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ROLE OF MOBILE IN ADOLECENT GIRLS HARASSMENT – A STUDY

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Abstract

Technology has playing significant role in the life of each and every individual. Once up on a time educational institutions were safe place for the students. Now a day misuse of technology has creating unhealthy environment for better learning in the educational institutions. Such kind of unhealthy learning environment affects adversely on the achievement of boy and girl students. The most common victims of harassment through technology are the adolescent girls. Adolescent girls face harassment in a different ways. Mobile is the technology which is cheaply available in the market and plays prominent role in the harassment of adolescent girls. The survey research method was adopted for this research work. The incidental sampling method was used to select 70 adolescent girls for this study. The result of this study indicated that mobile used for the purpose of harassment of adolescent girl students which ultimately affect the mental health.

Key words: Mobile, technology, harassment, adolescent girls

Introduction:

Harassment is one of the most insidious, yet pervasive form of violence that affect every one especially school and college going adolescent girls. Harassment is becoming serious problem in India. This might be due to the way harassment is handle by the adolescent girls. Most of the time adolescent girls did not report the harassment incident to the parents and school/college authorities or the way reported harassment handle by the parent and school/college authorities. Therefore adolescent girls scares or feel embarrassed to tell the harassment incident. Harassment is of different types such as bullying, psychological harassment, racial harassment, religious harassment, sexual harassment, stalking, mobbing, hazing, cyber stalking, electronics harassment, sociological harassment etc.

Technology has become need of every man in this world. Youngsters use the technology as a part of fashion. Most popular technology among youngsters is a Mobile. Mobile is the cheapest technology not only helps to communicate with others but apart from this mobile allow user to take and send photos, videos, text, email, listen music etc. Some of the elements of the society use such applications of mobile for illegal purposes one of the purpose is to harass adolescent girls. Therefore this small research work was undertaken with the objective to study the role of mobile in girls harassment.

Objective:

To study the role of mobile in harassment of adolescent girl students.

To suggest strategies to overcome mobile based harassment of adolescent girl students.

Research method:

The descriptive survey research method was adopted for this research work as this an attempt to light on the present situation of

harassment of adolescent girls through mobile.

Sampling method:

Incidental sampling method was employed for the selection of adolescent girls studying in the standard eleven. 70 adolescent girls students were participated in the study.

Tool of the study:

Researcher has prepared an opinionnaire on adolescent girl harassment through mobile. The opinonnaire was composed of five point Likert scale. The tool was validated from experts.

Statistical tool:

Percentage as statistical tool was used to check the opinion of adolescent girl students on harassment through mobile.

Findings:

1.   27% of adolescent girl students have personal mobile. All these adolescent girls belong to good economical family background. All the adolescent girl students felt that they must have mobile hand set for easy communication.

2.   46% of adolescent girls students felt that mobile is used for the purpose of playing songs to harass girls but only 16% adolescent girls said that they were harass by the playing songs on mobile.

3.   Adolescent girl students having mobile doesn't receive any troublesome SMS and miscalls.

4.   74% adolescent girl students admit that mobile is used for taking pictures of girls while 23% adolescent girl students admit that their photo was taken on mobile by boys.

5.   24% adolescent girl students felt that boys try to take video clips with the help of mobile.

Conclusion:

From above analysis it could be concluded that mobile is used for the purpose of harassment of adolescent girl students. The result also shows that on the one side adolescent girl students felt girls were harass by playing songs, taking pictures and video clips but personally they themselves not harass by these ways. This might be the insecure feelings among themselves. Adolescent girl students who realize that their photo or video clip is taken by boys but these girls can't stop such activity because of the fear of defaming in the school or college.

Suggestion:

The holistic approach should be adopted by the school college authorities. The school, parents and students should come together to create awareness on the mobile etiquettes and issues related mobile in cyber laws. Surveillance cameras will be installed within and out side the school and college campus to keep proper check on the activities of students having mobile. Zero tolerance strategy should be adopted by the school and college authorities on the improper use of mobile in and nearby school and college campus. Active cell to tackle harassment related issues should be established in every school and colleges.

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