NEW TRENDS IN COLLEGE LIBRARY: A STUDY ON COLLEGE LIBRARIES OF GOLAGHAT DISTRICT OF ASSAM

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Abstract:

Due to development of Information and Communication Technology in library brings significant changes in its systems and services. It attempts to highlight the problems and prospects of Information and Communication Technology in the application of college library. The study intends to find out the implementation of ICT by college libraries in Golaghat District of Assam as well as users satisfaction from the existing services.

Keywords: Information and Communication Technology, College libraries, Services

1. Introduction:

Technology has made a significant change in our every walk of life. In recent times, application of ICT has brought great changes in functioning of college libraries. It has impact upon in higher education sectors too, especially the academic libraries of the higher educational institutions. Information Technology helps to increase the credibility of the system in information collection delivery, storage delivery, storage, retrieval and other related areas in the library. The impact of new trends and techniques in informatics has elevated the modern day library to a very high position. The advancement of computer technologies, microprocessors, electronic databases, software packages etc. have been developed to automate the library functions. The ICT has far reaching impact on the modern educational libraries of higher education institutions which elevated the modern day libraries into a very high position.

2. Statement of the Problem:

Without problem no research can be done. When problems come people think about its solution. We have to face various problems in everyday life. College library of Golaghat District has many problems, which are taken into account through study. In the changing environment of ICT and library networking era the colleges of Golaghat District are lagging behind from others. So, it is an attempt to explore the problems encountered in the concerned field.

3. Objective of the study:

The main objectives of the study are

* To find out the level of growth and development in the field of modern infrastructure among the selected college libraries of Golaghat District of Assam.

* To analyze the satisfaction level of users with the resources provided by libraries under study.

4. Scope and Limitations of the Study:

The present study about the New Trends in College Library: A study on College Libraries

Of Golaghat District of Assam has a wide scope as well as limitations also. Due to lack of field research in this study will create various scopes for further studies. Development of the college libraries will make better scope for academic development. As sample basis important colleges have been undertaken for this study.

5. Review of Literature:

Sinha,M.K.(2012) focused in his research paper which relates with emerging ICT to modernize college library services to meet users' needs in present scenario. He analyzed very clearly that ICT is beneficial for mechanization of traditional libraries and all their functions.

Sinha,M.K. (2010) in their research paper, focus the skills required for LIS personnel in technology used environment.

5. Methodology:

Survey method has been adopted to make the study. The primary data has been collected by using a questionnaire. Around 400 questionnaires were distributed among the College students and library staffs of Golaghat District. The secondary data has been collected from books, journals etc. The findings of the present study are based on the responses made in the questionnaire by the students and library staffs and the interviews conducted informally.

6. Data Analysis:

Fig.1 Collection of the College under survey

Table 1 focuses the sample area where 320 (80%) have been responded and 80(20%) did not response out of 400. Particularly, the response of DKD College and DR college library user's are much better than other college libraries under the survey.

Table-1: It shows Name of the College, Year of establishment, Course Offered and Library Staff:

Sl No	Name of the college and Library	Year of Establishment	Stream	Professional	Non-Professional
1	Dergaon Kamal Dowerah College	1962	Science, Arts, Commerce	3	4
2	Hem prova Borbora Girls' College(	1969	Arts	1	1
3	Golaghat Commerce College	1972	Commerce, Arts	3	3
4	Furkating College	1981	Arts, Science	2	1
5	Debraj Roy College	1949	Science, Arts,	3	2
6	Golaghat Pubanchalik College	1986	Arts	1	2
7	Joya Gogoi College	1991	Arts, Science	1	2
8	Kamarbandha College	1986	Arts	1	2

In Table 1, shows the surveyed Colleges, establishment year, stream and professional and non- professional staff of the College libraries. Debraj Roy College is the oldest higher educational institution in Golaghat District. All the surveyed college libraries are available printed books, journals, magazines daily newspaper and E-resources. From the table it has observed that Golaghat District College library has very less number of professional library staff in comparison to non professional staff. Library staffs are very few in numbers most of the College library. The staffs are very important between the library resources and library users. So, Automation is lacking far behind in the colleges of Golaghat District. It is found that Irregular power supply is also barrier in the library Automation of Golaghat District.

Table 1: Percentage distribution of the user's responses in the total sample

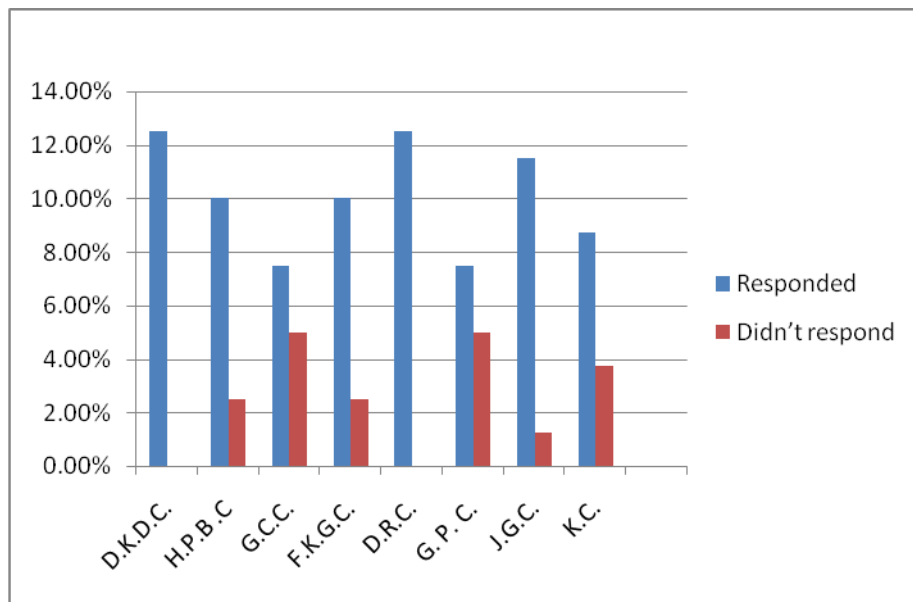| Name of the Colleges	Responded	Didn't respond	Total
DKD	50 (12.5%)	0	50 (12.5%)
HPB	40 (10%)	10 (2.5%)	50 (12.5%)
GCC	30 (7.5%)	20 (5%)	50 (12.5%)
FKGC	40 (10%)	10 (2.5%)	50 (12.5%)
D.R.C	50 (12.5%)	0	50 (12.5%)
GPC	30 (7.5%)	20 (5%)	50 (12.5%)
JGC	45 (11.5%)	05 (1.25%)	50 (12.5%)
KC	35 (8.75%)	15 (3.75%)	50 (12.5%)
Total	320 (80%)	80 (20%)	400 (100%)

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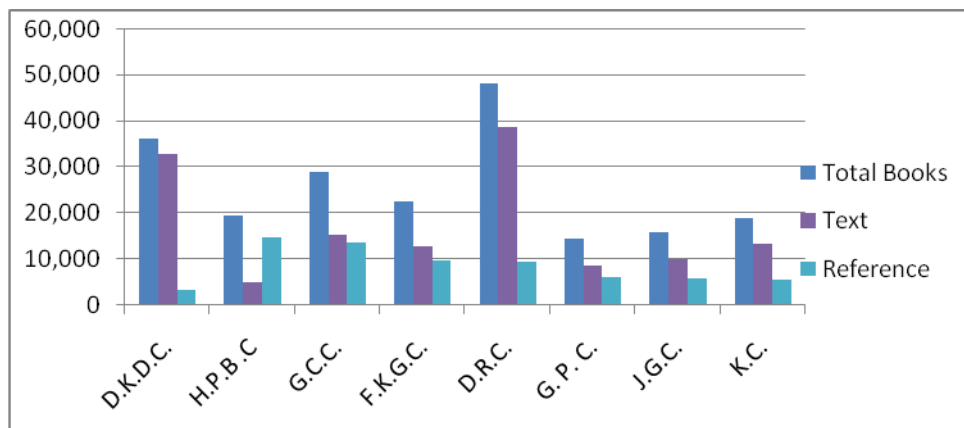| Sl.no.	Name of College	Books	Text	Reference	E-Books	News Paper	Magazine and Journal	Journal
.1	D.K.D.C.	36,121	32,721	3,400	N-List	14	20	35
2	H.P.B.C	19,500	4,900	14,600	N-List.list	4	3	5
3	G.C.C.	28,800	15,220	13,580	N-List	10	14	15
4	F.K.G.C.	22,503	12,859	9,644	N-List,	7	16	5
5	D.R.C.	47,944	38,544	9,400	N-List	10	10	25
6	G. P.C.	14,500	8,500	6000	------	2		
7	J.G.C.	15,701	9,940	5,761	N-List	6	13	7
8	K.C.	18914	13,292	5622	-------	3	4	3

Fig: 2 Collection of the College under survey

The Table 2: shows that D.R. College has 47,944 numbers of books followed by DKD College which has 36,121 numbers while GP College and JG College has least number of collections in Golaghat District. Moreover, GC College library has 28,800 numbers of books while HPB, FKGC and GP College library has least number of collections.

User awareness about library resources and facilities under survey
Users were asked about their awareness on the availability of resources and services provided by the concerned libraries.

Number of respondents

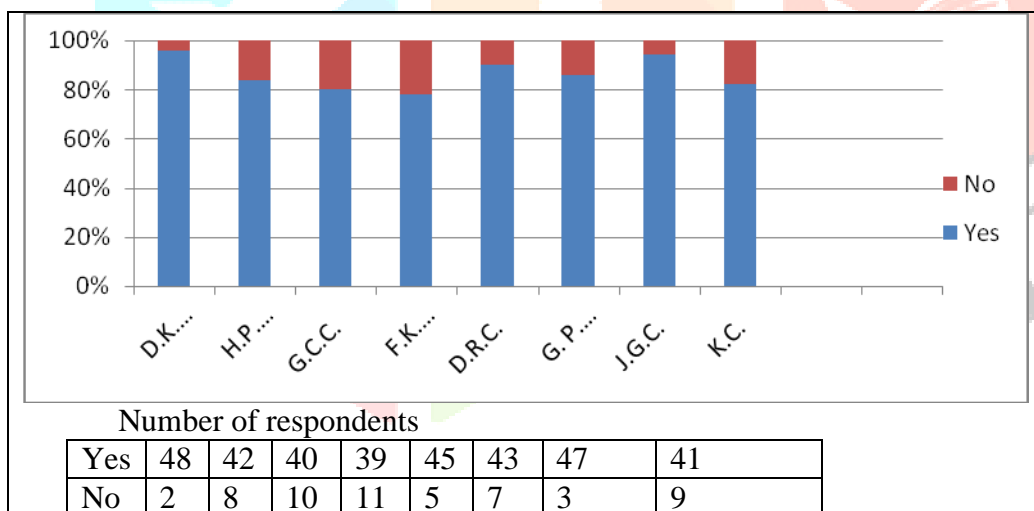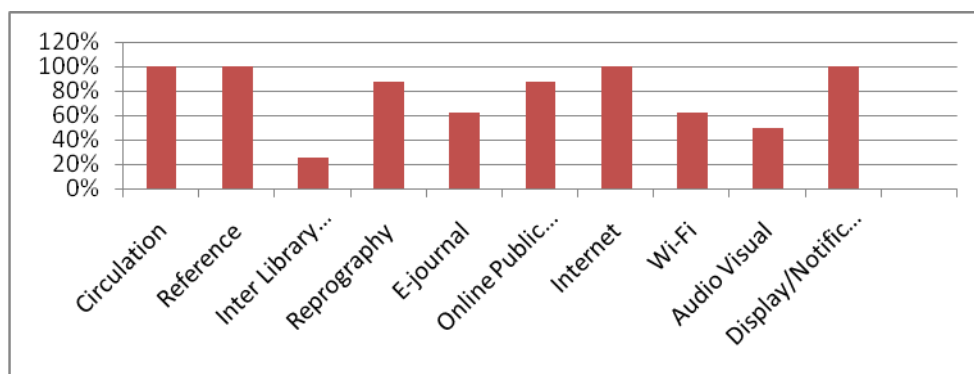|								
Yes	48	42	40	39	45	43	47	41
No	2	8	10	11	5	7	3	9

Fig. 2 User awareness about library resources and facilities under survey

Fig.2 reflects that 86.25% respondents are fully aware of availability of library resources and facilities while 13.75% respondents are not aware at all. Individually the users of DKD College are much more aware while the users of GP College are less concerned about it.

