

CHAPTER 28

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

Doctoral Theses

01. CHAUHAN (Shalender Singh)
Use of Open Access Resources in Select Institutions in India: A Users' Study.
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Abstract
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One of the recent growing and accepted mechanism in scholarly communication is the Open Access (OA). It has the potential not only to extend the research capacities of nations but also increase the accessibility to information and knowledge and also able to remove the disparity among the masses on basis of information divide. It provides an opportunity, especially for developing countries to reach their people and provide them access to information. India is far behind in the field of research and scientific publication and even though people are not able to access the information which is formally generated by public funded research. In this scenario, an attempt has been made to study the prospects of open access in India and to study the efforts of select central universities in India to promote open access. This study finds that easy and low cost availability of Internet plays a very conducive role for popularizing the open access resources which are freely available online. The libraries are also promoting open access by putting information about the open access resources on their websites. However, the study reveals that universities should conduct regular training and awareness programmes about open access resources. The study finds that academic community comprising students, research scholars and faculty members in universities are not only interested to popularize the concept but also willing to publish their research results or products in open access environment for free and easy access to the public. The regulatory bodies in India should also encourage the institutions for adopting open access as a viable medium for resource sharing in public domain. It may help to increase the research capabilities of institutions and strengthen the research activities in India which may contribute in the scientific publication also.

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02. KULATUNGA (K. M. Rani)
Use of E- Resources by Faculty Members and Students of Selected University Libraries in Sri Lanka: A Study.
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03. SALEEQ AHMAD DAR

Use of Mobile Devices in Enhancing Information Services in Different University Libraries in Delhi.

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*Abstract
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With the advent of globalization, there has been an explosion of information in every sphere of life. Various new electronic gadgets emerged to make information accessible anytime and anywhere. With the new anytime, anywhere computing paradigm (ubiquitous computing), a shift from electronic to mobile services has begun. Mobile technology has changed the library structure and patron's expectations, the concept of libraries as custodians of print material is no longer relevant. Therefore, leading libraries to adapt mobile strategies for the delivery of content and services. The main objective of the study was to understand the perception of the students and research scholars about the different mobile library initiatives. Moreover, the study suggests enhancement of the traditional/web based services to Mobile library services. Mobile phones are inevitable tools for information communication. Libraries especially use several tools and techniques to circulate the information to the user community. In this context, this study describes how users can stay ahead and relevant in an ever-growing mobile penetration and investigate the information on the go library services with the help of mobile library initiatives in studied institutions. It also finds out different problems while accessing library resources/services from mobile devices by the students. It proposes enhancement of existing library services into Mobile library services based on the respondents' feedback and perceived features they want in every service. Till date, no study has been reported as per the review of literature in India on mobile library services. It is worthwhile to undertake a study on mobile library services in India. The study is remarkable because it represents one of the pioneering works to familiarise the use of mobile technology and mobile library services in University Libraries in Delhi, which are in primitive nature.

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