

Mobile Phones: A Life Line Of 21st Century Indian Youths (In Special Reference To Crime)

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Today's society is known as the society of Information Technology. Everyone is habitual to using computer and mobile phones with internet facility. Without computer and mobile phones, everyone feels ashamed and is unable to survive in society. This impact is reflected in several advertisements, hoardings and occupations. Realizing the dependency on computer and mobile phones, many local and established companies are in the race to manufacture it.

According to Gulam Nabi Azad during his address to the seminar on 'The Role of Health Informatics- How Health is Making Difference to Ordinary People in india' on 2nd August 2012- *India is the second largest mobile phone user country in the world. There are mobile users in rural areas as well as in remotest areas. In 2011 alone, 142 million mobile phones were subscribed in India.*

In India, first mobile phone service was started on 15th August 1995 on a non- commercial basis. Mobile phones are often more useful than landline phones because users can carry them around, receive text messages and download simple data. In the earlier phase of mobile phone, it seemed very difficult to keep a single phone but now a days more than two mobiles are easy to carry and handle. In those days, receivers also had to pay for the ongoing call. But now many facilities are being

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provided by mobile companies i.e. free incoming calls in local area, less call rates, free data for internet, SMS pack, Social sites, money transfer, recharge facility, bank transactions, etc. Mobile manufactures are providing maximum facilities in mobile sets i.e. alarm clock, contact list, social sites, calculator, to do notes, gallery, reminders, camera, video makers, video player, and more. Virtually we can perform our all tasks on mobile.

Mobile phones are handy with many functionalities of computers and laptops. Through mobile phones we can keep our all needy assets in one pocket. Although mobile phones have now become a life line for Indian youth but I feel mobile phones have become an instrument to grow violence among youths. Many reports are showing the cyber crime through mobile phones. According Nikhil, *some persons are there who are using technology for their selfish motive. There are cases where hackers have breached in Nokia's Symbian, Apple's IOS and Google's Android operating system.*

Crime and violence through mobile phones are taking place in India knowingly or unknowingly. Whoever commits these types of crimes they are most of the time unaware of this. As per my study, I found some crimes and violence i.e. threatening, forgery, Account hacking, demanding money after kidnapping, planning for crimes, vulgar chatting, data hacking, etc. Technically we can divide them in these headings – Bluebugging, Vishing, Malware, Smishing, etc.

Blue bugging can be done through Bluetooth into hacker's laptop. Bluetooth is a well known instrument to transfer data i.e. photos, audio, videos, contact list, files, etc. Blue bugging allows the hacker to read the information in your mobile cell phones, he/she can access calendar, address book etc and use them to send some messages to demanding something or use for crime.

Vishing is known as financial crime through the mobile phones of victim. Criminals can use the password to do window

shopping, withdraw money, transfer fund, free gift announce, prize winning information etc.

Malware is one of the biggest threats to mobile cell phones. Malware enters the mobile cell phones through SMS, file transfer, downloading programs from internet, etc without victim's knowledge.

Smishing is a term used to attack the victim's mobile phones to steal personal and confidential information and misuse later. In these attacks, the criminal obtains the internet banking passwords, credit card details, email ID and password, etc.

Today's youth are very familiar with the mobile phones. Even below 15 yrs teen agers are spending their maximum time on cell phones. They pressurise their parents to gift them high technology, big screen and branded mobile sets with dual SIM and internet facility. In my observation, I found that they are using their mobile phones to use facebook, whatsapp, youtube, playing games, listening songs and making videos & shoot photos. But they avoid making or attending calls from their parents and near dear ones. They are busy every time and anywhere with their mobile phones.

In my research paper, I will emphasize on only mobile phones- a lifeline of youths. Mobile phones rates vary from Rs. 1200/- to lakhs. As per the financial condition, Indian youth are having normal mobile phones, smart phones or smartest phone, Tablet, ipad, etc. In the 21st century, small children are also interested to play with mobile sets instead of toys. They are easily handling mobile phones, make the calls and play games, videos and songs in mobile sets. School and college going youths are using mobile phones to search websites, friends, technologies, interviews, inventions, transaction, classes and shopping. And also, they are using their mobile phones more to watch movies, MMS, videos, photos and to listen songs. But there are some youths, who are using mobile sets to make, search and upload vulgar videos, movies and photos. Some time they used it to

spread rumours, communal message, non-social elements and horrible materials. Mobile criminals are the persons who commit an illegal act with guilt intention or commit a crime with the mobile phones.

