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# TECHNOLOGY-A BOON OR BANE



It is a topic with lots of complexities which are beyond the scope of the review. The fact technology has contributed to significant improvements in areas of medicine, travel, communication, education, etc. Technology helps us improve our life and makes things easier, but I am sure it has both positive and negative impact on the world. In today's world technology is the word that we start our day with; it changed our way of thinking. Technology development and innovation are welcome in modern society but there are always two sides of a coin. And there goes a saying, "It all depends on how we use it, its a knife with two sharp ends."

Technology now-a-days has improved the world in many ways, and definitely become influential in our lives. It has improved the world by leaps and bounds.

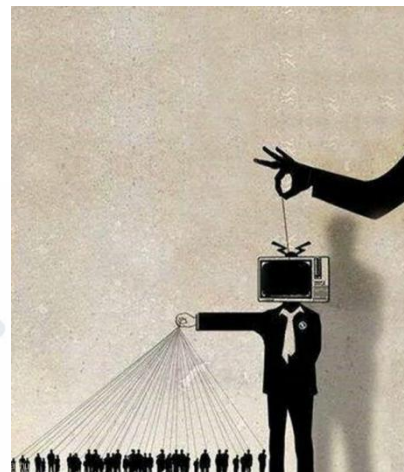
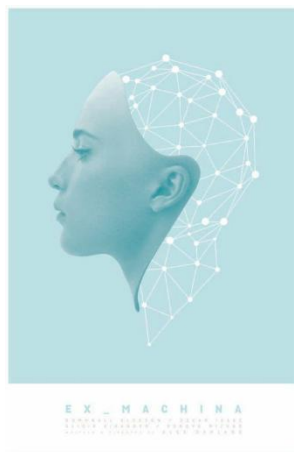
Technology has encouraged in self learning. We can store each data digitally and without using papers. It has decreased the time required to complete a task which in return saves time, money and increase productivity. It is the way we apply scientific knowledge for practical purposes. Its having influence in each and every sector as agriculture, administration, defence, entertainment, fashion and many more..... The high-tech world that we are living in has bought everything at our footsteps. Advancement in technology is carved almost as the need to feed our stomach.

**“Science is a beautiful gift to humanity; we should not distort it.”**

Technology can provide tools to deeper research, answer more technical questions and provide a system to solve challenges. We are moving towards an era where we do not need to do anything physically to get our work done. If we compare, the last 10 years have been fruitful and a change for the planet. Before people hardly were aware of new challenges in life but today through social media, internet, there has been increase in business fields provided lot of job opportunities given to the people.

**“It has become appallingly obvious that our technology has exceeded our humanity.”**

**~ Albert Einstein**



Technology falls in the same category leading the road for construction and destruction. Technology has its own benefits too. It gives accessibility and availability to information which in gives boost to our knowledge. We belong to a generation where we have constricted ourselves to a wall made of technology. This generation has marked loss of creative minds, ability to interact with world and social skills. We have become digital natives with internet as basic necessity. It is not wrong to involve gadgets in our lifestyles but revolving our lives around gadgets is somewhat wrong.

**Rome was not built in a day**-Changes should be made on daily basis, it would subsequently lead to revolution. Bringing change doesn't mean change everything in a day, but nurture the vision of doing it slowly and steadily.

Man uses technology to improve his life, but we are well aware of the man's **greed** and **lust** for power, so misuses technology.

