

## **A Study of Use of E-Journals Among Research Scholars at Vhnsn College Library, Virudhunagar**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The reason for this paper is to decide the degree to which look into researchers at VHNSN COLLEGE LIBRARY, VIRUDHUNAGAR know and make utilization of e-diaries. A review was intended to gather fundamental data about the level of utilization of e-diaries and in addition different elements adding to a related with their utilization. A very much organized poll was controlled among look into researchers to gather the important essential information, keeping in see the destinations of the investigation. More than 62 for every penny of clients in the VHNSN College Library are utilizing e-diaries day by day. More than 92 for every penny of research researchers know about the e-diaries consortia accessible in their library. The PDF design is observed to be the most favored online configuration for re3ading articles. Moderate downloading of PDF documents is the real issue that would debilitate clients from utilizing e-diaries. The lion's share of clients (39.81 for each penny) utilizes prevalent web search tools while seeking data through e-diaries, trailed by the library's e-diaries website pages (31.48 for each penny). The most well-known scan strategy for looking e-diaries is catchphrase (36.11 for each penny) trailed by the creator (25.92 for every penny), and the last utilized is the date of distribution (4.62 for every penny). The present paper comprises just e-diary clients and the topographical region is confined to the VHNSN COLLEGE LIBRARY, Virudhunagar. The extent of the paper could be stretched out to extra midway subsidized school. There are number of the examinations on the utilization of e-diaries, however, this is first of its kind inside VHNSN COLLEGE LIBRARY, Virudhunagar. In that capacity, it should prepare for the look into different schools and in addition somewhere else.

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### **INTRODUCTION**

Electronic diaries, otherwise called diaries, e-diaries, and electronic serials, are insightful diaries or scholarly magazines that can be gotten to by means of electronic transmission. By and by, this implies they are typically distributed on the Web. It is accordingly likely that in this cutting-edge period of innovation one can assume

nearly everyone approaches e-diaries because of the straightforward actuality that the Internet in its most genuine nature is essential, free. The presentation of electronic diaries has empowered library analysts to completely utilize ponders on a significantly more point by point level and with considerably less exertion that has been conceivable in the print condition. As of late, electronic diaries (e-diaries) have come to be viewed

as critical methods for keeping up logical correspondence among researchers. The expression “electronic diary” is nearly as questionable as the expression “electronic distributing.” A free meaning of the term any diary existing in an electronic arrangement would grasp all periodicals accessible electronically and additionally in paper duplicate, including the content of periodicals available through online systems and those periodicals disseminated in CD-ROM shape. By a more strict definition, be that as it may, an electronic diary is one made for the electronic medium and accessible just in this medium. In the event that we acknowledge a somewhat casual meaning of “diary,” electronic diaries have existed for around twenty years—the casual pamphlets delivered inside PC conferencing systems or even the messages of the meeting itself could be inexactly considered as a type of dairy (Lancaster, 1995).

## **LIBRARY COLLECTION**

Our school has in excess of 102142 books and 162 periodicals on different subjects. The school has a very much prepared, completely mechanized library with the cutting edge offices. The Library serves the instructive and research needs of the understudies and staff of the school. It is completely computerized with Library Management Software and loaning office outfitted with scanner tag innovation. In this scholarly year 2016-17, about 1081 books are added to the gathering to meet the course readings needed for our understudies. Library got the participation of DELNET – Developing Library Network in the year. As a part, we are getting books and diary articles, e-diary articles, CDs and so forth which are accessible in all finished Indian Libraries through entomb library credit for a timeframe. The library is an individual from the American Information Resource Center, Chennai. The clients are profited in getting a wide range of accessible assets in AIRC. The library has the participation of Inflightnet which covers more than 5000 online diaries.

