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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS



A.P.	Andhra Pradesh
ALA	America Library Association
APA	American Psychological Association
AU	Assam University
CAS	Current Awareness Service
CD ROM	Compact Disc Read-Only Memory
CDS/ISIS	Computerized Documentation System-Integrated Set for Information Systems
CoV	Coefficient of Variance
CSIR	Council for Scientific and Industrial Research
DeLCON	DBT e-Library Consortium
DELNET	Delhi Library Network
DU	Dibrugarh University
E-Book	Electronic Book
E-governance	Electronic governance
E_i	Expected Frequency
E-Journal	Electronic Journal
E_o	Observed Frequency
E-Resource	Electronic Resource
GU	Gauhati University
HRDG	Human Resource Development Group
http	Hypertext Transfer Protocol
ICSSR	Indian Council of Social Science Research
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
ILA	Indian Library Association
ILL	Inter -Library Loan
INFLIBNET	Information Library Network
INSDOC	Indian National Scientific Documentation Centre, New Delhi

IPR	Intellectual Property Right
IQR	Inter-Quartile Range
IR	Information Retrieval
ISBN	International Standard Bibliographic Description
IT	Information Technology
JCCC	J-Gate Custom Content for Consortium
JRF	Junior Research Fellow
LAN	Local Area Network
LIS	Library and Information Science
MHRD	Ministry of Human Resource Development
N-LIST	National Library and Information Services Infrastructure for Scholarly Content
OPAC	On-line Public Access Catalogue
PG	Post Graduate
R & D	Research & Development
RFID	Radio Frequency Identification
SDI	Selective Dissemination of Initiative
SNS	Social Networking Site
SPSS	Statistical Package for the Social Sciences
SRF	Senior Research Fellow
STM	Science Technology and Management
TU	Tezpur University
UG	Under-Graduate
UGC	University Grants Commission
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific & Cultural Organisation
UPS	Uninterruptible Power Supply
UT	Union territory
Web OPAC	Web On-line Public Access Catalogue
WWW	World Wide Web

PREFACE

In 21st century, libraries are moving from print to e-resources either subscribing individually or through consortia. There has been paradigm shift in the collection development policies for acquiring printed as well as e-resources (both offline and on-line resources). Library consortia is a community (a supportive) of two or more libraries which have formally agreed to cooperative, synchronize, organize, collaborate or consolidate certain functions to achieve joint objectives. The Consortium namely UGC-INFONET Digital Library Consortium, DeLCON and AICTE-INDEST subscribes to electronic resources covering all major subject discipline being taught in universities of India

The area selected for the study is Assam State of North-East India. The formation of consortia or the process of buying e-resources by the different libraries of Assam together has become very important activities in the last few years. This study “*Usage of E-Resources in the University Libraries of Assam: A Comparative Study*” discusses the usefulness of e-resources available under library consortia in the university libraries of Assam.

This thesis comprises of mainly seven chapters: First chapter deals with “General Introduction” are the subject matter for the first chapter. It provides information on the background, significance, objectives, hypothesis, scope, limitation, definition of operational term and Organisation of capture for the study in detail. Second chapter deals with “review of literature”. Here, it provides information about national level, international level and printed and non-printed types of review of earlier study. Third chapter describes methodology adopted in the collection and analysis of the data. It also describes sampling procedure, tools of data collection and

hypothesis of this study. Forth chapter describes the information seeking concepts, needs and information seeking models in detail. Fifth chapter deals with the data analysis and interpretation of the data related to personal information, information needs of the library users. It contains interpretation of data by statistics that includes statistical data and figures. Sixth chapter comprises of major findings and discussions. Seventh chapter provides suggestions, recommendations and conclusion. It also includes areas of further research which is followed by references according to APA style.

The finding of the study shows a clear picture of e-resource usage pattern by library users belong to Universities of Assam along with the preference of e-resources or e-journals and usefulness, role and preference of e-consortia services. Thus, it would be the contribution of the study towards the national development in general and Assam/North-East India in particularly to build a new network in future.