

UGC sponsored Minor Research Project

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Summary of the MRP on title “E-resource collection development and management in college libraries of Kamrup District: A study”

In today context, library is a centre of attraction in any educational institutions. All college libraries should have sufficient number of e-resource to fulfill the need of the users. The advent of ICT has faced the libraries to adopt the facilities to provide better services to its clientele. The INFLIBNET centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat (an IUC of UGC) is providing a good quantity of e-resources viz e-journals and E-books free of cost to the college libraries of North East region which are under 2F/12B section of UGC. Thus the proliferation of e-resource has lead to a comprehensive study of the literature available for user. The outcome of this project will be very much useful to the students, research scholars, etc. it will be also useful as a tool for e-resource selection.

The study is confined to five objectives which have been fully justified. The first objective is to know the availability of e-resources in the college libraries of Kamrup district. The outcome of the study shows that except N-List, no other e-resources are available in the surveyed libraries. So the question of availability of e-resources does not arise.

The second objective is to know various problems/constraints in e-resource collection development. The study reveals that the problems like financial constraint, lack of user demand, high cost of resources, trained professionals and lack of interest of the authorities for e-resource collection development are some of the prominent problems for e-resource collection development, which is yet to be started in many colleges.

The third objective is to know the management aspect of e-resources in the college libraries of Kamrup district as the study reflects that e-resources are not available in majority of colleges, so there is no question of management aspect of e-resources.

The fourth objective is to study the infrastructure facilities for accessing e-resources in the college libraries of Kamrup district, which shows the minimum infrastructure facilities for accessing e-resources. Because of non availability of e-resources which is due to lack of positive attitude among the authority and the library professionals of the district.

The fifth objective is to explore wide range of e-resources available for college libraries through consortia and N-List, which is fulfilled by all the colleges of Kamrup district for exploring wide range of e-resources through consortia and N-List. As N-List is freely available, so it is used by maximum libraries of the district.

At the end of the study there are twelve number of suggestion put forward for the effective use of e-resources in the college libraries of Kamrup district. If all mentioned suggestions are implemented, then e-resource collection development and management in college libraries of Kamrup district: A study is a fruitful study and the outcome of the study will be certainly helpful for managing a college library and its resources, which will satisfy the needs of user community and help the teaching learning process of the college for providing quality education to the students and researchers.

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