



IMPACT OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY IN LIBRARY USAGE OF PHARMACY COLLEGES IN CUDDALORE DISTRICT: A STUDY

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Abstract

Information and communication technology has revolutionized the concept of libraries. Each and every library is getting digitized. An electronic library comprises-collection, services and infrastructure to support lifelong learners , research, scholarly communication as well as presentation of the recorded knowledge .this study the factors that will necessitate the libraries to ICT infrastructure, as well as the definitions ,need, advantages and disadvantages of electronic libraries, the requirement for building an e-library etc. The emphasis is also put to describe the role of librarian in the environment.

Key words: information technology, E-Libraries, infrastructure.

Introduction

Information and communication technology (ICT) comprises a diverse set of technological tools to identify, collect, organize, create and disseminate data and information. It encompasses a wide range of technologies including telecommunication technologies such as telephony, cable, satellite, TV and video conferencing, as well as digital technologies, computers, information networks (including internet, World Wide Web and internet) and software application. Information and communication technology is inevitable in the present era of knowledge explosion. It provides means for compact storage, quick retrieval and speedy of access to information from within the organization or remote place.

Information and communication technology ICT refer to technologies that provide access to information through telecommunications. It is similar to information technology (IT), but focuses primarily on communication technologies. This includes the internet, wireless networks, cell phones, and other communication mediums.

Aims of Pharmacy College libraries

1. To improve learning and teaching through the effective and embedded use of ICT.
2. To make effective, innovative and sustainable use of ICT.
3. To improve the availability and use of high quality educational content.
4. To develop a coherent, sustainable and dependable ICT infrastructure for colleges.

Review of literature

Dr. Amjad Ali and Mr. Rais Ahmad (2016) this study aims to investigate the researcher's awareness and use of ICT based library services provided by Maulana Azad Library, Aligarh Muslim University, and Aligarh. For this study, 200 questionnaires have been administered among research scholars through e-mail. Investigators have received a total of 160 responses from respondents showing an overall response rate of 80% and some have been included for the study. The study shows that majority of respondents (46.87%) visit the library daily, 38.12% respondents are frequently using online journal lab, 86.87% respondents are using online journal lab for research purpose, a very high percentage of respondents (93.12%) claim that they are aware about ICT based services provided by Maulana Azad Library.

K. Kumar. (2015) this article presents information on various ICT facilities and services provided in engineering institutions at Rayalaseema Region of Andhra Pradesh. It addresses current status of institutions providing library services such as traditional, electronic, and document delivery services and facilities like hardware, software and communication resources. Eighty-one completed responses collected with a total response rate of 88.04 %. ANOVA (Analysis of Variance) test was conducted to find out the significance of the variables constituting hardware, software facilities, and communication services versus institutions, respectively. The study showed that 87.65 % library provided with windows XP and 72.84 % Pentium IV workstation. DELNET seems to be the most preferred information network service and VSAT is found to be mostly used communication service.

Dr. RubinaBhatti (2014) is study explores the growing effect of information and communication technology on information usage pattern of the faculty members of Social Science at Bahauddin Zakariya University Multan. The findings show that Internet has become a significance source for the faculty members and researchers as they use internet for education purposes, research work and updating knowledge. Google, Yahoo and MSN are widely used search engines and majority of



the respondents' don't use the Excite, Snake, Kapok and Alta vista. Faculty members frequently use Science Direct to seek relevant information for their research.

Objectives

The following objectives have been framed for this study:

1. To find out the frequency of using library and accessing Information and Communication Technology.
2. To study the experience and purpose of using information and communication technology.
3. To identify the most commonly used browser and search engines.
4. To identify the ICT resources provide by library.
5. To determine the level of satisfaction on use of Information and communication Technology.

Hypotheses

1. There is a significant difference in category wise distribution of respondents frequency of using ICT resources
2. There is a significant difference in category wise distribution of respondent's purpose of using ICT- resources.
3. There is no significant difference in category wise distribution of respondents' location of accessing ICT resources.
4. There is a significant difference in category wise distribution of respondents web browser and search engines..
5. There is no significant difference in category wise distribution of respondents Satisfaction of using of ICT-Resources.

Methodology

The questionnaire have been developed and distributed to the students and faculty members of pharmacy colleges in Cuddalore district. The data have been collected through questionnaire. This study primarily an exploratory method of analyzing the Information and Communication Technology in library usage of pharmacy colleges in Cuddalore district.

Sampling

The whole area of the study pharmacy college libraries in Cuddalore district. Totally 325 respondents were take into consideration and 58 of there were negligible due to non-response of the questionnaire. Totally 267 respondents are considered for the sample study. The sampling of study is based on purposive random sampling.