The books for the library are purchased depending on the need of various workplaces and moreover for an investigating needs. Basic CDs are purchased and journals are purchased in. Two cards are given to each UG understudies and three cards to each PG understudies and M.Phil understudies. Understudies are allowed to keep Library books for 10 days. The staff people and research scientists are allowed to keep 15 books for a period of one Month. All of the understudies and staff is people from the library. They are outfitted with ID cards with institutionalized recognizable proof which ensures basic accessibility and book issue strategy. The library has an Advisory Committee which meets once in a multiyear. A lot of straightforward exercises have been made by the proposals of the Committee. The total zone of the library is 13106 sq ft. with a seating farthest point of 100. The working significant lots of the library are from 9.00 am to 6 pm on every single working day, assessment days and get-consistently. References and trades should be conceivable these days.

## **Learning Facilities**

The library is endowed with the following facilities as learning resources:

- OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue) Searching Service.
- Circulation Section for books issues and return.
- Open Access system: Students and staff can have direct access to the bookshelves.
- INFLIBNET DELNET & AIRC: Online Database Service.
- Periodical Reference Section which stacks around 6051 bounded back volumes of Journals/ Magazines.
- Digital Library Section with a searching facility.
- Newspaper reading section.
- Reprographic Service Section

- Internet Browsing Center with 10 Computers to provide access, printing and scanning facilities.
- Technical Processing Section
- User Orientation Programs.
- News Clipping Service.
- E-Reference Desk
- Notification of New Arrivals.
- Book Exhibitions.
- Question Banks.
- Drill Binding Service.

### Specialized Services

The Library has given numerous particular administrations to the advantage of the understudies. They are as per the following

**Gain While You Learn Scheme:** Economically poor understudies are locked in under this plan to keep up the library books and diaries. They are given a month to month stipend by the College Management.

**Best Library User Award:** so as to propel the utilization of library, three understudies are granted Best Library User Awards” each year.

**Understudies Study Center:** To make mindfulness on the common administration examinations among the rustic understudies, this inside is working inside the library which has 137 particular books. Understudies can utilize the books amid the free hours. This inside will be open till 8.00p.m. For exam arrangement.

**Earlier year Question Papers:** Previous year question papers are made accessible both in physical and electronic structures.

### REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Study of the related written work is to a great degree essential for another examination point. The

examination of related written work proposes discovering, coming to, and surveying reports of researchers and moreover, reports of agreeable discernments and supposition related to the individual’s orchestrated research wander. The examiner must have excellent information about what has been done in the district of research. The specialist investigated only those examinations resembled the present examination.

Khan and Ahmad (2009) the study uncovers that the majority of the exploration researchers know about the accessibility of e journals and to a great extent use them for reference purposes in their examination work. They completely concur that with the use of e journal the nature of research work improves with advancement of appurtenant substance and materials prompting high quality original copy. It is anyway discovered that absence of preparing is the impediment in appropriate and full usage of e journals.

Rafique *et al.* (2019) the outcomes uncovered that the wide databases of science and building were being utilized more by clients when contrasted with the smaller e-diary databases. Moreover, the clients were for the most part getting to the e-diary databases from the college’s focal library and its different scholarly divisions. Early morning hours, working days and beginning of the scholarly year were observed to be the most dynamic timings of e-diary database usage.

Chirra and Madhusudhan (2009) the paper lands at the accompanying ends: the e journals have turned out to be fundamental pieces of data for research work. This examination helps in knowing the significance and utilization of e journals in contrast with printed diaries especially for the exploration network. A large portion of the respondents are getting to e journals from the Department Computer Labs for their exploration work and e journals meet the moment they want of clients to have an entrance to data. Springer and Kluwer is the main distributor. Boolean Search is the most

prevalent development search system. The examination demonstrates that there is a requirement for client direction for effective looking of e journals. The most well-known issue looked by the respondents is that there is trouble in getting to full content and a significant number of the respondents are not happy with the Internet offices accessible in Goa University and they give some useful proposals to improve the getting to of e journals.

Madhusudhan (2008) the investigation demonstrates that e journals play out an undeniably significant job in research at DLIS. Current e journals are required, yet explore researchers and understudies should be given the utilization of critical electronic back keeps running also. There is a regularly expanding interest for memberships of more e journal titles in LIS. There are all the earmarks of being some requirement for scholastics to be given preparation in utilizing e journals. The territory where the best requirement for preparing is around overseeing references.

Bevilacqua (2005) the gathering of clients showed up still hesitant to utilize e journals, the primary boundaries to utilize being absence of mindfulness and set number of applicable assets. Clients were positive to being furnished with different purposes of access to e journals. Their inclination had all the earmarks of being founded on the recognition of the strategy and closeness to the association of their physical library. The association of e journals received at Parma could meet the clients' desires; however, its genuine usage appeared to require increasingly powerful advancement and user centered plan.

Nicholas *et al.* (2010) typically, 5 percent of the ScienceDirect diaries represented a third to half of all utilization. A high extent of analysts entered the Science Direct site by means of a third party site, and this was particularly so on account of the Life Sciences and in the highest ranked look into establishments. There were noteworthy institutional and subject contrasts in

information seeking conduct. In the most research intensive foundations, per capita diary use was most elevated and their clients invested significantly less energy in each visit. There were critical contrasts of the request for 100 300 percent in the period of material saw among subjects and foundations. Only four months after ScienceDirect substance was opened to Google ordering, 33% of traffic to the site's Physics diaries came by means of that course.

Talja and Maula (2003) previous research has demonstrated that there are real contrasts in the hunt techniques utilized in various controls, and that the utilization of electronic diaries and databases in like manner changes as indicated by area. Past examinations have not, in any case, investigated whether, or how, this variety is potentially identified with variables, for example, area size, the level of dispersion in a space or domain specific significance criteria. The point of this paper is to add to the improvement of a space expository methodology for clarifying the utilization and non use of e journals and databases. We recognize and characterize variables to represent disciplinary contrasts in e journal use, plot theories to be tried all the more thoroughly in future research, and test them at first on a constrained informational collection. The experimental information was accumulated as a piece of a more extensive subjective investigation investigating researchers' utilization of arranged assets in four unique orders: nursing science, writing/social examinations, history and biological ecological science. The discoveries recommend that e journals and databases are probably going to be utilized most vigorously in fields in which coordinated looking is the overwhelming hunt technique and topical pertinence the essential importance type, and less in fields in which perusing and fastening are the prevailing inquiry strategies and paradigmatic significance the essential importance type. The discoveries likewise bolster the Bates theory that space size importantly affects the inquiry strategies utilized.

Ali and Nisha (2011) the discoveries plainly uncover that more than 60 percent of clients in the Central Science Library are utilizing e journals week after week with the end goal of research. Printed diaries are counseled by most of clients contrasted and e journals. Catchphrase is the most well known quest technique for looking e journals among research researchers, while the date of distribution conveys minimal rate among every one of the alternatives. In any case, if is discovered that moderate downloading of PDF records is the serious issue that would debilitate clients while utilizing e journals.

Qasim and Khan (2015) the principle discoveries are that the researchers are more pulled in toward e-diaries exceptionally on those given by CSIR-NISCAIR Consortia, NKRC than those accessible by means of direct membership. From this study, the agent has had the option to discover that practically every one of the researchers are counseling e-diaries from their grounds lodge, for research purposes as well as to refresh their own insight. The framework to utilize e-diaries are heavenly and there is no mechanical issue extraordinarily equipment and programming support with high data transfer capacity of Internet speed exists here, as CSIR-IGIB utilizes biggest registering office (four Flop/s) in Asia outside Japan (positioned 158th among the World's Top 500 Super Computers). Respondents likewise distinguished that there is critical requirement for preparing in utilizing e-assets and recovering pinpointed data from the databases.

