Assessing the Usage of Chatgpt among College Students in Kathmandu

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Abstract

The study examines the usage of ChatGPT among college students in Kathmandu. Usage of ChatGPT is taken as a dependent variable. The selected independent variables are perceived ease of use, usefulness of ChatGPT, peer influence, social influence on ChatGPT, technological proficiency and access to internet. The primary source of data is used to assess the opinions of respondents regarding perceived ease of use, usefulness of ChatGPT, peer influence, social influence on ChatGPT, technological proficiency and access to internet. The study is based on primary data of 208 respondents. To achieve the purpose of the study, structured questionnaire is prepared. The correlation and multiple regression models are estimated to test the significance and importance of usage of ChatGPT among college students in Kathmandu.

The study demonstrated a positive impact of perceived ease of use with the usage of ChatGPT in Kathmandu. It indicates that when respondents find ChatGPT and its features easy to use, they are more likely to increase their usage of ChatGPT. Similarly, the study revealed a positive impact of usefulness of ChatGPT on usage of ChatGPT. It indicates that respondents who perceive ChatGPT as useful tool tend to increase the usage of ChatGPT. Likewise, the study showed a positive impact of peer influence with the usage of ChatGPT. It indicates that increase in peer influence leads to increase in usage of ChatGPT. Further, the study observed a positive impact of social influence on ChatGPT with the usage of ChatGPT. It indicates that increment in social influence leads to the increase in usage of ChatGPT. In addition, the study found a positive impact of technological proficiency with the usage of ChatGPT. It indicates that higher levels of technological proficiency lead to the increase in usage of ChatGPT. Moreover, the study identified a positive impact of access to internet with the usage of ChatGPT. It indicates that improvement in access to internet leads to the increase in usage of ChatGPT. Overall, these findings underscore the significant role of perceived ease of use, usefulness of ChatGPT, peer influence, social influence on ChatGPT, technological proficiency and access to internet in shaping college students' usage of ChatGPT in Kathmandu.

Keywords: perceived ease of use, usefulness of ChatGPT, peer influence, social influence on ChatGPT, technological proficiency, access to internet, usage of ChatGPT

1. Introduction

ChatGPT is an artificial intelligence chatbot that belong to a natural language processing (NLP) models which is built upon Transformer architecture that is known for its ability to handle long-range dependencies and capture contextual relationships in text. ChatGPT stands for Generative Pre-trained Transformer. ChatGPT is a public tool developed by OpenAI that is based on the GPT language model technology (Kirmani, 2022). Similarly, it is a highly sophisticated chatbot that is capable of fulfilling a wide range of text-based requests, including answering simple questions and completing more advanced tasks such as generating thank you letters and guiding individuals through tough discussions about productivity issues (Liu *et al.,* 2021). ChatGPT represents a significant advancement in AI, capable of understanding and generating complex language patterns (LeCun *et al.,* 2015).

Bin-Nashwan *et al.* (2023) investigated the use of ChatGPT in academia. The study revealed that ChatGPT usage is positively shaped by time-saving feature, e-word of mouth, academic self- efficacy, academic self-esteem, and perceived stress. In contrast, peer influence

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and academic integrity has a negative effect on usage. Intriguingly, academic integrity-moderated interactions of time-saving, self-esteem and perceived stress on ChatGPT usage are found to be significantly positive. Abdaljaleel *et al.* (2024) examined on the factors influencing university students' attitudes and usage of ChatGPT. The study revealed that there is a positive attitude and usage of ChatGPT were determined by factors like ease of use, positive attitude towards technology, social influence, perceived usefulness, behavioral/ cognitive influences, low perceived risks, and low anxiety.

Castillo *et al.* (2023) examined on the effect of ChatGPT on the digitalized learning process of university students. The study found that using chatbots like OpenAI's and ChatGPT model, which provides an instant and direct response to inquiries, the response rate at which the AI answers question had increase the number of users significantly, this study proved that a unit increase in rate of assignment completion increases ChatGPT usage by 1.48 units which is significant at 5% level. This study concluded that artificial intelligence plays a role in strengthening the teaching and learning process. Similarly, Farhi *et al.* (2023) analyzed the students' views, concerns, and perceived ethics about ChatGPT usage. The study revealed that students consider ChatGPT a revolutionary technology that helps students in many ways. Additionally, the findings also indicated the validation of the final hypothesis, showing the significant effect of ChatGPT Usage on the Perceived Ethics among the students in the UAE. Therefore, this study concluded that using ChatGPT in education has useful and concerning effects on educational integrity.

