

Library Website and its utilization: A study of N. P. Shivaji College Mowad.**Prof. Sunil V. Narnaware**

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Abstract

Library websites plays an important role in higher education institute. It is the virtual presentation to universe. Library Web sites are gateways to information that supports and fulfil the educational needs. Most important thing is that library website needs to be user friendly in access and easy to use. In this context the present study is focused on Library websites and its utilization in N. P. Shivaji Mahavidyalaya, Mowad. It investigates the usage, frequency, satisfaction among users with regard to N. P. Shivaji Mahavidyalaya Library website. A structural questionnaire was distributed in student and faculty member. The result were analysed and to provide valuable information regarding how the users make use of their college library website.

Keywords: Library, Website, Utilization, College, Users**Introduction**

Library is the heart of any academic institution.

Library website provides information about libraries, its function, its collection and library services. It provide access to online catalogs, some electronic databases, open access resources, subject resources, library instructions, Information Literacy, link to other resources and digital collections.

Role of college library website

- Serve as a library workstation.
- Serves as a delivery mechanism for databases, electronic texts and journals, and often for the library catalog.
- It is a tool that will help to speed up or slow down the reference librarians work
- It is a tool that will help user in their research.
- Library Web site is a way of making internal resources or products available.
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- Library's Web site is to serve as a communication tool for a library and its users.

- The library Website can allow us to hear from the users through interactive forms, chat rooms, and e-mail links.

Review of Literature

Vandecreek (2005) carried out a study on usability analyses of Northern Illinois libraries website. Survey methods are use for data collection. Findings reveal that the data collected in such a way was very useful for redesigning library website.

Kim (2010) carried out a research on user perceptions of university library websites, he categorized a wide range of users based on their academic role differences, used for his study. it found that users perceived university library websites somewhat difficult to use. As a result, it was recommended to design user focused websites.

Margam, Madhusudhan & Nagabhushanam, V. (2012) carried out a study on Use of Web-based library services in selected University Libraries in India: A study result shows that majority of the respondents of all university libraries indicated that slow internet connectivity was a major barrier to accessing and use web based library services of University libraries.

Pareek, Sarwesh and Gupta, Dinesh K (2013) in their study on Academic Library Websites in Rajasthan: an analysis of Content Survey of web sites of 52 academic, libraries, i.e. government, deemed self-financed universities and research centres libraries of Rajasthan based on 133-item

checklist found that all 52 web sites were often developed as a routine organisational matter instead of a conscious process of library promotion and marketing. In some websites very few show serious understanding by librarians of the worth of web technology and their professional involvement. Some general features like access, speed, navigation, help facilities etc. may be found, but the placement of library functions like OPAC, circulation, reference, and other interactive services are not highly observed.

Kumar, V. & Bansal, J. (2014) in their study on Qualities of a library website: Evaluating library websites of new IITs found that none of the IITs website qualifies the criteria of a quality website. All the website have different features no one similar with each other.

Objective of the study

- To analyze the use of library website of N. P. Shivaji Mahavidyalaya Mowad.
- To reveal factors and opinions regarding the library website.

Research Methodology

The present study is limited to N. P. Shivaji Mahavidyalaya Library website only. UG student and faculty member are selected for the study. Survey method is use for the study. By simple random sampling and respondents were selected by systematic sampling for this a structural questionnaire was design and same to be distributed to the UG students and faculty members. 60 students from each class (from B. A. I, II and final year) and 8 teaching faculty are selected for the study out of this 180 students, only 150 questionnaire from UG students and 8 questionnaire from faculty member total 158 (n=158) questionnaire were received.

