

INFORMATION UTILITY OF RESEARCH SCHOLARS IN COLLEGE LIBRARIES IN CHENNAI

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ABSTRACT

This paper attempts to study the information use pattern of social science researchers in arts and science colleges in Chennai affiliated to University of Madras. Information has the power only when it is transferred and communicated. Questionnaire was used to collect the data. It is found from the study that thirty eight percent of the respondents belong to Commerce discipline in the colleges of Chennai. Majority of the respondents were full-time M Phil (46%) and full-time Ph D (34%) and a minor portion of the respondents were part-time Ph D (14%) and part-time M.Phil. (6%) scholars; Maximum of 58 (58.00%) respondents visit the library 'every day'. Maximum of 90% of the users used 'textbooks' more often than the library material, whereas 80% of the respondents use 'reference books' among the library material. However, 30.00% of the respondents use 'subject periodicals'. Documents such as 'government documents, computerized information service' were found to be of very little use.

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