APPENDICES
Appendix - I

QUESTIONNAIRE
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Information-seeking behaviour of Post Graduate students of
Sri Venkateswara University Andhra Pradesh and Manonmanian
Sundaranar University Tamilnadu : A Study

Dear Sir/ Madam

I am carrying out a research study to assess the Information-seeking
behaviour of Post Graduate students at selected Universities in Andhra
Pradesh and Tamil Nadu in partial fulfillment for the award of Doctor of
Philosophy in Library and Information Science. The information provided will
be accorded the highest confidentiality it deserves, and will solely be used for
the purpose specified.

I shall be highly obliged if you could kindly co-operate and spare a few
minutes in duly filling the questionnaire to support my research endeavour.

Thank you,

Yours faithfully,
Mrs. D. Prabhavathi

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9. Parents Occupation  
   (a) Government Employee  
   (b) Private Organization  
   (c) Agriculture  
   (d) Others (Please specify)

10. Medium of Instruction  
   (a) Telugu  
   (b) Tamil  
   (c) English  
   (d) Others (Please specify)

11. Do you have any personal collection?  
   (a) Yes  
   (b) No

12. Do you have knowledge of Computers?  
   (a) Yes  
   (b) No

**Part B: Information-seeking Behaviour of P.G. Students**

13. Are you in the habit of using the library?  
   (a) Yes  
   (b) No

   (a) If 'Yes', mention how frequently do you visit the library?  
   (a) Everyday  
   (b) Alternate day  
   c) Once in a Week  
   (d) Occasionally

14. Do you seek for information from the library?  
   (a) Yes  
   (b) No

   (a) If 'Yes', mention the purpose for which you sought for information?  
   (a) Preparing for the examination  
   (b) Dissertation work  
   (c) Preparing for Competitive Examinations  
   (d) Other (Please specify)

15. Indicate the nature of information need for your academic and research studies?  
   (a) Educational Information  
   (b) Background/ Historical information  
   (c) Employment/ Job Opportunities  
   (d) Current Information  
   (e) Information about Politics  
   (f) Competitive Examinations Information  
   (g) Leisure and recreation  
   (h) Social Security benefits  
   (i) Health related information
16. Which type of information centres would you consult to support your educational needs?

(a) Academic Library (University/College)
(b) Public Library
(c) Mass Media Publications/Programmes
(d) Personal Collection of Family and Friends
(e) Others (Please specify)

17. How do you keep yourself aware and informed about various sources of information?

(a) Own Previous work
(b) Colleagues/Friends/Peer Group
(c) Reading literature
(d) Footnotes or other cited references
(e) Indexing and abstracting publications
(f) Personal recommendations
(g) Personal reference file
(h) Book reviews
(i) Library card catalogues
(j) Publishers' advertisements
(k) Library acquisitions lists
(l) Bibliographies
(m) Faculty Guidance
(n) Others (Please Specify)

18. Do you undertake information searching on own?  a) Yes ( )  b) No ( )

(a) If 'Yes', How do you start search for required information?

(a) Colleagues
(b) Friends
(c) Research Scholars
(d) Library staff
(e) INSDOC
(f) British Library
(g) Commercial agencies
(h) Library Catalogues
(i) Internet/web resources
(j) Help from Librarian
(k) Assistants from friends
(l) Others (Please specify)

(b) If 'No', indicate the reasons for not undertaking information searching
   (a) Lack of time
   (b) Not interested
   (c) Lack of information sources
   (d) Lack of acquaintance with information sources
   (e) Lack of training in information searching
   (f) Others (Please specify)

19. If you are searching information on your own, have you undergone any formal training in information searching?  
   a) Yes ( )  b) No ( )

20. For more effective and efficient use of the library, students need instruction on how to use information sources in their subject areas.
    (a) Agree ( )
    (b) Strongly Agree ( )
    (c) Neutral ( )
    (d) Disagree ( )
    (e) Strongly disagree ( )

21. Do you consult Encyclopedias for searching background information?
    (a) Yes  (b) No
    (a) If 'Yes', state the methods used for searching information in Encyclopedias
        (a) Content Page
        (b) Author Index
(c) Subject Index
(d) Index of Articles
(e) Others  (Please specify)

(b) If ‘No’, mention the reasons for not using Encyclopedias
   (a) Lack of time
   (b) Not interested
   (c) Lack of standard encyclopedia sets
   (d) Lack of acquaintance
   (e) Lack of assistance by library staff
   (f) Lack of orientation
   (g) Others  (Please specify)

