

STUDY THE EFFECT OF SMARTPHONES ON TRAINING EFFECTIVENESS; CASE OF VTA STUDENTS IN KURUNEGALA DISTRICT

ABSTRACT

The purpose of this research is to find out the effect of smartphone the training effectiveness of VTA students in Sri Lanka. This research was limited to the five VTA centers in the Kurunegala district in which only 50 VTA students and four training officers were used for this research. This research would identify on what purpose TVET students use smartphones, how far VTA students use smart phones for their studies, and finally it would recommend the measures which can be adopted to upgrade the use of smart phones of TVET students effectively. The Measuring tool of this research would be questionnaires for the students and training officers. Questionnaires were given to the students following / under the Likert scale whereas discussions were held with the training officers. Statistical analysis of this research was done qualitatively and quantitatively where qualitative data analyzed by statistical software MINITAN and quantitative data were analyzed by comparisons. This research reveals that the majority of students do not have a habit of using smart phones for education related activities and they are used to use smart phones for non-education related activities. So, this research concludes that VTA students have not used the smartphones for education purposes effectively. So, this research recommends the VTA students should be encouraged to use smart phones for their education and necessary measures for that is discussed.