

UTILIZATION OF INFORMATION SOURCES, BY RESEARCH SCHOLARS OF SELECTED UNIVERSITIES IN CHENNAI: A STUDY

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, attempts have been made to identify the Information sources used, for writing thesis or research papers by research scholars. Moreover, this study also examined the researcher's dependency on Internet, for writing their thesis or research papers. For the study, the survey method was followed by using a well-structured questionnaire. It was identified that, respondents utilizing Information sources namely "E-resources or Internet" were 62.8%, other's dissertations or thesis were 58.7% and depended on textbooks were 41.5 %. The study concluded that, the there is no significant difference in the researcher's dependency on the Internet for writing thesis/research paper on the respective status of the university.

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