Maximum use of mobile phones is developing alienation, avoidance, escaping, frustration, depression, mental tensions, physical problems, emotional sickness, family disturbance, eye sight and health problems. They are being isolated from the family and society. Many accidents are taking place because of mobile lead in ears so that they are unable to concentrate on horn and voice of others. I think that parents, school staff and government should take serious action regarding this. Because lifeline can be converted in death line anytime.

I have discussed with 20 urban youths i.e. from 15 to 20 years old regarding my research paper as per their availability on these queries-

- Are they enjoying with their mobile phones?
- How many mobile phones they are using?
- When they change their mobile phones?
- Are they giving time to their parents, friends, society as well as physical activities?
- Are they feeling lonely when their mobile phones are not in their hand?
- Are they realizing that mobile phones are the asset of crime?
- Which type of crime is doing with the mobile phones?
- Are mobile phones motivating someone for violence? If yes then which type of violence?
- Which type of precaution should taken by Mobile phone users?

In my study I find these replies from youths-

- They are enjoying with their mobile phones because it help him to connect with other ones, able to avoid crisis and clashes in relations, able to avoid unbearable persons,

time and money saving, handy, easily access of internet etc. They can easily search the study material, prepare their assignments and send those through electronic mail. They can see their documents anywhere, take printout, and show to other one as per their necessity.

- They are using more than one phone as per their pocket money and earning capacity. Their parents are paying for that. Mostly they are using internet pack. They are lazy to make a call. Chatting on whatsapp and Facebook is their favourite work to express their views. They are using YouTube and Music sites repeatedly.
- New mobile sets are motivating and attracting them to change their mobile sets. So they use to buy second hand sets or exchange with their friends and family members. The concept of changing their mobile phones soon is that the device got hanged, destroyed or corrupt so that mobile phone get slow. Latest technology and version also not available in old mobile sets. They want fastest and latest processor in their mobile sets.
- Most of them want to sit with their parents, friends and society persons but that time they also play with their mobile phones and aware to listen every beep of mobile. When they require money they go to sit with their parents and grandparents. Their concept is one scooter with full petrol tank, more than two big size mobile phones with balance and internet pack and no interference to go out and come home in late night. And they do not want to enter any suggestions in their ears. Most of time they spent their maximum time of night also with mobiles. In the morning they feel hang over because of less sleep and mind rest. Most of time stomach problem is also there.

- Mobile phones are a best companion of them. Without mobile they feel lonely and incomplete. They are always ready to keep charging their sets and recharge their mobile phones. But they are not depending on recharge for make calls. They use internet pack. Because it's easy to afford. They are mostly use whatsapp, Facebook, twitter, hangout and hike etc.
- They accept that mobile phones are the asset of crime but it's depending on youth that they are using their mobile phones for what type of functions. Most of the time friends and children upload some vulgar material and we feel awkward. Sometime communal rumour also uploads on the social site. Some vulgar homemade videos and nonveg jokes are also upload in sms track. Although we are net savvy but we try to keep them far from crime.
- Access of mobile phones are a tool to increase violence because if our mind will not get relaxed than we feel restless, angry, uneasy, tired, absent minded and irritated. So that small discussion gets converted in hot discussion. Patience get loose and person get involved in crime. Road side quarrels and abusing is common in day to day life. Using Mobile phones during driving, walking or travelling in public transport and in official places is quite irritating and a issue of violent. They upload wrong messages and photos, to spread rumours, hot talks, abuses, viruses, hack the data, demand the money, invite for free gifts and misuse the victims, steal account numbers- mail id – contact numbers etc.
- Everyone should keep their mobile phones with safety. Don't give in other hand. Don't keep your mobile phone in hands, public furniture, and car dash board, upper pocket of shirt and on electronic device. Don't sell your

mobile phones without factory reset or destroy the data. Don't change your SIM again and again because other one can misuse your id proof. Don't purchase second hand mobile phones without safety check. Don't give your mobile phones in other hands. After lost your mobile sets and SIM please make complaint for that and keep duplicate copy with them.

Although mobile phones are a lifeline for everyone but don't get crazy for that. Because extremist are always get punished. Use of a materialistic item and dependency on that can harm our moral, physical fitness & mental peace. So keep distance with materialistic items.

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