

Chapter 11

Use of Electronic Resources Among Management Students of Alagappa University: A Case Study

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ABSTRACT

The study examines the use of electronic resource among management students of Alagappa University. A questionnaire was distributed among the post-graduate students to collect desired data. A total of 85 questionnaires were distributed to the selected sample of Faculty of Management; 60 valid samples were collected. The study describes in brief the e-resources and their types, etc. The objectives and research methodology of the study has clearly expanded. The data analysis and interpretation are investigating the use of e-resources, awareness, purpose of use searching for relevant e-resources, reason for using e-resources, frequently of use, satisfaction level, problems facing while accessing e-resources by management students. They opined that e-resources improve quality of their work but lack of accessibility to back issues and limited number of titles available and lack of training of e-resources are the main problems faced by the management students while accessing e-resources.

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INTRODUCTION

The 21st century was molded by widespread alterations in information and communication technologies. The awareness and usage of these resources for fast progress and users' satisfaction is indispensable and imperative. In libraries and information centers, electronic resources are thought fundamental sources to make available well-organized facilities and information to researchers. The electronic environment has changed the information-seeking behavior of research scholars.

The e-resources have provided many possibilities and opportunities for providing faster and quicker access to information. The e-resources like e-Journals, E-books, E-papers, E-images, E-audio, CD-ROMs, database, E-thesis, E-newspapers, E-Magazines, E-research report, Help and tutorials and Digital Repository. The E-Resources can be E-books, E-journals and E-newspapers that have been made available in electronic format and it can be bibliographic or full text database that allows us to search for relevant articles in our subject area.

E-resources can be accessed remotely via the World Wide Web or delivered locally. Electronic Information Resources may be defined as information resources that are available and can be accessed electronically through such computer networked facilities as online library catalogues, the Internet and the World Wide Web, digital libraries and archives, government portals and websites, CD-ROM databases, online academic databases, such as Medline or Commercial databases such as LexisNexis as noted by Ekwelem, Okafor and Ukwoma.

LITERATURE REVIEW

The studied related to the different aspects of Electronic information resources particularly students, including college use of libraries students' user's satisfaction with the electronic information resources of libraries etc.

Ehikhamenor (2003) discussed the impact of the Internet on the scientific communication process and the productivity of the scientists in Nigerian universities. It was expected that, besides the direct contribution of the Internet to research through access to vast stores of scientific information, the Internet would increase the number of colleagues a scientist communicates with on a regular basis, and consequently stimulate higher productivity. The results show that, while there is a correlation between the number of contacts maintained by the scientists and their productivity, the Internet contributes little to increasing those contacts or improving productivity.

According to Thanuskodi (2013), there is a drastic change in the way how information are shared as well as networking and socializing take place in every society in today's work environment. No doubt that the Internet has become a powerful

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