

Artificial Intelligence: A threat or a blessing?

Artificial Intelligence basically refers to a certain capacity implemented to a computer or any technological devices, which helps in information inferring and synthesizing as per the intelligence of humans. Usually AI or, Artificial Intelligence is being used in the sectors, like - robotics, science, entertainment, education, automobile vehicles, travel industry, business, fraud detection, predictive analytics, social media and so on. Nevertheless, in this present age of Information Technology, Artificial Intelligence (AI) can be defined to be of great merits, it is no doubt, raising a huge question in the minds of people as well, that is - "Is AI a blessing for us or is it eventually a threat towards our lives?"

Now, in order to go through the answer of this vital question, let us view and analyze some of the recent theories of AI:

- As for the educational sector, chatbots, like: Alexa or Siri generated by AI helps students to get an accurate answer to their queries anytime easily. This helps a student to stay motivated and inspired to learn more. However, it is also true that AI raises the sense of plagiarism among some of the students too. Mike Sharplin, an eminent professor of Open University in the UK, states that, "GPT democratizes plagiarism. Some students have been open about using

the technology to help them write essays in perfect academic language. It's like free ghostwriting for everyone, but there are examples that show ChatGPT's responses can be factually incorrect."

- Artificial Intelligence (AI) further helps in business sectors by means of inventory management, gathering data on how customers perceive their brand, etc. Moreover, AI assists in analyzing large amount of data within less time and accurately as well. In fact, if we look upon another factor, that is: economy by regard to transportation, AI has great roles. For example: five years ago in the US, there were 200,000 professional taxi drivers, which is now 35 million since AI is highly helping the drivers with innovative system of ride-hailing. However, lack of tendency to adapt with AI and the enormous use of AI in various sectors of business and economy can reduce and eliminate many jobs. According to a recent Goldman Sachs study, AI tools could impact 300 million jobs worldwide.

- AI is also highly used in case of social media. The popular sites, like: Facebook, TikTok, LinkedIn, etc. use AI. Also, Amazon's algorithms are also made up on the basis of AI and so, the users are notified about different mentions, about the articles and posts they have interest in and so on. Moreover,

Recent news shows that AI is being currently used in social media for the detection and eradication of toxic contents. It is estimated that, during the first half of 2023, Facebook removed 2,549 posts, YouTube removed 6,101 posts, TikTok removed and downed 415 links as per the requests of government which were toxic for the social media users. However, since AI recommends a user some particular contents, it leads to certain misinformation as well, which can further cause biased beliefs in users. Moreover, it is also seen that some dishonest actors online can use algorithms of social platforms in doing criminal works, causing harm to the other general users.

Therefore, considering the above facts and logics, we can say that AI itself does not determine either it is beneficial for us in real sense or not, it is us, the humans, who will actually determine either it (AI) is a curse or a blessing for us. It is true that, if we can adjust ourselves properly to using AI, do not get too much dependent on it, use it wisely and so on, AI will no doubt be a total blessing for us.

So, it is totally your choice in which way you would like to see AI for you, as a curse or as a blessing.