Jamali *et al.* (2005) the audit demonstrates that in spite of the fact that there is a discussion about unwavering quality of the consequences of log investigation, this system has extraordinary potential for considering on the web diaries' utilization and their clients' data looking for conduct. The points of interest and restrictions of log examination are portrayed and after that past investigations of e journals' utilization and clients that connected this strategy are evaluated. The aftereffects of these examinations will be all around quickly

contrasted and some overview ponders. Those parts of online diaries' utilization and clients contemplates that log examination can explore well and those viewpoints that log investigation cannot uncover enough data about are featured.

Nisha and Ali (2013) from this study it was discovered that the vast majority of the clients know about e journals and they are not just utilizing them for structure and refreshing their insight yet in addition for gathering significant material for their examination and research purposes as data can be procured speedily through e journals. The fundamental point of counseling these diaries is for recovering data with respect to investigate, distributing exploration papers and original copies, assignments, introductions, workshops, and to a great extent to refresh their own insight. In any case, this investigation likewise uncovers a few natural issues particularly with the utilization of e journals for example slow downloading as uncovered by most extreme IIT Delhi and Delhi University clients. Other mechanical shortfalls like non availability of a specific issue, absence of preparing and constrained access to terminals are additionally present while utilizing e journals.

## OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

The targets of this examination were;

1. To decide the recurrence of e-diaries use and the purposes behind of them;
2. To examinations the attention of e-diary consortia among the exploration researchers at the VHNSN College Library;
3. To comprehend, the obstructions looked by clients while utilizing e-diaries.
4. To recognize the supposition of clients on e-diaries over printed diaries; and
5. To recommend ways and means for the compelling utilization of e-diaries.

## METHODOLOGY

The strategy has its own particular significance in the logical examination since objectivity in any exploration examination can't be acquired except if it is completed in an extremely deliberate and arranged way. The logical examination includes watchful and legitimate reception of research configuration, utilization of institutionalized apparatuses and tests recognizing satisfactory examples by utilizing proper inspecting systems. It is additionally fundamental to utilize suitable measurable methods for examining the information. For this examination, the agent utilized the poll strategies.

### Information Collection Procedure

The specialist went to VHNSN College Library and moved toward the analysts to gather the vital information. Polls were conveyed to the scientists and finished surveys were gathered either on the long stretch of June 2018.

### Information Analysis

The information gathered through the survey was composed and organized by utilizing measurable techniques and rates.

## INFORMATION ANALYSIS AND INTER- PRETATION

Instantly after the information gathering, the following occupation is information examination and elucidation of results. Dissecting implies requesting, ordering, control and condensing of information to acquire a response to the exploration issue. The gathered information was sorted out and organized by utilizing tables and rates. The reason for the investigation was to lessen information to understandable and interpretable form with the goal that the relations of research issues can be considered and tried.

An aggregate number of 120 surveys were dispersed among the specialists in VHNSN College Library, out

of which just 108 filled polls have come back to the examiner. The last reaction rate was 90 for every penny. In this way, the specialist chose the whole arrangement of finished surveys for the examination of information.

## INFORMATION ANALYSIS AND INTER- PRETATION

The information gathered by various techniques were dissected and translated and are introduced here in tables.

**Table 1: Frequency of E-Journal Usage**

Frequency	No. of respondents	Percentage
Daily	68	62.96
weekly	33	30.56
Twice in a Monthly	17	15.74
Monthly	11	10.18

Multiple answers were permitted.

It is basic to know how much (Table 1) time all things considered the objective client is spending getting to diaries since it will be the essential point around which all the reaction will be dissected. When Enquiring about the recurrence with which examine researchers utilize e-journals, 62.96 per penny asserted to utilize every day, 30.56 for each penny utilized them week by week, 15.74 for every penny utilized them twice in multi-month, and exceptionally few (10.08 per penny) utilized e-diaries month to month. Along these lines, it can be inferred that the vast majority of the clients utilized e-diaries day by day.

