

User Awareness and Use of Online Journals among Education Faculty Members in Coimbatore District: A Survey

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ABSTRACT At present, the World Wide Web is the largest available repository of information with the largest number of users searching for information. Advances in computer applications during the past few decades have brought radical changes in the way information is gathered, stored, organized, accessed, retrieved and consumed. Today's users have their information needs met via a number of options. They need not come physically to the library to use print formats but can stay at home or the office and access online library resources and services via networks or authentication methods at any time. E-resources can be used for efficient retrieval and meeting information needs. This is very important for academic libraries since most of them call for more and more research work. This important fact is convincing many libraries to move towards e-resources, which are found to be less expensive and more useful for easy access. Results of the present study show that using online journals daily takes the first order reporting among the users of educational faculty members, using online journals twice a week the second, using online journals once in a week the third, using online journals once in a fortnight the fourth and using online journals thrice a week the fifth and using online journals as and when required the last. Study reveals that respondents have high level of location for accessing online journals such as central library, department library. The respondents have moderate level of location for accessing online journals such as computer center and other places.