

Good morning everyone,

With the advancement in science and technology, we have certainly come a long way from a world where televisions and refrigerators were a rarity and where Smartphones, Google, Netflix and Instagram were practically unheard of. And this world existed until only forty years ago!

Nowadays, the increased usage of AI and robotics is starting to adversely impact the employment of many communities. Hence, the question arises... Should we proceed with this modernization? It is questionable if impeding innovation and development is an appropriate solution to these problems. If somebody asks us, would we like to go back to the era where phones and laptops were nonexistent, where there were no cars or metros for efficient transportation, where it would take days to communicate with our loved ones living in different cities and where there was no Google to access information so easily?

We can expect a vehement NO because while any change is resisted at first, it often proves to be beneficial in the long run. However, we must be considerate of the needs of those less endowed than us making it imperative to consciously adopt a pace for technological advancement to ensure equal opportunity of growth for all.

Another aspect worth considering is the appropriate usage of technology. Many of us use chatbots like CHATGPT for solving assignments and performing extracurricular activities. Would this not adversely affect development of crucial skills, thinking ability and problem solving approach! It could undermine our emotional, social and intellectual quotient, making us redundant and eventually breaking our self-esteem and self-confidence!

Those among us who tend to believe that using these technologies to evade the learning cycle is a mark of their intelligence, they are quite mistaken. When we are excessively dependent on such assistive technologies in the crucial years of our education we hinder the development of essential life skills leading to greater problems further in our career.

And we question again if cutting off access to such technology or curtailing its development altogether the effective solution? Technology is neither boon nor bane in itself. The form it takes depends on how we humans utilize it. Technology like chatbots can be advantageous when used to improve access to information or gain insights on topics otherwise not easily obtainable.

To conclude, we should focus on embracing science and technology in a manner sustainable for all communities as well as our future generations and try to take advantage of it to supplement and improve our skills and abilities, aiding in our overall growth and paving way for a new and bright future.