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EXPLORING THE WORLD OF INFORMATION LITERACY: THE ESSENTIALS FOR A PROGRESSIVE SOCIETY

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Abstract

An Information Literate person is one who is able to recognise when information is needed, and have the ability to locate, evaluate and use effectively the needed information. User education and information literacy programmes had impact on information seeking of students, teachers, researchers and on many others of society. It was found that changing pattern of new syllabus was a major environment factor, that influence information seeking behaviour. Professional students had high level of information seeking behaviour than the non-professional students. This paper explores the world of information literacy briefly describing Reader's Satisfaction & Information Seeking Behaviour, Effective use of Social Media for users. This paper explore the world of information literacy which is basic need of progressive society

Keywords: *Information Literacy, Reader's Satisfaction & Information Seeking Behaviour, Information Literacy Programs*

Introduction

Most people think of information literacy as a set of abilities requiring individuals to recognise when information is needed and have the ability to locate-evaluate and use effectively the need information. Information literacy is a survival skill in the information age. Information literacy responsibilities are increasing in all areas of life. Information literacy bridges the gap between digital divide that we observe at grassroots level. Initiatives in India, in the form of Common Services Centres Village Knowledge Centres, Gyandoot etc were ushered in with the participation of NGO's developmental agencies and corporate organizations. Government of India recently established National Knowledge Commission to formulate national plans and policy framework for nurturing knowledge-based economy in India and addressing challenges of globalization.

Reader's Satisfaction

Competition among growing number of colleges requires to provide high quality facilities and services from all the departments to retain and attract the students. Library is one of the important divisions in every college, where service quality affects the users satisfaction. Any library can be successful if its users are satisfied with the facilities provided and if they are in the interests of its users. Library failure occurs due to frustration and dissatisfaction regarding facilities the users are getting. A study of library facility should therefore start with analysis of the factors of library facilities which lead to user's satisfaction. Katagi (2017) mentioned that the space is the most significant factor for academic