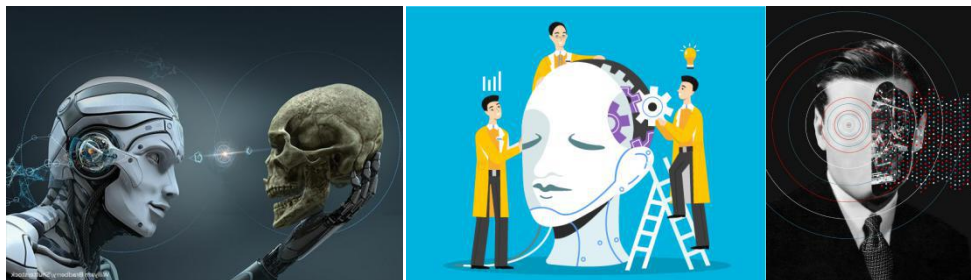
As convenient as life has got, along the line our lifestyle style are deteriorating not only from lack of physical work but also due to lack of using minds/brains and socializing physically. It also has excess to privacy and also manipulation of markets. Creates info-overload that gives availability to process or retain pertinent information. Too much social, electrical, and electronic media desensitizes humans and relations.

**“Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic.”**  
~ Arthur C Clarke.

Technology has made human labor redundant, displaced many workers in many fields, robots displace workers directly. People should not be so dependent on technology. If technology fail one day, the whole world would be still. No internet, no radio, no mobiles, no transport nothing at all, so it's better if we prepare for the worst scenario even though we all know that *there's no stop for technology, it never stops, instead it only grows.*

**“To err.. is human,'but a human error is nothing to what a computer can do even if it tries.”**

~ Agatha Christie.



Technology is one of the greatest invention of mankind. It is so powerful that it shapes our thinking and our way of life within no time. It is ever evolving. Technology is a tool invented and sharpened by humans to make their life easier. Those who know correct use of technology, have managed to make lives easier for themselves and to some extent also for others.

I feel the best technological breakthrough was the invention of computers which basically led to further advancement in technology viz the creation of many **software** and **hardware**.

Technology has gifted mankind with various boons but look closely and you will realize that technology have blessed mankind with two very aspects- **facility of communication** and **creation of time**.

Creation of mobile, laptops, fax, paging services, video conferencing etc are few of the facilities that the human mind has been able to conceive with the aid of technology. All have played a very important role in making the world a **'Global Village'**.

Recently technology is penetrating in every sphere of our lives. Similarly student uses technology in education. The world is dependent on technology, and the education sector is one of them, to move with the speed of the world one must keep themselves updated with technology.

## What is technology ?

Before hopping to the boon-or-bane of technology we must understand what technology is

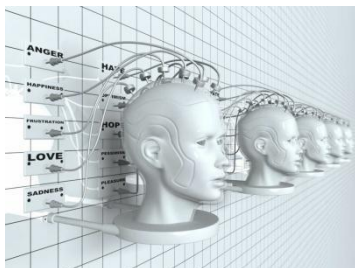
Technology is a branch of knowledge that deals with science and engineering. In other words, technology is a way to solve problems with various **resources** and **tools**.

**"Once a new technology rolls over you, if you are part of the steamroller, you're part of the road."**

**~ Steward Brand.**

**"It's not faith in technology. It's faith in people"**

**~ Steve Jobs.**



There's no doubt that technological advancement especially the internet, has made the world a better place.

Social media platforms like **Facebook** and **Twitter** have made the world global village where online social interaction occurs.

Nonetheless, the blessing is a **curse** for many people.

Many people are battling social media addiction today, such that they are anxious when they don't have access to their phones.

Some people cannot imagine not using their phones for a day.



Meanwhile, social media platform are full of disturbing content that affects people's mental health. So it's vital that you've control over your social media use.

**'Disconnect to Reconnect'** is the ultimatum to free yourself from all the unnecessary distractions and noise of online world and get your life, back to track

**"Human intellect is an island. All products of human intellect are small islands, including technology. Consciousness is the ocean in which we exists."**

