



Influence of Cyber World on the life of students

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Abstract

Aim of the article is to expose the influence of cyber world on students' life. The Cyber World is a world of attraction and enchantment and the most essential part of students' life in present time. The students are trying to excel their proficiency to compete the creations of the nature, with the advancement of science and technology and Cyber World, definitely, is the first step towards this. The internet is something without which no student can imagine his life as complete these days. We are living in an era where life would nearly come to a standstill without the use of this technology. Cyber World is a kind of trap in which present day students are caught and no exit from this trap is visible. No doubt that Cyber World made concepts easy to understand and this world is full of new knowledge and attractions. But as it is said that 'Excess of everything is bad', excess involvement of Cyber World in the life of students is also giving disastrous results. Too much use of technology or cyber addiction is hampering the life of students. The Cyber World is a glittering world that looks like a twinkling star from the distance, but this technology is as burning and dangerous as the Sun in practicality. Not only the Cyber World could engulf every single hard – earned penny but also capable of causing a serious damage to the human health and emotions. Cyber World, no doubt, is giving plenty of comfort to human life and living standards but, we still can't overlook the ill -effects that it is causing. The Blue Whale Challenge shows height of such things in the form of killing our 'future gems'.

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Introduction

The world has become a global village. With the emergence of the World Wide Web and Internet, information has become an essential commodity for humans like food, water and shelter. Cyber World or the World Wide Web is a spectacular addition in today's fast paced life. With the advancement of science and technology, people are trying to excel their proficiency to compete the creations of the nature and Cyber World, definitely, is the first step towards this path. The Internet is a marvelous invention. It is something that mankind feels to be an essential part of the life. People collaborate like never before making way to a digital revolution. We are living in an era where life would nearly come to a standstill without the use of this technology. Today's ubiquitous computers and mobile phones (now we call them Smartphones) have become a part of human body. The Cyber World is a world of attraction and enchantment and the most essential part of students' life in present time. The internet is something without which no student can imagine his life as complete these days. The students are having a challenge, burden and pressure to excel in every field, and help from the



Cyber World provide them opportunity to prove themselves. The Cyber World is a glittering world that looks like a twinkling star from the distance, but this technology is as burning and dangerous as the Sun in practicality. Cyber World is a kind of trap in which present day students are caught and no exit from this trap is visible. No doubt that Cyber World made concepts easy to understand and this world is full of new knowledge and attractions. But as it is said that ‘Excess of everything is bad’, excess involvement of Cyber World in the life of students is also giving disastrous results. Too much use of technology or cyber addiction is hampering the life of students.

Internet Created a parallel world; a society within the large human society. We call that “Cyberspace”. Cyberspace is a virtual community consisting of people connected to the internet. Present day youth or we can say students are the major part of this Cyber World. This world is full of fantasies and in other language; we can say is full of artificialities and hypocrisy. To live in the online world, a person needs a new online personality but it doesn’t need to be an exact copy of his/her real life. Anonymity is guaranteed in Cyber World. Most people have entirely different personalities ranging from using aliases for names to changing their behavior and even gender. For example a shy and fearful mama’s child can become an internet hero. A person who can’t even look at girls in the real life can acts as a playboy in the internet or a virgin in real life can even have cyber-sex. As the students belong to a generation which lacks maturity, so they are attracted to this imaginary and hypocritical world full of charms and attractions, more easily than adults.

