CHAPTER III
INTRODUCTION

Libraries are the store houses of knowledge. This concept is everlasting and it will applicable in any corner of the universe; nowadays information occupies the centre stage of all human activities. Libraries can be classified broadly as public, academic, professional or special libraries. Libraries have undergone tremendous change over the years, assuming new dimensions influenced by technology driven application. Medical education is no exception to this trend.

Libraries are mainly entrusted with a host of predetermined tasks like acquiring, organizing, preserving, retrieving and dissemination of information to the user. From ancient times to the present Internet age, the primary objective of library has always been this. Information technology has influenced the very nature of medical libraries. The conventional set up of books and journals libraries that store information within a constrained physical space have given way to data centers that integrate data sources around the globe by the means of net working.

With the advancement in technology and its direct application to libraries, medical libraries are becoming lean and agile libraries that streamline information supply. The pervasive nature of Internet, coupled
with platform independent database connectivity, is making library portals more and more effective.

The technological tools for disseminating information have progressed from conventional books and journals to electronic journals and online databases, making it possible to explore the world wide pool of knowledge while sitting at one's desk or at home.

It is a fact that the quality of medical education depends on the resources the Institute has. These resources are highly qualified faculty, well designed curriculum, good physical ambience and the very crucial support of a well stocked and maintained library and information center.

This chapter is portrayed the profile of selected ten medical colleges and its libraries in Tamilnadu and Puducherry.
1. SRI RAMACHANDRA MEDICAL COLLEGE AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Sri Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute (SRMC) is an autonomous college for medical education, founded by N.P.V. Ramasamy Udayar. It is managed by Sri Ramachandra Educational and Health Trust (a non-profit organisation).

As an institution for undergraduate and postgraduate courses, it enjoys the status of a deemed university. Sri Ramachandra Dental College, Sri Ramachandra College of Nursing, Sri Ramachandra Allied Health Science Institution and Sri Ramachandra Para Medical Staff College are the other colleges in the same campus.

Sri Ramachandra Medical College & Research Institute was established in the year 1985 as part of the Sri Ramachandra Education & Health Trust, under the leadership of Shri N.P.V. Ramasamy Udayar. Ever since its inception, the institute grew in strength and gained the status of a "Deemed University" in the year 1994.

The Deemed University, now consisting of 9 Constituent Colleges with over 45 Departments offers about 85 courses. Over 3,500 students benefit from this excellent medical education, health care and research Institutions and is set to achieve a greater level of excellence in all these fields.
Sri Ramachandra Harvard Learning Centre, a major research library in the Field of medicine spread over 40,000 square feet, the centrally air conditioned Library is located strategically for students and staff to reach any time of the day and night. The Library has been conceived and developed as a multifaceted learning center dedicated to serve the multi facet agenda of the University as being operated by its students, faculty and Research scholars. To serve this purpose of the Library has access to a large variety of learning resources such as Books, Journals, access to Internet, CD ROM, Microfiche, Audio Video services in the field of biomedicine and health care. The Learning resources acquired in anticipation and on demand serve the present and futuristic requirements by providing access to contemporary ideas and expertise in the field of Medicine.

To cater to the information requirement of Faculty members, students and Researchers there is a rich collection of 2,27,533 books, 2,300 thesis and more than 350 Indian and International Journals and about 25,000 back issues for every references. Book are issued for a period of ten days in the
first instance and if required, the same book can be renewed further two times for a period of ten days each and thus no book will be allowed to be kept with a member beyond thirty days. In keeping with the modern trends in the Information Technology, they offer services through a fully Automated Library with computerized. Charging System and also provide access to the computerized database. Internet is the Gold Mine of Information; a new means to reach the world and share the information. The internet club, which functions in the Library, provides internet access to all students and faculty members. The total library budget per year will be around 10 lakhs.

The library offer free electronic access through Internet, to the members of the Faculty and students through which they are able to access the Medical databases containing millions of medical references. Audio-Video facilities and reprographic services are provided to cater to the user's requirements. The anatomical models exhibited in the Library are utilized by the students frequently. The Harvard Auditorium located inside the Library is available for Multimedia presentations as well as to conduct Teleconferencing and International Image Transfer.

FACILITIES AVAILABLE IN THE LIBRARY:

1. Fully air conditioned Library
2. CD Rom Access
3. Central Museum is attached.
4. Computerized database access
5. Inter Library Loan Facilities
6. Microfiche reader and Printer
7. Photocopying and Binding Service
8. Internet for internet access
9. Video Room for Video Viewing
10. Harvard Liaison Office (Medical fountain)
2. CHRISTIAN MEDICAL COLLEGE VELLORE

VELLORE

The Christian Medical College Vellore occupies a prominent place among medical institutions in India (and in the world) as a 2,000-bed multi-campus complex that is a vital.

