

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

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ABSTRACT

This study investigates the information seeking behaviour of faculty members in the Universities of Andhra Pradesh. The population of the study is the full time faculty members in Universities in Andhra Pradesh. A structured questionnaire has been used for gathering data from the Universities. The data collected using the questionnaire was analyzed using frequency, bar chart, Weighted Arithmetic Mean (WAM) and percentage for easy interpretation. The research finding shows that the majority of the respondents use the formal sources like *Books/Monographs* and *Journals/Periodicals* and informal sources, *Conversations with Colleague's* and attending the *Meetings / Seminar / Conferences / Workshops* and the Problems in Seeking Information or information is scattered in too many sources, Unavailability of materials and some of information materials are out dated. The following are recommended in line with the findings of the study: Libraries should improve the collections, and the faculty members should contact the librarians to increase the electronic resources.

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