Positive Influence of Cyber World on Students’ life

- **Source of education:** Education is wide field and that has plenty to do with the internet. The Cyber World provides all sorts of required information to the students and it is a whole lot of knowledge that a child can gain from the internet.
- **Virtual classes for students:** Cyber World provides opportunity of virtual classroom learning i.e., online classes for students who, due to any reason, unable to attend regular classes. A virtual classroom is an online classroom that allows students to communicate with one another, view presentation or videos, interact with other students.
- **Digital libraries:** Digital library is a collection of documents organized in electronic form, available on the internet or on CD-ROM (Compact –Disk Read Only Memory) disks. Students are able to access books, magazines, articles, papers, images, sound files and videos etc.
- **Search Engines :** Various search engines like ‘Google’ and ‘yahoo” are always (24*7) available for the students where they can get every sort of knowledge.
- **E-mail:** E-mail is an online correspondence system. With e-mail you can spend and receive instant electronic messages, which work like writing letters. Your messages are delivered instantly to people anywhere in the world, unlike traditional mail that takes a lot of times.
- **Androids and mobile application:** The mobile apps and mobile internet has fastened the race. People are carrying their complete kit into their pockets. The world has shrunk and dumped into the pockets of the students. This very technology has eased out the living multi-fold.



- **Music and video entertainment:** Internet provides a wide range of entertainment. All sorts of music and videos, movies and many more things can be downloaded from the internet. Even the oldest of collection could be found very easily through the internet.
- **Computers and Internet:** The news through the internet spreads much faster than any physical paper. Gone are the days when people used to buy newspapers. Everything is now just a click away. People get the news from time to time. The publicity of any matter could be done in much speedy manner to the large masses through the internet than any other mode.
- **Be in contact with friends:** Cyber World provides opportunity to the students to be always in contact with friends. One can even find any old missing from a long time friend through face book etc.
- **Find jobs quickly:** With the help of Cyber World students can find job easily and quickly without being physically exhausted.
- **Makes our works easier:** Use of internet makes every work easier and full of fun. Life become easy and less hectic when we use it in our daily routine works like- knowing the schedule of trains and buses, booking cabs, online shopping and ordering food online etc.
- **Save our times:** WE don't have to stay in queues of any super-market, Movie ticket counter, train ticket booking, students' fee- submission, electricity bill payments etc. and thus cyber world save our times and energy.

Negative Influence of Cyber World on Students' life

- **Cyber bullying:** Cyber bullying as been a growing source of concern among educators, parents, and the media over the last decade. Cyber bullying is the use of electronic communication to bully a person, typically by sending messages of an intimidating or threatening nature.
- **Life Ruining Games: Blue Whale, Momo, Wake Me Up at 2:40 am, The Silent House, A Sea of Whales etc.**

In Mumbai, a 14-year old boy jumped to his death from the terrace of a seven-floor building in the Andheri East area on 29, July 2017. He had photographed himself sitting on the parapet just before jumping off and captioned it. "Soon the only thing you would be left with is a picture of me." The was reported in the media on July31, as the first suspected case of Blue Whale-linked suicide in India.

15 year old **Ankan Dey's body was found in the bathroom** of his home on 12 August 2017, a towel wrapped around his neck and a plastic sheet around his face, he had scribbled an English poem in his notebook. Dey had shown the poem to a close circle of friends, who recommended he show it to one of the teachers at their school in west Midnapore district. He did not. "He later told his friends it was not an original composition and he picked it up randomly from the internet," said a police officer privy to the investigation into Dey's death. "I do not remember whose poetry it actually was but it expressed immense grief. The victim left no suicide note. So far poem is the only clue that leads us to the logical assumption that he could be a victim of severe depression.



Almost immediately after Dey's suicide, it began to be reported as the first death in West Bengal linked to the global Blue Whale phenomenon.

The Blue Whale Challenge is said to be an online game in which a designated curator assigns players various tasks over a 50-day period, culminating in the player committing suicide.

In Delhi, the **19- year old son of a former Manipur minister died** after falling from the terrace of a restaurant in South Delhi's Haus Khas area on 12 August, 2017. This death too was linked to the Blue Whale challenge in a report published in The Times of India.

A few other cases of attempted suicide in India have also been linked to the Blue Whale Challenge. One such case was reported from Indore in Madhya Pradesh on August 10, a **class 7th student tried to jump from the third floor of his school building.**

A similar case was reported in Dehrandun. **A teenager who had left his home in Solpur** early this month was picked up from along a highway by the police. A report in the Mid Day newspaper claimed he had left for pune to execute a Blue Whale task.

