

# **Awareness about the E-resources among the High School Students**

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## **ABSTRACT**

*The present study is about to familiar with the various free E-resources for the high school students and to find out the awareness about E-resources. According to the study, various websites are available on the internet to read E-resources without any cost. The list of the websites for Fictional books, story books, travelogues, e-textbooks, E-magazines, E-encyclopedia, Dictionaries, Digital libraries are given in the study. Questionnaire was distributed among the 10<sup>th</sup> class students of MVP's Maratha High school, Nashik total 500 student's response to the study. The study also find out the awareness about the E-resources .According to the study Most of the respondents i.e. 84.2% of respondents are aware about the e-resources and 74.1% of respondents are aware about the websites of free e-resources after attending the awareness program, they are again eager to attend some more user awareness programs.*

**KEYWORDS:** E-resources, E-Book, E-Magazine, Digital Library

## **INTRODUCTION**

The whole world has been battling the Corona epidemic since December 2019. The lockdown made it difficult for readers to find reading material in the closed library. While the reader cannot come to the library in such a situation, the library can certainly reach the reader through technology. In this article, we will review the reading material available through technology. We will mainly look at information about reading material available on the Internet for high school students.

## **E-RESOURCES**

E-resources are resources that require the use of electronic media such as computers, mobiles, iPads, laptops, etc. or any of the more than one electronic medium that will deliver e-books, e-journals, e-data bases, images to readers. E-resources are a collection of all electronic reading materials. With e-resources, maximum readers can read more than one resource at the same time and in less time at home so they do not need to visit the library.

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E-resources are online and offline. Offline e-resources are those that do not require internet access to use, such as CD-ROM, floppy etc. Online e-resources require internet Connection to access the resources. The main purpose of this article is to look at the free e-resources available on the Internet for High school Students.

### **OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY**

1. To know what is e-resources
2. To find out what are the free online e-resources available for High school students on the internet.
3. To Know the awareness among High school students about e-resources

### **METHODOLOGY**

The survey method was used with the questionnaire tool. Total 600 questionnaires were distributed among the students of MVP's Maratha High School, Nashik, out of that 500 student's response to the questionnaire. The questionnaire were randomly distributed among the students

### **SCOPE AND LIMITATION OF THE STUDY**

This study is limited to looking at the online e-resources available for High School students. 500 Students of MVP's Maratha High School, Nashik have been selected for the study.

### **Various free E-resources available on the Internet**

Types of e-resources and websites available for free on the Internet are as follows:

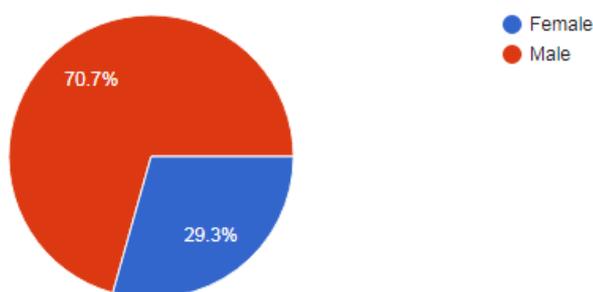
<b>E-Resources</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Websites</b>
E-Book	Electronic versions of traditional books range from eBooks to Adobe PDF, Microsoft Reader, e-Reader, Mobipocket Reader, EPUB, Kindle and iPad are available in this format. This includes stories, novels, travelogues, e-textbooks, religious texts, literary genres	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <a href="http://www.esahity.com/">http://www.esahity.com/</a></li><li>2. <a href="https://sahitya.marathi.gov.in/">https://sahitya.marathi.gov.in/</a></li><li>3. <a href="https://rmvs.marathi.gov.in/">https://rmvs.marathi.gov.in/</a></li><li>4. <a href="https://epustakalay.com">https://epustakalay.com</a></li><li>5. <a href="https://ealbharati.in">https://ealbharati.in</a></li><li>6. <a href="https://epathshala.nic.in/">https://epathshala.nic.in/</a></li></ol>
E-Journals	Magazines like Kishor, Vayam, Chandoba, Shikshan Sankraan are available online for free.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <a href="http://shikshansankraman.msbshe.ac.in/">http://shikshansankraman.msbshe.ac.in/</a></li><li>2. <a href="https://kishor.ealbharati.in/Archive/Index.aspx">https://kishor.ealbharati.in/Archive/Index.aspx</a></li><li>3. <a href="https://wayam.in/anka.html">https://wayam.in/anka.html</a></li><li>4. <a href="https://archive.org/details/Chandoba_Marathi_1977_10">https://archive.org/details/Chandoba_Marathi_1977_10</a></li></ol>