CMC is unique in being both, a centre attending to the needs of the disadvantaged, and a leading referral tertiary care hospital. CMC fosters wholeness of healing and integrates physical and spiritual care. The combination of technical competence and the urge to be relevant to the needs of people and their environment, influence the research and development activities. CMC’s principal achievement is creation of hundreds of health care personnel who having studied and worked here, have imbibed the spirit of compassionate care and self giving culture. The present team of doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, engineers, chaplains and others are engaged in making health care relevent to the changing times. Today, CMC’s graduates form a large number of trained health care personnel for the Christian medical network in our country. CMC is a healing arm of the church in India. The College is attached to Christian Medical College & Hospital.

Dodd Memorial Library

It is the aim of the Library of the Christian Medical College to serve the varied needs of its many readers efficiently. The Library makes available to
the staff, and medical and Paramedical students, a wide collection of medical literature, including Books, Journals, References Sources and pamphlets. The amount of newly published information available to the medical student, the practicing doctor, the research scientist and other personnel and students, demands a flexible library system and trained library staff.

Membership Facilities:

The faculty, paramedical staff and students of CMC are eligible to become member of the Central Library. Issue of new membership cards, collection of fine on over due books issuance of no due certificate are done in the computer section. Books are issued for period of ten days in the first instance and if required the same book can be renewed further two times for a
period of ten days each and thus no book will be allowed to be kept with a
member beyond thirty days.

**Working Hours:**

The library is kept open from 8.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. daily, and the
reading hall is kept open up to 12.00 a.m. during the days prior to the
examinations. The Library works throughout the year, on all Sundays and on
all holidays except national holidays.

**Reprographic Facility:**

Only pages from the Books and journals are allowed for photocopying.
Full books or journals are not permitted. Personal materials are not permitted
to bring into the library for photocopying. The library budget will be around 10
lakhs per year.

**LIBRARY COLLECTION**

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Video Cassettes 1,000
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Christian Medical College – Electronic Resources

FULL TEXT RESOURCES

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BMJ Journals
Cambridge University Press
Cochrane Library
Elsevier (Science Direct)
Highwire Press Journals
Ingenta Connect
OVID (LWW Journals)
Oxford University Press
Springer Journals
FREE FULL TEXT RESOURCES

Free e – Books

Free e – Journals

Pub Med (can able to view the cmc subscribed journals with full text links)

Instruction for Authors

www.dodd.cmcvellore.ac.in
3. THANJAVUR MEDICAL COLLEGE

TANJORE

Thanjavur Medical College is one of the most popular Government Medical Colleges, which is situated in Thanjavur. TMC was established in the year 1958, and the first batch of M.B.B.S students joined in 1962. TMC offers various under graduate courses, post graduate courses in medicine such as M.B.B.S., M.D., M.S., M.Ch and Diploma courses etc., The following hospitals are attached at TMC.

- Thanjavaur Medical College Hospital, Thanjavur.
• Government Raja Mirasdar Hospital, Thanjavur.

Thanjavur Medical College has 32 departments and 420 teaching staff and 575 non-teaching staff. TMC Medical College has a well furnished library, which contains large volumes of books and journals. Separate sections have been provided for teaching staff, postgraduate and undergraduate students, which comprises a huge collection of books and journals. The working hours of the library is from 8.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. on all working days. It will remain closed on Government holidays. However, the working hours of the library will be extended during the period of examination time.

Each department of the college clinical and non-clinical has its own departmental library.

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Videocassette - 500
Audio film - 800
Video film - 300
Slides - 1,200

The partially air-conditioned and partially automated library of TMC is having reliable and frequently updated source of information.
The Library provides membership facilities to all students and staff.

The faculty, paramedical staff and medical student of TMC are eligible to become members of the library. Books are issued for a period of 10 days in the First instance and if required the same book can be renewed further two times for a period of 10 days each and thus no book will be allowed to be kept with member beyond thirty days.

INTERNET FACILITY:

Computer with Internet facility are available in the adjacent building of the library. The Internet is meant to be used with minimum cost by the faculty, residents and students. Users are not permitted to install any new programme. The MEDLAR facilities available in the
library can be used by the staff and students. Reprographic facility is provided at very reasonable rates.

The following facilities are also available in the TMC library.

