The phenomenon of information presents an exciting and far-reaching consequences towards development of this society. It has entered into every aspects of human lives and their activities. While information fuels social transformation, it affects everybody and its role is so pervasive that it has become a common place in the present society. While information has posed challenges and opportunities, it needs to be viewed seriously by the public in general and the professionals in particular in order to know its depth and manifestations to explore the direct benefits for an intellectual mass. Being a professional of Library and Information Science, there is a genuine interest developed in me to know different areas of information in general and its uses by specific groups in particular. Hence, a study of this kind is undertaken to know more on information and its uses by a particular group of users i.e. journalists in a State like Orissa.

Data for the study were derived through a pre-ordained questionnaire, from 226 respondents spread over entire State, representing 40 different newspapers of 3 frequencies in 4 languages and distributed over eleven different job positions. As a solution to these complex and various job positions, the word 'journalist' has been used interchangeably with the target respondents consistently throughout the investigation to avoid confusion.

The entire gamut of the study has been discussed under six broad chapters. Chapter 1- Introduction, Chapter 2- User studies, Chapter 3- Information, information needs and seeking behaviour, Chapter 4- Journalism in Orissa, Chapter 5- Data analysis and interpretation, Chapter 6- Conclusion and suggestions.

This explorative study, however, provides new directions and basic clues in a magnitude in which the information-user research pertaining to working journalists could continue further.