Data Analysis and Interpretation

Experience of Respondents with Internet

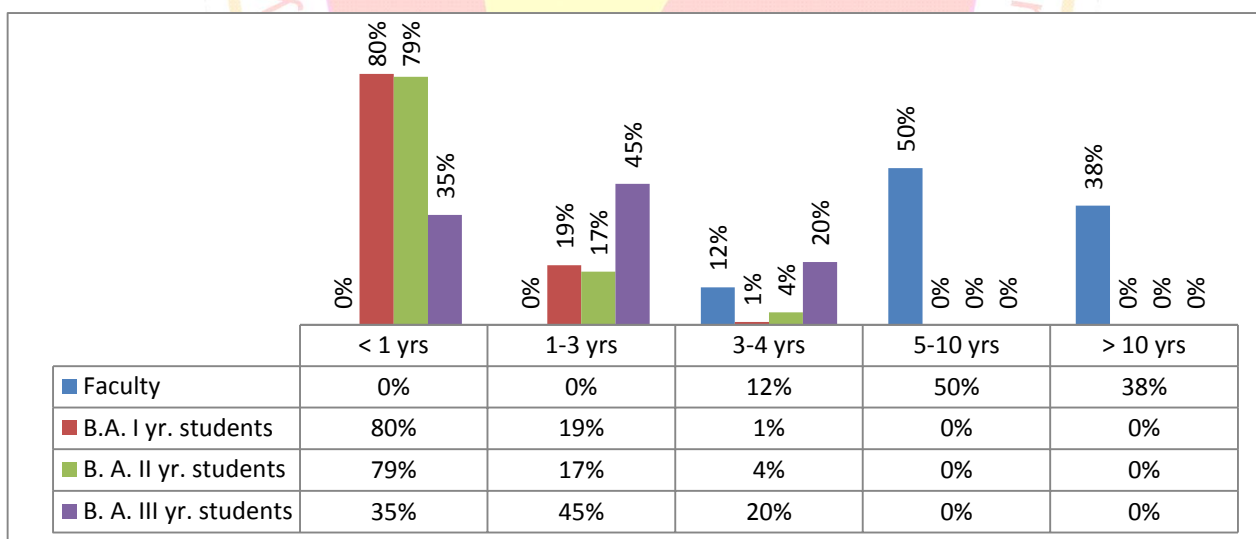


Fig. 1 Experience of Respondents with Internet

Whole the collected data is systematically presented and analysed with help of figure (graph) among them graph 1 shows that 50% of the faculty members have internet experience of 5-10 yrs., followed by 38 % having more than 10 yrs and 12% with 3-4 yrs experience. From UG student 80% of B. A. I yr student have less than 1 year experience, followed by 19% with 1-3 yrs and 1% have 3-4 yrs experience of internet. 79% of B. A. II yrs student having less than

1 yrs experience followed by 17% with 1-3 yrs and 4% with 3-4 yrs internet experience. In B. A. III students 45% having 1-3 yrs of internet experience followed by 35 % having 1 yrs and 20% with 3-4 yrs experience of internet.

Frequency of Library Website usage

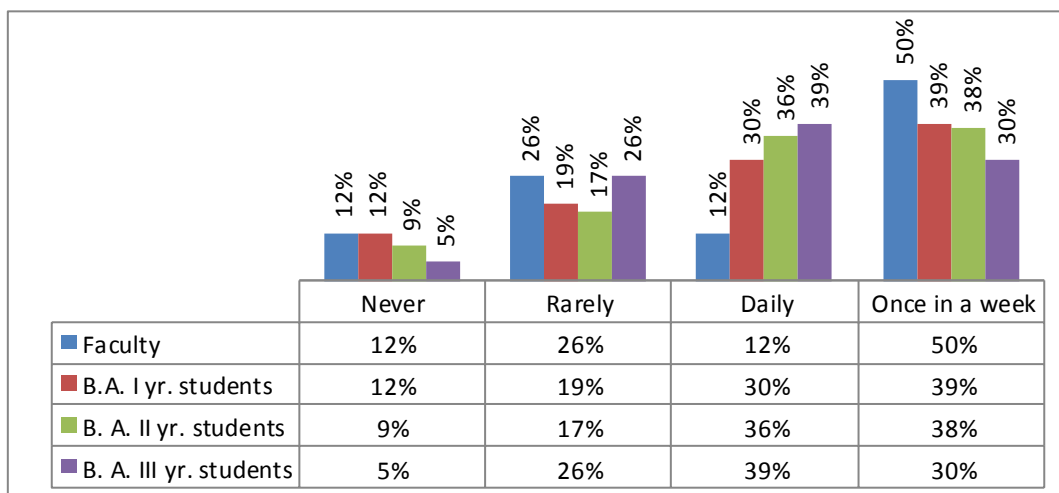


Fig. 2 Frequency of Library website usage

From the above figure no. 2, it shows that 50% faculty member usage library website once in a week followed by 26% rarely and 12% daily and never. 39% B. A. Yr. Student usage library once in a week followed by 30 % daily, 19 % rarely and 12 % newer use library website. It shows that 38 % B. A. II yr.

