AWARENESS AND USAGE OF E-RESOURCES:

A STUDY

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Abstract:

Advancement in information and technology plays an important role in the recent development. Libraries also implement internet facility and computerise their sources and services. In current research work attempt has been made to find out awareness and usage of e-resources in library. Sample has been collected with the help of questionnaire from 200 library users and after analysing the data it is found that technical implementation is required and proper training to staff as well as users is need for successful implementation of electronic resources.

Keywords: E- Database, E-Resources, Internet

Introduction:

Development in information communication and technology in last few years brings tremendous change in the entire field. Library and information science is not lacking behind. In the information field a change occurred in gathering, store, organized, accessed, retrieval and consumption of information. Introduction of World Wide Web at the later phase and an internet brings drastic change in the information world. If library professional fails to adapt the technology and the information field will come to the end. It is because now the information is available on web. People can get their required information from any part of the word. Hence one can state that libraries are beyond the walls.

Implementing electronic resources, computerizing their sources and services. Give the services fast and quickly will retain their customers. The aim of the paper is to find out awareness and usage of electronic resources in management library of Gujarat.

E-Resources:

The electronic resources are the material in electronic form.

Electronic resources defined as a resources that require computer access or any electronic product that delivers a collection of data, be it text referring to full text bases.

Review of Literature:

Klobas (1995) said that electronic resources are those resources which are available in digital form. This can be CD ROMs, electronic books, electronic journals, e-print and many other computer base databases.

Mostofa, Mamun (2013) said that availability of electronic resources in university libraries is very common nowadays. Main aim of the paper is to know the different types of electronic resources and services available in the private university library. Study different type of electronic resources available, purpose and frequency of using it. For the study data were collected from with the help of random distribution of questionnaire. After analysing the data it is found that use of electronic resources in university library is very common now a days.

Oghenetega Ivwighreghweta and Kayode Gboyega Oyeniran (2013) examine usage of electronic resources by lecturers of two university of Nigeria. For the research purpose survey research design is used. Data were collected with the help of questionnaire. And collected data were analysed with the help of descriptive statistics. After analysing the data the result reveal that electronic resources are highly demanded and these resources increases the productivity of work, learning, teaching and research.

Objectives:

1. To identify different type of electronic resources available in management colleges.

2. Awareness to use of electronic resources by users and librarian.

3. To identify the purpose for using electronic resources.

4. To identify the advantage and limitation of electronic resources.

Need of the study:

Electronic resources are important in this internet era. As nowadays search the information from web become very easy. And information is update on internet at every second. Electronic resources help the user to get it accessed from any place at any type. So it is the first duty of librarian to implement electronic resources and services in the library. Current research work aims to highlight awareness and usage of e-resources in the library staff and users. It also highlight benefits and limitations of electronic resources.

Research Methodology:

Survey method was used in the current research work. Data were collected with the help of questionnaire. The questionnaire was distributed among the users of B-schools of Gujarat. Nearly 250 questionnaire was distributed among them 200 received back. The data were analysed with the help of tabulation and charts.

Data Analysis:

Data were analysed with the proper tabulation and chart to satisfy their objectives and the results are

Table: 1 Response Received

Response received	Total No.	Percentage
Response received	200	80%
Response not Received	50	20%
Total Distributed	250	100%

Total No. of response received

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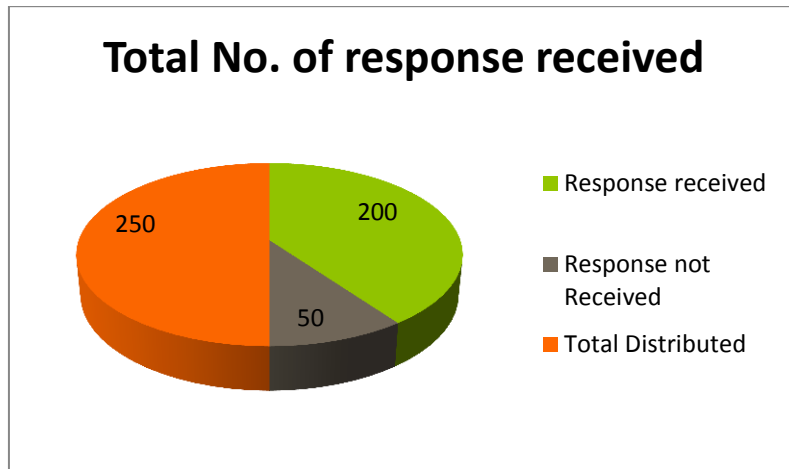
It is found from the above table that 80% response is received from the respondent.

