

PROBLEMS IN MUSIC RESEARCH

Hello, Music Friends,

As we know that Research is the process to generate knowledge through scientific methods but in the process of generating knowledge researcher faces different types of problems. Some of the important problems are as follows:

1. The lack of a scientific training of research methodology is a big problem in music research. Many researchers start their work without proper training of research methodology. Most of the work, which goes in the name of research, is not methodologically sound. Thus, proper training and systematic study of research methodology is an uncompromisable necessity. Researcher and supervisors should take it seriously.
2. The lack of adequate information of research topics of music is challenging task. To avoid the duplicity and repetition in the field of music research, it is very important to have an update database of research work/topic. There is always a query that what is the status of research in given field? Has anyone investigated on a given topic? From where research student get concerned information? Researcher should have said information at the beginning of the research.
3. In field of music the collection of data is something different from the other fields. It is well known that Indian music has largely depended for its continuity and development on the oral tradition rather than the written form. The performance of Indian music has been traditionally handed down through oral tradition till today. It is the main medium of instruction. In addition, a vast percentage of knowledge is unrecorded or in unwritten form. Very less information is available on Internet to help in study or research. Thus it is challenging task to collect unbiased and perfect data or information for research.
4. Library management and functioning is not satisfactory at many places and much of the time and energy of researchers are spent in tracing out the books, journals, reports, etc., rather than in tracing out relevant material from them. There is also the problem that many of our libraries are not able to get copies of old and new Acts/Rules, reports and other government publications in time.

Besides it, uncontrollable variables, human tendencies, time and money, difficulty of timely availability of published data, ignorance etc, are the general problems occurred in research.

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