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It is essential to have information about your rights so that you may survive in this fast moving world. The term 'information literacy' means that you should be literate with all your rights and the latest happenings in the world around you. Through this, you can know about essential and required information relating to your health, education, employment and various other factors which you may or you may not come across on a regular basis. The basic purpose is to make you learn about all those things which you should know in the modern world. Information literacy helps you in making better decisions with the help of information and other resources available to you.

Through information literacy, you can assess the information which is required to perform a certain task or evaluate the efficiency of any supplied information so that it may be used to your advantage in the future. Apart from this, the frequent development in technology and changes in the world that are occurring require you to keep your knowledge base upto date, to enable you to cope with any new developments.

Significance of Being Literate

Being a part of this environment and your society, you should know about the happenings which may affect you directly or via indirect routes. It is important for you to keep knowledge about all the new things and the changes in factors that may affect your life. Ensuring that you may have the latest information and may personally grow yourself in a better way using all those updated factors. Most people do not understand that this is their right, to know as much as possible about all the factors which may affect them in some way or another. Information literacy enables them to know about all these factors so that they may participate in life's activities with all the latest information at their disposal.

Determining Information Authenticity

There are various sources through which you can collect latest information about any specific subject or topic. Some of the most commonly used sources are media, television, the internet, libraries, social communities and public interest organizations. Since none of these are directly associated with government or the news releasing authority, you cannot always trust the information provided by them. Among all the above mentioned sources, media and the internet are the most widely used sources for any information enquiry. It would be advisable to double check the information from your sources so that you may confirm you have authentic information and not altered or fictional information.

The Need to be Information Literate

To be literate we should know the proper definition or term which can be used to express specific subjects or information in a clear way. Also, literacy requires analyzing of available data and information in a particular way to sort out and find the most appropriate meaning or most relevant information. Then being able to express or explain your subject in a better or more simple, easily understood way.

Information is a lifelong learning process and the procedure to collect the information on any subject is the same. You should verify your information from a reliable source so that you may be assured of the most reliable information that is available to you, which can be used at a later date for reference. Incomplete or unauthentic information is as good as no information. So remember to [develop the skill of being Information Literate](#) as is your right!

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