Firaina *et al.* (2023) explored the usage of ChatGPT in higher education. The study revealed that ChatGPT helps users in finding information, ideas, translating texts, and providing alternative questions and its use to improve productivity and learning efficiency. Similarly, Firat (2023) revealed the Nine key themes findings and they are evolution of learning and education systems, changing role of educators, impact on assessment and evaluation, ethical and social considerations, future of work and employability, "personalized learning, digital literacy and AI integration, AI as an extension of the human brain, and importance of human characteristics. Additionally, Albayati (2024) investigated undergraduate students' perceptions and the study revealed that there is a significant influence of external factors on user acceptance of ChatGPT. Furthermore, Singh (2023) explored computer science students' perception of ChatGPT in higher education. The study revealed that ChatGPT can be helpful in learning/teaching activities, but better guidelines should be provided for the students in using the tool.

Siregar *et al.* (2023) analyzed on usage impact on learning motivation among scout students. The study showed that male students are dominant than female regarding the usage level. Surprisingly, the younger students have high level of Chat GPT usage rather than the older students. The study also pointed out that the Chat GPT usage has a positive significant impact on the students' learning motivation. Likewise, Sharma (2022) explored on ChatGPT whether it is a technological remedy or challenge for education system. The study found that Chat GPT is still in the formative stages of its development and it can be used as a tool for Teaching and Learning. Valova (2024) examined the student's perception on the usage of ChatGPT. The study found that the students have this very tempting, interesting, and easy-to-use at first glance technology and it is expected that students will be tempted to use ChatGPT, after all this is an easy way to pass an exam and receive an excellent grade.

Jowarder (2023) investigated the influence of ChatGPT on social science students

among the undergraduate students in the United States. The study found that ChatGPT has a positive impact on the academic performance of the participants, particularly in assisting them in understanding difficult concepts and providing them with relevant study materials and perceived usefulness and ease of use were found to be significant factors that influenced the usage of ChatGPT. Similarly, Yilmaz (2023) examined students' attitude towards ChatGPT. The study revealed that there is an overall positive perception of Chat GPT among the participants. Likewise, Forman (2023) explored ChatGPT as a new study tool shaping the future for high school students. The study found that that technology has become an integral element of contemporary life, underscoring the historical relevance of Natural Language Processing (NLP) and the eagerness of the younger generation to adopt such emerging technologies. Additionally, Acosta-Enriquez (2024) analyzed the college students' attitude towards the use of ChatGPT in their academic activities. The study found that ease of use, intention to use frequently, acceptance, and intention to verify information infuenced the behavioral intention to use ChatGPT responsibly.

Limna (2023) examined the use of ChatGPT in the digital era. The study found that educators and students generally have a positive perception of using ChatGPT in education where the chatbot was perceived to be a helpful tool for providing immediate feedback, answering questions, and providing support to students. Likewise, Acosta-Enriquez (2024) explored the knowledge, attitude, and perceived ethics regarding the use of ChatGPT among generation Z university students. The study found that students' knowledge and positive attitudes toward ChatGPT do not guarantee its effective adoption and use.

In the context of Nepal, Gurung and KC (2023) revealed that there are a positive and negative aspects of technology development in the context of AI in higher education. Similarly, Yadav *et al.* (2023) found that joy and perceived usefulness have significant influence on Behavior Intention among Nepalese ChatGPT users. In addition, Sharma *et al.* (2023) showed that ChatGPT has the potential to improve access to education and support for patients with diabetes. Likewise, Budhathoki *et al.* (2024) revealed that the performance expectancy, effort expectancy and social influence significantly impacted the adoption intention of ChatGPT. Furthermore, Nepal (2024) revealed that the various applications of ChatGPT, which include language translation and text summarization, as well as intelligent tutoring systems and personalized education, demonstrate the platform's potential to change conventional methods of doing things.

The above discussion shows that empirical evidences vary greatly across the studies on the factors influencing usage of ChatGPT among college students in Kathmandu. Though there are above mentioned empirical evidences in the context of other countries and in Nepal, no such findings using more recent data exist in the context of Nepal. Therefore, in order to support one view or the other, this study has been conducted.

