

RESEARCH PAPER

Computer apprehension among the students of agricultural college

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ABSTRACT

A random sample of total 100 undergraduate students of B. A. College of Agriculture, Anand, Gujarat state studying the B.Sc. (Agri.) was selected for the study. The data collected were then analyzed using coefficient of correlation. The result indicates that the majority of the student had high to medium degree of favourable attitude towards computer fretfulness. Computer nervousness was observed more among those students who had young age means studying in first or second years. The variables such as academic performance, father's education, native place, type of family, wish to migrate abroad, wish to get higher degree, possession of computer at home, possession of E-mail/ID and library exposure found to have non significant relationship with the computer fretfulness/nervousness of the students.

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The acquaintance of computer working is an essential, especially for agricultural students. Information technology has become an important part in teaching, research and education. In a golden era of information super highway the knowledge of computer is an essential for all. Without the knowledge of computer, the person will be designated as "outdated". The knowledge of computer and agriculture information technology will be proved as milestone for the future generation of human resource in agriculture. Hence, to know existing sensitivity of the students towards computer in using this smart machine for the development of their career and education, reliable information on the fretfulness or say nervousness of the students towards computer. Systematic study was needed, because in present era of online education and on demand examination, the knowledge of the students regarding computer operation in their daily life is a most urgent need. Present study was under taken with specific objectives to find out level of computer

fretfulness of students studying in the agricultural college and to study the profile of the students and its relationship with their level of computer fretfulness.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Computer fretfulness is a common emotional response to computers characterized by the fear that many people exhibit. Fear and fretfulness toward subject matter are conditions that tend to support negative learner attitudes and repel person's interest. To measure the computer fretfulness/nervousness of agriculture student the scale was developed by Chauhan and Chauhan (2005) was used. A random sample of total 100 undergraduate students of B.A. College of Agriculture, Anand studying the B.Sc. (Ag.) was selected for the study. The data collected were then analyzed using coefficient of correlation.

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