Analysis and Interpretation

Table-1: Gender wise distribution

| S.No. | Sex | No. of respondents | Percentage |
|--------------|--------|--------------------|------------|
| 1 | Male | 127 | 47.56 |
| 2 | Female | 140 | 52.44 |
| Total | | 267 | 100 |

Table - 1 shows gender wise distribution of respondents using information and communication technology among the 267 respondent's 127 (47.56%) respondents is male and 140 (52.44%) respondents are female. It could be noted that the majority of respondents are female

Table -2: Category wise distribution of respondent's frequency of using ICT resources

| S.No. | Category of Respondents | Everyday | Once in a week | Once in a month | Occasionally | Total |
|--------------|-------------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1 | Students | 78(39.79%) | 59(30.10%) | 48(24.49%) | 11(5.61%) | 196(73.41%) |
| 2 | Faculty members | 31(43.66%) | 21(29.58%) | 10(14.08%) | 9(12.68%) | 71(26.59%) |
| Total | | 109(40.82%) | 80(29.96%) | 58(21.72%) | 20(7.49%) | 267(100.00%) |

Table 2. Show the category wise respondent's frequency of using ICT resources out of 267 respondents,109 (40.82 %) respondents are using ICT resources every day 80 (29.96%) respondents are using ICT resources one in a week, 58(21.72%), respondents are using ICT resources once a month and 20 (7.49) respondents are using ICT resources occasionally. It is found that more than 40% of the users everyday use the ICT resources.



Fig.2 Category wise distribution of respondents frequency of using ICT Resource

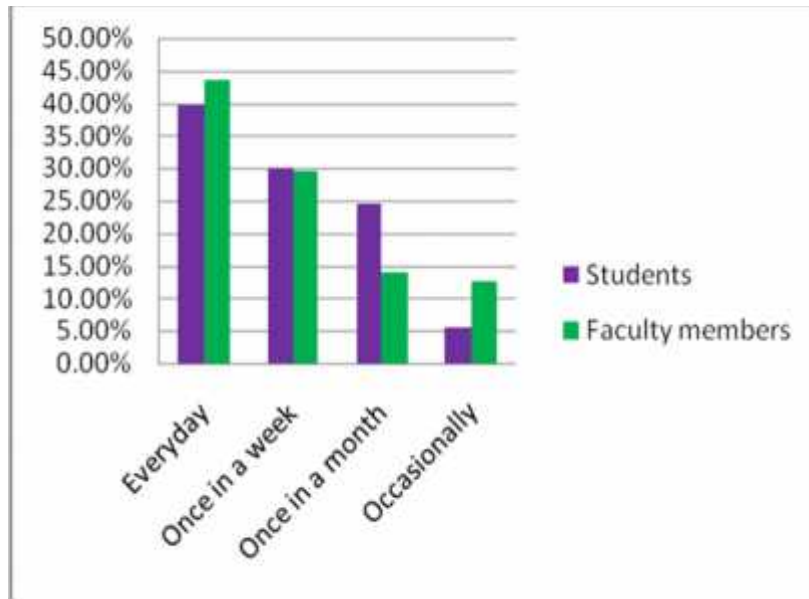


Table – 3: Category wise distribution of respondents Purpose of using ICT- resources

| S. No. | Category of Respondents | For research work | Lecture note | Career development | Current information | Update knowledge | Total |
|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------|
| 1 | Students | 33(16.84%) | 10(5.10%) | 40(20.46%) | 45(22.96%) | 68(34.69%) | 196(73.41%) |
| 2 | Faculty members | 18(25.35%) | 20(28.17%) | 9(12.68%) | 10(14.08%) | 14(19.72%) | 71(26.59%) |
| Total | | 51(19.51%) | 30(11.23%) | 49(18.45%) | 55 (20.66%) | 82(30.71%) | 267(100.00%) |

A study of data in table-3 indicates that the category wise respondents purpose of using ICT resources. It could be noted that out of the total 267 respondents 82 (30.71%) have use for update knowledge, 55(20.66 %) have use for current information, 51(19.51%) of respondents use ICT resources for research work, 49 (18.45%) use for career development,30(11.23 %) of respondents use ICT resources to take lecture notes. It could be seen clearly from the above discussion more than 30 % of the users use the ICT resources for update their knowledge.

Table-4: Category wise distribution of respondents web browser for accessing ICT resources

| S.No. | Category of Respondents | Internet explorer | Mozilla Firefox | opera | Google chrome | Total |
|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|
| 1 | Students | 68(34.69%) | 29(14.79%) | 12(6.12%) | 87(44.39%) | 196(73.41%) |
| 2 | Faculty member | 21(29.58%) | 11(15.49%) | 9(12.68%) | 30(42.45%) | 71(26.59%) |
| Total | | 89(33.33%) | 40(14.98%) | 21(7.86%) | 117(43.82%) | 267(100.00%) |

Data presented in table -4 indicates category wise respondents depend on most commonly used browser. Out of 267 respondents, 117(43.82%) of respondents are using Google chrome, 89(34.69%) of respondents are using internet explorer, 40(14.98%) of respondents are using Mozilla fire fox, 21(7.86%) of respondents are using opera. It is found that more than 40% of them use the web browser of Google chrome for accessing ICT resources.



