

Impact of Internet on Student Life



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ABSTRACT

It is clear that one of the most important goals in preparing students for life in the world that is stuffed with information must be the ability to search and evaluate the relevant pieces of information. The students have to learn to work with the E-mail and use the general searching tools. Internet is a big hand of today's success of the people. Let your kids and school going children know something about internet like its advantages and disadvantages. It helps in drawing their mind towards study a lot.

The objective of this paper is intended to focus on growth of Internet usage in India, Internet usage of students, Role of Internet in modern Education. In over all the study shows that how Internet impact student life in positive and negative aspects.

Introduction:

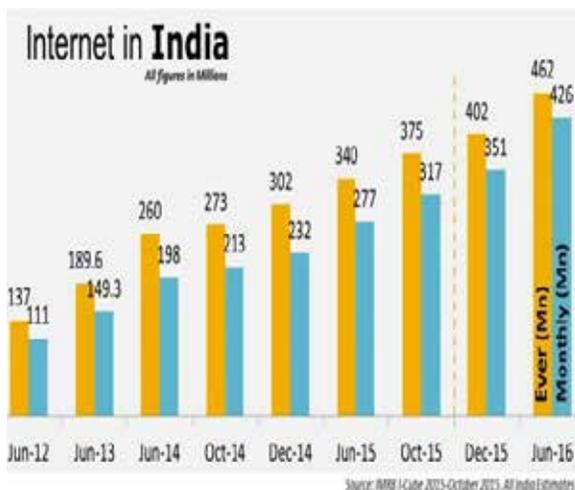
The modern era has been now extremely advanced and well-developed and the basic reason for this development is actually the launch of the internet and its applications which have provided the individuals with the easiest routine in their daily lives.

The Internet has made even the most tiring and physically demanding works on the finger tips. For example the shopping which is indeed a very complicated affair, can be easily done on the internet in the modern times, via e-commerce. This technology has emerged as one of the breakthrough uses of the internet. Internet enabling the common people to sit at home and rule the world.

Growth of Internet usage in India:

India, being a developing country, isn't far behind. Out of the 375 million Internet users in India, 317 million of them are active at least once a month. And that's not all – it's estimated that the average number of monthly users will grow to 426 million by June of 2016.

It has also become the second-largest country in the world in terms of internet users, ahead of the US, and behind China. The number of Internet users in India is likely to cross 500 million this year, according to Ravi Shankar Prasad (pictured), minister for communications and information technology.



Internet usage of students in India

Ninety-three percent of students access the Internet everyday and 73% of students use the mobile phone to access the Internet, according to a *Student Online Behaviour Report* by HT Digital and IMRB. The sample size of the survey was 1,402 respondents from seven cities including Delhi, Lucknow, Kolkata, Mumbai, Pune, Bengaluru and Chennai. The students were in the age group of 17 and 24 and had either completed or were pursuing their 12th year exams. The research was presented at the DigiWise Summit in the national capital.

Addressing the audience at the summit, Rajan Anandan, managing director, Google India said, "India will reach a capacity of 300 million Internet users by the end of 2014. This usage is primarily through mobile phones as 65% of Internet usage is through mobile phones."

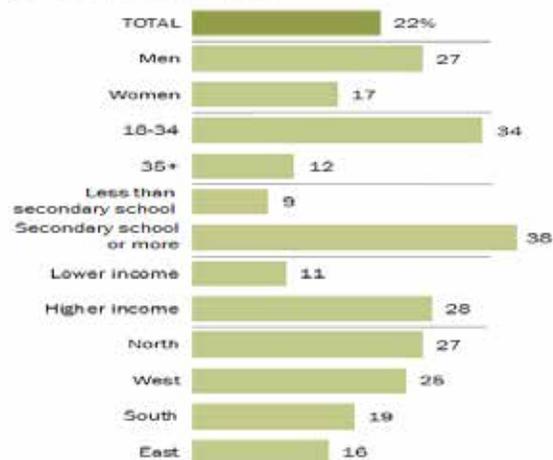
India is not far off from America where 96% of the students use the Internet to search for educational content.

As of 2015 the world's largest social networking company, Facebook, has 1.49 billion active users, and the number of users is increasing every year. One of the most interesting things to look at is the increasing number of student users on such social networking sites. As per the survey conducted by Pew Research Center, 72 percent of high school and 78 percent of college students spend time on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. These numbers indicate how much the student community has involved in this virtual world of social networking.

Actually, many reasons exist that explain why students love to spend time socializing. Firstly, social networks provide them the freedom to do whatever they want – to upload what they want and talk to whom they want. They like to make new friends and comment on the lives of different people. Students can create other online identities that the real world does not allow. The freedom it gives them to act just by sitting in front of a computer enralls them, and they then demand for more freedom. Never before has it been so easy for young minds to create a digital image of their actions through such a spontaneous medium.

Profile of Indian Internet users

Adults who use the Internet at least occasionally or report owning a smartphone



Note: North (Delhi, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh), East (Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal), South (Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu), West (Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Maharashtra).

Source: Spring 2015 Global Attitudes Survey.

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Role of Internet in modern Education

The Internet has introduced improvements in technology, communication and online entertainment, but it is also incredibly useful for education purposes as well. Teachers use the Internet to supplement their lessons, and a number of prestigious universities have opened up free online lectures and courses to everyone. It has even allowed retired teachers to read to and educate children in poorer countries. Widespread use of the Internet has opened up a substantial amount of knowledge to a much broader range of people than ever before.

