

## Mindfulness and Utilization of Career Information Resources and Services in Bangalore University Library

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***Abstract** - This study is undertaken to evaluate the career information resources and services of Bangalore university library, survey method were used for collecting the data through questionnaire tool, 312 questionnaires were distributed and 236 questionnaires collected by PG students of Arts, Science and Commerce students. The study is also examine the purpose of using Career information, its sources, services and their utilization level, satisfaction level of Career information resources and services.*

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### Introduction

Career Information resources are used for career development process. It has job-related and educational related resources. Career information in the form of books, teacher guide materials, user friendly website and other valuable tools help impressive vocation seekers to begin thinking about possible career. There are many resources that provide career information on various parts of careers. Career information sources are too many and too plenty. They are available in different forms, in different channels and in different media. It is available in print as well as non-print media.

Bangalore university has career information resources center housed in reference section. Having huge collection of UPSC, KPSC, SSC, SDC/FDC/ Railway recruitment and banking books etc. it enables users to find out the relevant data to their needs. It supports to make worthy choices about career goals, and it helps to lay down a plan to achieve these goals. It also focuses on preparing individuals for a stable and linear career.

### Review of Literature

**Sunilkumar, M(2018).** He made a study on Information Usage of Career Information Resource Centre by students and research scholars. The result of the study shows that out of

93 respondents, 61(65.59%) respondent were male following by 32(34.41%) respondents were female. Majority of the respondents were students with 75(80.65%) then the research scholars and all are satisfied with the availability of sources in the career information center.

**Adio and Popoola (2010)** they analysed the job satisfaction and career commitment of librarians in federal University. The study found that job satisfaction has significant influence on career commitment of librarians working in libraries and also it reveals that insufficient funding, lack of promotion, poor condition of service and lack of recognition which affected their career commitment.

**Harinarayana and Raju(2007)** they examined job opportunities for library and information professionals on online job portals. This study is considered online job portal Careerage.com primarily targeted Indian job seekers. that is reflected in this study also with 92.1% jobs advertised reflected in this portal belongs to Indian companies, educational institutions, Schools, especially international, residential schools and technical institutes have posted almost 69% of the jobs in this job portal.

### **Need of the Study**

The idea of a career information centre is to provide career information resources to students, Research scholars and faculty for their study. This information must be present, exact and eagerly understood by the users. It has the responsibility for determining the informational needs of its users and providing career materials for the career related studies.

### **Objectives**

- To find out the frequency of visit the Career Information center.
- To examine the purpose of using Career Information resource.
- To know the availability of Career Information resources.
- To find out the Career Information services.
- To examine their awareness with regard to Career information sources and services available in university library.
- To know the satisfaction level of Career Information resources and services.

### **Scope and Limitation of the study**

This Study is an endeavor to decide the Awareness and Utilization of Career Information Resources and Services available in Bangalore University Library. The study is limited for post graduates students of Arts science and Commerce discipline.

### **Methodology**

Survey method was used for the current study using well structured Questionnaires designed and distributed to postgraduate's students of Arts, Science and commerce discipline to collect the data. 312 questionnaires were distributed to the users, out of this 236 filled questionnaires were received in time and analysed according to objectives of the study.

### **Analysis of the Data**

The data collected from questionnaire method and analysed according to the objective of the study

**Table-1 Distribution of Questionnaire**

Sl.No.	Subjects	No. of Questionnaire Distributed	Questionnaire received	Percentage
1	Arts	132	103	43.64
2	Science	130	88	37.29
3	Commerce	50	45	19.06
		312	236	100

Table-1 shows that distribution of questionnaire and its response. A total 312 questionnaire distributed and received 236 questionnaires; the response rate is 76%. Out of 236 questionnaire 103(43.64%) respond received by Arts, followed by 88(37.29%) from science and 45 (19.06) by Commerce discipline

**Table-2 Frequency of visit to the Career Information Resource Centre**

Sl.No	Frequency	Respondents			Total	%
		Arts	Science	Commerce		
1	Daily	59	48	28	135	57.20
2	2-3 times in a week	31	32	9	72	30.51
3	Monthly	9	5	6	20	8.48
4	Occasionally	4	3	2	9	3.81
	Total	103	88	50	236	100

Table 2 reveals that 135(57.20%) respondent have the habit to visit to the Library daily. 72(30.51%) respondent visit library two or three times in a week. 20(8.48%) respondent visit the library monthly. This study shows that all the discipline students were utilize the library by visiting the Library.

