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5.0.0 Introduction-

This chapter contains a brief summary of the study, findings and conclusions drawn from various analysis. It is followed by the education implication based on the findings of the present study. Recommendation for further researches on related area has also been out lined. The present study was conducted to study the academic achievements of senior secondary students in relation to social media usage.

5.0.1 summary

The present study titled, "A STUDY OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS OF SENIOR SECONDARY STUDENTS IN RELATION TO SOCIAL MEDIA USAGE" is a descriptive survey study. In this study, the researcher has attempted to study Academic achievements of senior secondary students in relation to social media usage. As the social media is becoming famous day by day among the students for various purpose so the researcher decided the present study. For detail study the researcher decided objectives related to the study and stated the problems of the present study. Thus, the present study focuses on the senior secondary students of Odisha, Ganjam district. In the present study the researcher decided 4 objectives and formulated the hypotheses accordingly. For collecting the data, the researcher designed a social media usage scale and then analysis of the data is done by using statistical methods, inferences are drawn accordingly.

5.0.2 Findings-

1. The social media platforms such as YouTube, Facebook, WhatsApp, telegram and Instagram were most used by the senior secondary students.

2. Social media platforms such as Blogs, Twitter, linked In, Snapchat, and Pinterest were Least popular among the students.

3. The maximum number of senior secondary students used social media for 1-2 hours.

4. The maximum number of students used social media for the purpose of academic needs, communication, entertainment and for getting information.

5. There is significant difference in the mean scores of academic achievements of male and female senior secondary students.

6. Female students have higher achievement (75.45) in comparison to male students (64.39)

7. There is a significant difference in the mean score of social media of male and female senior secondary students.

8. Male senior secondary students have higher social media score (28.95) than the Female senior secondary students (26.57)

9. low negative correlation is found between the academic achievement with social media usage of senior secondary students.

5.0.3 Educational implications-

1. This study may be very helpful to teacher educators and educational administrators. Teacher educators may know the usage, purposes, adoption of senior secondary student towards social media.

2. This study may help future researchers to conduct new studies with different settings and variables.

3. This study shows that many students use social media for academic purposes also. This fact may make up the parents and academics to encourage the younger generation to utilize social media in more productive ways.

4. Many of the respondents use social media for many academic purposes. This shows that social media are effective in teaching-learning process and teachers are successfully integrating social media in academics which encourages creativity in students.

5. Students need to be educated to have a strong purpose that is appropriate for them to productively spent time while using social media.

6. Teachers and administrators can provide educational sites and academic work available in social media, so that students remain engaged in these activities which focus on their academic achievement.

7. The study also aware parents about social media affects, so that they can check the activities of their children.

8. Students will be aware of social media and they develop an idea for what purpose they should utilize social media.

5.0.4 Suggestions for further research-

1. The present study has taken a sample of only 50 students and the sample is restricted to Odisha only. If a larger sample with a wider area has been chosen in further studies, it will substantiate the validity of the findings.

2. The present study has taken only selected social media applications and few usages. Further studies may take different categories of social media and various other usages of them.

3. Collecting data through personal interviews of the sample or observing them would render some more details about the social media usage by students.

4. Similar study comparing the social media usage levels between students of different cities can give clarity on the existing digital divide.

5. The present study only considers the gender as demographic variable, other variables can also be taken into consideration like health, anxiety etc.

6. The study is confined to know the effect of social media usage on academic achievement only, the other variables like home environment, locality, and medium of instruction are not taken into consideration

5.0.5 Conclusion

The impact of social media varies among different individuals. Based on the data we found- the relationship of social media with the academic achievement is low negative corelation. It shows that, nowadays students are utilising the social media sites for chatting, making short videos, for entertainment, for sharing photos, and connecting with friends, scrolling in Facebook and various other social networking sites and spending too much time in the social media rather than utilizing it for academic purposes which effects the students negatively. It leads to get habituated with the social media platforms which negatively effects toward the academic performance of the students. In order to improve academic performance by using the social media platforms, we need to provide proper guidance to students towards the utilisation of the modern technologies for their mental & logical growth by continuous learning. Through social media it is easier to share the ideas and develop innovative & creative things. It will be good if communities keep on changing and accepting technology for their growth. Ultimately technologies are also boon and bane for us we should know how to use them logically & smartly for betterment in our lives.