“Information Seeking Behavior Among Engineering College Students Affiliated to Mumbai University.”

Synopsis of the topic for the Doctor of Philosophy in the Subject Library and Information Science.

1. Introduction:

We are living in the information age. The term “Information Age” has been used to represent the impacts of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) on every aspect of life.

Information means communication of knowledge derived from observation, study and experience of knowledge. Information is generated through a number of communication predominantly through printed media viz books periodicals, newspapers and also non print media like internet CDs etc.

The term Information explosion describes the rapidly increasing amount of Published information and the effects of this abundance of data. As the amount of available data grows, the problem of managing the information becomes more difficult, which can lead to information overload. Information overload refers to the state of having too much information to make a decision or remain informed about a topic. This information explosion and information overload gave the birth to the concept of studying the information needs and seeking behaviors of different groups of users.

Library has central location for communication channel. The users are the recipient of information in this communication channel. These users are most important element in any kind of library. Library is satisfying the information needs of the user. It is fact that, information seeking behavior is mainly concerned with who needs what kind of information for what reasons, how information is found evaluated and used. It becomes very important to know how librarian helps the users in getting information as well as in to information seeking behavior of students.

The Study is very important as it reflects the expectations of the users of the library, problem faced by them and their preference to various reading materials.
etc. Engineering students are concerned with Technical community, they have a project, seminar in the curriculum for these purpose. They use library and seeks information which is studied by researcher in this project.