

DEVELOPMENT OF AN INFORMATION
NETWORK FOR EDUCATION
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ABSTRACT

The objective of the study is to present a framework for the development of an information network in the education sector in Sri Lanka. The study is based on a survey conducted among 36 libraries in the education sector. The study examines the present status of libraries and draws attention to their drawbacks. Such as non-availability of a professional staff, inadequate finances, low priority given to libraries. In order to overcome these shortcomings, the study proposes an information network to be setup within the education sector. The study identifies NIE as the co-ordinating centre of the information network based on a separate survey conducted on the resources, services, facilities and users of the NIE. In terms of the library resources manpower, users the study suggests that NIE is most appropriate institute to co-ordinate the activities of the information network. The study provide guidelines in the implementation of the information network.