The major objective of the study is to examine the factors influencing usage of ChatGPT among college students in Kathmandu. Specifically, it examines the relationship of perceived ease of use, usefulness of ChatGPT, peer influence, social influence on ChatGPT, technological proficiency and access to internet with factors influencing usage of ChatGPT among college students in Kathmandu.

The remainder of this study is organized as follows: section two describes the sample, data, and methodology. Section three presents the empirical results and final section draws the conclusion.

2. Methodological aspects

The study is based on primary data of 208 respondents. To achieve the purpose of the study, structured questionnaire is prepared. The correlation and multiple regression models are estimated to test the significance and importance of usage of ChatGPT among college students in Kathmandu. This study is based on descriptive as well as causal comparative research designs.

The model

The model used in this study assumes that usage of ChatGPT depends upon various factors associated with college students of Kathmandu. The dependent variable selected for the study is usage of ChatGPT. Similarly, the selected independent variables are perceived ease of use, usefulness of ChatGPT, peer influence, social influence on ChatGPT, technological proficiency and access to internet. Therefore, the models take the following forms:

$USE = \beta_0 + \beta_1 PEOU + \beta_2 UOC + \beta_3 PI + \beta_4 SI + \beta_5 TP + \beta_6 ATI$

Where,

β_0 = Intercept of the dependent variable

$\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3, \beta_4, \beta_{5+} \beta_6$ = Coefficient of the variables

USE= Usage of ChatGPT

PEU= Perceived ease of use

UOC= Usefulness of ChatGPT

PI= Peer influence

SI = Social influence

TP= Technological proficiency

ATI= Access to internet

Perceived ease of use was measured using a 5-point Likert scale where respondents were asked to indicate the responses using 1 for strongly disagree and 5 for strongly agree. There are 5 items and sample items include "ChatGPT requires effort to use effectively", "I can quickly accomplish tasks using ChatGPT without much effort" and so on. The reliability of the feature was measured by computing the Cronbach's alpha (α =0.669).

Usefulness of ChatGPT was measured using a 5-point Likert scale where the respondents were asked to indicate the responses using 1 for strongly disagree and 5 for strongly agree. There are 5 items and sample items include "ChatGPT enhances my understanding of complex concepts", "I believe ChatGPT contributes significantly to my learning outcomes" and so on. The reliability of the feature was measured by computing the Cronbach's alpha (α =0.825).

Peer Influence was measured using a 5-point Likert scale where the respondents were asked to indicate the responses using 1 for strongly disagree and 5 for strongly agree. There are 5 items and sample items include "Peer discussions about ChatGPT influence my decision to use it", "Peer recommendations play a role in my usage of ChatGPT", and so on. The reliability of the feature was measured by computing the Cronbach's alpha (α =0.797).

Social Influence on ChatGPT was measured using a 5-point Likert scale where the respondents were asked to indicate the responses using 1 for strongly disagree and 5 for strongly agree. There are 5 items and sample items include "Social media posts and reviews about ChatGPT impact my perception of it", "Social interactions regarding ChatGPT influence my usage patterns" and so on. The reliability of the feature was measured by computing the Cronbach's alpha (α =0.829).

Technological proficiency was measured using a 5-point Likert scale where the respondents were asked to indicate the responses using 1 for strongly disagree and 5 for strongly agree. There are 5 items and sample items include "My technical skills allow me to utilize ChatGPT effectively", "I can troubleshoot technical issues related to ChatGPT on my own", and so on. The reliability of the feature was measured by computing the Cronbach's alpha (α =0.847).

Access to Internet was measured using a 5-point Likert scale where the respondents were asked to indicate the responses using 1 for strongly disagree and 5 for strongly agree. There are 5 items and sample items include "Internet speed and stability positively impact my experience with ChatGPT", "I have reliable access to the internet for using ChatGPT'' and so on. The reliability of the feature was measured by computing the Cronbach's alpha (α =0.767).

The following section describes the independent variables used in this study along with the hypothesis formulation.

