

INFORMATION SEEKING BEHAVIOUR OF PRISONERS IN THE CENTRAL PRISON LIBRARY IN PALAYAMKOTTAI, TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT

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ABSTRACT

Information Seeking Behaviour essentially refers to the strategies and actions undertaken to locate discrete knowledge of elements. Information seeking is a natural and necessary mechanism of human existence seeking means searching for something which they want to get. This article deals with Information seeking Behaviour of prisoners in the central Prison Library, Palayamkottai, Reading materials and information are provided in almost all prison libraries. Apart from review of literature, the article covers the following objects of study. Prisoner Education – A way to Reform, Purpose for using Library – Frequency of visit to Library, Resources Available – Time allocated – Sufficiency of time – Atmosphere of the library Assistance for further education-sharing of information etc.,

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