

**SWRK4011**

# **Review of Literature**

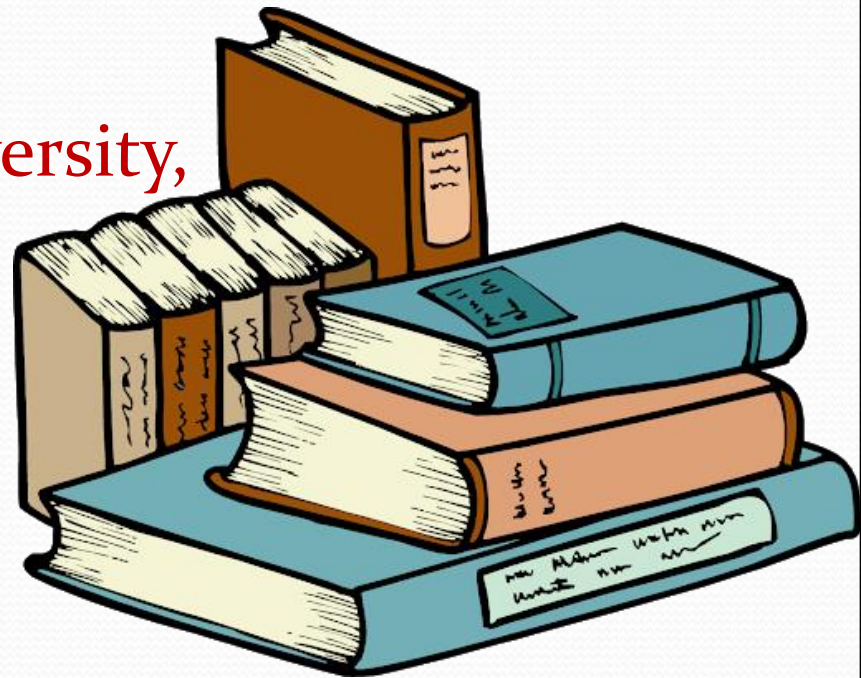
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**UNIT - II: Research Process and Sampling**

**Topic- Review of Literature**

# Prerequisite of literature Review

Swami Vivekananda knocked the door of  
Swami Ram Krishna Paramhansa.

S.R.K.P. : Who is this?

S.V.N. : Only the same I have come to Know.  
**Who I am?**





# **Be Blank, before you start Reviewing Literature**



“Literature Review is probably  
the most annoying,  
frustrating and time-  
consuming part of the project  
you are about to undertake”



# What is a literature review?

- It is an **examination** (not an information dump) of the research that has been conducted in a particular field of study.
- The **selection** of available documents (both published and unpublished) on the topic, which contain information, ideas, data and evidence. This selection carried out to fulfill certain aims or express certain views on the nature of the topic and how it is to be investigated, and
- The effective **evaluation** of these documents in relation to the research being proposed.

# What is a literature review

A Literature Review is "a systematic, explicit, and reproducible method for identifying, evaluating, and synthesizing the existing body of completed and recorded work produced by researchers, scholars, and practitioners."



# Many Different Types

Depending on your area of specialization, a literature review can take various forms: argumentative review, integrative review, historical review, methodological review, systematic review, and theoretical review (See Reference 1).




# Argumentative Review

- An argumentative review is written to present an opposing view to a given position. This will be valuable to persuade others to join you in supporting your thesis.

# Integrative review

An integrative review is composed of examinations and critical analysis on a given topic to introduce a need for a new research. For example, you can use it on the spreading of a pandemic plague, arguing how the old methods of gathering and analyzing the data were inadequate and how modern technology, such as DNA analysis, will help make the same research more accurate.





Similarly, a historical review will assess all the historical records of scholarship chronologically while methodological review examines the research methods alone—collection of data, their critical analysis, interpretation, and research results, for example.

A literature review in any field is essential as it offers a comprehensive overview and recapitulation on the given scholarship from past to present, giving the reader a sense of focus as to which direction your new research is headed (See Reference 3).



# Importance of Literature Review

- Bring clarity and focus to your research problem
- Broaden your knowledge base in research area
- Improve your methodology
- To provide you new, out of the box, innovative ideas
- To understand the research design, results and limitations of the kind of research you are conducting.
- To find information for Questionnaire designing

# Why do we write literature reviews

Literature reviews provide you with a handy guide to a particular topic. If you have limited time to conduct research, literature reviews can give you an overview or act as a stepping stone. For professionals, they are useful reports that keep them up to date with what is current in the field. For scholars, the depth and breadth of the literature review emphasizes the credibility of the writer in his or her field. Literature reviews also provide a solid background for a research paper's investigation. Comprehensive knowledge of the literature of the field is essential to most research papers.



# Sources of Literature Review

- Books
- Chapters in Edited Books
- Translated Books
- E-Books
- Magazines
- Printed Journals
- E-Journals and Journals Database
- Newspaper Articles
- E-Newspaper Articles



## Cont.....

- Acts of Parliament
- Statutory Institutions
- Governments Official Publications
- Companies' annual reports
- Law Reports
- Conference Reports
- Conference Papers
- Dissertations
- Interviews
- Press Release

## Cont....

- Websites
- E-Mail Correspondence and Discussions
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- Blogs
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- Unpublished Work
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- Personal Communications



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