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In response to the emergency created during the pandemic, the whole world turned towards the application of technology in every sphere of life, notwithstanding the challenges lying underneath. Open, online and distance education acquired unprecedented momentum which necessitated the use and application of ICT for dissemination, storage and retrieval of information for the benefit of intelligentsia, teaching-learning transactions, instruction, assessment and evaluation at every level of education. Resultantly radical transformation in the resources, structure and functioning of the academic libraries has become an imperative. Physical resources in the libraries have been increasingly complemented, supplemented, even replaced with the e-resources, covering a gamut of resources like digital resources, OPACs, online databases, e-journals, e-zines (magazine), e-books, internet resources, e-thesis and dissertation (ETD), institutional repositories, e-newspapers and web publications. The transformation in the structure and functioning of the libraries has also redefined the roles and responsibilities of the staff working in the libraries. The librarians should develop an awareness of the types of e-resources, their procurement, management and utilization and get trained in Electronic Resource Management Systems (ERMS) to evaluate, acquire, procure, reregister, implement and administer e-resources, keep track of a library's digital titles, subscriptions and distributor information, control every stage in the life cycle of electronic resources to enhance their professional competence.

The advantages of procuring, accessing and utilizing e-resources outweigh the disadvantages, challenges or barriers faced in the procurement, accessing or use of e-resources. E-resources are preferred over and above the physical resources because of their multiple and simultaneous accessibility over the net, flexibility, affordability, and most importantly the ease and speed of access which save time, energy and resources. However, the barriers and the challenges the users face during the access and use of these resources cannot be overlooked. Barriers like slow speed of internet, power failure, lack of ICT knowledge, difficulty in accessing the full text due to copyright issues and challenges like organizational issues, access, procurement and retention issues, financial issues, issues related to security, authenticity, relevance and trustworthiness of the e-resources unverified by the academic bodies often nullify the advantages they seem to offer. The novice readers and scholars tend to get swayed or misguided by the misleading information reaching them through such e-resources.

The research papers included in the book cover all the aspects of e-resources, right from the definition of the e-resources for the understanding of the common man to the critical application of the e-resources for research and academic purposes and touch upon the need of e-resources, different types of e-resources, case studies on the use of the e-resources in colleges and universities across the country and the evolution of e-resources over the years. The book promises to develop an awareness as well as skill among the users between the right and wrong use of the e-resources and guide them in taking advantage of the benefits offered by them while keeping themselves protected from the challenges that they may fall prey to.

Dr Shivjee Prasad and Kripa-Drishti Publications deserve all appreciation for this spectacular academic output, putting the thoughts from the best minds together in the form of this book. I sincerely hope that this book will serve as a guide and companion to the research scholars, academics and general public who invest their trust in the potential of the ICT-enabled academic innovations.


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PREFACE

This Edited Book **Usage of E-Resources in University Libraries India** describes the use and use of e-resources in the academic library and analyses the status of use of e-resources. Information technology (IT) has made rapid changes in the field of education. Along with this, librarians will also have to adapt to this new development for storage and e-delivery and dissemination of information. At present libraries of all kinds whether public, research academic or special libraries are overwhelmingly looking forward to adopting new technologies mostly use of e-resources due to its potential for cost savings in operations and the management of collections and Patrons. E- Resources are digital objects containing electronic representation of books, journals and other form of reading materials and they are converted into a digitized form in order to be read by a computer. In today's world electronic resources (e- resources) have become very popular, and libraries are no exception. Today, the academic libraries are procuring more and more e-resources for their libraries. It gives an overview of the relationship of e-resources with information literacy. It also gives an overview of the different chapters of information literacy on e-resources in university libraries.

This various contribution study investigated the use of electronic resources by the students, research scholars and faculty members. It examined the user's awareness of the different types of e-resources available in the University Library, purpose and frequency of using e-resources by the users, the factor affecting resource utilization, impact of e-resources and services on the academic work of the users, suggest the ways and means for the effective use of e-resources and services available in University Library, etc.



MESSAGE

LIBRARY is the chief source to the aspirants to gather all knowledge and with the technological advancements and internet support we have been trying to bring all forms of knowledge to the hearthstone of the seeker in a single touch of the key. At one point of time, it was apprehend that old testaments, religious documents, gospels, Vedas, etc, etc, would perish with time but now we have forgone such fear since we have able to treasure them electronically in a Cloud Storage and other storage formats and we are trying make them available through E-Libraries globally in a single e-workspace by creating a common user interphase. Now, the Librarians are also being trained and equipped to handle with these SOFT ARCHIVES and maintain the system so that all desired information can be provided to the user. Of late, a proposal for an user friendly interface at the National level is being surfaced for creating an unique software under the aegis of Ministry of Education and Information Technology so that the aspirants can gather all knowledge from any point in the country in a single click of the ENTER button. Thus, this book shares the entire concept of E-Libraries, their use, the procedure to avail the e-resources and the future of India. Thus, in my view this book is a real help to those who are looking for advancements in Library science and is an eye opener to the seekers.

At last, but not the least I whole heartedly thank the Editor **Shivjee Prasad & Dr. Payare Lal** for all his endeavors to bring this phenomenal piece of literacy in black and white and the **KD Publisher** for his gracious work dwell to publish this work for enlightenment of the seekers and aspirants.

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