

Use of Wi-fi Internet by the Students of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore

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ABSTRACT

An exploratory research was conducted involving 147 students to know the use of wi-fi internet by the students of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU). The purpose of using internet, perception on present status of wi-fi, perceived problems and suggestions for improving wi-fi connection in the University were studied. For academic purpose 22.45 per cent students used daily for preparing assignments, followed by weekly (40.82%), monthly (27.89%) and rarely (8.84%). For entertainment purpose 28.57 per cent students used daily for watching video songs or movies, followed by weekly (31.29%), monthly (6.12%), rarely (21.08%) and 12.94 per cent never used. To download reading materials 17.68 per cent students used daily, followed by weekly (34.69%), monthly (29.25%), rarely (13.60%) and 4.78 per cent never used. Social networks like facebook was used daily (40.13%), followed by weekly (23.12%), monthly (6.12%), rarely (10.88%) and never (19.75%). Students used wi-fi to purchase books monthly (3.40%), rarely (65.99%) and never (30.61%). A very meager proportion of the respondents felt that the status of the wi-fi connectivity is good (3.40%), followed by average (42.86%) and poor (53.74%). Nearly two third of the students perceived the problem of slow connection (65.98%), followed by power failure (21.08%) and lack of proper maintenance (5.46%). A little more than two fifth of the respondents suggested the increase of band width/speed (41.50%), followed by increase access points (20.40%) and regular monitoring of the connection (8.16%).

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