"Thin book with thick knowledge": A BOOK REVIEW

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Ramesh Pandita & Shivendra Singh (2018): *Information literacy and plagiarism*.**CBS publishers, New Delhi.No of Pages: 200. ISBN: 978-93-86827-13-5; Price Rs 280.**

The authors of the book are Mr Ramesh Pandita and Dr Shivendra Singh. Mr Ramesh Pandita is working as a senior assistant librarian at Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah (BGSB) University, Rajouri, Jammu and Kashmir since November 2007 and pursuing his Ph.D. He has skills and expertise in Information technology, Information science, Library science, Digital libraries, Information literacy, Webometrics and Bibliometrics. Dr Shivendra Singh is also working as assistant librarian at Guru Gobind Singh Medical College and hospital, Baba Farid University of health sciences (BFUHS), Faridkot, Punjab since November 2006. He has published more than 30 research papers in both national and international journals. His area of expertise is E-Documents, Automation and Networking, Library Administration and Management.

The book titled "Information literacy and Plagiarism" comes with an attractive cover elaborating the theme of the book i.e Information literacy and Plagiarism. The tag line below the title on the cover says that the book is for Medical, Dental, Nursing and allied health sciences but this book is a must for every researcher not just the above stated but other streams too. Not just the cover the whole book looks very attractive as it has coloured pages which makes it interesting to read. Also the book is not too lengthy, it has approximately two hundred pages only which can be read easily. The book is divided into nine chapters which are organized very sequentially. First chapter starts with an introduction to information literacy and succeeding chapters give quiet useful information towards plagiarism and how to avoid it. It also gave a very good overview of plagiarism checking tools. Then it proceeds towards research writing and how to go towards it in a very organized manner. It also discusses the legal issues in the world of internet in detail too.

Now coming to the content of the book first I would like to say that the content is represented in a very sequential manner using very easy language. This book appeals to all types of readers. Secondly, in today's world the use of internet and online resources has become widespread. We cannot imagine a life without internet especially for learning; the resources are playing a quiet inevitable role. The reason being they are handy and easily available but every source of information we get from internet is not necessarily authentic and reliable. The book deals with this issue very comprehensively and creates awareness towards information literacy among the budding research community. Plagiarism has become a growing concern all over the world in the field of research; the knowledge of plagiarism has been given in the book by the authors to create a clear picture of the issue, its related problems and how to avoid them. Authors have tried to make a clear connection between computer literacy and plagiarism and they have succeeded in making a clear cut relationship between the two concepts. This book also has aspects related to academic writing like how to do citations and referencing. Plagiarism many of us know but why and how it emerged is the central theme of this book.

Authors have effectively developed the book on the basis of its central theme. Their area of specializations and its essence can be seen in the content of the book. They have tried to cover all the topics around information literacy and plagiarism and try to synthesize an enriching piece of information for research community.

I would recommend this book to all the researchers of our country because this book covers all the aspects related to information literacy, plagiarism, different aspects of research writing and reference management. The price of the book is also not very high. It is easily affordable for students. Apart from book sellers the book is available online at amazon too.

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