

Chapter 4

Use of Information Resources Among the Civil Service Exam Aspirants With Special Reference to Tamil Nadu, India

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ABSTRACT

The Indian Civil Service serves as the backbone of India and carries great respect and responsibilities. The best brains of the country vie for entry into the Indian Civil Services as officers. The civil servants are thrust responsibility of managing the economic, natural, and human resources of the country. They constitute of individuals from different walks of life and different educational and social backgrounds who exhibit the qualities of integrity, vision, and commitment to the nation. The varied background of individuals creates a perfect amalgamation mirroring the Indian social reality giving it a holistic perspective. The results of the study revealed that the respondents have reasonable information awareness and skills to locate and retrieve information resources.

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INTRODUCTION

The basic ingredient for any activity is information. Selection of the best information sources decides the success of the projects undertaken. The rapid change in technological advancement and growth of internet makes availability of information so easier. In the current digital environment, the information resources can be commonly classified as print resources, human resources and electronic resources. Few decades before, the major source of information resources and widely used was only the print resources. But the scenario has changed today. The students and researchers today frequently start their information search process only using search engines. The usage of search engine “Google” in the search for information by the end users of digital age is really powerful.

The Indian Civil Service serves as the backbone of India and carries great respect and responsibilities. The best brains of the Country vie for entry into the Indian Civil Services as officers. Even though corporate jobs may offer the best of salaries and perks, a majority of youngsters and their parents still crave entry to the prestigious Indian Civil Services held by the UPSC. The very fact that a big share of top posts in the civil services exams are bagged by professionals from various streams, shows that the IAS is still the dream job for many.

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REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

The review of literature is so much required as it guides the researcher in the correct path of his journey. To say in simple words, it is a stepping stone for the process of research. It helps the researcher to identify his strength and weakness in the journey of research. Review of literature in any study is not a cup of tea; it requires scholarly maturity. Good review of literature is a sign of professional maturity; it shows one’s grasp of the field, one’s methodological sophistication in critiquing others’ research, and the breadth and depth of one’s reading (Krathwohl, 1988). The main purpose of review of literature would be to avoid duplication of research. It serves as an alert to researcher whether any study of the same theme had been done earlier or not. So, enough time had been allocated by the researcher about the related studies of utilisation of information sources at various components. A good

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