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ABSTRACT

Internet plays a major role in the technology development. Internet is a big boon for the technical and research development for the present as well as for the future period. The researcher in the study focuses on the attitude of various consumers regarding about the different internet service providers. Internet services are to be made prompt and easy to operate in quick speed. The area of the study is conducted in Coimbatore city. The sample design of the study is convenience sampling. The source of researcher study is based on primary data collection among 100 respondents. The statistical tools used in the study are percentage analysis and chi-square test.

KEYWORDS

consumer attitude, internet service providers.

INTRODUCTION

ABOUT INTERNET

The internet is made up of millions of computers linked together around the world in such a way that information can be sent from one computer to any other computers, these computers can be in homes, schools, universities, government departments or business concerns. The internet in often described as "a network of networks" because all the smaller networks of organizations are linked together into the one giant network called the internet. All computers are pretty much equal once connected to the internet; the only difference will be the speed of the connection by the service providers and the modem of the computer.

INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER IN GENERAL

An internet service provider [abbr... ISP, also called internet access provider or IAP] is a service organization that provides to consumers, the access towards internet and internet related services in the past, most ISPs were run by the telecommunication companies now, ISPs can be started by any individual or group with sufficient money and expertise. In additional to internet access dial-up and DSL (Digital Subscriber Line) are also provided by ISP, they may provide a combination of services including internet transit, domain name registration and hosting, web hosting and collocation. MCI has unveiled a major international internet service as well as an information and electronic commerce service called market place MCI. AT& T is expected to announce a major new service later in the year other major carriers such as British telecom, France telecom, Deut she telecom, Swedish telecom, Norwegian telecom, and Finnish telecom among many others who have announced internet services an estimated 300 service providers are in operation, ranging from very small resellers to large telecom carriers.

INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS IN INDIA

The Federal Government of India ended the monopoly of VSNL (Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd.) over provision of internet services with effect from October 7, 1998. It provides dedicated links to commercial and government sector. VSNL recently announced full interest connectivity to six different categories of users. This includes students, professionals, non-commercial, commercial, software exporters/100% EOU and e-mail/ internet service provider's connectivity speeds range from 2400 bps dial up to 128 kbps leased links.

Today there are more than 200 private sectors ISPs either already active or about to start operations. Satyam Info Way Ltd. [SIFY] is the first private ISP in India. Apart from VSNL and SIFY some of the important service providers in India are AIRTEL, BSNL and RELIANCE.

STATEMENT OF PROBLEM

In the present world nothing is possible without internet. Every individual here is lamed without internet. It has become a better part of everyone's life. There is a common feeling that internet is a boon as well as a bane. It is a boon as we avail services like online shopping, net banking, online reservations, online recruitments and E-commerce. However, the bane is the steady growth in the cybercrimes. The study was taken up to find the reach of the internet and internet service providers.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

- 1. To know about various internet service providers.
- 2. To understand the influence of advertisement about internet service providers.
- 3. To analyze about purpose for which customers, use internet.
- 4. To study about the level of usage of internet by customers.
- 5. To understand the satisfaction level of consumers by using internet.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Methodology is a way to systematically solving the research problem by applying the various research techniques along with the logic behind the problem. **RESEARCH DESIGN**

Research design is the conceptual structure within which the research is conducted. The research design for this study is descriptive and analytical in nature. **RESEARCH SIZE**

Totally 100 respondents from the users were selected.

SAMPLE DESIGN

The study is based on the Random sampling method.

NATURE OF DATA

Nature of data is primary. The data are collected from internet users.

SOURCE OF DATA

The well-prepared questionnaire is used to collect data from 100 respondents.

AREA OF THE STUDY

This study is conducted within the Coimbatore city.

TOOLS FOR ANALYSIS

For the analysis purpose the following tools to be used.

Percentage analysis

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LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY

- > The study is restricted to Coimbatore city.
- > The survey to be conducted among one hundred respondents only.
- The suggestions and recommendations to be given based on the respondent's opinion and cannot be generalized.

ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION

AGE	NO OF RESPONDENTS	PERCENTAGE
Less than 20 years	21	21
21-30	50	50
31-40	22	22
More than 41 years	7	7
TOTAL	100	100
SEX	NO OF RESPONDENTS	PERCENTAGE
Male	60	60
Female	40	40
TOTAL	100	100
EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION	NO OF RESPONDENTS	PERCENTAGE
Under graduates	50	50
Post graduates	45	45
Professional	5	5
TOTAL	100	100
OCCUPATIONAL STATUS	NO OF RESPONDENTS	PERCENTAGE
Students	61	61
Employees	17	17
Business man	18	18
Professional	4	4
TOTAL	100	100
MONTHLY FAMILY INCOME	NO OF RESPONDENTS	PERCENTAGE
Less than Rs. 10,000	20	20
Rs. 10,000-Rs. 20,000	32	32
Rs. 20,000- Rs. 30,000	26	26
More than Rs. 30,000	22	22
TOTAL	100	100
PERIOD OF USAGE	NO OF RESPONDENTS	PERCENTAGE
Less than 6 months	17	17
6-12 months	15	15
12-24 months	18	18
More than 24 months	50	50
TOTAL	100	100
SERVICE PROVIDERS	NO OF RESPONDENTS	PERCENTAGE
AIRTEL	25	25
SIFY	17	17
TATA INDICOM	17	17
BSNL	36	36
RELIANCE	5	5
TOTAL	100	100
MODE OF USAGE	NO OF RESPONDENTS	PERCENTAGE
Prepaid	40	40
Post paid	60	60
TOTAL	100	100

CHI-SQUARE TEST

CHI-SQUARE ANALYSIS

Chi square analysis is used to judge the significance of one factor over the other personal factors considered for the analysis are given below: **PERSONAL FACTORS OF THE STUDY**

- > Age
- Sex
- Educational qualification
- Occupational status
- Monthly family income

STUDY FACTORS OF THE STUDY

- Usage of internet
- Service providers

HYPOTHESIS

The personal factors of the respondents have no significant influence over the usage of internet.

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ABLE 2: CHI-SQUARE: PERSONAL FACTORS VS USAGE OF INTERNE						
Personal Factors	Chi-square	Table Value	S/NS			
Age	5.67	16.919	NS			
Sex	16.66	7.815	S			
Educational Qualification	1.65	21.026	NS			
Occupational status	7.343	21.026	NS			
Income level	8.865	16.919	NS			

INFERENCE

The above table shows that hypothesis is accepted age, educational qualification, occupational status and income level and hypothesis is rejected in sex. It is concluded that age, educational qualification, occupational status and income level have no significant influence with usage internet. HYPOTHESIS

The personal factors of the respondents have no significant influence over the service provider.

TABLE 3: CHI-SQUARE: PERSONAL FACTORS VS SERVICE PROVIDER

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Personal Factors	Chi-square	Table Value	S/NS			
Age	5.29	21.026	NS			
Sex	8.14	9.488	NS			
Educational Qualification	4.22	26.269	NS			
Occupational status	8.210	26.269	NS			
Income level	16.2	21.026	NS			

INFERENCE

The above table shows that hypothesis is accepted in age, sex, educational qualification, occupational status and income level.

It is concluded that age, sex, educational qualification, occupational status and income level have no significant influence with service providers.

FINDINGS

- > Majority of the respondents are between 21-30 years of age group.
- Majority of the respondents are male.
- > Majority of the respondents are under graduate degree holders.
- Majority of the respondents are students.
- Majority of the respondent's monthly family income is between Rs- 10,000- Rs-20,000.
- Majority of the respondents are using internet for more than 24 months.
- > Majority of the respondents are using BSNL service provider.
- > Majority of the respondents are using postpaid connection.

SUGGESTIONS

- Awareness has to be created among the public about the internet through advertisements.
- > Internet service providers should take initiative to explore the possible usage of internet.
- > Indian government should upgrade their technology to the nation to meet the competitive world.
- > Internet service provider should take attempts to reduce monthly costs by establishing Wi-Fi network.

CONCLUSION

Internet is a big boon to this competitive world, by clicking the mouse in one corner of the world we can able to know what is happening around the world. Internet Service Providers(ISPs) are providing the service to the people with great extent, but their main aim is to gain profit only because broadband are implemented in big cities in India even there are several users of net in the rural areas, the service providers are unable to give sufficient service. As for my study is concerned, students are the majority users of the internet, they are mainly using net for communication purpose apart from this communication purpose there are lot of things in the internet. The next wizard in the internet world is Wi-Fi technology it is wireless connection of internet it is not yet completely implemented in India.

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