

INTERNET USE AND GENDER DIFFERENCES AT THE SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL LEVEL

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ABSTRACT

Present study was aimed to examine the Internet use by male and female senior secondary school students on their Internet use. The research was conducted with two main purposes; firstly, to investigate that gender difference had any effect on their Internet use and secondly, to identify and to find out the differences of any on the Internet use, among male and female senior secondary school student for (i) academic purpose (ii) recreational purpose and (iii) communication purpose. The population of this study consists of 100 senior secondary school students (50 male and 50 female) of District Bandipora (J & k) INDIA and they were selected by a random sampling technique. The instrument used for data collection was the Information Blank developed by the investigator. The data was subjected to statistical analysis by computing Mean, S.D. and test of significance. The results revealed that that there is difference between male and female secondary school students on Internet use for academic purpose. Male students have better use of Internet for academic purpose as compared to female students. On the other hand there is no difference between male and female senior secondary school students on Internet use for recreational and e-mail purposes. Both the groups have found similar in Internet use for recreational and communication purposes.

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