1. MEDLAR (Subscription)
2. Inter Library loan
3. Free e journals
4. Free e books
5. On line Public Access Catalogue (OPAC)

**Library Budget:**

From time to time certain norms are laid down for allocation of funds to TMC library by committees and commissions set up by the Dean, Government and associations. A sum of Rs.10 lakhs is set apart for the library every year.
4. RAJAH MUTHIAH MEDICAL COLLEGE

CHIDAMBARAM

A special feature of Rajah Muthiah Medical College is that it is one of the very few Medical Colleges in India directly run by the university. As a University Medical College with a residential system, there are ample opportunities for healthy interaction and learning from multi-disciplinary facilities available in the campus of the Annamalai University.

Rajah Muthiah Medical College has been granted permanent recognition by the Medical Council of India for 150 annual admissions into the M.B.B.S. Programme. It has also been granted permission to run Postgraduate degree Programmes in 18 different specialities with effect from the academic year 1997-98, of which 17 Postgraduate Degrees are already recognised by the Medical Council of India and the Government of India.

The Post-Graduate Diploma Programmes in 10 specialities are being offered presently and 8 of the Postgraduate Diplomas are already recognised by the MCI and the Government of India.

The Faculty of Medicine has the following two Departments of Study.

- Department of Medical Education
- Department of Nursing

The Courses offered in the Rajah Muthaiah Medical College, Chidambaram
are

1. MBBS
2. BPT
3. MPT
4. B. Sc Nursing
5. M. Sc Nursing

Library Building

The building was designed by internationally reputed architects namely Messrs. Prynne, Abbot, and Davis and the building was named after the former Vice Chancellor of Annamalai University, Dr. C. P. Ramaswamy Aiyar, in recognition of his valuable services to the country and to the University. The present building was opened by His Excellency Shri. Bishnuram Medhi, the then Governor of Madras, on 22nd October, 1959, within a built-in area of about 36,000 sq.ft. The building is a 'H' shaped structure, with a well controlled entrance lobby, a spacious Central Reading Hall, Reference Hall, Periodicals Hall, and Bindery on the Eastern wing and Administrative Sections, closed access stack-rooms, Reprographic Section in the western wing and open access stack rooms on both the wings.

World Bank Collections

The Raja Muthiah Medical College Library has the unique privilege of being selected as a full-fledged Depository for the World Bank Publications ever since 1986, and through this offer, the library gets the entire publications
of the Bank at free of cost, and it is getting renewed every two years, based on the utility of the collections. The World Bank Cell is kept opened in all working days for reference. The photocopy service available inside the library is useful for the researchers to get xerox copy of the collections. The compact discs (CD), contain information collected by the International Bank for reconstruction and development and the index of publications & guide to Information Products, and services of the World Bank are available in discs.

**Computer Division**

The Library is one of the few University Libraries in the country to have modernised its entire operations. The automation project was started in the year 1995 with special grant of fifty lakhs rupees received from the UGC-INFLIBNET. Through the following facilities, the user community will have unique advantage of availing of the library services round the clock.

1. Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC)
2. Circulation Service (Issue, Return & Nil arears)
3. INTERNET (Browsing & Mailing) service
4. CD-ROM Service – (MEDLINE Subscription)
5. Orientation Programmes

**Services**

The Library is kept open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily, and the Central Reading Hall is kept open upto 10 p.m. during the days prior to the examinations. The Library works throughout the year, on all Sundays, and on all holidays (except
National Holidays.

**Book Collection:**

The total library budget will be around 10 lakhs per year.

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5. JIPMER

PUDUCHERRY

The Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Post-Graduate Medical Education and Research is popularly known as JIPMER, has grown into one of the country’s leading centres of medical education and research. A hospital with more than 850 beds for inpatient have been attached with the JIPMER.

This cosmopolitan medical college was born in 1956 as Ecole de Medicin when Pondicherry was a French colony, and later renamed as the prosaic Pondicherry Medical College when Pondicherry became a Union Territory of India.

In 1964, the medical college relocated from downtown Pondy to the present campus at Dhanvantari Nagar and emerged as, the present prestigious institution JIPMER. Along with the 850-bedded hospital, JIPMER is administered by the Directorate General of Health Services, New Delhi, and is academically affiliated to the Pondicherry Central University.