22. Do you use Books for your curriculum?  a) Yes ( )  b) No ( )
   (a) If ‘Yes’, indicate the method/s used to find Books in the library?
      (a) Library catalogue
      (b) Browsing on shelves
      (c) Both
      (d) Others  (Please specify)
   (b) If ‘No’, mention the reasons for not using Books?
      (a) Non-availability of standards Books
      (b) Latest editions not available
      (c) Sufficient number of copies not available
      (d) Not useful
      (e) Others  (Please specify)

23. If you are using Books, mention the method used for searching information?
   (a) Title page
   (b) Content Page
   (c) Indexes
   (d) Scanning through Book
   (e) Others  (Please specify)
24. Do you think Library catalogue is must for the library?
   a) Yes ( )
   b) No ( )

   If ‘Yes’, mention the type of catalogue do you prefer?
   (a) Author Catalogue
   (b) Title Catalogue
   (c) Subjects Catalogue
   (d) Others (Specify)

25. Do you use Dissertations/Thesis for your educational activities?
   (a) Yes ( )
   (b) No ( )

26. Do you use the journals for your academic activities?
   (a) Yes ( )
   (b) No ( )

   (a) If ‘Yes’, how do you search information in Journals?
      (a) Content Page
      (b) Author-wise
      (c) Cumulative Indexes
      (d) Through Abstracting Sources
      (e) Others (Please specify)

   (b) If ‘No’, indicate the reasons for not using journals?
      (a) Non availability of needed Journals
      (b) Lack of organization
      (c) Not useful to curriculum
      (d) Lack of time
      (e) Lack of interest
      (f) Lack of awareness
      (g) Others (Please specify)

27. Do you use Abstracting/Indexing Sources for obtaining information?
   (a) Yes ( )
   (b) No ( )
(a) If ‘Yes’, tick the Abstracting/ Indexing sources used by you?

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(b) If ‘No’, indicate the reasons for not using Abstracting/Indexing Sources?

(a) Not useful
(b) Not aware
(c) Lack interested
(d) Lack of time
(e) Lack of orientation about its significance
(f) Others (Please specify)
28. Mention the methods employed for searching information in Abstracting Sources

(a) Author Index/Name
(b) Title index/Article
(c) Subject Index
(d) Keyword Index
(e) Using Logical operators
(f) Others (Please specify)

29. Do you use internet for your academic and research activity?

(a) Yes ( )
(b) No ( )

(a) If 'Yes', Indicate the purpose of using internet

(a) Research /Project
(b) Means of Communication
(c) Downloading programmes
(d) Professional development
(e) Chatting
(f) Entertainment
(g) Others (Please specify)

(b) If 'No', mention the reasons for not using internet

(a) Facility is not available
(b) Not useful
(c) Not interested
(d) Lack of awareness
(e) Lack of training
(f) Financial constraints
(g) Others (Please specify)

30. How long have you been using internet including e-mail (In Years)?

(a) 1-5 Years
(b) 6-10 years
(c) 11 and above years
31. How do you find/search information on the Internet? (Please tick mark all that apply)
   (a) Using Search Engines
   (b) Browsing Web Sites regularly?
   (c) Bulletin Board Service
   (d) Publications
   (e) Follow up references
   (f) Participation in Seminars/Conferences
   (g) Friends/Colleagues
   (h) Others (Please specify)

32. What type of information on the Internet you often browse or download?
   (a) E-books
   (b) E-Reference Books (eg: Encyclopedia Britannica, OED)
   (c) E-Journals
   (d) Others (Please specify)

33. How well stocked do you think the University library is in area of specialization?
   1. Very adequately stocked
   2. Adequately stocked
   3. Moderately stocked
   4. Inadequately stocked
   5. Very inadequately stocked
   6. Don’t know
   7. Others (Please specify)

34. How often do you refer to other libraries or information centers for more reading materials?
   1. Very often
   2. Often
   3. Sometimes
   4. Seldom
   5. Never
35. How often do you use the following library services? (Please tick)
   (very often = 5; often = 4, occasionally = 3, sometimes = 2; never = 1)
   (a) Inter-library loan
   (b) Reference Service
   (c) Photocopying Service
   (d) CD-ROM search
   (e) Book reservation at circulation
   (f) Use of bound periodicals overnight
   (g) Other (Please specify)

36. Are you preparing for any Competitive Examinations?
   (a) Yes ( )   (b) No ( )
   If "Yes", are the books available in your library to prepare for
   Competitive Examinations?
   (a) Yes ( )   (b) No ( )

37. What type of services do you expect from University library to meet your
    information needs?

38. We appreciate any further comments / suggestions for effective and
    efficient use of Information sources to improve Information-seeking
    behaviour of postgraduate students in the university environment.

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Signature of Respondent

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Appendix - II

LIST OF ARTICLES
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8. A paper namely “Data Mining for Library services” presented in Regional Conference during 24-25 April, 2006 conducted by Dept. of Computer Science, SPMVV, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh.