



## Role of Academic Libraries in Higher Education

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### ABSTRACT

Academic libraries are an essential and integrated part of Higher Education institutions like college and universities. The Role of libraries and Librarians in recent era has changed. Library is considered 'The Heart' of an institute offering higher Education. UGC played a vital role for betterment of libraries in higher education by establishing Information and Library Networks centre (INFLIBNET). Academic libraries are dynamic instruments of Education. They support the institutions, to which they belong to fulfilling the objectives and their aims. They Support the faculty in teaching and research programme. The primary objectives of libraries is Conservation and preservation of knowledge. Quality education and research is not possible without a modernized library. Library is one of the major resources for the exchange of ideas they serve two complementary purposes; to support the curriculum so that students get their required educational library material's and support faculty and students.

### I. INTRODUCTION

Library is the product of our cultural maturations. Libraries are recognized as the Carrier of information resources, culture civilization etc from one generation. to another. Earlier libraries are regarded. as a storehouse of knowledge which were more meant for preservation than the utilization of there collection of books, but now a days the concert of Libraries totally Changed as the "Information Communication Technology has involves in the library and its services. Now library become a resource centre where user meets their needs without any bindings. E-materials are gaining popularity between users and it is made possible by the ICT impact on libraries, so the library is regarded as an integral part of an institute. A quality education is impossible without a quality library. To improve the quality and Infrastructure of academic libraries. MHRD use provides important guidelines for the academic libraries in India to measure the quality of higher Education. We cannot expect quality education without a good academic library. Library is such a place where a Scholars find rich information on his specific area of interest. Libraries are always been the mediators of knowledge and knowledge Seekers. There are service providers to the scholar community of its parent organization. So there is no doubt in saying that an academic. institution cannot survive without a library. The Kothari Education Commission. (1964) was found very much serious about important of library in higher educational Institutions Stating that nothing could be more damaging to a pawing development than to neglect its library, give it to a law of priority" so role of libraries is considered much more important for higher educational institutions. All educational programmes are successfully implemented with the help and co-ordination of the Library.

In 1957 when Dr.S.R.Ranganathan. participated in UGC agenda regarding Role of Library academic development following observations were made.

- ❖ Library is the heart of Education.
- ❖ Method of fashion in Education changed from generation to generation, but each generation uses the library as a means of realizing its Items, hence the library remains the great conservator of learning.
- ❖ A quality Education is impossible without a quality library.
- ❖ A library is vital organ for proper Exploitation of our intellectual resources.
- ❖ A library is essential for maintenance of free access to ideas, and to the furntioning of untrimmed mind.

Considerable development were made in higher education during 1980's and in present Scenero there become faster with more advancement of ICT in education sector and constant support from MHRD, Keeping in view the Importance a libraries in progress of higher educational academic institute.

## II. AIMS AND OBIECTIVES

The aims and objectives an academic libraries are.

- 1) To provide the facilities for advanced study and research work.
- 2) To Encourage the qualitative academic environment of teaching and research.
- 3) To provide proper Guidance and training in order to prepare the Students
- 4) To improve the quality education at various level.

## III. ROLE OF LIBRARIES IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Education aims to impart knowledge and makes good citizens libraries are the repositories of knowledge and farm of an integral part of Education. libraries have a long history starting with the chained and class access libraries of earlier times to the present day hybride, Digital and virtual. libraries that use the latest teaching for provision of information through various services. Accordingly librarians have also changed from storekeeper who were Concerned with protection of books against theft maintain and before to that of information officers, Navigators and Cyberians who find themselves in the vast ocean of reading material and are busy in satisfying their clients who want anytime and anywhere. information.

With the Advant & Computers nature of libraries has been changed, Computer are being used in libraries to process, store, retorive and disminate information. Gone are the days when a library was judged by its quantative resources. Today's labraries are surrounded by networked data that is connected to visit occan of Internet based services.

In context of higher education, quality is multi dimensions. The Status of academic library Impact upon the accordination process of higher education of institute. NAAC does the assessment of the of the academic libraries which is regarded as on important area and its Evaluation reflects on the grades provided to the motivations. Due to the vast changes of syllabus and cubiculum the need and the demand of the readers has also been changed, to meet up the demand and to fulfill the objectives of higher education. library must be dynamic or up to date with the content or collections. The library which cannot satisfy the needs but it is having a huge collections of books and documents are absolute. It cannot help the readers and it cannot Improve the quality of higher education at all. Now a day education becomes morely a self learning process to learn and develop knowledge. We must Emphasize on library with a live collections.

#### IV. RESPONSIBILITIES OF HIGHER EDUCATION

- 1) Assist researcher with literature searching using database, printed resources and the Internet.
- 2) Co-ordinate and deliver information and Digital Literacy sessions to Students, researcher and staff.
- 3) Create, update and manage Electronic and Printed information sources.
- 4) Deal with budget in relation to your allocated subject areas, Department and in some cases, Purchases resources.
- 5) Develop and manage Collections of books and Journals as well as websites.
- 6) Establish and maintain effective working relationship with staff and students as well as external bodies such as Suppliers.
- 7) Select, acquire and catalogue information software.
- 8) Answering incoming reference questions via E-mail, Telephone.
- 9) Building and maintain collections to respond to Changing community needs or demands.
- 10) Digitizing collection for online access.
- 11) Suggesting appropriate books for students of different reading levels.
- 12) Facilitating and promoting reading club.

#### V. CONCLUSION

Academic Libraries play a vital role in Education, Education and libraries are called the two facets of one coin. They are very much- Interdependent on each other. Academic librarian of this Digital Era, in the position is changed their role as arbitrary information Scientists, gatekeeper, and to meet the challenges of the Internet, World wide web, and Online access in the knowledge society, so they must enrich their knowledge with the special skills of the latest. IT Development to browse, access and a information across the Global net works and to organize and manage the information by building Digital Libraries and by which they can provide quality E-information service to the knowledge Society.

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