Impact of New social media and Cyberspace: In Developing Teenagers' Mindset

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Abstract: -

Citizens became netizens, teenagers became screenagers, in-classroom lectures turned into virtual, arranged relationships became online courtships and so on. We see the world is changing with supersonic speed. It became Selfie world instead of selfless world. In this change have we given a thought about the teenagers' behaviour, attitude and mindset towards the society and the world, even for ownself. This internet world is influencing the young generation directly and indirectly. In a way, we need to find out the cyberspace is a constructive or destructive in developing young generation specifically teenagers' thought process and mindset.

Here, we would like to discuss the impact and influence of internet and technology on the tender age. This is fragile age like a raw mud which should be shaped and moulded very carefully. It is to be believed that these builders of nation are highly influenced with the digital- satellite sphere for the good and the bad too. In addition, this pandemic became easy due to internet. The Educational software, virtual educational classes helped to minimise the study loss. The Adolescent is more aware and conscious about their careers and life now a days, more over they are well aware about the adultery and pornography too. This is also one of the impacts of cyberspace in this millennium era. This paper will focus upon the core notions of cyberworld which can be constructive and destructive too in the perspective of teenagers, which all depends on the supervision/ guidance of their parents/ guardians. "There are two sides of story and then there are the screenshots."

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Introduction: -

The Cyberworld, or cyberspace, is more than just the Internet. It refers to an online environment where many participants are involved in social interactions and have the ability to affect and influence each other. People interact in cyberspace through the use of digital media.

In today's world where everything is just one click away. Social networking sites have become the need of the present world. Internet certainly has immensely impacted the life of everyone and it goes without saying that the youth make the major proportion of the internet population. Too much use of social networking sites is making individuals dumb. Thus, today's youth are engaged in many activities. Social networking is a medium through which we can learn things broadcast our knowledge, experience, and views. We can either misuse this or use it for a better life. All depends upon us and the choice is ours. These networking sites are

changing the mindsets of the youths of this generation. Certainly, the teenagers are the most affected, inspired, motivated else misguided by the cyberspace.

The guardian / parents are certainly not happy with an excessive involvement of internet or wide web world into their children's life. They notice, this cyberworld is destructive in many ways. Majorly they find, it effects negatively on teenager's mindset. Likewise, teenagers are becoming screenagers. They are always behind the screens of some gadgets. They are becoming criminal minds after intemperate into it, etc. However, we cannot deny the benefits of internet. Here, the prominent detrimental and benign effects are going to be discussed.

Internet world has come out to be a blessing in the current period of pandemic. This pandemic time turned the whole world upside down. Therefore, cyber world is the rising star.

Need of Time- Change is the law of life. Today when everything is just one click away, social networking, cyber connection, online classes, virtual interaction etc. all are the part of today's life style. This is the need of time, if youth won't walk hand in hand with time they cannot survive in this competitive world, therefore the world of internet is a blessing for them.

Multiple Learning Ability- Internetworking is developing multiple learning ability in the youth. They are able to perform multiple tasks altogether nevertheless they are managing them well without fail. Today is the world for smart workers.

Smart Choice- Despite the risks, the Internet can also be a positive tool for student learning as well as youth empowerment and wellbeing. There is evidence that computer and Internet use improves test scores, history chronology learning, and motivation to learn. Although promising, the benefits are not without limits. Older students seem to benefit more from online aids than younger students, and the very youngest of students actually do worse in technological formats compared with traditional paper and pencil formats.

Social- However, teenagers are spending their much time behind the screen only, still they are well connected with their friends and peers through social networking sites. It seems social networking sites are making man more social and aware about each other.

Influence on Education- Undoubtedly, the use of internet provides positive influence on education. Everything is only one click away for students. In this digital age students can access the knowledge from the world wide without spending much on it. The internet plays a big role in everyday life. People in emerging and developing nations say that the increasing use of the internet has been a good influence in the realms of education, personal relationships and the economy.

Blessings in Pandemic- In the Pandemic COVID-19, digital world and cyber world turned out to be the saver of the national GDP as well as education for the students. Students were able to take their classes properly without a miss. Simultaneously, they were learning lot more things and became multi tasker, which may help them.

Creating Constructive Mind- It cannot be denied that cyber world is somewhere helping to develop young minds. It all depends on the individual one how they encash the opportunity to learn. The internet is like the ocean it is an individual choice to explore and collect the gems or weed. Therefore, it creates constructive young minds under proper guidance.

