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Mobile Etiquettes of Post Graduate Students of MANUU – A Study

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Abstract:

The use of technology has become imperative due to its contributions to human existence and has also enhanced the socio economic relations globally. Wireless communication has emerged as one of the fastest diffusing media on the planet, fuelling an emergent "mobile youth culture" (Castells, Fernandez-Ardevol, Qiu, and Sey, 2007). In the changing scenario of technology from e-learning to ubiquitous learning to SMART learning environments, the usage and importance of mobile phones has increased drastically. In any society, it its rules, etiquettes play a major role in the socialisation and learning. In the present study the researchers investigated the level of mobile-etiquette (Mobiquettes) in the postgraduate students of MANUU. A total of 60 students from Humanities, Social Sciences and Science streams have been included in the study. The results helpful for creating and designing future learning environments particularly mobile learning and ubiquitous learning.

Introduction

Information technology is now an inseparable part of the lives of people across the globe. These technologies take many forms such as personal computers, smart phones, the internet, web and mobile phone applications, digital assistants, and cloud computing. In fact the list is growing constantly and new forms of these technologies are finding their way into every aspect of daily life. Information technology at its basic level is technology that records, communicates, synthesizes or organizes information. Information can be understood as any useful data, instructions, or meaningful message content. The word literally means to "give form to" or to shape one's thoughts.

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