An (Table 2) endeavor was made to decide the kind of diaries that clients need to use sooner rather than

**Table 2: preference of online journals over printed journals**

Journal type	No. of respondents (n=108)	Percentage
Print	53	49.08
Online	43	39.81
Both equally	12	11.11

later, for example, print just of electronic just, or whether they need to get to the two sorts of dairy. The outcome uncovers that 49.08 for each penny of clients incline toward print diaries, 39.81 for every penny of clients lean toward online diaries, and 11.11 for every penny wish to get to printed and also an electronic type of diaries. It can be recognized that clients are similarly keen on making utilization of print diaries and e-diaries.

**Table 3: Purpose of using e-journals**

Purpose	No. of respondents (n=80)	Percentage
For research work	46	42.59
For study	27	25.00
Project work	25	23.15
Paper writing	21	19.44
Seminar	36	33.33

Multiple answers were permitted.

E-diaries are being utilized for an assortment of purposes by all clients, as appeared in Table 4. They are utilized to think about, scholarly research, distributing article/books, and the culmination of task and workshop introductions. It can be seen from their own particular research purposes. An aggregate of 33.33 for each penny of research researchers makes utilization of e-diaries for the finishing of assignments and course introductions. In all out 25 for every penny of research, researchers utilize e-diaries for pondering purposes, while 23.15 for each penny utilize them for venture work and 19.44 for every penny said finding applicable data in their paper composing. E-diaries are for the most part utilized for investigating by exploring researchers 42.59 for each penny, trailed by fruition of assignments and class introductions (33.33 per penny).

Different sources through which clients ran over e-diaries are shown in Table 4. As can be seen, a substantial number of respondents (39.81 for each penny) said that they ran over e-diaries through web indexes. Educators, companions, and universities are observed to be essential sources (28.71 for every

**Table 4: Learn to use of e-journals**

Learn to use of e-journals	No. of respondents (n=108)	Percentage
Fiends/Teachers or Colleagues	31	28.71
Search engines	43	39.81
Formal course	19	17.59
Others	15	13.89

penny), trailed by formal courses (17.59 for every penny). Just 13.89 for each penny reacted with respect to different sources. Investigation demonstrates that among the sources, web indexes are the most recurrence utilized channel careful which explore researchers became more acquainted with about e-diaries

The organization of electronic diaries is thought to be one of the numerous parameters that influence their utilization. The greater part of clients (91.67 for every penny) favored perusing articles in PDF though; a couple of (8.33 for each penny) favored HTML for perusing diary articles. The way that the PDF design is favored by countless shows that the vast majority of e-diaries are promptly accessible in the PDF arranges as the Table 5 in proposal organize are clearer and more clear when contrasted with the HTML organize.

Clients were requested to stamp the favored passageways they use for hunting e-diaries down their particular needs. Table 6 uncovers that (42.59 for every penny) of respondents utilize general pursuits utilizing famous web crawlers, for example, Google and Yahoo. The following most chosen choice was library e-diary site pages (31.48 for each penny). This is trailed by particular diary sites (26.85 for every penny). What's

**Table 5: Prepared online format**

Format	No. of respondents (n=108)	Percentage
PDF	99	91.67
HTML	9	8.33

**Table 6: Preferred access point for searching e-journals**

Preferred access point	No. of respondents (n=108)	Percentage
General purpose search engine	46	42.59
Library e-journal Websites	34	31.48
Specific journal Website	29	26.85
Online citation index	21	19.44
Multi-journal search Websites	17	15.74

Multiple answers were permitted.

more, online reference record (19.44 for every penny)? A few clients utilize multi diary seek sites (15.74 for each penny). It is construed that respondents give top need to getting to e-diaries through general ventures and no less than a level of them get to by means of multi-diary sites.

Table 7 obviously uncovers that 17, i.e. (14.40%) respondents are not utilizing e-diaries in light of newness, and 26, i.e. (22.03%) respondents as a result of non-accessibility, and i.e. (39, i.e. (33.05%) due to absence of preparing, and 57 (48.30%) respondents as a result of moderate downloading, whereas 42, i.e. (35.59%) find that absence of terminals is a boundary in utilizing e-diaries. Table 8 clearly indicates that 100, i.e. (92.59%) respondents are aware of UGC-

**Table 7: Barriers in using e-journals**

Barriers	No. of respondents (n=108)	Percentage
Slow downloading	57	48.30
Lack of terminals	42	35.59
Lack of training	39	33.05
Non -availability	26	22.03
Unfamiliar to e-journals	17	14.40

Multiple answers were permitted.