Student usage library website once in a week, 36% usage daily, 17% rarely and 9 % users never use library website. Remaining 39% student from final year usage library website daily, 30% usage once in a week, 26% rarely and 5% users never use library website.

Library staff provides training to the use of Library Website

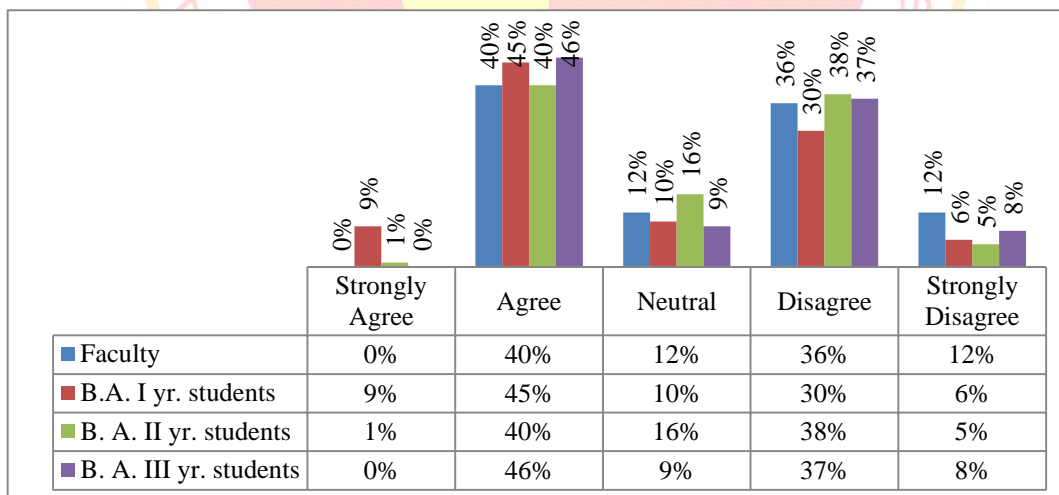


Fig. 3 Library staff provides training to the use of Library Website

From the above figure no. 3 it shows that highest 40 % of faculty member are agree with library staff provides training to the use of library website followed by 46 % from B. A. I year and 45% from B. A. I year. 12 % from faculty are neutral and 9% from final year students are neutral to this variables. From

faculty and students highest 9% from B. A. I year student are strongly disagree with library staff provide to the use of library website.

