

COLLECTION, DEVELOPMENT
AND COMPUTERIZATION OF COLLEGE LIBRARY
IN THE DISTRICT OF LAKHIMPUR AND DHEMAJI

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The library is the backbone of College. College plays a major role in contribution to growth and development of human resources by conserving, interpreting and advancing knowledge. As the traditional of Library system should be change with computerization of Libraries. The most of the college Library of Lakhimpur and Dhemaji District of Assam are facing many problems due lack of adequate collection, finance, sufficient manpower and lack of infrastructure. As a result they cannot not provide expected service to the users. In this paper a study has been conducted to the Library collection and automation of College Library in Lakhimpur and Dhemaji District. The study intends to find out the users satisfaction in college library and forward some vital suggestion.

INTRODUCTION :

Collection Development is one of the most significant areas of librarianship. It is the backbone of all Library services and important for the librarians to develop his collection in a scientific way. Amount three important functions of a Library –namely collection, storage and dissemination of storage knowledge, the collection occupies the most vital position.

The term collection development includes all such activities as assessing the user needs evaluating the present collection determining selection policy, coordinating selection of items, re-evaluating and storing part of the collection and planning for resource sharing. Thus, it is not a single activity, it is group activities.

It is defined as the process of planning a stock acquisition programme not simply to cater for immediate needs, but to build a coherent and reliable collection over a number of years to meet the objectives of the service collection development is also defined as a cluster of function which together shape the holding of a library. The functions included are:

Selection, acquisition and collection development policies.

- Budgeting and fund collection.
- Technical processing and
- Resource sharing.

A college library should ensure to collect and organize recorded information available with the aims and needs of the users. Due to the exponential growth of knowledge, in recent times, in print ,non-print electronic and multimedia forms as well as their demand by the growing users, it becomes very difficult for the college library to collect and organize the reading materials in such a way so as disseminate them properly. The exponential growth of literature in all forms made it difficult for the users to find out the required information and it becomes the responsibility of the librarian to satisfy their need by devising new ways and new means. The college librarian of the present age are facing types of challenges, which they cannot imagine a decade ago.

Computerization of library and information center means the use of the automatic machine of processing devices in Libraries. The computerization may be applied to Library administrative activities, office procedures, and delivery of Library service of users. The main objective of Computerization of Library & information centers is not the replacement of manual systems, but to make the regular house keeping operation of a library of information centers.

The over view of college Library in Lakhimpur and Dhemaji District:

The college of Lakhimpur and Dhemaji are offering courses under all the faculty of Arts, Science, Commerce and Law of Dibrugarh University. There are 18 colleges in Lakhimpur and Dhemaji, which was Govern mend and deficit. There are 20 colleges which was non deficit. Among them two are B.Ed Colleges. All these 18 deficit colleges of Lakhimpur and Dhemaji have their own library.

Out of Eighteen Deficit College twelve are in Lakhimpur and six are in Dhemaji district. The complete information is including in the following table

Table No.-1

Name of the Deficit Colleges, Location of Colleges and Libraries and year of establishment
in Lakhimpur and Dhemaji District.

Sl. No.	Name of the College	Location	District	Year of Establishment
1.	North Lakhimpur College	Lakhimpur	Lakhimpur	1952
2.	North Bank College	Ghilamara	Lakhimpur	1961
3.	Madhabdev College	Narayanpur	Lakhimpur	1964
4.	Dhemaji College	Dhemaji	Dhemaji	1965
5.	Dhakuwakhana College	Dhakuwakhana	Lakhimpur	1966
6.	Lakhimpur Girls College	North Lakhimpur	Lakhimpur	1972
7.	Lakhimpur Commerce College	North Lakhimpur	Lakhimpur	1972
8.	Bihpuria College	Bihpuria	Lakhimpur	1973
9.	L.T.K. College	Azad, N. Lakhimpur	Lakhimpur	1977
10.	Silapathar College	Silapathar	Dhemaji	1981
11.	Gogamukh College	Gogamukh	Dhemaji	1982
12.	Sankardev College	Pathalipahar	Lakhimpur	1982
13.	Dhemaji Commerce College	Dhemaji	Dhemaji	1982
14.	Murkang Selek College	Junai	Dhemaji	1982
15.	O.P.D. College	North Lakhimpur	Lakhimpur	1984
16.	Nowboicha College	Nowboicha	Lakhimpur	1985
17.	Moridol College	Morridhal	Dhemaji	1988
18.	Lakhimpur Kendriya Mahavidyalaya	N.Lakhimpur	Lakhimpur	1992

Collection Development:

Library collection development is the process of planning and acquiring a balanced collection of library materials of many formats, including books, periodicals, online resources and other media. Collections are developed by librarians and library staff by buying or otherwise acquiring materials over a period of time based on assessment of the information needs of the library users. In addition to ongoing materials acquisition, library collection development includes:

- The creation of policies to guide material selection
- Replacement of worn or lost materials
- Removal (weeding) of materials no longer needed in the collection
- Planning for new collections or collection areas
- Co-operative decision-making with other libraries or within library consortia.

