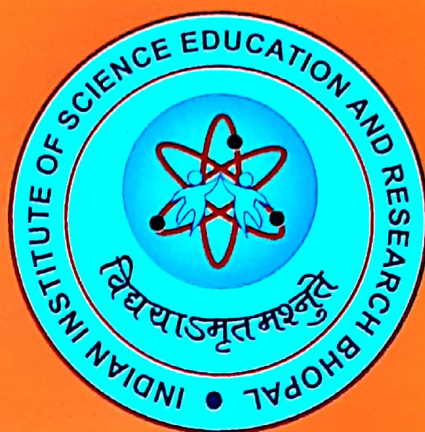




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Suitability of Information Literacy Programmes conducted by Libraries of Central Universities of India for Research: A Study

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Abstract

The present research is a survey based study to understand the suitability of the Information Literacy Programmes (ILPs) being conducted by the libraries of Central Universities of India in promoting research. A structured questionnaire was used as a tool for data collection. Findings show that ILP is provided for faculty, researchers and post graduate students but there is a lack of ILP for under graduate students. ILP is usually a one-shot programme conducted at the beginning of the academic session. Libraries use both off-line and on-line methods for delivering ILP however off-line methods are more popularly used. Most of the libraries are providing library literacy and instructions on use of e-databases and search engines but there is not much emphasis on other aspects of Information Literacy (IL) such as research literacy, communication literacy, numerical and visual literacy, media literacy, social literacy, IPR, writing references and report writing. It is also seen that there is a lack of faculty involvement. It is suggested that library and faculty should collaboratively design, promote and implement ILPs. Emphasis should be laid on ILP for under graduate students so that they can be trained for future quality research work. A phased-out ILP is suggested, which should include different aspects of IL, for better results. Also, policies in this regard have to be made at national level for smooth and efficient implementation of ILP in the country.

Keywords: Information Literacy, Information Skills, Information Competencies, Information Literacy Programmes, Central Universities

1. Introduction

Today's Information Age is the age of research, the importance of which is felt at every corner of the society. Research requires extensive search for information. But, this search for information, its analysis and utilization is a complex task, with many difficulties. The situation is even more aggravated in today's Information Society because today the