

Growth and impact of information technology and communication in Kashmir

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ABSTRACT

This paper will focus on growth of the information technology and communication in Kashmir in 19th decade. This research paper also focus on finding an impact of information technology on education, employment, tourism, etc. in Kashmir. This paper finds that impact of Information technology on Kashmir will be positively as well as negatively.

For this research primary as well as secondary data is used. Primary data collected from talking with Kashmir peoples and for secondary data literature reviewed from internet, books, blogs, government reports and other reports.

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INTRODUCTION

Kashmir is the northernmost beautiful territory of India. Popularly it is known as the "Paradise on Earth". Jammu and Kashmir is world famous for its scenic splendor, snow covered mountains, plentiful wildlife, exquisite monuments, plenty of fruits, and local handicrafts. It is famous for most beautiful mountain peaks, massive glaciers, splendid monasteries, blue lakes, rivers, forests, verdant meadows and tall pine trees. It is famous for trekking.



Information Technology (IT) has become a buzzword while talking about technology and its applications. The hardware, software and the methods used or required in attaining. ICT used for storing, processing and displaying data and information. Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) are defined as a variety of set of technological equipments and resources used to communicate and to generate. ICT used to store and handle information. Our everyday life, ICT used everywhere for doing all activities. ICT is a common tool for teaching and learning process not only in schools but also in training colleges. Various researchers write that teachers can use ICT for delivering lectures then that lectures are more efficient and effective in classrooms. By using ICT in teaching, pupil can learn better. (Farhat Bashir, Nov. - Dec. 2012)

In Jammu and Kashmir all ICT tool are available but frequently terrorist attacks on Kashmir. So government gives first preference to security of peoples and then other things. So in Kashmir information technology is not well developed. Instead of stealing the spotlight for its unparalleled beauty and the sight of its stunningly Kashmir locales. Kashmir region has repeatedly made the headlines for the escalations of tensions, dastardly terrorist attacks and political instability. (Nair, 2019) Security officials state that the main purpose of an internet shutdown in Kashmir is to prevent the mobilization of people during a sensitive time. School, colleges are also not properly going on in sensitive area. That will affect on employment and growth of Kashmir.

The economical progress and development of any region in the country mainly depend upon its educational system. Traditionally, our educational system has been almost entirely based on the teacher-centered approach. But now, there is a change in the system, definite shift away from teacher- centered paradigm towards a more student-centered approach. Internet is more used for fetching information. This is due to the influence of Educational Technology and the current Information and Communication Technology (ICT) explosion. (Farhat Bashir, Nov. - Dec. 2012)

As the region itself lies engulfed in a complete communication blackout in anticipation of further trouble, the central government has moved to realize its long-standing goal of national integration, by removing the “special status” granted to Jammu and Kashmir by Article 370 in what has been described as a “constitutional coup” by many. As Home Minister Amit Shah has announced in the Rajya Sabha, Jammu and Kashmir will now be separated from the region of Ladakh and both of them will be administered as Union Territories from now on, the latter without a legislature of its own. (Nair, 2019)

LITERATURE REVIEW

On this topic less literature is available on internet, because Kashmir has facing with more problems. It is known as the very sensitive area. This paper shows that the usage of ICT by the students in the Higher Secondary Schools of Jammu and Kashmir is very low. The finding(s) also reveal that the usage of ICT by the boy students is higher as compared to that of girl students. (Farhat Bashir, Nov. - Dec. 2012)

The article written by Vinay Nair, writer focus on the finding the answer for the question that is “Can *Technology help Kashmir overcome its Challenges?*”. He also focus on impact of abrogation of article 370 in Kashmir. He say that , with the abrogation of article 370, non-Kashmiris can now begin to settle and acquire property in the area and potentially contribute to the complete transformation of its variegated tourism landscape. Non-Kashmir peoples are trying for starting business as educational institutes in Kashmir. It helps for overall growth of Kashmir.

The state cabinet report titled on " INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POLICY FOR STATE OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR" , state that IT has the potential to grow very quickly to become a major player in the growth of the State economy and contribute to better transparent and effective governance besides generating employment particularly amongst the educated unemployed in the State. In these report policies, strength, weakness of information technology is defined. (Cabinet, 23/01.2004)

KEY FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

Key finding of this research is that the information technology is not well developed in Kashmir area or in other words information technology is developed in some areas but in sensitive areas block out internet and all communication Medias. The impact of information technology in Kashmir is positively as well as negatively affected. The positive impacts are improvement in employment, it helps for increasing market for Kashmiri products e.g. Apples, walnuts, Kesar etc, increase the business of tourism. Automatically Kashmir's economic condition will be changed. E-learning can be used for Kashmir students those are not able to attain the school due to fear of terrorist. But for that growth limitation are from terrorist attacks. Negative impact of information technology is it will used by terrorist and they are easily communicate with Kashmir's local people for spreading information that information is oppose to Indian government. If information technology in Kashmir is limited to education purpose only then it will be beneficial to growth of Kashmir.

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