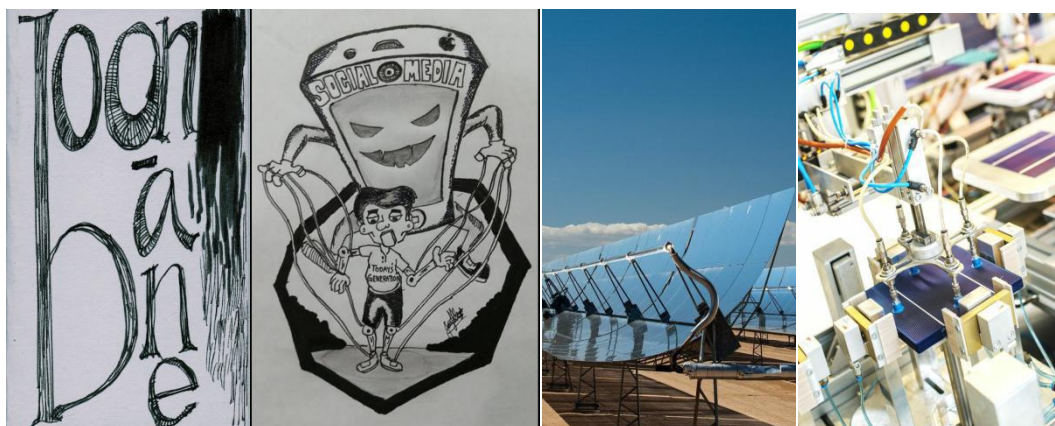
The standard of living for a middle class person in the developed world would envy of kings and queen from as recently as 100 years ago. We need to know that-Human beings are social animals and cannot live in isolation

Thus it is important to stay connected to people around. Today we have more friends on social media and hardly know our neighbors!!

It isn' t bad to enjoy these "trend" or "modern sources" but we need to limit ourselves.Lets remember-even the sky has a limit.







## TECHNOLOGY-A BANE/CURSE :

\*The invention of MP3 players has led to the youth inflicting irreversible hearing loss on themselves by listening to **music** via earphones at unacceptable high volumes

\*The invention of **Facebook**, **twitter**, **snap chat**, **messenger** and other social media apps are destroying students' life. Now students spend half of the day in social media apps. They are either checking their Facebook notifications, messenger and many other things. People becoming more lazy than they already are. In most of the time people watch television instead of playing outdoor games. People are dependent. Now-a-days people are ordering things which they need. So they order through **Amazon**, **Ebay**, **Kijiji**, **Ajio**, **Flip cart** and other online stores. But when internet runs out or fails, nothing can be done. Now students and young kids play in their computer using graphic card.

-Nuclear bombs, Atomic bombs, and kind of powerful bombs, shooting guns, etc. has increased arm race between countries. With everything made easier, or completely done for us, by use of technology people are slowly and surely forgetting how to live a peaceful life.

-This technology is made by **human intelligence** and hard work not vice versa.

-I still have confidence that artificial intelligence hopefully cannot replace or overtake the role of human in the world, even due to incredible growth in field of artificial intelligence.

-Technology also has many side effects on today's youth, polluting people's mind. They also watch things that are definitely not advisable for their age. People also get ideas of wrong doings on internet (suicide, murder planning, robbery, etc.)

-Technology has helped people to talk to people miles away from them but sometimes it also distances people close to them. Creates **rift** between people, relatives and family.

-Due to Facebook, and Twitter and other social media apps people like to show off their life which in turn results to people at times compare their lives to

others or envy them. Well but I guess it completely depends on the person, some people just don't even mind it.

