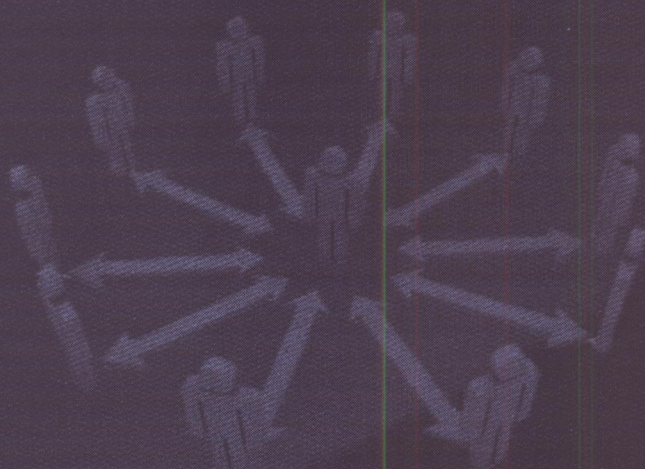


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Comparative Study on availability of Electronic Security Systems in University and Special Libraries in Sri Lanka.

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Today in ICT dominant era it is important to provide a safe and security facility for library staff, library resource, equipment and library users. For the purpose of this matter, it is using physical and electronic security systems within the libraries. This study restricted its scope only to electronic security systems and discusses about the availability of electronic security systems within the university and special libraries in Sri Lanka.

The three main objectives of this research are identified as; 1)to study the availability of digital security systems in university and special libraries in Sri Lanka,

2) to ascertain the difficulties encountered in the initiate phase, 3) To investigate workable suggestions to surmount those difficulties. Twenty nine (29) university and thirty eight (38) special libraries were selected as the sample out of the 36 university libraries and 76 special libraries, and a questionnaire used as the method of data collection.

The results revealed that 18.18% of the university libraries were initiating security systems facility within their libraries and special libraries were not. Accordingly, 40.09% of the university libraries and 14.28% of the special libraries have been already planning to initiate security systems. Further, 40.9% of the university libraries and 85.71% of the special libraries did not have any proper plan to initiate security systems. Among the total number of libraries surveyed, and which comprised of already initiated security systems, 50% of the Tattle Tape, 25% of the RFID and 25% of the CCTV Camera Systems have been used in University libraries.

Several grave problems pertaining to the initiative of security systems were the lack of financial support from the mother organizations, high price of the systems, lack of proper plan, lack of sufficient infrastructure facilities, and the lack of uninterrupted power supply. To overcome this undesirable situation, it is necessary to educate administration and policy makers of the mother organizations regarding the importance of such system and to use alternative uninterrupted power supplying system. Further, University libraries should have proper plan to initiate this system, Special libraries should introduce