USAGE OF E-RESOURCES BY THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY LIBRARY USERS OF ASSAM UNIVERSITY, SILCHAR

A COMPARATIVE STUDY

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ABSTRACT

The paper describes about the usage of E-Resources available under the UGC-INFONET Digital Library Consortium and DeLCON Consortium by the scientific community Library Users of Assam University, Silchar representing from Bio-Medical Sciences and Ecology and Environmental Sciences. Survey method has been used using questionnaire as a data collection tool and Interview in some cases. Altogether 150 questionnaire was distributed and 117 responses received. This study was conducted during January 2013 to May 2013 only. This is a comparative study of utilisation of e-resources available under these two important consortia.

The survey findings reveals that e-resources available under UGC-INFONET is more popular and heavily utilised by the scientific community of Assam University Library and they prefer to access e-resources mainly from their respective department and the evening is the preferred time among the teachers, scholars and students.

The library users suggested to organised regular User Awareness Programme and enhance the infrastructural facilities in the departmental and university library.

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