Objective: 1 To identify different type of electronic resources available in management colleges.

Type of Electronic Resources	Total no resources
E-Books	250
E-Journals	50
E-thesis	329
CD-ROM	500
Full text data base	25

From the above table it is found that different electronic resources are available in the library. Nearly 250 electronic books, 50 electronic journals, 329 electronic thesis, 500 CD-ROM and 25 full text databases are available in the library.
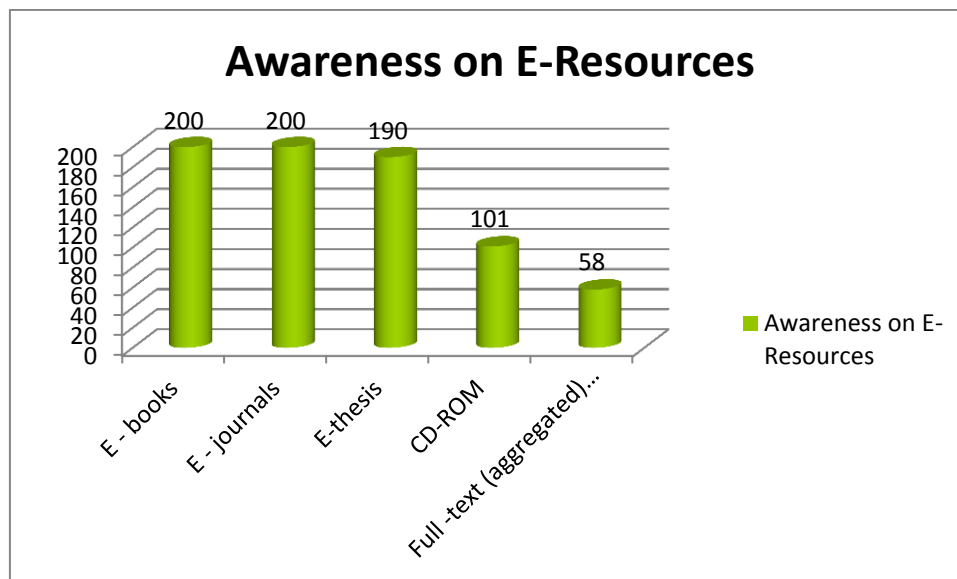
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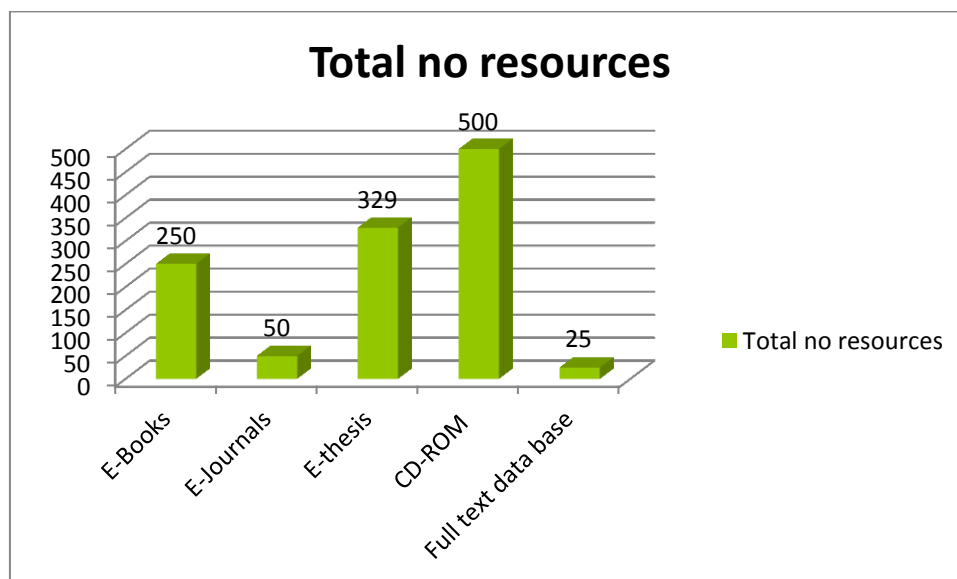
Objective: 2   Awareness to use of electronic resources by users and librarian.