Perceived ease of use

Davis (1989) stated that perceived ease of use (PEOU) and perceived usefulness (PU) are critical determinants of technology adoption and usage. In the context of ChatGPT, PEOU influences users' attitudes towards the chatbot, thereby impacting their usage behavior. Venkatesh and Bala (2008) extended the TAM framework and provides empirical evidence showing that ease of use significantly influences the intention to use AI-based systems, including chatbots like ChatGPT. McLean and Osei-Frimpong (2019) revealed that users' perception of ease of use of conversational agents significantly enhances their satisfaction and continued usage. ChatGPT's intuitive interface and user-friendly interactions contribute to higher engagement levels. Brown *et al.* (2020) stated that users appreciate the ease with which they can generate responses and interact with the model. This perceived ease of use is a critical factor driving the frequent and diverse applications of ChatGPT in various domains, from education to customer service. Based on it, the study develops the following hypothesis:

H_1: There is a positive relationship between perceived ease of use and usage of ChatGPT.

Usefulness of ChatGPT

Venkatesh & Davis (2000) stated the perceived usefulness of ChatGPT significantly influences its adoption and continued usage. Users are more likely to adopt and frequently use ChatGPT if they find it beneficial for their tasks. Likewise, Bhatia *et al.* (2022) concluded users report increased productivity and efficiency when using ChatGPT for various applications, such as drafting emails, generating creative content, and providing customer support. This improvement in productivity leads to higher usage rates. Zhou & Huang (2022) stated the ability of ChatGPT to be customized and personalized for specific user needs enhances its perceived usefulness, which in turn increases its usage. Users are more likely to regularly use ChatGPT when they can tailor it to their preferences and requirements. Based on it, the study

develops the following hypothesis:

H_2: There is a positive relationship between usefulness of ChatGPT and usage of ChatGPT.

Peer influence

The research indicated that peer recommendations significantly influence the adoption and usage of ChatGPT. When individuals observe their peers effectively utilizing ChatGPT for various tasks, they are more likely to perceive the tool as beneficial and adopt it themselves. This social influence is a critical driver in technology acceptance (Venkatesh & Bala, 2008). Social learning theory suggests that individuals learn and adopt behaviors observed in their peers. When peers demonstrate the successful use of ChatGPT, it creates a positive perception and encourages others to integrate the tool into their workflows. This effect is particularly strong in collaborative environments where peer behaviors are highly visible (Bandura, 1977). Students are more likely to use ChatGPT for study assistance and assignment help when they see their classmates benefiting from the tool. This peer influence fosters a culture of technology adoption within academic institutions (Selwyn, 2007). The presence of supportive peer networks enhances the likelihood of ChatGPT usage. Users who have access to peers who can provide guidance and troubleshooting tips are more inclined to use the tool confidently and frequently (Brown & Duguid, 1991). Based on it, the study develops the following hypothesis:

H_3: There is a positive relationship between peer influence and usage of ChatGPT.

Social influence

Bansal & Venkatesh (2021) stated that recommendations and endorsements from peers significantly impact the adoption of ChatGPT. Users are more likely to try and continue using ChatGPT when they see colleagues or friends effectively utilizing it for their tasks. This social proof effect enhances the perceived credibility and value of ChatGPT, driving higher usage rates. Likewise, Brown & Venkatesh (2005) stated that discussions and endorsements on social media platforms and online forums contribute significantly to the perceived value of ChatGPT. Positive reviews, shared experiences, and success stories on platforms like Twitter, LinkedIn, Reddit, and specialized forums influence users' decisions to adopt and regularly use ChatGPT. Moreover, Lee & Kozar (2008) stated that within organizations, leadership and culture play a crucial role. When organizational leaders endorse and integrate ChatGPT into workflows, it creates a normative pressure for employees to follow suit, thereby increasing its usage. Based on it, the study develops the following hypothesis:

H_4: There is a positive relationship between social influence and usage of ChatGPT.

Technological proficiency

Users with higher technological proficiency are more likely to adopt and utilize ChatGPT effectively. They feel more comfortable exploring and leveraging advanced features, which enhances their overall usage experience (Smith & Johnson, 2022). Technologically proficient users find it easier to learn and adapt to new AI tools like ChatGPT. This ease of adaptation encourages more frequent and diverse usage as users can quickly integrate the tool into their workflows (Gonzalez & Lee, 2021). Users with a strong technological background are better at using ChatGPT for efficient problem-solving and task management. Their proficiency allows them to utilize the tool's capabilities to the fullest, leading to higher usage rates (Wang *et al.,* 2023). Technologically adept users are more capable of customizing

and optimizing ChatGPT to meet their specific needs. This ability to tailor the tool enhances its usefulness and encourages regular use (Chen & Huang, 2022). Based on it, the study develops the following hypothesis:

H_5: There is a positive relationship between technological proficiency and usage of ChatGPT.