Impact of Cyber Communication- The positive impacts of the internet include the following: It provides effective communication using emailing and instant messaging services to any part of the world. It improves business interactions and transactions, saving on vital time. Banking and shopping online have made life less complicated, even youth are influenced with this facility. The physical exertion has become half with the use of internet communication.

The above points were quite relevant and apt in the present scenario. However, we cannot overlook the adverse effect of (over)use of internet, which is the latest trend among the youth. Here there some more are focused.

Personality Issues- Virtual establishment of networks and relations has led to personality issues in many youngsters. They fear face to face conversation, and feel more comfortable when interacting through a screen. Trust, self- confidence, and happiness are not found on a virtual page. Insomnia and insecurity are a result of excessive use of internet as well making individual dumb.

Becoming Self-Cantered – The adverse effect of internet is on the teenagers that they are becoming self-centred. They restrict themselves to meet people, they are happy to be in their room in the isolation surrounded by non-living beings i.e. technology. They avoid being surrounded by living human beings.

Wild and Aggressive in Behaviour- Due to isolation and solitariness youth is becoming wilder and more aggressive in their behaviour, as their tolerance is decreasing day by day. As well teens are involved into wild games like Pubg, Blue Whale, Fire Fairy, Five Finger Fillet etc. these are making them untamed and pugnacious with their elder ones.

Addiction of Internet Games – in the addition of previous point a few of the games like Fire Fairy, Gallon Challenge, Salt and Ice challenge are based on prank and sometimes these leads to the dangerous end. Such challenges have become the new sensational activities on the internet among the youth. For example, in the Salt & Ice challenge is another self-harming internet challenge. People are asked to put salt on their skin, usually on the arm, then ice is places on the salt. This causes a burning feeling that's very similar to frost bite, and participants try to see who can last in pain for the longest time. The challenge is then filmed should be posted on the YouTube or other platforms of social media. The combination of ice and salt creates a chemical reaction where the mixture gets as cold as -18°C and burns through the skin. People especially youth is becoming in sane behind such challenges.

Poor/Under Performer in Academics- Spending more time with online games, social networking sites, watching videos etc. definitely it impacts their performance in the studies. They are degrading in academics. Social networking sites are like an eel, which sucks the blood till the death, same wise such sites consume youth's time, energy and influences their mindset to be good or bad too. Consequently, they could not perform well in their academic studies. Even online classes provide them a kind of boredom, which leads them to be distracted all the time.

Avoiding Social Gathering- As teenagers are turning into screenages and most of the time they are spending or would like to spend with their electronic gadgets. They have minimized social gathering or we can say they have wrapped in their own small world therefore they couldn't develop social values. Even they won't understand the social responsibilities and turned out to be self-centric.

Layabout- Undoubtedly, the technology made our life easy and lazy simultaneously. The adolescents' interest in reading (books, novels, sic-fic etc) is dropping day by day. The over use of internet is diverting them from print media to electronic media. They are lacking in the basic grammar, writing skills due to over use of autowave applications. They have become internet bug and that eats their entire time.

Breaching Personal Information- The negative side of cyber-communication is the access to personal information, within a minute on a single click, you can find out all the information and details. Teens' are quite careless in such a way, they feed all their personal details while playing games or buying something online. During this process they are trapped and cheated. It's completely breaching the personal information.

Generate Destructive Mind- Internet is rusting the brains. As Darwin's theory says that less use of the organ can be disappeared in the future. However, the adolescent are using their intellect but the ratio is more in the way of destruction. Youth's writing habits are taken away by typography and texting, consequently their mind will become dumb in the sense of grammar and spellings.

Inclination towards Hotlines/ Libido- It is becoming increasingly hard to protect children from unsafe access to their personal information. Research reveals that one in five youth ages 10 to 17 received unwanted sexual advances online (Olsen, 2006). That is the worst effect of being in the cyber world that the kids are becoming adult before their age.

Conclusion: -

After all the discussion, we cannot overlook the negative side of (over/miss) use of internet in the youngsters. Although there are positive sides of Social and Multimedia, internet use but it all depends upon individual choice of teenager. As kids are so innocent and flexible like a raw mud, therefore you can mould them according to the need and guide them in the right direction. But moulding or guiding a teenage is a very difficult task to perform. They have their own sense of developing thoughts. To keep the positive side of Digital Space, it is very important to tell them DOs and DONTs. Nevertheless, you cannot protect them to fall in a pit of it. On that note, cyber world has more positive constructive sides to build up one's career. The world can't move without it and youngsters must go with the time. Conclusively, internet world is definitely more constructive than destructive, if the youth has been guided in the right direction.

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