E-Reference Books	E-encyclopedia, e-dictionary, e-thesaurus are all e-reference books. Readers can search detail information about the specific concept in the encyclopedia and search the meaning and synonyms in the dictionary and thesaurus	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="http://www.encyclopedia.com">www.encyclopedia.com</a></li> <li>2. <a href="https://www.britannica.com/">https://www.britannica.com/</a></li> <li>3. <a href="http://www.marathivishwakosh.in/">http://www.marathivishwakosh.in/</a></li> <li>4. <a href="http://ketkardnyankosh.com/">http://ketkardnyankosh.com/</a></li> <li>5. <a href="http://www.onelook.com/">http://www.onelook.com/</a></li> <li>6. <a href="https://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com/">https://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com/</a></li> <li>7. <a href="http://www.thesaurus.com">www.thesaurus.com</a></li> </ol>
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Portal	Some of the entertainment portals are also available, with experiments related to Science, complete information related to health, space, authors are also available on one click	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="https://www.arvindguptatoys.com/">https://www.arvindguptatoys.com/</a></li> <li>2. <a href="http://www.nobelprize.org">www.nobelprize.org</a></li> <li>3. <a href="http://www.aogyavidya.net/">http://www.aogyavidya.net/</a></li> <li>4. <a href="http://www.avakashvedh.com/">http://www.avakashvedh.com/</a></li> <li>5. <a href="http://www.gadiima.com/">http://www.gadiima.com/</a></li> <li>6. <a href="http://www.shakespeare.com">www.shakespeare.com</a></li> </ol>

**DATA ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION**

The Students of MVP’s Maratha High School, Nashik are the respondents for the study. Total 500 respondents have filled the questionnaire related to the topic "Awareness about e-resources among school children: a survey".

**RESPONDENTS OF THE STUDY**

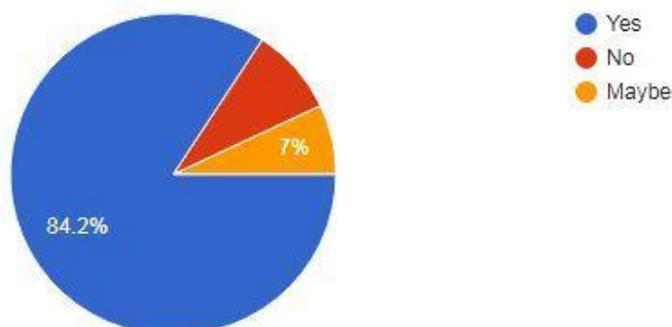


**Figure No.1**

## **Awareness about the E-resources among the High School Students**

Figure no. 1 shows that the percentage of respondents responding to the questionnaire Total 500 students responded to the questionnaire out of which 70.7% of respondents are female and 29.3% of respondents are male.

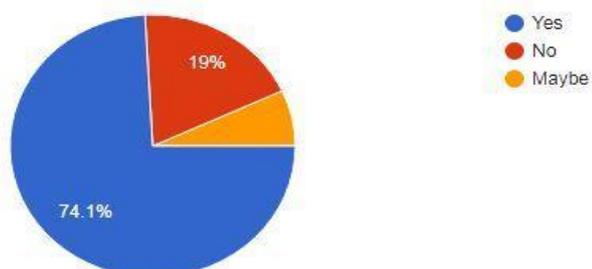
### **1. Are you aware about the e-resources?**



