

## Chapter 12

# Usage of Online Electronic Information Resources Among PG Students of Alagappa University

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### **ABSTRACT**

*A study was conducted to investigate the accessibility and use of online electronic information resources in Alagappa University PG students. The methodology adopted for the study was survey in which questionnaires used in collection of the data. A total of 80 respondents participated in the study. It was concluded that most of the respondent's frequency of using online electronic information resources search for the author strategies in most useable (35%), the maximum respondents (25%) using for the online resources. This study shows that majority of the respondents (47.5%) have had 1 hour of access in e-resources, and more than 3 hours has been accessed by the respondents (12.5%) using for the electronic resources. Majority of respondents (31.5%) have accessibility of using e-resources.*

### **INTRODUCTION**

Electronic information otherwise called as digital information, in the new era is changing the duties and services in all fields from traditional to digital form. The information is a dynamic and unending resource that affects all disciplines and all walks of life. It supports education, research, and development. Electronic Sources

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are the clutch of technologies, which cover electronic information delivery includes CD ROM, On-line database, Videotext / Teledex, DVD Rom database, E-Mail, video recording, motion, pictures, Microforms. Transparencies, locally loaded tapes, Internet, E-publishing (E-Journal, E-books) Radio, Television etc.

The Internet and other digital sources of information are widely used tools for research and other information needs. In recent years, many indexing and abstracting services have provided their content in electronic format. Instead of using a print index, you can now search this material from your computer. The advantages of electronic searching include greater flexibility, more up-to-date material, and, in some cases, access to the actual articles or materials, rather than just a citation.

## **ELECTRONIC INFORMATION RESOURCES: BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

### **Information Technology**

Information is a dynamic and unending resource that affects all disciplines and all walks of life. It supports education, research, and developments. Technology in its broad sense is the main factor determining the development of information. Information technologies facilitate a transfer of electronic data or information from one place to another, one person to another and from one library to another library. Information technology is the electronic mean of capturing, processing, storing and communicating information. It covers any product that will store, retrieve, manipulate, transmit or receive information electronically in digital form. Information technology infrastructure is considered as the most dominant paradigm of Development in the recent years. Information technologies have become dramatically and strategically important in modern civilization.

### **Online**

Online is the condition of being connected to a network of the computers or other devices. The term is frequently used to define someone who is currently used linked to the Internet. In general, when a machine is “online,” it is turned on and connected to other devices. For example, when a network printer is online, computers linked to the network can print from it. Computer or device connected to a network and ready to use other computers or devices. Database, file, or webpage available for downloading or reading.

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