Library collection development in the IT Environment Information (Electronic) technologies and collection development are two of the top concerns in Library and information science today. Four major trends in library and information science were identified.

- Increases in end-user access to computer-based information resources;
- Library use of network and telecommunication resources
- Dependence on CD-ROM based information sources; and
- Emphasis on collection management activities

Electronic publishing has profound implications for collection development, which is defined as the intentional and systematic building of the set of information sources to which the library provides access. While the principles of collection development, which were developed in the world of print publication, do not change radically with new publishing technologies, the method of decision-making and specific selection guidelines must be adjusted significantly to incorporate publishing formats.

The challenges of integrating electronic resources and technologies into the process of collection development are many and many-faceted. Beyond task-oriented considerations such as the selection process itself, there are large-scale management issues to consider such as budget, policy, personnel and technology. Some of the biggest problems, not surprisingly, stem from simultaneous decreases in funding and increases in operating costs.

There areas of collection development that seem to be the most problematic are selection, acquisitions and inter institutional co-operational.

Library Collection in Lakhimpur and Dhemaji District:

The table 2 shows the collection of the College of the college libraries of Lakhimpur and Dhemaji district. All the academic libraries have a good collection of document. From your survey, we have come to know that the North Lakhimpur College library has the highest collection of books – 43,789 nos. at present and Nowboicha College has lowest collection of books- 1982 nos. at present. The highest number of News Paper collection subscribed in Dhemaji College and lowest nos. of Newspaper collection subscribed in North Bank College out of 18 college libraries only Moridhol College have member of n-list (and Subscribed E-Books and Journals)

Table 2
Shows the collection of the college Library of
Lakhimpur and Dhemaji College District

S.I No	Name of College	Books/ Reference	News paper	Periodical C.P	N.P. Materials	Internet
1.	North Lakhimpur College	43,789	6	23	Nil	Yes
2.	North Bank College	4,250	3	5	-do-	No
3.	Madhabdev College	18,500	8	20	-do-	Yes
4.	Dhemaji College	13,703	8	37	120	Yes
5.	Dhakuwakhana College	13,125	5	12	Nil	No
6.	Lakhimpur Girls College	32,832	9	22	85	Yes
7.	Lakhimpur Commerce College	13,235	7	15	60	Yes
8.	Bihpuria College	15,375	6	12	Nil	No
9.	LTK College	10,015	4	10	45	No
10.	Silapathar College	11,000	7	23	40	No
11.	Gogamukh College	4,011	5	9	-	No
12.	Sankardev College	12,900	4	15	Nil	No
13.	Dhemaji Commerce College	10,820	5	20	30	Yes

14	Murkangselek College	7,600	5	16	-	No
15	O.P.D. College	7,250	5	6	-	No
16	Nowboicha College	2,050	4	4	-	No
17	Moridol College	17,694	6	74	120	(N-list member) yes
18	Lakhimpur Kendriya Mahavidyalaya	8,010	5	10	15	yes

Computerization :

Computerization of library in information center means the use of the automatic machines or processing device in library. Computers were not used before 1960, and in this respect library automation lagged behind business, industry and science. The general purpose computers that were widely available in the 1960s opened new era of library automation system.

Satellite communication is an another area for information communication (Technology) devices. As early as 1965 Vikram A. Sarabhai, the father of Indian space programme, had a vision and that vision encompassed a thrust area for space application in the field of satellite communication including TV and Radio broadcasting different types of networks have been serving as the modern communication device in the different types of field. Such a network in the context of library and information service is INFLIBNET of Information and Library networks. INFLIBNET is introduced in 1991 with its headquarters at Gujarat University and College Library by introducing the installation of computers.

Various factors have contributed to bring about change from conventional to automated library operation, broadly speaking the main reasons behind this change are as under:

- Growth of Document
- Users Services
- Greater Efficiency
- Cooperation and Resource Sharing.

Computer Application in Libraries :

The application of the computer to Library Operation has two aspects namely housekeeping routines including acquisition and ordering work, cataloging, circulation control, serial control and keeping of records, statistics or overall management purpose.

The application of computer to information service comprises general and collection of information, information retrieval, current awareness services, selective dissemination of information, computerized databases, information transfer and distribution etc.

Out of 18 College library 12 are started to make master databases for library automation in both districts, Out of six(6) college of Dhemaji districts only Dhemaji Commerce College is having fully library automation and out of twelve college of lakhimpur districts Madhavdev Colege and Girls Collegeis having libray automation Six college are Started Barcoding system in both districts.

