A Study on Social Science Research Scholars for Reading and Consulting the Literature of Information Seeking Behaviour and having Knowledge about the use of IT in the Library

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Abstract

In this paper we will be highlighting the problems regarding social science research scholars for reading and consulting the literature of information seeking behaviour. This paper aims to study about social science research scholars for reading and consulting the literature of information seeking behaviour and knowledge of scholars about the use of IT in the library. To conduct this study four Universities of Madhya Pradesh are chosen. As a result of which teachers usually reading and consulting the literature of information seeking behaviour whereas students do not have much time.

Key Words

Social Science, Information Seeking Behaviour, Information Technology.

Introduction

As we already know that Social Science is a branch of study which deals with Human Beings – their behavior, intensification and progress, relations, possessions they make use of and the various institutions required by them in order to function and carry on their lives easily. For an example: Family, School, Workplace, judiciary, Government, recreation clubs, etc. Conclusion is also made such that the aspects of life are not only interconnected but also interdependent on each other. So whether one wants to become a doctor or an engineer or a chartered accountant, an artist or a teacher, but then also we all human beings have to live in same society and interact with
individuals belonging to different civilizing and socio-economic backgrounds.

As sociology is a subject which is a significant piece of human’s life so it is significant for each kid to get mindful about this subject. By getting a handle on learning through this subject our coming age is totally mindful about their future and better employment. This subject likewise causes understudies to perceive and to acknowledge how differently the networks are organized, and further more the manner in which they are overseen and represented. It likewise encourages understudies to comprehend their place on the planet with the assistance of the subject geology.

Library is wellspring of learning that never goes dry. Libraries are the focal point of learning and administration arranged establishments and they exist to serve the clients. Henceforth, the presence on which our data framework rotates depends on utilize and clients. A standout amongst the most essential factors about data framework is the exact learning about client and their data conduct. The extraordinary idea of a library can be gotten from three components.

**Information Seeking Behaviour**

Data are amazing instrument in the public eye and it has an expansive impact in improving the nature of revelation of individuals’ systems, desire looking for conduct, the advances the relationship as they live and work with other data client. The data looking for conduct basically alludes to memento discrete learning components. It is worried about the intelligent usage of the three essential assets in particular individual’s data and framework.

There are numerous data looking for conduct models given by various individuals. A model is a system for connecting about an issue and may develop into announcements of the connections among hypothetical positions or put all the more just, models are proclamations frequently as outlines that endeavours to depict a data looking for action, the reason and outcomes of that action, or relationship among stages in data looking for conduct.

There are many information seeking behaviour models given by different people. A model is a framework for linking about a problem and may evolve into a statements of the relationships among theoretical positions or put more simply, models are statements often in the form of diagrams, that attempts to describe an information seeking activity, the cause and consequences of that activity, or relationship among stages in information seeking behaviour.

Information Technology (IT) is the advanced popular expression; it has given offices to the free progression of data. The world has become a worldwide town with data expressways made through organizations like Internet.

This has encouraged electronic custodian transport with the enhancement of library offices and administrations to its client.

The idea of virtual libraries OPAC, Hypertext, and video chats with the end goal of library and data administrations have gotten normal. New mechanical improvements have as of now significantly influenced libraries; pretty much every capacity did in a library has been adjusted somewhat by propels in gadgets, computerization, and broadcast communications.

**Research Area**

Madhya Pradesh consist of many universities such as 14 State University, 02 Central University & 03 Deemed University.

Although there are many universities in Madhya Pradesh which conducts social science subjects, but the universities in which there is highest impact of social science subjects which were chosen by researcher. Therefore, researcher had chosen top 4 Universities of Madhya Pradesh for analysis of information seeking behaviour of social science research scholars.
Objectives of the Study

These are the important objectives selected for the research paper:

- Determine the information resources for research scholars in social sciences.
- To study reading and consulting the literature of information seeking behaviour.
- To study on social science research scholars for reading and consulting the literature of information seeking behaviour.
- To study knowledge about the use of IT in the library.

Methodology

The multi-pronged approaches comprising followed to achieve the assigned out peaks of the personal study. Mixed methodology used. The nature of the data quantitative and qualitative. The data analysis will be quantitative and qualitative. Information obtained through questionnaire, personal interviews and discussion. The collected and presented information and data tabulated and analyzed statically in the paper. There are two questionnaires constructed by researcher in order to proceed with her research.

The study population consist of faculty and research scholars of Universities of M.P. Therefore, researcher had chosen four Universities of Madhya Pradesh. These Universities are:

- Jiwaji University, Gwalior
- Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore (DAVV)
- Barkatullah University, Bhopal
- Rani Durgavati Vishwavidyalaya, Jabalpur

We have chosen 10 faculties and 30 research scholar from the universities in Madhya Pradesh.

Analysis of the Data

Respondents were asked whether they had enough time or not to read/consult desired literature. Responses are received and displayed in Table 1.

Table 1: Sufficiency of time for reading/Consulting literature (Category-wise)

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(Source : Primary Data)

The table reveals that out of total 40 respondents, 19 (47.50%) respondents do not have enough time to read/consult literature as compared to only 52.50% respondents who mentioned that they have enough time to read/consult literature category-wise analysis revealed that more teachers (40.00%) have sufficient time than students i. e. 56.67%.
The present study exclusively to users libraries of Madhya Pradesh so that reading habits or information seeking behaviour and literature use by the research scholar and faculties and their choices of information channels could be assessed.

Respondents were asked whether they were aware of the use of information technology in library. The data so analysed is displayed in Table 2.

**Table 2 :** Category-wise distribution of Knowledge of the use IT in library

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The Table 2 shows the category-wise distribution of knowledge regarding use of information technology in libraries. The table reveals that the majority of the respondents of all the categories are having knowledge of the same. 7.33% research scholar have knowledge and faculties category 26.67% of the respondents are aware of the use of information technology in various libraries. It is clear from the table that more faculties are having knowledge of use of information technology as compared to students.
Conclusion

7.50% Respondents do not have enough time to read/consult literature as compared to only 52.50% respondents who mentioned that they have enough time to read/consult literature category-wise analysis revealed that more teachers (40.00%) have sufficient time than student’s i.e. 56.67%. It is clear from the table that more faculties are having knowledge of use of information technology as compared to students.

Recommendation

1. Libraries should be computerised with the latest version of computer and library software, so that the users would be able to get their desired information at their earliest. All the Universities, libraries should provide its users with internet facility.

2. All Universities under study did not have spacious reading rooms. It is there for recommended that users should be provided with spacious and comfortable reading libraries. There should be provision of aspireate reading room for all categories i.e. teachers P.G. students and U.G. students. Libraries should also be air conditioned.

3. During the survey investigator found that some University libraries have not trained there library staff. So library staff should be according to the norms of UGC.

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