The Russia connection:

India is not alone in reporting suicides linked to the Blue Whale challenge. Russia is epicenter of the phenomenon. A report on Snopes.com, which specializes in researching and fact-checking urban legends, explains how the trend was first reported by a Russian website Novaya Gazeta in May 2016. The Russian site had analyzed 130 suicides of children in the country from November 2015 to April 2016, and concluded that at least 80 of them were related to the Blue Whale challenge. Russian authorities arrested a 22 year old young man they suspected of being the ringleader of Blue Whale Challenge after he bragged about convincing teenagers to commit suicide. He has since been jailed for three years for inciting people to kill themselves, the Daily Mail report.

Role of Government in India

In India, minister of women and child development Ms. Maneka Gandhi took up the matter with home minister Mr. Rajnath Singh and information technology minister Mr. Ravi Shankar Prasad that time, asking for the removal of all links to Blue Whale challenge from the social media. In her letter to the two ministers, Ms. Gandhi said the game was believed to have persuaded some 100 children and young adults to kill themselves in the United States, China, and elsewhere, the Press Trust of India reported.

On 15 August 2017, according to PTI, the Centre ordered Google, Face book, What's App, Instagram, Microsoft, and Yahoo to remove the Blue Whale challenge from their Platforms.

- **Lack of time and emotions for the family life:** Students are in to the world of Internet and hardly get time to interact, move out and have some good affectionate hours. People have forgotten the importance of family, friends and relations and all they are concerned is just with the internet.



- **Pornography:** The photos and videos of the common man which are uploaded on the social networking sites could be easily accessed and misused. Pornography is one of the most dangerous hazard of such uploads.
- **Safety for girls:** The youth especially the girls who get carried away with the social interaction and networking are many a times be fooled and taken undue advantage of the social networking has also ruined the lives of girls by playing up with her character.
- **Health:** Internet has made the health conditions miserable. We can find the people in their early twenties with the lifestyle disorders. The internet has made the life sedentary and all the physical activities have been completely abolished. This ‘**stupid box**’ has given rise to many new medical terminologies.
- **Lack of restrictions:** The easy accessibility and lack of restrictions has led to the spread of unwanted stuff in the young minds. People might permit children the usage the internet for the education purposes, but the adverts that gets popped up every now and then, deviate the concentration of the children.
- **Meet bad people:** Students used many social web sites and be in contact with many different type of people. But some times some people create their fake IDs on those sites and immature students are caught easily in their traps which some times ruins their lives.
- **Addicted to internet:** Students make use of internet for the purpose of getting knowledge and entertainment mainly but some times they became addicted to internet and other gadgets and became slaves of internet.
- **Get wrong information through social media:** All the information which we got through social media is not always authentic. Some times some anti- social elements create fake news and false information spread through social media which can heart emotions of students.
- **Falling out the habit of reading:** Students are loosing interest in reading and writing due to cyber world because mobile phones, laptops, computers etc. provide knowledge and information on one click. Therefore, no student wants to peep in dictionary or books. For knowing anything.
- **Losing creativity:** As students spend more time on being ‘online’ , so , their day to day life lack creativity. Because of ‘internet’ no student need to solve his/her problems through experience and new thoughts, rather they are having all solutions handy all the time in the form of ‘internet’.

Conclusion

The Cyber World precisely is a wonder world. It has the capacity to give everything. Every technology that has the power to yielding the best also has the capacity to destroy. Human mind is much brilliant than any technology and we have been gifted by the power of reasoning by the nature. We humans should make wise use of the technology and avoid getting dependent on it. It should not interfere with the intellect of the human beings. A wise use of technology will make the life simple and comfortable.



Finally, we can simply say that cyber world is a human miracle. Its advantages far outweigh the disadvantages and millions of people each day benefit from this amazing Cyber World. That said, we still have to make wise use of the technology at hand and avoid any kind of dependency on it. The hindrance from the cyber world shouldn't become a worrying factor in the future is what we all should hope.

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