**Figure No. 2**

Figure no. 2 represents awareness about the e-resources among the respondents. 84.2% of respondents are aware about e-resources and remaining 7% and 8.8% of respondents not aware, may be aware about E-resources respectively

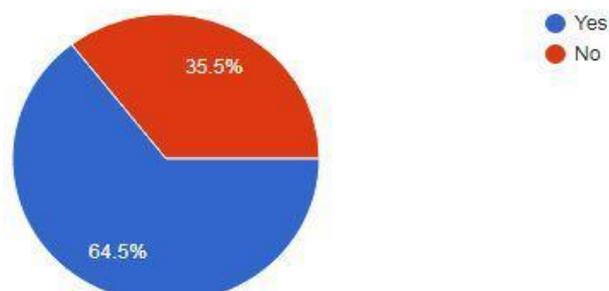
### **2. Are you aware about the free websites for E-books, E-magazine and digital libraries?**



**Figure no. 3**

Figure no. 3 shows the awareness about free websites for e-books, e-magazine and digital libraries etc. According to figure 74.1% of respondents are aware about the websites. 19% and 6.9% of the respondents are not aware and maybe aware about the E-resources websites.

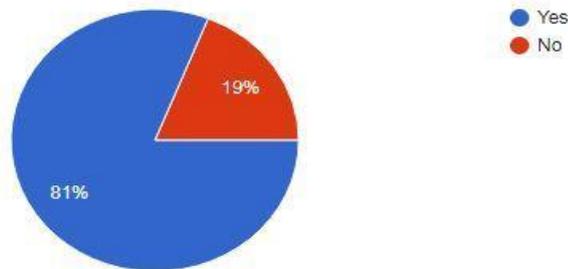
### **3. Do you participate in any user awareness program about the E-resources?**



**Figure No. 4**

Figure No. 4 represents the participation of respondents for user awareness programs about the E-resources. According to the figure 64.5% of respondents participate in the user awareness program and remaining 35.5% of respondents not participated in any awareness program about the E-resources

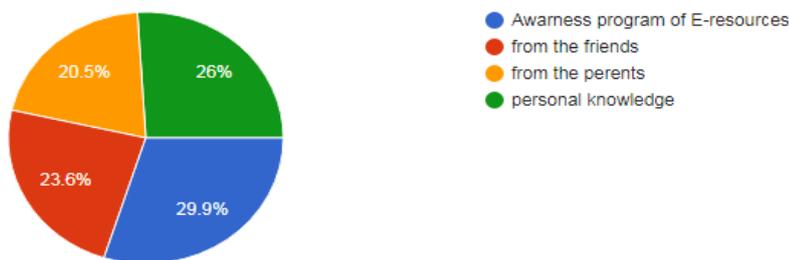
**4. Are you needing some more awareness program about online E-resources?**



**Figure No.5**

Figure no. 5 shows that 81% of respondents want to attend the awareness program for E-resources and 19% of respondents did not required any more awareness program

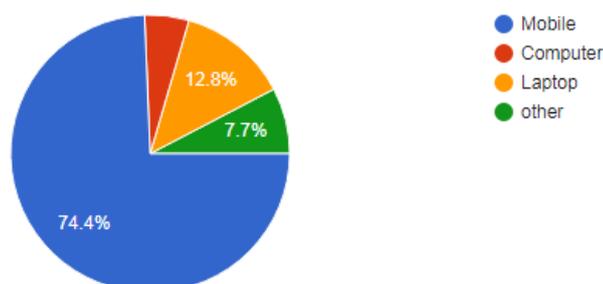
**5. \*From which sources you get information about the E-resources.**



**Figure No. 6**

Figure no. 6 shows that 29.9% of the respondents get information about e-resources by attending user awareness programs. 26% of respondents get information about E-resources through Personal knowledge.23.6% of respondent's gets information through friends and the remaining 20.5% of respondents get information about E-resources from their parents.