Learn ability on the usage of library Website and its impact

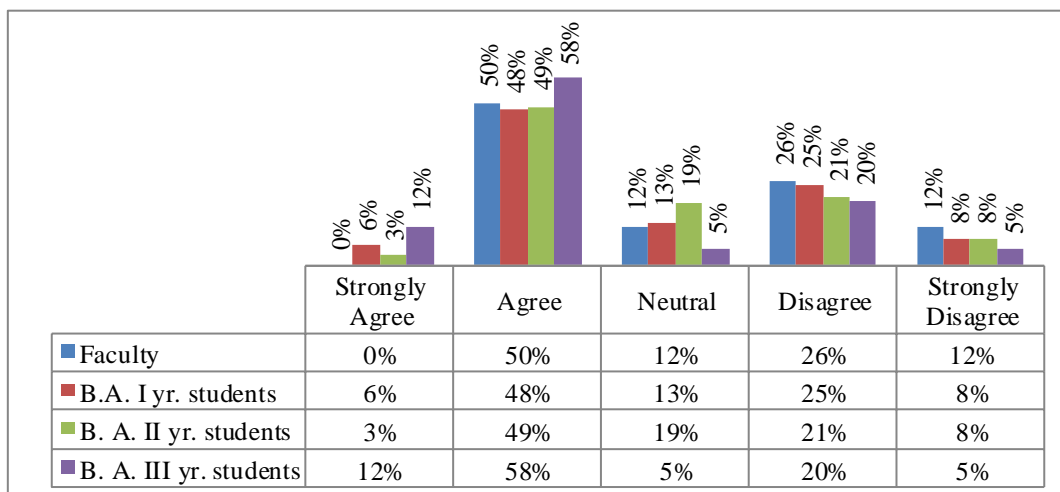


Fig. 4 Learn ability on the usage of library Website and its impact

From the figure no. 4 seen that 50% faculty member are agree with learn ability of the website followed by highest 58% from B. A. Final year, 49% from B. A. II year and 48% from B. A. I year means they finds things easy to learn from website, while 5% of

student from final year strongly disagree with it and t 26% faculty are disagree. The top contributors of strongly agree with 12 % from B. A. Final year students.

Overall rating to library website

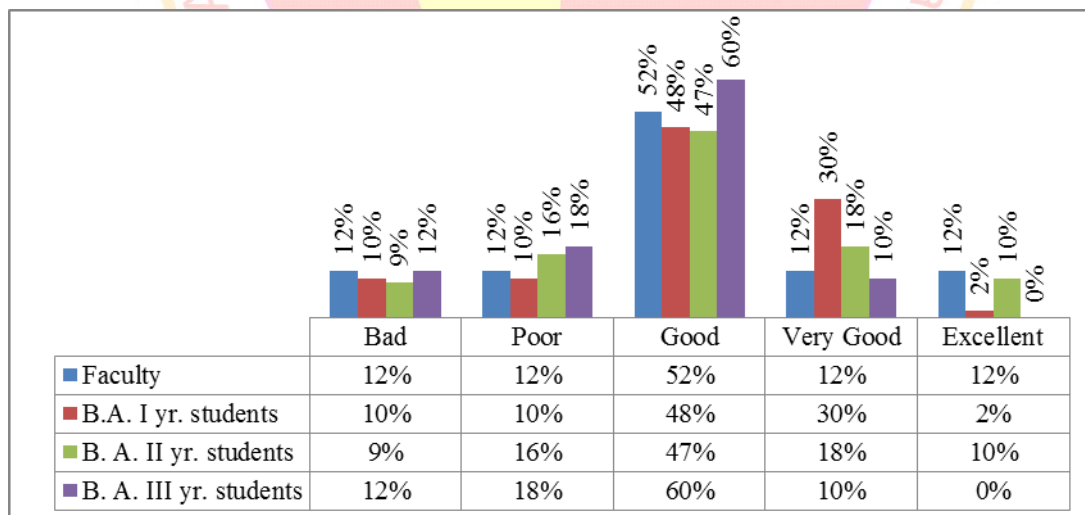


Fig. 4 Learn ability on the usage of library Website and its impact

From the above figure reveals that highest 60% users from final year rate N. P. Shivaji Mahavidyalaya library website as good followed by both 12% rated bad from faculty and final year users, highest 18% rates as poor from B. A. Final year users. Overall rating highlights that 12 % from faculty 10% from second year student rated website as excellent while 30% users from first year rated as very good

followed by 18% from B. A. II year and 10 % from final year users.

Suggestion

From the present study it is suggested that there is more need to improve the design and accessibility of library website so users should attract and use library website daily for their needs.

Conclusion

It is conclude that the overall results regarding, utilization of website has found to be very useful. As the feedback was gathered from Faculty members, and Students from each class provides great insight into the strengths as well as weaknesses of the website. This will enable to attain indication about improvement in the library website. Valuable suggestions were given by maximum number of respondents from faculty and students to make website more usable and well designed. If we compare our library website with other college libraries websites, we found our website is no were to reach their standard. As revealed from analysis, 18% of final year users and 12% of faculty rated library website as Poor. It has been observed that 12% of faculty members never use library website and 12 % faculty and 39 % final year students only use library website daily followed by 36% from second year 30% from firay year users so there is need to attract more users to library website. Therefore, more attention need to paid for making information available through library website to the library users in an efficient way. So that all users make more and more use of N. P. Shivaji Mahavidyalaya library website.

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