Table3: Library Services

Sl.	Library Services	No. of College avail	In percentage
1	Circulation	8	100%
2	Reference	8	100%
3	Inter Library Loan	2	25%
4	Reprography	7	87.5%
5	E-journal	5	62.5%
6	Online Public Access Catalogue	7	87.5%
7	Internet	8	100%
8	Wi-Fi	5	62.5%
9	Audio Visual	4	50%
10	Display/Notification	8	100%

Fig 3: Library Services

It is seen that a few of college library provide Inter Library Loan service. The entire college library have Reference, Circulation, Internet, Reprography and Notification Services .Among 8 numbers of College library, 87.5% have Online Public Access Catalogue, 62.5% have E-Journals of INFLIBNET and 50% college library provide Audio-Video service. 62.5% of college library have Wi-Fi connectivity in their college campus.

User's View on surveyed College Libraries

Table 7: User's view on library

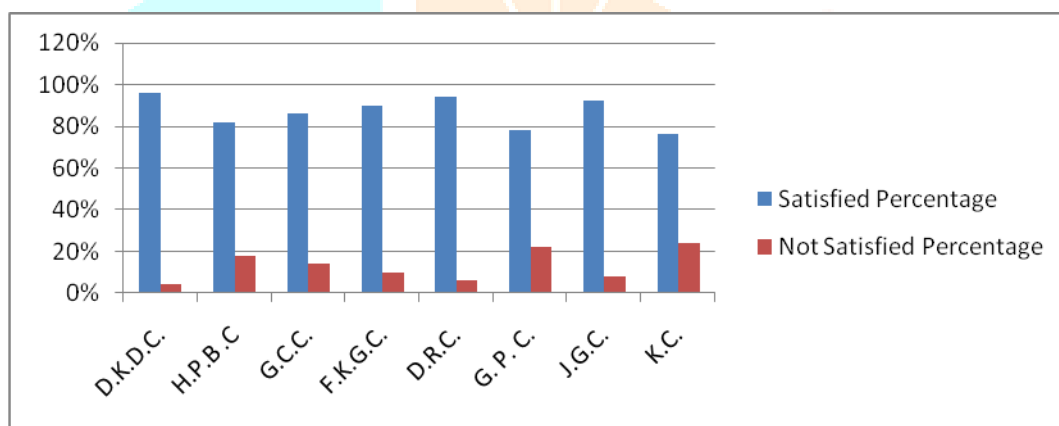| College	Satisfied	Non-Satisfied	Total user surveyed	Satisfied Percentage	Not Satisfied Percentage
D.K.D.C.	48	2	50	96%	4%
H.P.B .C	41	9	50	82%	18%
G.C.C.	43	7	50	86%	14%
F.K.G.C.	45	5	50	90%	10%
D.R.C.	47	3	50	94%	6%
G. P. C.	39	11	50	78%	22%
J.G.C.	46	4	50	92%	8%
K.C.	38	12	50	76%	24%

Fig :4 User's view on library

Dergaon Kamal Dowerah College is highly satisfied from the services provided by the college with 96% rated. The users of Kamarbandha College are least satisfied with the service of library with 76% rated as average.

8. Suggestions:

The study is helped to explore the status of modern trend in the college libraries of Golaghat district. The humble suggestions regarding the modern library management system of College library in the Golaghat District.

* The college authority and librarians must have long- term planning for library digitization.

* College libraries should have exchange and sharing of information resources with other library than it become easier to collect the information for users.

* College libraries should make some user's study time to time to get the feedback from the users and do the needful accordingly for the improvement of the services.

* The Government of Assam should make an Expert Committee to observation the functioning of College libraries and keep suggestion for library digitization.

Conclusion:

In modern era traditional library concept has been changed. Now, digital library; electronic library concepts are being popularized. It is need to libraries are not only the store house of printed documents but also the centre of digital information. The ICT has great impact on the modern educational libraries of higher education institutions which brings the modern day libraries into a very high position. With the increasing of information, it can be available in electronic format also. So library and information professional must be skilled in the use of latest technology.

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