**6. Which source used to access E-resources?**



**Figure no. 7**

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Figure 7 shows that 74.4% of respondents used their mobile phone to access e-resources, 12.8% of respondents access e-resources on Laptop. 7.7% of respondents used other sources and remaining 5.1% of respondents used computer to access E-resources

### 7. Which language you prefer to read the E-resources?

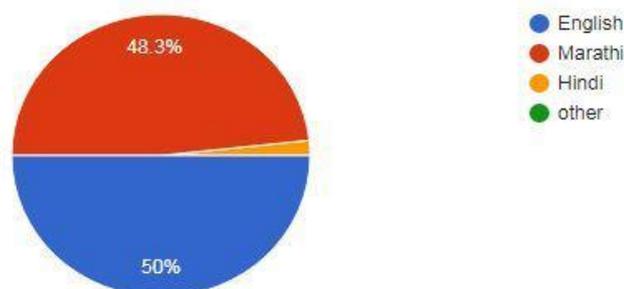


Figure no. 8

Figure 8 represents that 50% of respondents prefer to read e-resources in English language, 48.3% of respondents prefer to read e-resources in Marathi language and remaining 1.7% of respondents prefer to read e-resources in Hindi Language.

### 8. What is the problem you face while accessing E-resources?



Figure no. 9

Figure No. 9 shows the problems facing the respondents while accessing e-resources. 33.3% of respondents facing internet range problems, 26.3% of respondents faced searching problems, 12.3% and 10.5% of respondents having inadequate resources to search e-resources and having lack of skills respectively. 17.5% of respondents are facing all the mentioned problems.

### 9. Why you use E-resources?

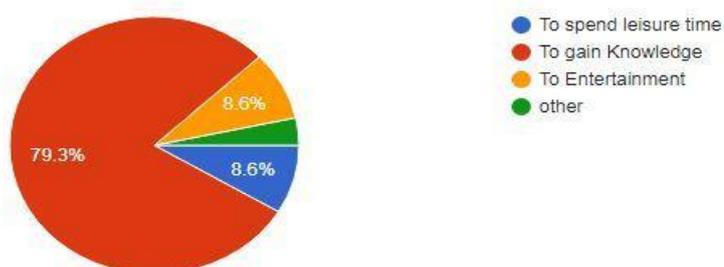


Figure No. 10

Figure No. 10 Represents that 79.3% of respondents use e-resources to gain their knowledge. 8.6% of respondents used e-resources to spend their leisure time and for entertainment very few respondents. 3.5% of respondents having other reason to use the E-resources.

### 10. How frequently you used E-resources?

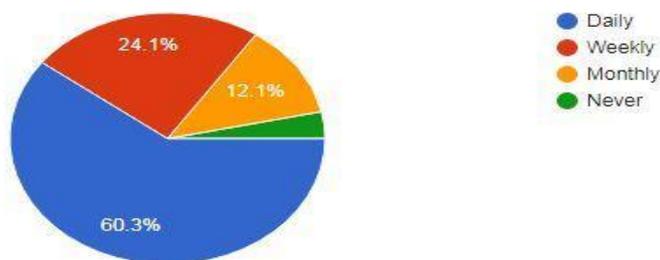


Figure No. 11.

Figure no. 11 shows that 60.3% of respondents used E-resources daily, 24.1% of respondents used e-resources weekly, 12.1% of respondents used monthly and very few respondents never used e-resources.

### FINDINGS

1. Most of the respondents i.e. 84.2% of respondents are aware about the e-resources
2. 74.1% of respondents are aware about the websites of free e-resources
3. 64.5% of the respondents are aware about the e-resources after attending the awareness program and they are again eager to attend some more user awareness programs.
4. 74.4% of the respondents used mobile to search the e-resources
5. 50% of the respondents prefer e-resources in English language and 48.3% of respondents prefer local language i.e. Marathi
6. 33.3% of respondents facing internet range problems, 26.3% of respondents having lack of knowledge to search e-resources
7. 79.3% of the respondents used E-resources to gain knowledge.

### CONCLUSION

The study was conducted for the High School students of MVP's Maratha High school, Nashik. KBH High school, Girmare, Nashik According to the study most of the respondents are using E-resources and they are aware about the websites the open access e-resources after attending the awareness program, they are again eager to attend some more user awareness programs.

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