**Table-3 Purpose for Using Career Information Resources Centre**

Sl.No	Purpose	Discipline			Total N=236
		Arts N=97	Science N=88	Commerce N=45	
1	Prepare for competitive exams	78 (80.41%)	65 (73.86%)	40 (88.88%)	183 (77.54%)
2	To read Newspapers advertisement/notification	67 (69.07%)	52 (59.09%)	22 (48.88%)	141 (59.74%)
3	To read Employment news	40 (41.23%)	45 (51.13%)	18 (40%)	103 (43.64%)
4	To obtain employability skills	18 (18.56%)	28 (31.81%)	34 (75.55%)	80 (33.89%)
5	To read books and journals for gaining knowledge	54 (55.67%)	58 (65.90%)	32 (71.11%)	144 (61.01%)

Table 3 depicts purpose of visit to the Career Information resources Centre. This table revealed that 183 (77.54%) respondents visit Career Information resources Centre for the purpose of Prepare for competitive exams, followed by 141(59.74%) respondent visit to the library for the purpose of To read Newspapers advertisement/notification 103(43.64%) respondent visit to read Employment news. The above table shows that main purpose of visiting Career Information resources Centre for preparing competitive exams.

**Table-4: Use of Career Information Resources**

SI No	Use of Career information resources	Arts	Science	Commerce	Total
1	UGC-NET/K-SLET/ CSIR-NET etc.	50	45	36	131
2	UPSC Books	63	28	26	117
3	KPSC Books	57	25	27	109
4	Railway Recruitment	5	0	16	21
5	Clerical (SDA/FDA)	78	43	34	85
6	Banking	8	6	42	56
7	SSC	13	8	17	38
8	MAT/GMAT/TOEFL	0	13	0	13
9	Mental ability books	45	36	19	100
10	Personality development books	18	29	15	62
11	Communication skill development books	3	0	0	3
12	Magazines	58	35	28	121

Table 4 shows the different types of resources used by the students and researchers. It is observed that maximum number of users 131 used UGC-NET/K-SET books for meet their information needs. Followed by the use of magazines with 121 and respectively. It is clearly indicates that users come to Career information resource centre for referring reference books than textbooks.

**Table-5: Awareness on Career Information Resources Centre**

SI NO	Response	No of Respondents	%
1	Yes	205	86.86
2	No	31	13.14
		236	100

Table 5 indicates that the most of the respondents 205 (86.86%) were aware of Career information resources centre and 31(13.14%) were not aware of Career information resources centre.

**Table-6 User satisfaction level on Career Information Resources**

Sl.No	Level of Satisfaction	Discipline			Total	%
		Arts	Science	Commerce		
1.	Fully Satisfied	52	38	18	108	45.76
2.	Partially Satisfied	35	32	16	83	35.17
3.	Least Satisfied	15	15	9	39	16.53
4.	Unsatisfied	1	3	2	6	2.54
	Total	103	88	45	236	100

Table 6 shows that user satisfaction level on Career information resources. This table indicates that 108(45.76%) respondent are fully satisfied. Followed by 83(35.17%) respondent are partially satisfied and 6(2.54%) are unsatisfied.

**Table-7 User satisfaction level on Career Information Services**

Sl.no	Level of Satisfaction	Discipline			Total	%
		Arts	Science	Commerce		
1.	Fully Satisfied	49	42	20	111	47.03
2.	Partially Satisfied	32	28	17	77	32.63
3.	Least Satisfied	20	12	6	40	16.95
4.	Unsatisfied	2	6	2	8	3.39
	Total	103	88	45	236	100

Table 7 shows that user satisfaction level on career information service. It is observed that 111(47.03%) respondents are fully satisfied with career information services, followed by 77 (32.63%) respondents are partially satisfied and only 8(3.39%) respondent are unsatisfied.

### Findings and Conclusion

- It was observed in the table 1, good response of questionnaire received with 236(76%) from arts, science and commerce students
- The table 2 shows that all the discipline, most of the students 135(57.20%) come to the career information resources daily for utilizing the library resources.
- It was found in the table 3, 183 (77.54%) respondents visit Career Information resources Centre for the purpose competitive exams, 141(59.74%) respondent visit to the library to read Newspapers advertisement/notification 103(43.64%) respondent visit to read Employment news.
- It is observed in the table 4, 131 users used UGC-NET/K-SET books for meet their information needs. Magazines with 121 and respectively and most of the users come to Career information resource centre for referring reference books than textbooks.
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