There is so much that students can do with the Internet. Not only can they communicate with international students, they can gain from others' knowledge and experiences, participate in chatrooms, share ideas and solutions and learn about the many diverse cultures out there.



While the Internet does a lot for students, there are also benefits for parents and teachers. The interactive learning that the Internet provides can help students and parents with little or no English skills to learn English. Parents can become more involved in their children's education by connecting the school with homes, libraries or other access ports.

Teachers can adjust to the different learning styles in the classroom. They can also set their own pace of teaching. Individual teaching techniques can become more available, which has been proven to be a factor in student achievement.

Teachers have the chance to be able to teach at more than one place simultaneously. They may be in a small town but through the Internet, they can be linked to students in more populated areas. Also, the Internet enables administrators and teachers to spend less time on administration and recordkeeping. This would also give them more time to spend with their students.

How Internet impact student life

The Internet has proven to be a double-edged sword for education. Teachers and students benefit from the unprecedented access to information the Internet provides, as well as from the ability to share knowledge across the globe. However, reliance on the Internet also has many negative effects. Educators must be aware of the dangers the Internet poses so they can avoid potential pitfalls.

Positive effects of Internet on students

Unlimited communication: The internet has made it easy for students to communicate with others because it is cheap and convenient. Students are able to share their thoughts and views on matters affecting the globe. The internet acts as common globe platform where people explore ideologies and cultures without limitation.

Abundant Information and Resources: The internet is swamped with information about anything and everything. There are multiple search engines that have made it easier for students to find information. For example, it is now common for people to look for free advice from the internet on all sorts of issues.

Easy Sharing: Thanks to the Internet, sharing information is fast and seamless. If they want to tell their results to their friends they can use social media sites such as Facebook or an IM app. They will all get the news at the same time. They can also share music, videos and any other file.

Online Services and E-Commerce: Today it is possible to carry out financial transactions online. They can transfer college fees or book movie tickets over the internet. Today, all of the training boards and colleges present result on the web. Their results can be watched by the students from any kind of nation or world. The growth of e-commerce has made it possible to shop for most things online. Examples: books, college bags, sport shoes etc.

Online Training: Several web sites of different colleges offer lessons and classes on different subjects online. They may also obtain these classes or lessons in their personal computer. They are able to hear these classes repeatedly and obtain a large amount of understanding. Its very simple and less expensive method to get training.

Looking for jobs: Students are able to search various kinds of jobs throughout their vacant vacancies are advertised by the world, most of the organizations around the world, on the web.

Entertainment: This is one of the major reasons why many students enjoy surfing the internet. They can watch movies, listen music and play games over the internet. The internet has become a mammoth amusement park that never closes.

Negative effects of Internet on students

Internet is most powerful invention and if used in the positive direction, internet can prove to be very productive. But, these days, due to the social networking sites such as Facebook taking over, internet is producing adverse effects on the students. Something that has some positive effects

also has some of the negative effects on the other hand.

Inactivity: Students spend most of their leisure time sitting at one place in front of their computers and very less movements is done by their body. Lack of any kind of activity is one of the root causes of all the problems occurring to the body. Even at night, instead of sleeping, they prefer to waste their time on the internet. Many of other health related problems may also rise due to obesity and inertia.

Wastage of Time: obviously, more time they sit in front of computer, less the time they would give to their studies. Students start failing in their exams which lead to further depression.

Cyber bullying: When students use the internet to bully other students of the same age group, this is known as cyber bullying and this is a very negative effect of the internet on the students. It may lead to depression sometimes. Mental harassment also comes under this category. There have been many cases reported where some of the students have committed suicides.

Moral corruption: There are many things available on the internet that should not be in the reach of students. A 5 year kid can approach the content which only an 18+ is allowed to see. This leads to some kind of moral corruption among the students. The innocence and purity of the school students as well as the college students is extremely affected by such things.

Insomnia: These days, students check their updates on Facebook and Gmail even in the middle of nights on their mobiles. This causes Insomnia. This is a state a person is unable to sleep. This condition is very harmful for good health.

Addiction: After alcohol and drugs, internet is the third most addictive thing. A student might be addicted to the social networking sites or the gaming sites and in the extreme cases, a student might even fall a prey to the gambling sites. Student may even lose all his family's wealth.

Privacy is disturbed: The more use of internet there are more chances of privacy is disturbed. Hacking the internet has become very easy these days. Students must operate the internet under supervision of their parents and even if they think they are old enough, parents should not allow them to be that much self-dependant for online purchasing.

Sexual Exploitation: If students use internet hours to gather they are likely to fall a prey to sexual exploitation. With the advent of internet, exploiting students sexually has become very easy. There are a large number of sexual predators lying there on the internet and once a student comes in contact with such people, his mind and thoughts are affected by that. In the long run, this can produce adverse effects on the mental health of the students and he is sexually exploited online.

Thinking capacity reduced: These days, whenever teacher gives assignments to students, they tend to search in on the internet and copy down the facts. They would not even try to think whether the matter given there is actually correct or not. This would reduce their thinking capacity and they just cram the facts listed on the internet. This also make students lazier.

No face to face communication: When students are very much indulged in the usage of internet, they might not be

able to achieve face to face communication with the friends and the family. This is a great disadvantage of internet as this reduces face to face communication among the students. Even the family is ignored by such students.

Conclusion:

So there are many positive and negative impacts of internet on students. But if the thing is available for two purposes then we should always look for the positive one. If we use it positively we can increase our knowledge and earn money too. Information can be easily retrieved using it. Internet is boon for those who use it for positive purpose and curse for whom who use it for negative purpose.

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