Level of Awareness among members for awareness of E-Resources					
E-Resources	**E - books**	**E - journals**	**E-thesis**	**CD-ROM**	**Full -text (aggregated) databases**
Awareness on E-Resources	200	200	190	101	58

100% users are aware with the electronic resources available in the library whereas 95% knows about E-thesis, 50.5% are aware with CD-ROM and 29% users are aware with the availability of full-text database.

Objective:3 To identify the purpose for using electronic resources.

Reason for using E-Resources	No. of response
Teaching,	58
Research & Publication	82
Training / Projects works	40
Updating knowledge	20

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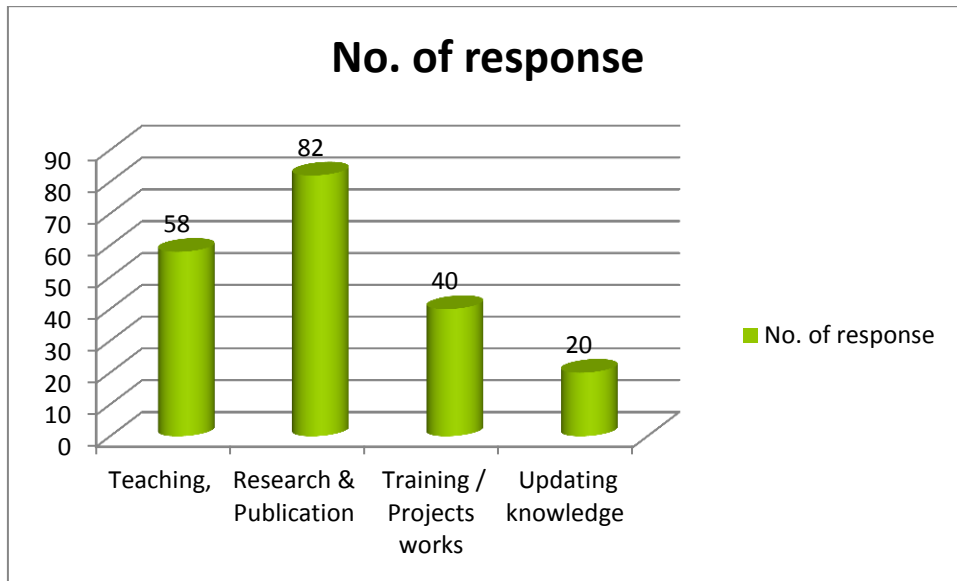
From the above table it is found that maximum users are using electronic resources for research and publication, 58 are using it for teaching, 40 for training and 20 people are using it for updating their knowledge

Objective: 4 To identify the advantage and limitation of electronic resources.

Overall user's perspective on electronic resources								
	Easy to use	Easy to locate	Up-to-date	Authenticity	Comfortable	24 x 7 availability	Easy to share	Save the time
no of users perspective	175	150	128	170	125	180	100	125

