

# ICT Application in Public Libraries of Saurashtra Region

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## Abstract

Public libraries are facing a piquant situation and unforeseen challenges in this pandemic. They are reading under pressure to fulfil their obligation to meet the diverse information needs of clientele because each and every physical door of information was closed due to pandemics. So public libraries should re-examine and redefine their services. There are a lot of developments taking place in terms of information and communication technology (ICT). The paper highlighted the need and advantage of information and communication technology to public libraries in Saurashtra. It reviewed the ICT products available for public libraries. It discussed the ICT application in public libraries in Saurashtra. The descriptive study employs a survey methodology to gather data. Data was collected from library staff responsible for management and administration at public libraries in Saurashtra using semi-structured interviews. This paper further looked into the problems of ICT application in public libraries in Saurashtra. Findings indicate that low bandwidth, poor ICT skills, inadequate ICT equipment, inadequate funds, lack of ICT infrastructure, lack of awareness among patrons are major issues to ICT adoption in public libraries in Saurashtra. This report informed the government, libraries, LIS schools, LIS professional bodies, and policymakers on the future course of action regarding ICT deployment and curricula.

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