Table 3

**The computerization Status and Software used in the College libraries
of Lakhimpur and Dhemaji Districts**

S.I No	Name of College Libraries	Fully Automated	Partially	Initial Stage	Not Use	Software	Bar-coding
1.	North Lakhimpur College	-	-	yes	-	Soul	No
2.	North Bank College	-	-	-	No	No	No
3.	Madhabdev College	yes	-	-	-	soul	Yes
4.	Dhemaji College	-	yes	-	-	soul	Yes
5.	Dhakuwakhana College	-	-	-	No	No	No
6.	Lakhimpur Girls College	yes	-	-	-	soul	Yes
7.	Lakhimpur Commerce College	-	Yes	-	-	Soul	Yes
8.	Bihpuria College	-	-	-	No	-	No
9.	LTK College	-	-	Yes	-	Soul	No
10.	Silapathar College	-	-	Yes	-	Soul	No
11.	Gogamukh College	-	-	-	No	No	No
12.	Sankardev College	-	-	Yes	-	soul	Yes
13	Dhemaji Commerce College	Yes	-	-	-	Soul	No

14	Murkangselek College	-	-	Yes	-	Professional Edition 2009 Version-1	No
15	O.P.D. College	-	-	-	No	No	No
16	Nowboicha College	-	-	-	No	No	No
17	Moridol College	Yes	-	Yes	-	Soul	Yes
18	Lakhimpur Kendriya Mahavidyalaya	-	-	Yes	-	Soul	No

Manpower for Library Computerization:

The following table shows the exciting position of different professional and non-professional in the college libraries of Lakhimpur and Dhemaji District.

S.I No	Name of College Libraries	Professional	Non-professional	Total
1.	North Lakhimpur College	1(Non-librarian)	7	8
2.	North Bank College	1	1	2
3.	Madhabdev College	1	3	4
4.	Dhemaji College	1	2	3
5.	Dhakuwakhana College	Nil	2	2
6.	Lakhimpur Girls College	2	4	6
7.	Lakhimpur Commerce College	2	2	4
8.	Bihpuria College	1	2	3
9.	LTK College	1(Ah-hoc)	2	3
10.	Silapathar College	1	2	3
11.	Gogamukh College	Nil	2	2
12.	Sankardev College	1	3	4
13.	Dhemaji Commerce College	1	3	4
14.	Murkangselek College	1(Ah-hoc)	3	4
15.	O.P.D. College	1	2	3
16.	Nowboicha College	1	2	3
17.	Moridol College	1	3	4
18.	Lakhimpur Kendriya Mahavidyalaya	1	2	3

From the above Table 5, we can say that the college libraries are fully of different professional and non-professional staff. The table reveals that Lakhimpur College has maximum library staff (s), only two colleges have more then one library professional staff.

Here, it is clear that out of 18 colleges, two colleges have neither librarian nor any professional staff.

Manpower Training:

The librarians besides being professionally qualified have acquired special skills of library computerization by attending different short-term courses, orientation, refresher courses etc. During 19th -23rd July, 2010 Regional Training Programme on "Installation and Operation of soul 2.0" jointly organized by K.C.Das Commerce College and INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad held at K.C Das commerce College, Guwahati, especially for the professional of Assam College Libraries About 30 participants from this state participated in this practical programme.

The planner is another important activity of INFLIBNET mainly for the Library and information of the NE India to make the Library Professional conscious about the advanced application of technology in the library automation and networking

FINDINGS:

Library is one of the most important assets of a college. The success of a college largely depends on the condition of the library. In this age of IT, many new services and facilities are introduced in the Library and information centre. Through the survey it is found that most of the college Libraries of Lakhimpur and Dhemaji/district are rendering services to its patron in traditional way. Out of the eighteen College libraries surveyed, two have fully automation and another nine college have initiated automation in their libraries. From the survey it found that the users are more comfortable with computerized library than manual system library.

College like Lakhimpur and North Lakhimpur Girls College have more than thirty thousand collection in its library but in other colleges like Nowboicha College, Gogamukh College, North Bank College, collection is less than five thousand. Some College libraries are providing very less number of journal and News paper.

Most of the college libraries have few numbers of staff. Dhakuakhana and Gogamukh College does not have professional staff. Out of eighteen colleges five colleges have no sanctioned post for librarian.

SUGGESTIONS:

Some of the suggestions for improving college library services in Lakhimpur and Dhemaji district are given below.

- A library without a professionally qualified librarian is meaningless, at the same time the library becomes nothing but a go-down of reading materials. The college library of Gogamukh and Dhakuakhana is still functioning without a librarian.

Therefore, it may be suggested to the college authority to appoint a librarian on a contractual basis, if the post is to be sanctioned.

- The collection of the libraries should be enhanced.
- The number of reference collection should be improved.
- There should be more subscription of journals and news paper.
- Libraries should maintain back volumes of periodicals
- Orientations programme should be conducted to introduce the user of the Library.
- Library in traditional form has not use now-a-days. Automation of college Libraries is very much important and essential due to exclusive growth in the volume of information. INFLIBNET has taken programs of this particular library software. Therefore, it may be suggested that these should be availed by every college library in order to make the library an efficient support system of teaching learning process.
- Paper Clipping, Xeroxing Inter Library Loan (ILL) Extension services, computer facilities and internet facilities should be provided to the users.
- The college Libraries of Lakhimpur and Dhemaji district should adopt modern technology and convert themselves into automated library. Phase-wise.

CONCLUSION:

To sustain in this age of science and technology, a college library should equip itself with modern machines and gadgets.

The college libraries should switch over from traditional system to the modern system of cope-up with the ever changing world of science and technology. The choice requirements and demand of the users are also changing and increasing in rapid way. In this age to fulfill these requirements and demands of the users, the college libraries need to change themselves and come out from the traditional age.

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