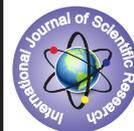


Smart phones uses by Delhi NCR University Students: hobbies or necessity- A Study



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ABSTRACT

This study is based upon the uses of cell phone especially smart phone among university students of Delhi NCR. As we all know that mobile phones are integral part of everyone lives in this modern era. Now a day's it has been observed that maximum students use their smart phones for chatting, receiving call and to update himself on social media and to watch funny or educational video on youtube. Student are aware with its merit and demerit about it but they do not hesitate even they use it in their classroom also. Study focus on gender differences in smart phone usage and the purpose of mobile phones usage, problem which are faced by student while they use it in tough time like connectivity, internet accessibility and network related issue.

Introduction

Today mobile phones are very popular and fashionable assets among university students. Students increase their social area and connect them with the help of smart phones. They feel that he or she will not be complete anywhere till they do not have any smart phones in their hands. Each one of us accepted that there are many benefits of using mobile phones for everyone including students, youth, working/non-working women and senior citizen, the reason of it that it helps us in our security, to connect people through world within a second or to collect information in a speedy way. Information could be educational, general, inspirational or communal. There can also be negative effects on the students or youth that depend on the way they are using their mobile phone for which cause. But we are sure that when it is used by university students in lectures, seminar or any other places where teaching process is proceeding they will be disrupted, diverted and lose their concentration themselves with whole class. And this is very critical time for maximum of the learner who creates a lot of problem for teachers/trainers. When mobile phones are used at inappropriate times like driving may lead to an increased risk of a road accident. Many other negative consequences of smart phone use include addiction, manifested as over dependency, which can cause problems such as emotional stress, damaged relationships, and falling literacy (Balakrishnan & Raj, 2012). University students were reported to show signs of cognitive salience, whereby students always think about their phones either they use it or not. They always worry about missed call and messages on what's up and facebook and they try to check it time by time. That means they don't have fully concentrated at that time.

A brief background

According to a 2011 survey by the U.K. communications regulator OfCom, 51 percent of adults and 65 percent of teenagers said they have used their smart phones while socializing with others. This proves that even when people are having face-to-face communication, they are constantly distracted by their phone.

In their study titled "Social Network: Academic and Social Impact on College Students", [7] found that there is a correlation between the students' GPAs and their usage of social networks. An interesting finding was that many of our respondents do not use social sites to look for college-related information; however, many of them encourage the idea of having online study groups. Another finding showed that the students tend to use social networks for social purposes more than the academic ones.

For this reason, most of the students who studied in colleges and university have account for social media sites. At the same time there are some deficiencies or negative for using this high-tech device. It helps a lot as a communication purpose but there is certain individual abuse for this facility by harassing personal or community in social media sites such as Twitter and Facebook. Muhammad & Tariq (2013) stated "smart phones can encourage bullying and hazing also". This is a serious problem in schools even in university across many countries including Malaysia. This led to create a conflict through students and decreases the relationship of community. So,

what happens here is students are able to write, comment, and cheat and also stalk through the social media sites. Social media sites have captured the imagination of students (Hingorani, Woodard, & Danesh, (2012). From social sites, students are able to express their feelings which at the same time led to conflict issues. Meanwhile, with the social networking effects of the smart phone, concentration in the lecture is lost.

Objectives

The main objective of this study is to check those impacts which are facing by students after wasting his time in classroom. Moreover, many studies have been already done in earlier days while mobile phones were invented. Smart phones are making more complicated time for both student and teacher while we will not ignore the parent's thoughts. Main objectives of our study will be-

- What could be the main purpose of using smart phone by university student?
- How they will be benefited while they use smart phone in university?
- Challenges they face while they avoid the use of smart phone in university.
- Are they worried about disturbance created by their own smart phones in classroom?
- Is there any gender variation found in usage of smart phones in university?

Research Method

Study taken by a survey to gather the data. The nature of study was descriptive. The instruments used for data collection are the self-created questionnaire and conducted interview on a personal basis. There were randomly selected 168 respondents from university of Delhi NCR. The self-administered questionnaire was developed and distributed to respondents and got back the reply. A few respondents had been interviewed with descriptive questionnaire where they discuss various key points about using smart phones in universities. Findings of study

Across the study students were very happy to share that they use smart phone for gathering constructive ideas which help them for future. They are agreed that smart phones are very helpful in studies, research and getting employment related activity day by day. Maximum required information within their reach due to smart phone and it makes possible 360 degree development in making his/her better career. Few negative findings are in this study throughout the student which give the opportunity to others to stop him to carry smart phones. Key findings of this study are given below-

1. Only 37% students accept that they are using their smart phone in classroom.
2. 61% of students deny receiving incoming calls during class time and 12% receive call because such calls are more important for them.
3. 53% students never check their message box and chat during class time.
4. 78% agreed that they will feel benefited using smart phone while they are moving around university campuses.
5. Maximum number of respondents replied "yes" in positive way

when they asked question like “do you feel incomplete in himself while you are not carry your phone with us?”.

