduates begin at the back of the line since employers favor students from reputable universities. What about the **"industry connections"** they said they would provide? They are nonexistent.

The trap of money

Private legal schools persuade families it's a terrific investment, yet they charge 2–10 lakh rupees a year. In the hopes that their child would eventually land a well-paying career, parents sell their house, take out large loans, and deplete their savings.

The reality is that the majority of graduates make so little money that they are unable to repay their school loans. Years of debt are incurred by families who gave up everything to support their child's legal education. A nightmare of EMIs and financial strain replaces the fantasy of becoming wealthy attorneys.

Old instruction in new structures

These universities prefer to use buzzwords like **"practical learning"** and **"modern curriculum."** However, the same old dull approaches are used within the classroom. Instructors offer the same tasks each year, read from texts that are 20 years old, and believe that using PowerPoint slides is a sign of modernity.

What about the **"internships"** they set up? Your time will be spent getting tea for attorneys and photocopying documents. Only on paper do the "international partnerships" exist. They make promises about creative education that never materialize.

Students are having difficulties.

The psychological damage this does to students is the worst aspect. They are eager and full of hopes when they arrive at law school. However, they gradually come to realize that they have been duped. Since they have already spent so much money, they feel stuck and unable to stop.

Students experience anxiety and depression. Their parents have invested all of their money in their education, even though they are aware that they are not learning anything worthwhile. They experience hopelessness, anger, and guilt. Many people entirely lose interest in the law.

These colleges are not being checked by anyone.

It appears that quality is unimportant to those who authorize new law schools. No one checks to see whether a college is truly teaching effectively or if students are learning anything once they are granted license to open. This explains why failing colleges persist year after year.

The sole purpose of many private law schools is to generate revenue. On paper, they fulfill the prerequisites, but in practice, they are utterly ineffective at teaching pupils. They also get away with it since there isn't a suitable method for checking.

How to resolve this issue

Most private law schools are awful, but not all of them are. The issue is that because all universities make the same lofty claims, students are unable to distinguish between excellent and poor ones.

Stricter regulations and frequent inspections of these universities are required. Parents and students should not believe flashy marketing; instead, they should ask hard questions. Speaking up about which universities are genuinely good and which are merely deceiving people is something that the legal community should do.

Above all, we must prioritize quality above quantity. We should ensure that the current law schools are fulfilling their mandates rather than creating more and more of them.

Until we demand transparency about what private law schools actually provide, they will continue to make false claims. Being duped into debt and disappointment is not fair to our youngsters. The legal system requires attorneys with the necessary training, not recent graduates who are incapable of submitting even the most basic court application.

It's time to expose these universities for what they are: pricey stores that offer worthless degrees to needy families.

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