ABSTRACT

The present study aims at analyzing the research publications of in “A bibliometric study on journal of Tamil studies published for 1972 to 2012”. In academic work publication is the chief means of communicating research, a primary means of recognition and reward and hence a social process. Bibliography provided the mechanism to some extent to have a control over the literature output. Fundamentally bibliographies provided a list of reading materials.

In an evaluation of the literature on various aspects of the study provides an understanding of the total of 135 National and International studies on the broad areas of library services and Journal of Tamil Studies have been reported in the review chapter. Library support service for Journal of Tamil Studies particularly in higher education is a new phenomenon and the relevant literature has been found from the beginning of the 21st century.

The article publications in the journal ‘Tamil Studies’ by the Tamil scientists in Tamil were taken as source for the present study. The papers published from 1972 to 2012 by the Tamil scientists in Tamil. The bibliographical details of publication were entered in the catalogue cards. The study covers 896 articles in volumes from 1 to 82 of the journal ‘Tamil Studies’ published in the years from 1972-2012. This is one of the international published journals. Most of the world wide Tamil researchers and the Tamil research scientist look in to the Journal of Tamil Studies. In this journal continuously published in the field of international Tamil literature, there is no more Tamil international bilingual journal available in the Tamil field.