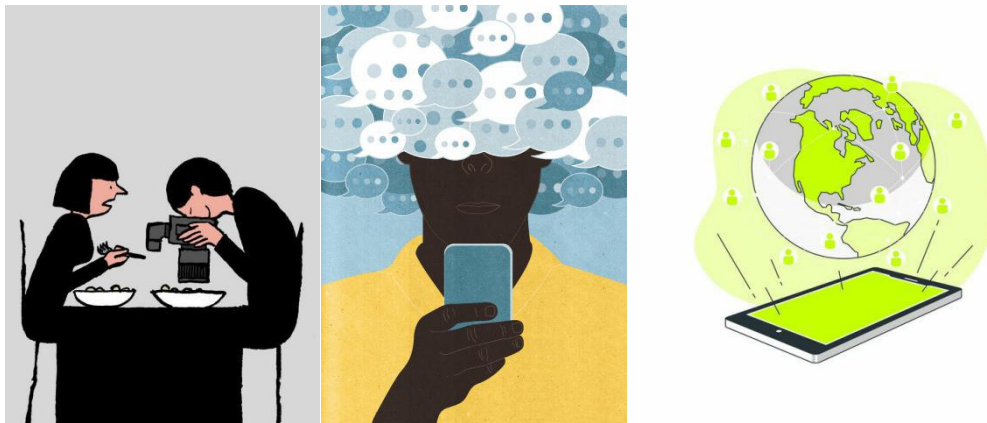
- Lacks emotional connection. Gives people a **license** to be hurtful.

- It also decreases face-to-face communication. Convey inauthentic expression of feelings.

- Diminishes understanding and thoughtfulness.

- Facilitates **Laziness**. Creates a skewed self-image. Also reduces family closeness. Causes distractions.

- Cyber** bullying, online scams, no privacy, conflicts of cultures and traditions, kidnapping and frauds, addiction and **psychological** issues.



## TECHNOLOGY- A BOON :

- Improves access to information. Improves communication, many discoveries have been done with the help of **technology**.

- Cost efficiency, also improves entertainment and amusement industry convenience.

- Improves housing efficiency, lifestyle and has increased job opportunities.

- Increase automation of manufacturing, convenience of travelling.

- High return on investment, efficiency and productivity.

- Encourage **innovation** and **creativity**

- Easy flow of information, improve customer and business relationships as well

- Improves supply chain and **logistics** management.

- Lots of improvements have been done in the field of education too.

- Makes education **cheap** and **accessible**

- Improves communication between teacher and students.

- Makes education fun and **enjoyable**.

- Invention of new teaching methods.

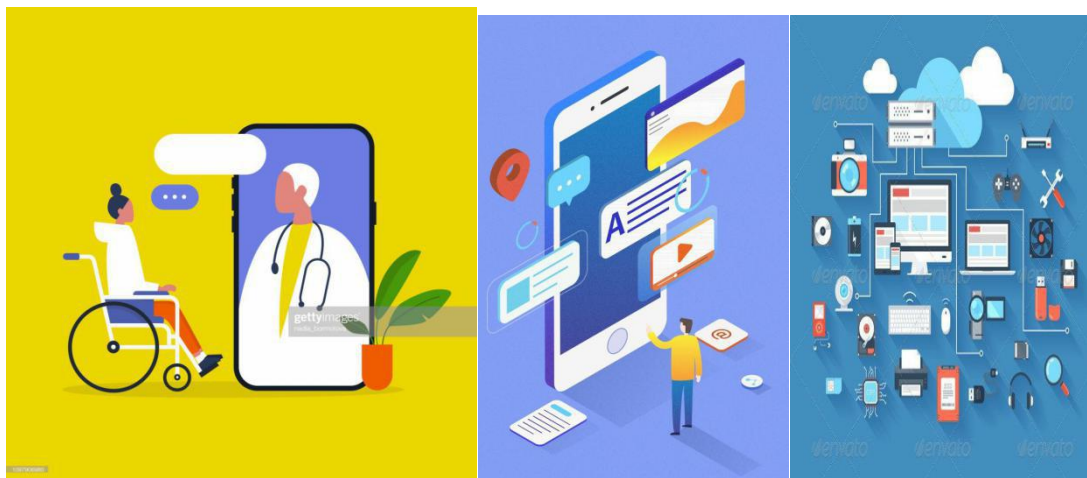
- Prepares students for their future careers.

- Diversities in learning styles.

- Easy interaction between students in the classroom. Increase students' interest in learning.