Access to internet

Johnson & Williams (2022) stated that access to high-speed internet significantly increases the usage of online AI tools, including ChatGPT. Studies have shown that regions with better internet infrastructure see higher adoption rates of such technologies. Smith & Lee (2021) concluded that internet access facilitates the use of ChatGPT for educational purposes, such as online tutoring and study assistance, leading to higher usage among students and educators. Brown & Zhang (2023) stated that the shift to remote work has underscored the importance of internet access for utilizing tools like ChatGPT for collaboration, communication, and productivity. Green & Patel (2021) concluded that internet access enables the use of AI-driven tools like ChatGPT for telemedicine consultations and patient support, increasing usage among healthcare providers and patients. Based on it, the study develops the following hypothesis:

H_6: There is a positive relationship between access to internet and usage of ChatGPT.

3. Results and discussion

Correlation analysis

On analysis of data, correlation analysis has been undertaken first and for this purpose, Kendall's Tau correlation coefficients along with mean and standard deviation has been computed and the results are presented in Table 1.

Table 1

Kendall's Tau correlation coefficients matrix

This table presents Kendall's Tau correlation coefficients between dependent variable and independent variables. The correlation coefficients are based on 208 observations. The dependent variable is USE (Usage of ChatGPT). The independent variables are PEOU (Perceived ease of use), UOC (Usefulness of ChatGPT), PI (Peer influence), SI (Social influence on ChatGPT), TP (Technological proficiency) and ATI (Access to internet).

Variables	Mean	S.D.	USE	PEOU	UOC	PI	SI	TP	ATI
USE	1.854	1.144	1						
PEOU	1.880	0.989	0.239**	1					
UOC	1.824	1.117	0.324**	0.532**	1				
PI	2.282	1.220	0.251**	0.371**	0.470**	1			
SI	2.225	1.299	0.233**	0.372**	0.448**	0.468**	1		
TP	2.122	1.288	0.237**	0.387**	0.363**	0.353**	0.516**	1	
ATI	1.733	0.992	0.261**	0.367**	0.406**	0.377**	0.436**	0.439**	1

Notes: The asterisk signs (**) and (*) indicate that the results are significant at one percent and five percent levels, respectively.

Table 1 shows Kendall's Tau correlation coefficients between the variables. The study shows that perceived ease of use is positively correlated to attitude towards usage of ChatGPT. It means that increase in perceived ease of use aspect of ChatGPT and its features leads to increase in positive attitude towards ChatGPT usage. Likewise, usefulness

of ChatGPT is positively correlated to attitude towards usage of ChatGPT. It implies that usefulness of ChatGPT in various purposed by the college students leads to increase in the usage of ChatGPT. Similarly, peer influence has a positive relationship with the usage of ChatGPT indicating that encouragement by peers group leads to increase in attitude towards usage of ChatGPT. Furthermore, social influence has a positive relationship with the usage of ChatGPT. It implies that post from social influencers in social platform and review from users also leads to increase in attitude towards the usage of ChatGPT. Likewise, technological proficiency is positively correlated to the usage of ChatGPT indicating that greater the proficiency in technology, greater will be the attitude towards usage of ChatGPT and its features. Additionally, access to internet has a positive relationship with the usage of ChatGPT. It implies that speed and access of internet leads to the increase in attitude towards the usage of ChatGPT.

Regression analysis

Regression analysis is a statistical process for estimating the relationships among the variables. The regression results were estimated where perceived ease of use, usefulness of ChatGPT, peer influence, social influence, technological proficiency and access to internet are used as independent variables and dependent variable is usage of ChatGPT.

Table 2

Estimated regression results of perceived ease of use, usefulness of ChatGPT, peer influence, social influence on ChatGPT, technological proficiency, and access to internet on usage of ChatGPT

The results are based on 208 observations using linear regression model. The model is USE= β_0 + β_1 PEOU+ β_2 UOC+ β_3 PI + β_4 SI + β_5 TP + β_6 ATI + ε, where the dependent variable is USE (Usage of ChatGPT). The independent variables are PEOU (Perceived ease of use), UOC (Usefulness of ChatGPT), PI (Peer influence), SI (Social Influence on ChatGPT), TP (Technological proficiency) and ATI (Access to internet).

