



Browsing Internet by the Students of Agricultural College, Bapatla - A Case Study

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It has taken us many generations to evolve from the Stone Age, through the Bronze Age, the Industrial Age, the Post Industrial Age, to where we are now. The Information Age or at least on our way to entering Information Age via a protracted stay in the Information Technology Age (Lennon and David, 1999). Internet is a brand-new world with its own language. It is a computer network of networks, it is a vast information superhighway that facilitates communication between computer users both national and international. It enables computers of all kinds to share services and communicate directly as if they are part of a giant global computing machine. The Internet had its developmental roots in the U.S. Military during the 1960s. A pioneering long-haul network funded by what's now called as Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA). It was the foundation on which the Internet was built. United States of America has highest number of Internet users followed by China, Japan, Germany and India. Due to the importance of Internet, a case study on three meritorious students was carried out at Agricultural college, Bapatla.

Case study research design was followed in the present study. The method of exploring and analyzing the life of a social unit be it a person, a family, an institution or a community is known as a case study. (Young, 1965). Agricultural College, Bapatla was selected for the study. The data was collected primarily through informal discussions and interactions, coupled with semi-structured interview schedule was prepared to undertake case study to avoid memory bias in eliciting information. Three meritorious students browsing Internet were taken for preparation of three caselets. The criteria taken for the study was the student with highest O.G.P.A, Internet browsing experience and Achievements (Awards.)

Caselet I-Inspiring lives

Mr. Mihir Ranjan Mohanty, 24 yrs, born to Mr. Mahendra Mohanty and Mrs Jayanthi Mohanty, belongs to Puri district of Orissa. His father is coir supervisor in government of Orissa. After going through case I of Mr. Mihir Ranjan Mohanty, 24 year old, Post Graduate student in the Field of Genetics

and Plant Breeding, it was evident that he was the college topper during his under graduation, securing 82% marks. He got three gold medals in various subjects such as Genetics, Statistics and in RAWEP. Awarder of best outgoing student from Agricultural College, Chiplima under Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology. His main purpose of browsing Internet is for research, sending and receiving of mails and chatting. He usually chats with his uncle who is a Manger is Bank of Baroda at Uganda. He makes use of Internet at full length by downloading various research materials, songs and wallpapers etc. He came across various constraints while browsing Internet were such as less number of computers in the college library and ARIS centre, coincidence of class timings with Library and ARIS centre. He suggested few improvements like replacement of present computers with latest Core 2 Duo computers, more number of computers and installation of Internet at hostels.

Caselet II-Saga of Success:

Ms. Fahmim Rahman, 25 yrs, born to Mr. Arifur Rahman and Mrs. Nazeen Rahman, hails from Jorhat district of Assam. She is doing her M.Sc (Ag.) in the field of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry. Her parents are Engineers in Government of Assam. The saga of success continues from her 10th standard onwards, as she secured highest marks among all the students in her school. Here she was awarded by N.G.O. named as Siksha Sarathi Trust, followed by merit scholarship from North East Council as she secured highest O.G.P.A. in her 1st year 2nd year of Under Graduation from Assam Agricultural University. She mainly browses Internet for the purpose of sending and receiving of mails, assignments, research, jobs and chatting. The constraints she encountered while surfing was coincidence of class timings with that of library & ARIS center and less number of computers. She suggested various solutions for the improvement of browsing effectively such as introduction of broadband, card system similar to that of recharge cards available in the market for mobile phone and installation of more number of computers.

Caselet III - Browse Net anywhere:

Mr. E.Ramesh, 20 yrs, born to Mr. Venkata Krishna Rao and Mrs. E.Naga Lakshmi. He hails from Kaldhari village of West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh. His father is a farmer. He is doing his 2nd year B.Sc (Ag.). After going through the case III, I recollected the words of Mr. Robert Jones who stated that in U.K. in the year 2003 Internet downloading through mobile phones was 8 billion pages. Also browsing Internet from mobile phones is finally taking off and people are buying them not only for cameras and other bells and whistles but exclusively for Internet. The case represented by Mr. E. Ramesh, 20 year old of 2nd year B.Sc (Ag) clearly indicates that the student is browsing Internet from mobile phone. He mainly browses Internet for higher studies in foreign universities, in the field of Biotechnology, Genetics and Agri

Business Management. According to his perception the influence for his Internet usage was due to his uncle residing in USA. There were constraints while browsing Internet at Library and ARIS centre like slow access and less number of computers. Suggestions as perceived by him for the improvement of Internet network were installation of more number of computers, Wi Fi network, Internet facility in hostels and training to students for effective Internet browsing.

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