
USE OF ACADEMIC SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES FOR SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION IN PSCST CHANDIGARH: A STUDY

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ABSTRACT

Academics social networking sites (ASNS) are playing an important role for dissemination of information in scholarly communication. ASNS such as, Research gate, Academia.edu, Linked In, Mendeley and Google Scholar are becoming very popular among general and scientific community. These ASNS allow their users to create personal profile, upload papers, share personal content, downloads other's article etc. This study investigates the usage of ASNS by Punjab State Council for Science and Technology (PSCST) employees along with the main purpose of using ASNS. Furthermore, common benefits of using ASNS and the major problems faced in connecting with the ASNS are also looked at. A questionnaire was used to collect data from PSCST employees.

KEYWORDS: *Academic Social Networking Sites (ASNS), PSCST, Research Gate, Academia.Edu, Linked In, Mendeley and Google Scholar*

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