

Sri Lankan University Students' Smartphone usage to enhance Their Educational and Skill Development and the Features (Apps) Used by them

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Abstract

A smartphone (or smart phone) is a mobile phone with more advanced computing capability and connectivity than basic feature phones. By now, smart phone has become indispensable tool for university students as it facilitates and assists their learning process and the day to day life as well. The development of mobile wireless technologies has generated a considerable amount of excitement among university students and academics because it results in shifting the academic environment from traditional settings to mobile learning (m-learning) settings. So the researcher is going to conduct a research on “Sri Lankan University Students' Smartphone usage to enhance Their Educational and Skill Development and the Features (Apps) Used by them” based on five research questions as How Smart Phone usage facilitate Sri Lankan University Students' day to day life? To which extent Sri Lankan University Students use Smart Phones to enhance their Educational development? What are the features (apps) use to enhance their Educational development? To which extent Sri Lankan University Students use Smart Phones to enhance their skill development? & what are the apps use to enhance their skill development? And the objectives of the study is to find out how Smart Phone usage facilitate Sri Lankan University Students' day to day life , to find out to which extent Sri Lankan University Students use Smart Phones to enhance their Educational Development, to find out what are the features (apps) use to enhance their Educational development, to find out which extent Sri Lankan University Students use Smart Phones to enhance their skill development, & to find out what are the apps use to enhance their skill development. To achieve these objectives, primary data will be collected through Questionnaires and the secondary data will be collected through books, newspapers, web sources and Publications. Three hundred (300) questionnaires will be given to randomly selected group (20 university students from each fifteen (15) State Universities in Sri Lanka (Eastern University of Sri Lanka, University of Colombo, University of Kelaniya, University of Peradeniya, University of Sri Jayawardhanapura, University of Moratuwa, University of Rajarata, University of Ruhuna, Open University of Sri Lanka, University of Visual and Performing Arts, Sabaragamuwa University, Wayamba University, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, University of Uva Wellassa, and University of Jaffna.)

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