

## **Digitizing Scholarship: Internet as a source of information for Academic purpose with special reference to Buddhist Studies**

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The purpose of this paper is to explore the information sources available on the internet for the academic purpose which helps the successful completion of research on Buddhist Studies and life long learning.

### **Introduction**

In the world of today information plays a vital role in the field of research and day today life. All resources related to research have increased dramatically over the last several years with reference to the demands of the information and the technology. Developments in computer technology provide the means for the production and storage of ideas, thoughts, research and experiments in digital form.

Among the available information channels the internet has become a popular resource and it is increasingly used as an alternative to printed resources. The book production process has been changed and largely digitalized. Now readers heavily depend on e-versions. The dissemination of information through this medium has three main advantages over publication in the traditional manner, as cost, speed, and ease of access. Other advantages of an electronic medium include keyword searching and the use of multimedia and hypertext formats.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Hillesund, Terje. Will E-books Change the World? First Monday, volume 6, number 10 :October 2001