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Role of Social Media in Education

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Abstract

In recent years we have seen a shift in the focus of web applications towards social interaction, collaboration and networking. One aspect in this context is the rising importance of social media, which encompass various applications for the publication of user-generated content. These applications are strongly focused on the communication and collaboration among the users. Though the use of social media, post thoughts on the blogs, participates in online discussion, people can exchange photos and video and share news stories. Social media also allows individuals, companies, organization, resource persons, and educationist to interact with large number of people and share ideas and thoughts. This development there is influencing education and use social media for technology-enhanced learning and technology is on the rise. The collaborative aspects of social media suit the constructivist learning theory, while the communicative aspect may be applied to fostering information learning. Social media in education can be used to support practices of communities of learning. In schools, students can learn digital citizenship, how to communicate on ICTs, how to work on teams that are located in various areas, and learn to communicate effectively with others of various backgrounds cultures, and genders. This paper discusses about the use of social media in education and how it is beneficial in educational aspects. Data was collected from internet sources, books, print and online journals and different media reports like statist a, snapshot digital India Sep.2014 and ethnos digital marketing. Data is presented graphically for sake of knowledge of users of social media in India. This being scenario, it is imperative that teacher education should also include use social media as a means of ICT.

Keywords-Social Media, Education, Teacher Education

Introduction

Recent years has brought a shift in the focus of web applications towards social interaction, collaboration and networking. One aspect in this context is the rising importance of social media, which encompass various applications for the publication of user-generated content. These applications are strongly focused on the communication and collaboration among the users and with social media, people can exchange photos and video, share news stories, post a thought on the blogs, and participate in online discussion. Social media also allow individuals, companies, organization, resource persons, and educationist to interact with large number of people and share his ideas and thought. This development has also influenced education. It has been proposed to apply social media in technology enhanced learning and technology. The collaborative aspects of social media suit the constructivist learning theory, while the communicative aspect may be applied to fostering information learning. Social media in education are used to support communities of practices or communities of learning. In schools, students can learn digital citizenship, how to communicate on ICTs, how to work on teams that are located in various areas, and learn to communicate effectively with others of various backgrounds cultures, and genders. All career fields require effective communication and collaboration with co-workers and most on smart phones and social forums. Social media offers students a way to collaborate on global teams to problem solve on global issues.