6. Students use phones for contacting their friend to get information regarding their classes, class timing and teacher availability in campus.

7. 48% students unable to attend classes when class room or class timing has been changed in last movement; this is due to not carrying phone by them at that time.

8. 51% student’s parents worried about his wards when they did not carry phones at university time, record as per students’ interviewed by researcher. This is because of their safety angle.

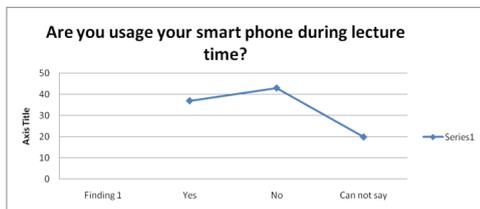
9. Only 23% of student feel disturbance or minds divert cases due to ringing tones by colleague phones.

10. 71% girls feel unsecure when did not carry smart phone at university time, they are fear in traffic, road, campus teasing even in class room they do not feel ease.

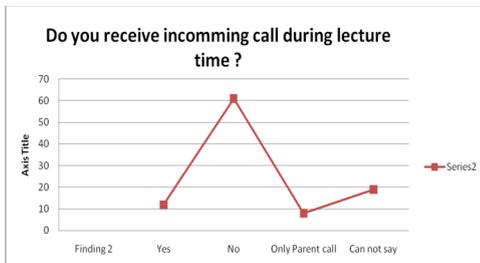
11. Only 7% girls student did not use smart phone at university level. Reason not found (it could be financial issue or due to family discipline policy)

12. 18% girls carrying smart phone for entertainment purpose which includes making calls, chatting with friends and watching video.

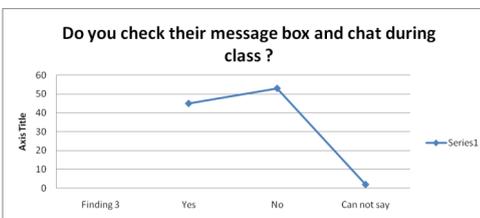
Demographic Presentation-



(Picture 1)



(Picture 2)



(Picture 3)

Used as learning tools

As everyone know that the problem with smart phones in the classroom is that they are a floodway for distractions for students and teachers concentration. This is the main reason why many teachers are anxious about allowing smart phones in lecture room. The general question rise now a days in society that “Will it really too good to have smart phones in the classroom? Can smart phones be valid learning tools for students?” Even university management will also disagree on the traditional educational value of smart phones; they have to accept the fact that, slowly, smart phones are becoming commonplace as educational tools.

In modern era when technology reach is everywhere then why not teachers should really reconsider allowing smart phones in class. Although smart phones might looks not like tiny toys, in present time

it can be very efficient, especially now that many app developers are creating educational apps for various type of advanced studies. See one of the best examples could be the “translator”. Most of these apps are even free! It is just a matter of exploring the App Store or Play Store.

Conclusion

The main aim of this study was carried on mentioned objectives – purpose of using smart phone, benefits of use of mobile phones, challenges facing by students while they do not carry smart phones and gender variation in usage of mobile phones at university level. The findings have been very serious and non avoidable for everyone. There are many things come out with study, fact allows both things to allow smart phones for university students and also it should be ban for students in university campus specially in class room. The day when technology growing everywhere speedily to make ease and fast everything, we should not ban it for students who are going future of tomorrow of society, country and even worldwide. University students connect him with world for gather the economical, political, educational and employment related information. Every moment is important for today’s youth, and youth word define that the adult whose age would be start from 18 years. So obviously student who studies in university campus will be treated as youth. We should not spoil their social life, privacy and never tolerate their security related issue.

In this study point comes out that female student feel more unsecure when they were moving in university campus at study time. Many incidents happen recently which pressurize us to allow carrying smart phone to girl’s student while they going outside from home. Whatever study finding are in favors of students but one things is sure that maximum number of university students are uses their smart phones for surfing internet, dialing and receiving voice call, chatting on social media platforms, watching video on youtube, making new friends and sending messages. So in final conclusion research say that smart phone usage by university students is more like necessity, it’s not just hobby for them.

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