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USE OF WEBSITE OF DEPARTMENT OF BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE, GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA, BY STUDENTS: A CASE STUDY OF GOVERNMENT FIRST GRADE COLLEGE, RANEBENNUR, KARNATAKA

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ABSTRACT

The study deals with the use of website of the Department of Backward Classes Welfare of the government of Karnataka, by the undergraduate students of Government First Grade College, Ranebennur. Main objectives are to analyze the contents, awareness, usefulness, purpose, sources of getting information, awareness and usefulness of welfare schemes, services, usefulness of links and related links. Through questionnaire method 120 students responded. Major findings are i) majority use social websites ii) all students are aware and using Department of BCW website iii) Getting information of website from college notice board iv) students visit the website to know various welfare schemes v) Vidyasiri department scheme and hostel are aware by majority vi) Most of them search Vidyasiri, hostel, scholarship and fee concession vii) Final gradation list is preferred by most viii) Communication link most useful ix) majority are using useful link sakala.

Keywords : ***Website, Website use, Internet use, Government websites, E-governance, Social media, Students, Backward Class, Karnataka, India.***

1. Introduction

Information and Communication Technology made significant contribution in all fields and its advancement has revolutionized information storage, dissemination, services and retrieval. There is immense sea of information and endless use of internet. After its introduction evolved the websites and is the most important public communication portal for all and is much popular in today's world. A website is a collection of web pages containing images, video or other digital assets. These websites have rich information content and have interesting visual interfaces which support the community.

Today there are about two billion websites in the World but only 400 million are active (https://www.insight.diligent.com/boardroom-technology). There are different type of websites such as social, commercial, academic and governmental department websites.

Over the years a large number of websites belonging to different government bodies have been installed on the internet to facilitate government information and services. Among the government department

7. Suggestions

1. Regular up gradation of the content of Department of Backward Classes Welfare website is essential.
2. Remote access facility should be provided to undergraduate students to access the website of Department of Backward Classes Welfare.
3. Steps should be taken to create awareness about the website and other facilities among undergraduate students to get more benefits from the Department of BCW.
4. Orientation should be given to the students about schemes and facilities provided by the Department of BCW.

8. Conclusion

This study examined the utilization of the website of the Department of BCW by a group of college students in Karnataka state with eight objectives formulated. The results of the study showed that there is a remarkable awareness and use of this website by the undergraduate students. This website helped to know about the various schemes and services offered by the Government of Karnataka for the welfare of the backward classes and found that students have a positive attitude towards this website. But it is to be pointed out that there might be many services and schemes delivered by these departments through other portals but such links are missing which negatively affect the students in accessing it. Such type of studies should also be conducted on other government websites also among college as well as university students since such studies are less in India.

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Abstract:

An attempt is made in this paper is to analyse the backward class movement in Karnataka, its effects on Indian society. Due to the negative implications of caste system backward class movement arises. The caste system in India creates a bundle of social problems as a few castes are deliberate as greater to others. The social distinctions on the foundation of the caste system have been perpetuating because of the long tradition in giving significance to castes. There are violence and terrorism as people belonging to one caste attack people belonging to another caste. Backward Caste/class movements emerged among depressed castes and deprived sections of society in different parts of India with the broadening of the national movement.

Key words: Backward class, movement, impact.

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