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INFORMATION SEEKING BEHAVIOUR OF THE FACULTY MEMBERS OF UNIVERSITIES IN TAMIL NADU: A STUDY

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Name (optional):

2. Gender :
   a) Male [ ]
   b) Female [ ]

3. Age :
   a) 25-35 [ ]
   b) 36-45 [ ]
   c) 46-60 [ ]

4. Qualification :
   a) M.Phil. [ ]
   b) Ph.D [ ]

5. Designation :
   a) Professor [ ]
   b) Associate Professor [ ]
   c) Assistant Professor Senior scale (SS) [ ]
   d) Assistant Professor [ ]

6. University :
   a) Alagappa University [ ]
   b) Anna University [ ]
   c) Bharathidasan University [ ]
   d) Madurai Kamaraj University [ ]
   e) Manonmaniam Sundaranar University [ ]
   f) University of Madras [ ]

7. Frequency of library visit
   a) Every day [ ]
   b) Once in a week [ ]
   c) Twice in a week [ ]
   d) Once in a Month [ ]
   e) Rarely [ ]

8. Time spent in library
   a) Less than an hour [ ]
   b) 1 to 2 Hours [ ]
   c) 2 to 3 Hours [ ]
   d) 3 to 4 Hours [ ]
   e) More than 4 Hours [ ]
9. What is the purpose of information seeking

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10. In which sources do you depend on for searching digital resources?

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11. How did you learn internet?
   a) Self-learning   [ ] b) From Faculty & Experts [ ]
   c) Through Friends   [ ] d) Training Course [ ]
   e) News Papers & Other Medias [ ]

12. Which search engine do you prefer for seeking information?

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13. Perceptions on the benefits of using digital resources in general point of view.

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Digital resources encourage the administration.

Digital resources help get promoted.

Digital resources are available throughout the world.

14. Perceptions on the benefits of using digital resources in students’ point of view.

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If any suggestion ..........................................................
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State Universities

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4. Bharathiar University
5. Bharathidasan University
6. Madras University
7. Madurai Kamaraj University
8. Manonmaniam Sundaranar University
9. Mother Teresa Women's University
10. Periyar University
11. Tamil Nadu Open University
12. Tamil Nadu Teacher Education University
13. Tamil University
14. Tamil Nadu Agricultural University
15. Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University
16. Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University
17. Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University
18. Tamil Nadu Veterinary & Animal Sciences University
19. Thiruvalluvar University

Central Universities

1. Central university of Tamil Nadu
2. Indian Maritime University

Deemed Universities

1. Academy of Maritime Education and Training
2. Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham
3. Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science & Higher Education for Women
4. B.S. Abdul Rahman Institute of Science & Technology
5. Bharath Institute of Higher Education & Research
6. Chettinad Academy of Research & Education (CARE)
7. Gandhigram Rural University Gandhigram
8. Hindustan Institute of Technology and Science
9. Kalasalingam Academy of Research and Higher Education
10. Karpagam Academy of Higher Education
11. Karunya Institute of Technology and Sciences
12. M.G.R. Educational and Research Institute
13. Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research
14. Noorul Islam Center for Higher Education
15. Periyar Maniammai Institute of Science & Technology
16. Ponniyiah Ramajayam Institute of Science & Technology
17. Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development
18. S.R.M Institute of Science and Technology
19. Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology
20. Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences
21. Shanmugha Arts, Science, Technology & Research Academy (SASTRA)
22. Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswathi Vishwa Mahavidyalaya Sri Jayendra
23. Sri Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute
24. St. Peter's Institute of Higher Education and Research
25. Vel Tech Rangarajan Dr. Sagunthala R&D Institute of Science & Technology
26. Vellore Institute of Technology
27. Vel's Institute of Science, Technology & Advanced Studies (VISTAS)
28. Vinayaka Mission-Research Foundation

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