Library E-Resources Impacts on Academic Performance of University Students of Tamil Nadu

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Abstract

The major focus of the present research is to analyse the relationship between the availability of the e-resources in the library combined with the academic performance of the library users. For the present study, the libraries located in the state universities of the Tamil Nadu are selected. The sample size for the present research is 412 which is finalised using Cochran's formula. The method of selecting the respondents was random sampling technique from probability sampling method. Structural equation modelling (SEM) with mediation used in order to analyse the data.

Keywords: E-resources, Motivation, Usage level. Academic Performance

Introduction

The emergence of internet in the 21st century has revolutionised the way knowledge is transferred from one person to another. There is no field in the entire universe that internet hasn't revolutionised. The library is no exception. Though the importance is still given to the books that form an integral part of the library, the e-resources facilitated by the internet is increasingly becoming an essential part of the library. The revolution of the e-resources is that any source from around the world can be accessed by anybody around the world rapidly and simultaneously. That too all of them can be possible without spending a single penny from the part of the library user. This is the most important revolution facilitated by the emergence of Internet.

For the present research, the researcher has studied the relationship between two dependent variables of E-resources and library staff service and the independent variable of the academic performance of the users. Two mediators have been used, one is the motivation to access e-resources and the second mediator is the usage level. The present research will try to analyse whether the two mediator have any effect upon the dependent variable compared to the direct effect of the independent variable.

Research Problem

The present research will try to analyse the opinion of the users about the e-resources available in the library and many other questions such as, do they have enough awareness about the e-