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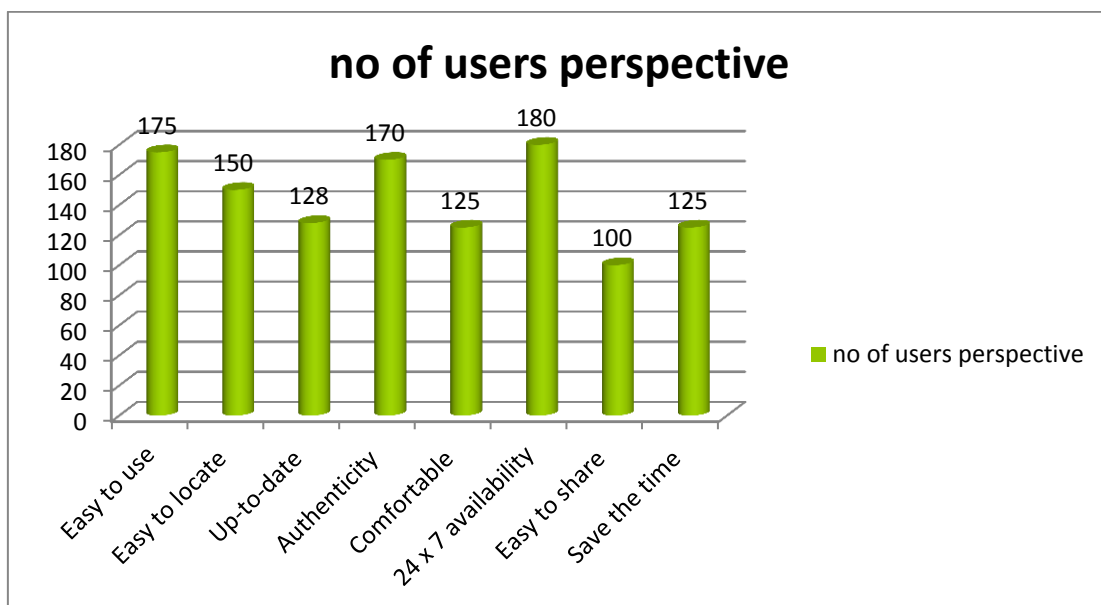
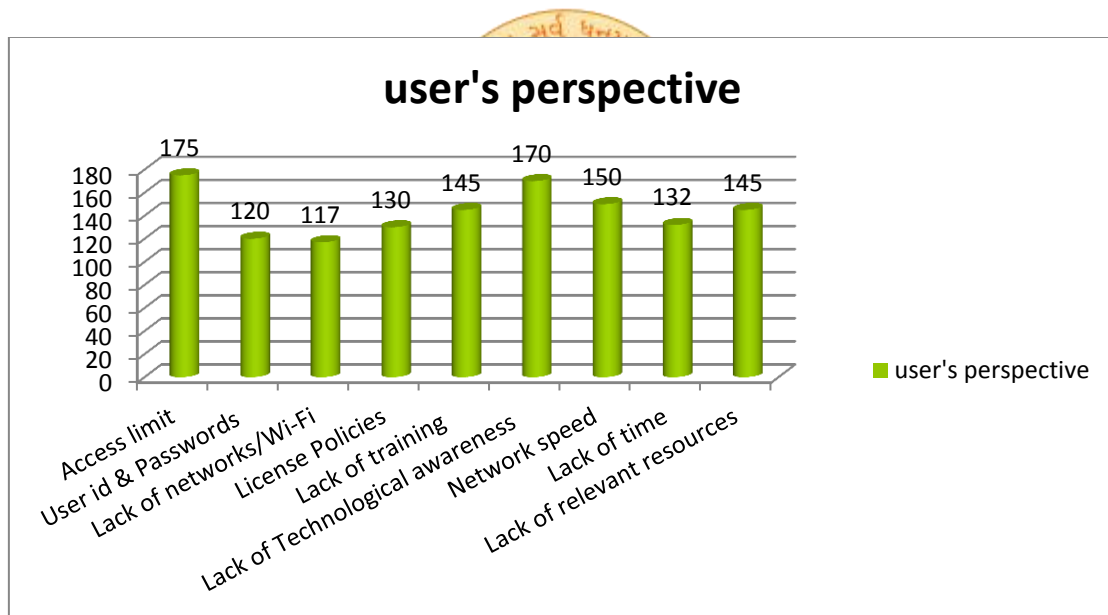
From the above table it is found that maximum users are i.e. 180 said that its available 24*7, 175 users said that it's easy to use.170 users use it due to authenticity, 150 said it's easy to locate, 128 said it's up-to-date and 125 said its comfortable and save the time.

Thus these are the advantages found in using electronic resources.

Limitations in accessing electronic resources									
	Access limit	User id & Passwords	Lack of networks/Wi-Fi	License Policies	Lack of training	Lack of Technological awareness	Network speed	Lack of time	Lack of relevant resources
user's perspective	175	120	117	130	145	170	150	132	145

From the above table and chat it is found that many limitations found along with the usage and advantages of electronic resources. Maximum people said that limit access is the main advantage of electronic resources. This access limit means the database is not subscribed. So its access limit is limited. There are other issues like lack of technological awareness, user ID and password, no network in library, lack of license version available, network speed and

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lack of time as well as relevance resources.

Finding and conclusion:

From the above analysis it is found that there are number of electronic resources available in the library. And users as well as librarian and staff members are very well aware with the usage of electronic resources. But when finding the limitation of them we can conclude that it is necessary to purchase licence version of the library. Many of the colleges are not having proper Wi-Fi facility or networked computer. Users as well as librarian are not much trained and cannot access the resources in proper way. So proper training is required while purchase and implementing electronic resources in library.

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