- Easy access to **digital** textbooks.
- Improves skills.
- Reduces weight on students.
- Reduces on human error
- Evolved patient treatment.Improved engagement between doctors and patient.
- Increase medical research.Easy access to **medical care** and research.
- Electronic medical records.Easy access to medical information.
- Also Improved quality of life.



Technology is a **boon** as long as it is our slave.Its when we let it become a master,that it becomes a **bane**.Mind you on its own,technology can never be your master.When you say technology is dominating your life,in a sense you are allowing it to do so.As a human being have a **brain**, to decide what's wrong,what's not,when to stop,and when to let it go.

If you are not able to decide by yourself you also have no right to blame others for it.Remember,you have the choice of switching off the remote control,you did not.You don't have any right to crib about it.

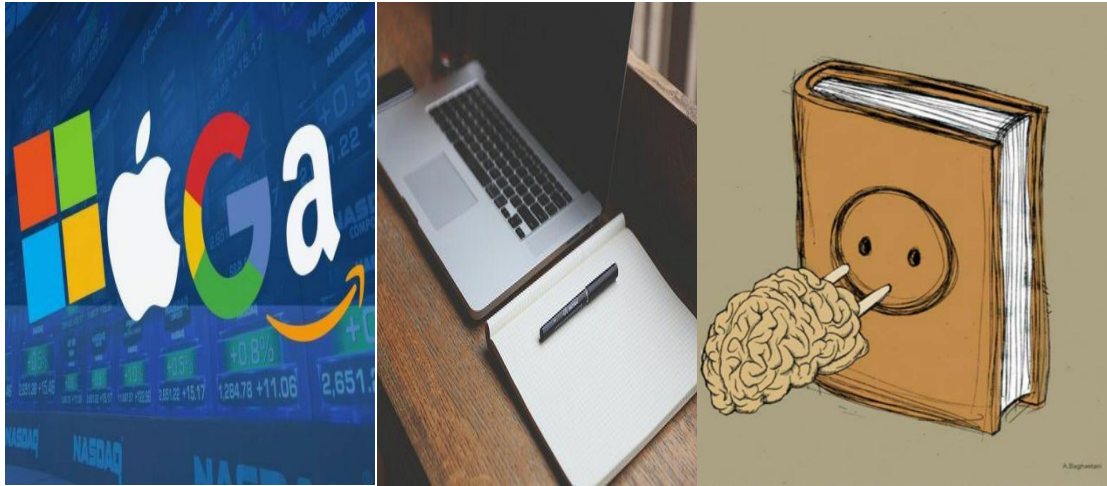
Technology is important but it is time humans decide where to draw line.

**Technology doesn't make man.Man makes technology.**

**Science** has gifted us the super technology so we should use it constructively so that would be more boon than bane.

**“Technology is a useful servant but a dangerous master.”**

**“Technology is not just a tool.It can give learner a voice that they may not have had before.”**

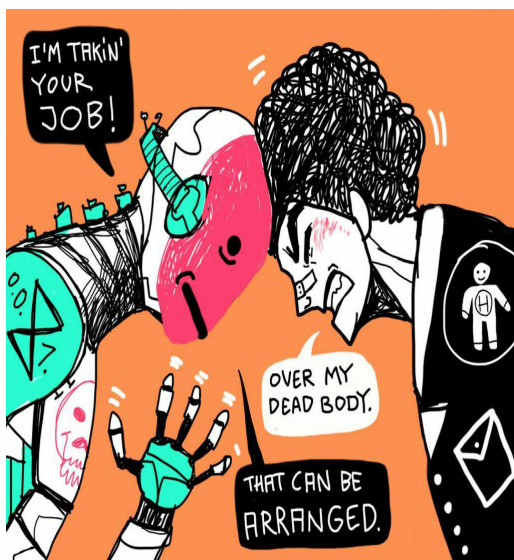


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**“IT IS ONLY WHEN YOU GO WRONG, THAT MACHINE REMINDS YOU HOW POWERFUL THEY ARE.”**

**~CLIVE JAMES.**



