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ABSTRACT

The main purpose of the study is to know about the use of computer and digital literacy skills among the PG Students of the Department of Dogri and the Department of Punjabi in the University of Jammu, Jammu. The primary data was collected by the survey method and a structured questionnaire was prepared. After the data collection and analysis of the questionnaire it has been found that out of the total 57 respondents, the maximum number of students from the department of Dogri were male while in the department of Punjabi, a large number of students were female. Both the departments' students were between 21 to 25 age group and they were using computer occasionally. Both the departments' students were well aware of MS Word application software. However, both the departments' students were using mobile data for connecting the internet.

Key Words: Digital Literacy, Department of Dogri, Department of Punjabi, University of Jammu

Introduction

The digital literacy skills play an most important role in the present era, without digital literacy skills we cannot search or retrieve authentic information from the web. Digital literacy is very much related to information literacy. According to Naik & Padmini, "In recent century information is growing at surprisingly fast speed in the society every person whether men or women, rich or poor, adult or child needs information for their work. If you have information at every step then only you can proceed in your life. In today's scenario information is compulsory. Information Literacy is the process of knowing when and why information is required, where to find it and how to evaluate, use and communicate it in an ethical way." (2014)

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