INFORMATION NEEDS AND SEEKING BEHAVIOURS AMONG STUDENTS OF GOVERNMENT ARTS COLLEGE, SIVAGANGAI, TAMIL NADU: A STUDY

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ABSTRACT:
The present era is the era of information and knowledge revolution. Many electronic resources are available in the library. The increase in information available on the Web has affected information seeking behavior. Innumerable types of information, in a large variety of containers and in many different locations, are all available in one place. In the modern society, the types of information and the media which present them have become manifold and multifarious, offering men and women a vast selection. Regardless of which group in a human society is discussed, each one bases its actions upon current information and discards the earlier data. The study shows that 54.67 per cent of them make daily library visit. In this study, 18.67 per cent of them make library visit twice and 13.33 percent respondents make library visit as when required. Out of the total 75 respondents, 9.33 percent of them make library visit once in a week. The study reveals that 64% access the Internet from the browsing centers, while 25.33% also access from home and 8 % access from department. Another 2.67% access Internet from Library.

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