

Impact of E-Resources and Information Seeking Behaviour Among Military Students of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University

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The scope of information seeking consists of three main areas viz; finding information, organizing information and using information. This study examines the user-centered problems in information seeking behaviour of military officer-students in relation to the usage of e-resources. The overall aim of the study was to analyse the existing trend in information seeking behavior of military students amidst the influence of the e-resources. Three objectives were design to analyse the concept. To reveal the accessibility of internet and use of it for retrieving information, to identify their usage of e-resources for their studies, to find the impact in information seeking behavior due to the e-resources and to recommend the ways to facilitate information seeking behavior to retrieve information for the effective learning. Quantitative research design was employed to determine information needs and information seeking behavior of the students. The military officer-students who follow their studies at Faculty of Graduate Studies of KDU are taken as the study population. The 137 officers consisting tri-forces follow courses. The quantitative data was entered into SPSS and they analyzed. In order to retrieve information, one should have internet accessibility. Based on the survey, it was found that 100% of students have internet facility. Majority of the students have at home. But they have inadequate knowledge of using internet to get proper e-resources for their studies. But they like to use e-resources as it is convenient in learning process. Since they employed officers, they are unable to get frequent assistance from the library to get proper e-resources. Students have to visit to access databases in University premises. It is recommended that library should provide user name and password to get remote access of the databases. In addition, information literacy courses have to be conducted time to time to facilitate them to use e-resources to make their studies effective.

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