Table-5: Category wise distribution of respondents preferred Search engines

| S.NO. | Category or Respondents | Google | Yahoo | Info seek | MSN | AltaVista | Total |
|--------------|-------------------------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| 1 | Students | 99(50.51%) | 61(31.12%) | 10(5.10%) | 12(6.12%) | 14(7.14%) | 196(73.41%) |
| 2 | Faculty members | 34(47.88%) | 25(35.21%) | 5(7.04%) | 3(4.22%) | 4(5.63%) | 71(26.59%) |
| Total | | 133(48.81%) | 86(32.70%) | 15(5.61%) | 15(5.61%) | 18(6.61%) | 267(100.00%) |

A study of data in table – 5 category wise respondents preferred search engines .it could b noted that the out of 267 respondents 133 (48.81%) of respondents search information on Google search, 86(32.70%) of respondents search information on yahoo, 15(5.61%) of respondents search information on info-seek, 15(5.61%) of respondents search information on MSN, 18(6.61%) of respondents search information on AltaVista.

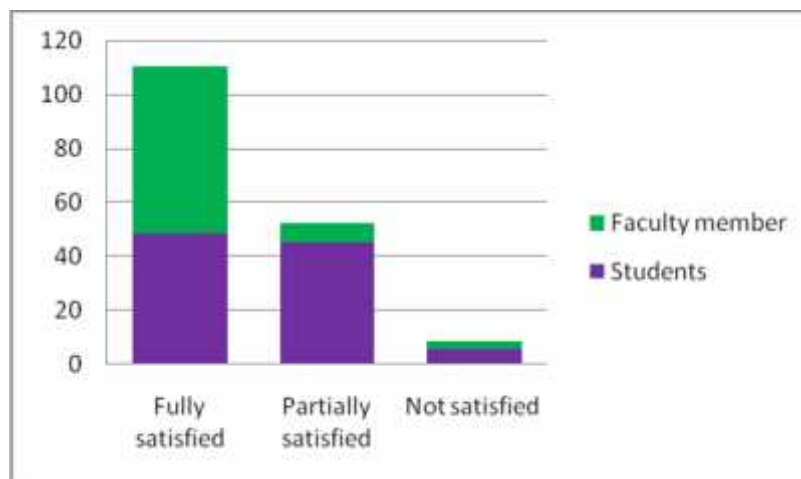
It could be seen clearly from the above discussion 45% of the respondent’s preferred Google search engine

Table-6Category wise distribution of respondents Satisfaction of using of ICT-resources

| S. No. | Category of Respondents | Fully satisfied | Partially satisfied | Not satisfied | Total |
|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1 | Students | 98(48.47%) | 88(44.90%) | 10(5.10%) | 196(73.41%) |
| 2 | Faculty members | 44(61.97%) | 19 (7.12%) | 8(2.99%) | 71(26.59%) |
| Total | | 142(53.18%) | 107(40.07%) | 18(6.74%) | 267(100.00%) |

Table -6 shows the category wise respondents are satisfaction of ICT resources .out of 267 respondents.142 (53.18%) of respondents are fully satisfied, 107 (40.07%) of respondents are partially satisfied, 18(6.74%) of respondents are not satisfied. It is found that more than 50% of them are fully satisfied with ICT resources.

Fig; 6Category wise distribution of respondents satisfaction of using of ICT resources



Findings

1. The sex wise distribution of respondents using ICT resources reveals that the majority of respondents are belongs to female.
2. The frequency of ICT resources reveals. A maximum number of user 109(40.82%) use the ICT resources for every day.
3. The purpose of using ICT resources reveals. A maximum number 82 (30.71%) of respondents using ICT resources for their update knowledge purposes respectively.
4. The used web browser reveals. Majority of the respondents 117(43.82%) of used Google chrome.



5. The using search engines reveals. The majority of the respondents use 133(48.81%) of Google information in the internet.
6. The respondent' level of satisfaction for using ICT-resources shows, among 142(53.18%) of respondents are satisfied with the use of ICT-resources.

Conclusion

The internet is one of the best media for getting timely relevant and most useful information from one's own place of work. Information and communication technology have made it easy to collect large amount of data in short period of time .Hence a free internet service with increasing number of subscribed e-journals and electronic database facility is of great importance to meet the emerging needs for the education system. Library professionals can shine and service with multi personality skills to handle the efficiency of information using the information communication technology.

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