

A Study of Changing Information Needs and Use Pattern of University Post Graduate Students

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Abstract

The present study aims to determine the Changing information needs and Use pattern of University Post-Graduate students. Data were collected from 185 PG students from the three different schools of S.R.T.M.University, Nanded's Sub-centre, Latur (Maharashtra State), India. Out of 220 PG Students a questionnaire was distributed to 216 PG students and 185 filled in questionnaires were returned, giving an overall response rate of 85.64 percent. It was found that respondents used various sources for acquiring the needed information. Books were ranked as the most important source for teaching and research purposes, followed by periodicals and e-resources. It was found that a majority of the students seek information mainly for doing assignments/seminars and general information with a total of 85.48% (53) and 75.81 % (47) respectively. Thus Social media sites were the most preferred communication channel among students followed by E-mails and mobile phones.

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