**Table 8: Awareness about e-journals consortia**

Awareness	No. of respondents (n=108)	Percentage
Yes	100	92.59
No	8	7.41

INFONET, whereas 8, i.e. (7.41%) respondents are not aware of UGC-INFONET.

Directing a proficient and viable pursuit requires the improvement and selection of a suitable hunt technique. The VHNSN College Library gives access to a large number of e-diaries and a great number of databases from various world-restored distributors and suppliers covering an extensive variety of expressions and science subjects. All these electronic archives give essential looking administrations to each title, for example, seek by the title of the diary, creator, by catchphrases, by date of productions, and so on.

**Table 9: Search strategy**

Search methods	No. of respondents (n=108)	Percentage
Keywords	39	36.11
Author	28	25.92
Title (journal)	25	23.14
Subject	18	16.66
Abstracts	14	12.96
Title of the article	10	9.26
Table of contents	8	7.40
Date of publication	5	4.62

Multiple answers were permitted.

As shown in Table 9 there is a decent spread of utilization all inquiry choices among the 108 respondents who reacted to our poll. In any case, the most well-known pursuit strategy was watchwords, with (36.11 for each penny) of respondents inclining toward this technique. The second most supported choice was writer (25.92 for every penny) trailed by diary title (23.14 for every penny), subject (16.66 for every penny), theoretical (12.96 for every penny), title of article (9.26 for each penny), and list of chapters (7.40 for each penny). The minimum favored technique for the look was a date of production, with just (4.62 for every penny) of respondents demonstrating this alternative.



## FINDINGS OF THE STUDY

The discoveries of this examination can be abridged as takes after:

1. More than 62 for each penny of clients in the VHNSN College Library are utilizing e-diaries every day.
2. More than 92 for each penny of research researchers know about the e-diaries consortia accessible in their library.
3. The PDF arrange is observed to be the most favored online organization for reading articles.
4. Slow downloading of PDF documents is the significant issue that would debilitate clients from utilizing e-diaries.
5. Printed diaries are counseled by the greater part of clients when contrasted with e-diaries.
6. E-diaries are generally utilized with the end goal of research (42.59 for every penny).
7. A direct level of clients (39.81 for every penny) went over about e-diaries through web indexes.
8. The dominant part of clients (39.81 for each penny) utilizes mainstream web indexes while looking data through e-diaries, trailed by the library's e-diaries website pages (31.48 for every penny).
9. The most mainstream look technique for seeking e-diaries is watchword (36.11 for every penny) trailed by a creator (25.92 for every penny), and the last utilized is the date of production (4.62 for every penny).

## SUGGESTIONS

1. The library should show its clients about cutting edge look techniques and sort out introduction sessions frequently.
2. The library should lead criticism/client reviews to decide the necessities of clients every now and then.

3. The number of diaries accessible through consortia should increment on request to get to more diaries in their separate fields.
4. Access to e-diaries ought to be given to clients in their particular inns with the goal that the acknowledgment and utilization of insightful e-diaries can be amplified.
5. The library should keep on providing printed versions notwithstanding on the web access to diaries.

## CONCLUSION

The most helpful and well-known passage for seeking e-diaries is through general hunts utilizing famous web crawlers. PDF is the favored online configuration for perusing e-diaries. The library should build its number of workstations and kept up its framework consistently. Transfer speed ought to be expanded by the library in order to give speedier access, which will spare clients time and turned into a wellspring of inspiration to utilize e-diaries. Propelled books and diaries on all train ought to be fortified to help to instruct and examine work. The library should buy into more e-diaries in every one of the divisions.

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