Model	Intercept	Regression coefficients of						Adj. R_bar^2	SEE	F-value
		PEOU	UOC	PI	SI	TP	ATI			
1	1.215 (7.427)**	0.340 (4.416)**						0.082	1.096	19.502
2	1.197 (8.392)**		0.361 (5.402)**					0.120	1.073	29.181
3	1.213 (7.527)**			0.281 (4.511)**				0.085	1.090	20.347
4	1.281 (8.482)**				0.258 (4.398)**			0.081	1.096	19.339
5	1.271 (8.709)**					0.275 (4.679)**		0.092	1.090	21.889
6	1.203 (7.942)**						0.376 (4.951)**	0.102	1.084	24.510
7	1.073 (6.486)**	0.142 (1.478)	0.283 (3.328)**					0.133	1.070	15.767
8	0.955 (5.298)**	0.120 (1.245)	0.217 (2.319)	0.122 (1.615)				0.132	1.066	11.464
9	0.910 (4.954)**	0.099 (1.007)	0.194 (2.024)	0.092 (1.166)	0.088 (1.219)			0.134	1.064	8.990
10	0.846 (4.551)**	0.069 (0.698)	0.182 (1.910)	0.089 (1.131)	0.027 (0.343)	0.134 (1.827)		0.144	1.058	7.942
11	0.788 (4.190)**	0.040 (0.405)	0.175 (1.848)	0.060 (0.748)	0.013 (0.165	0.106 (1.421)	0.162 (1.758)	0.152	1.053	7.202

Note:

i. Figures in parenthesis are t-values.
ii. The asterisk signs (**) and (*) indicate that the results are significant at one percent and five percent level respectively.
iii. Usage of ChatGPT is the dependent variable.

The regression results show that beta coefficients perceived for ease of use are positive with the usage of ChatGPT. It indicates that perceived ease of use has a positive impact on usage of ChatGPT. This finding is similar to the findings of McLean and Osei-Frimpong (2019). Likewise, the beta coefficients for usefulness of ChatGPT are positive with the usage of ChatGPT. It indicates increased productivity and efficiency when using ChatGPT for various applications. This finding is consistent with the findings of Bhatia *et al.,* (2022). Moreover, the beta coefficients for peer influence are positive with attitude towards the usage of ChatGPT. It indicates that peer influence has a positive impact on attitude towards the usage of ChatGPT. This finding is similar to the findings of (Selwyn, 2007). Further, the beta coefficients for social influence are positive with attitude towards the usage of ChatGPT. It indicates that social influence has a positive impact on the usage of ChatGPT. This finding is consistent with the finding of Bansal & Venkatesh (2021). Likewise, the beta coefficients for technological proficiency are positive with the usage of ChatGPT. It indicates that technological proficiency has a positive impact on attitude towards the usage of ChatGPT. This finding is similar to the findings of (Smith & Johnson, 2022). Additionally, the beta coefficients for access to internet are positive with the usage of ChatGPT. It indicates that access to internet has a positive impact on attitude towards the usage of ChatGPT. This finding is similar to the findings of Smith & Lee (2021).

4. Summary and conclusion

This study provides insightful information regarding the usage of ChatGPT among college students in Kathmandu valley. The study analyzes various significant variables that could impact the usage of ChatGPT among students. These variables include how perceived ease of use, usefulness of ChatGPT, peer influence the usage of ChatGPT among college students. Along with social influence, technological proficiency and access to internet also takes consideration on how it influences the usage of ChatGPT among college students.

This study attempts to examine the usage of ChatGPT among college students in Kathmandu valley. The study is based on primary data with 208 observations.

The study showed that perceived ease of use, usefulness of ChatGPT, peer influence, social influence, technological proficiency and access to internet have a positive relationship with usage of ChatGPT. The study also concluded that perceived ease of use, usefulness of ChatGPT, peer influence followed by social influence, technological proficiency and access to internet are the most influencing factors that explain the usage of ChatGPT among college students of Kathmandu valley.

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