JIPMER offers various training programs in medicine including MBBS, MD and MS, MLT etc. It also conducts its own entrance examinations for entry into the various programs.
CENTRAL LIBRARY

INTRODUCTION

The Library at the Medical college, Pondicherry started functioning at the erstwhile Medical College Buildings at Pondicherry from 1957. It was shifted to the Banting Hall, JIPMER in the year 1964. The Central Library was finally shifted to the present centrally air-conditioned building and started functioning from January 12, 1973. It has the following sections:

Book section has a seating capacity for 175 readers. Adjacent to the main reading hall, there is a separate reprographic section. Current journals are displayed in the 1st floor of the library. Back volumes are displayed in the basement of the library.

WORKING PATTERN- TIMINGS, HOLIDAYS

The Working Hours of the Central Library is from 9 AM to 10 PM. It will remain closed on the following dates during the Calendar Year 2006:

1. Republic Day 26th January
2. Holi 6th March
3. Bharat Ratna Dr. Ambedkar's Birthday 14th April
4. Independence Day 15th August
5. Vinayaka Chathurthi 18th September
6. Mahatma Gandhiji's Birth day 2nd October
7. Ayudha pooja 22nd October
8. Deepavali 11th November
9. Idul Fitr 15th November
10. Christmas 25th December

However, the Working Hours of the Central Library will be from 9 a.m. to 12 a.m. for two months in a Calendar Year for meeting extra reading needs during the Examination time (one month during each Examination Session).

**MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY**

The Faculty, Paramedical Staff and Students of JIPMER are eligible to become members of the Central Library. Outsiders can also become temporary members by paying the Caution Deposit.

Issue of new Membership Cards, collection of fine on overdue books, issuance of No Due Certificates are done in the circulation section by the Staff posted for the respective purposes.

Books are issued for period of ten days in the first instance and if required, the same book can be renewed further two times for a period of ten days each and thus no book will be allowed to be kept with a member beyond thirty days.
INTERNET FACILITY

Computers with Internet browsing facility provided at the first floor and in the Reference Hall. These computers are meant to be used free of cost by the Faculty, Residents and Students only for browsing the Internet for their Academic, Research and Patient Care related matters. Any person of the above categories can avail the facility of browsing the internet for a maximum period of 30 minutes and after that, he/she has to hand over the system to other waiting users. Users are not permitted to install any new programs or remove any programs existing on the Hard Disk. When the Computer is not working or not able to browse Internet, users are advised to restrain from manipulating the connections or altering the settings on the Computer.

Reprographic Facility:

Only pages from the Books and Journals are allowed for Xeroxing. Full Books or Journals are not permitted to be xeroxed. Personal materials are not permitted to be brought in the Library for Xeroxing. Any Xeroxed materials should be shown to the Janitor on duty before taken out of the Library.
Total Collection:

The total library budget will be around 13 lakhs per year.

Text book 70,000
Reference book 80,000
Indian Journals 500
Foreign Journals 250
Educational Films 100
Micro fische 5,000
Film strips 1,000
Slides 1,200
Video Cassettes 1,000
Audio Cassettes 750

The following facilities are also available in the JIPMER Library.

1. MEDLINE CD-ROM (Subscription)
2. Inter Library – loan
3. Free ‘e’ Journals
4. Free ‘e’ books
5. On line public access catalogue (OPAC)
6. MEDLAR (Subscription)
6. MAHATMA GANDHI MEDICAL COLLEGE

PUDUCHERRY.

Mahatma Gandhi Medical College is a private self-financing institution started in the year 2000 and run by Balaji Educational Trust.

Mahatma Gandhi Medical College is attached with the 800-bedded hospital in the college campus, at Kirumampakkam, Puducherry with the latest equipments and technological services. The medical college is situated 10 kilometers away from Puducherry central bus stand. MGM College offers various under graduate and postgraduate courses in medicine.

MGM College has air-conditioned and automated library which is under the control of library in charge and the librarian. The main function of the library is to provide up to date information to the students and faculty of the college.

The M.G.M. College has 28 departments and 300 teaching staff and 575 non-teaching staff. The medical college has a fully air-conditioned and digitalized library which contains 30,000 books and 200 currently subscribed Indian and foreign journals.

The working hours of the MGM College library are from 9.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. It will remain closed on all the days in which the Puducherry Government declared as holidays.
BOOK COLLECTION:

The total library budget per year will be around 20 lakhs.

- Textbooks: 37,000
- Reference book: 43,000
- Indian Journals: 120
- Foreign Journals: 80
- Back volumes: 7,700

NON BOOK MATERIALS AVAILABLE:

- C.D: 800
- Micro fische: 780
- Videocassette: 800
- Audiocassette: 1,200
- Video film: 862
- Slides: 2,000

Internet facility is available at the adjacent building of the library.
The Internet facility is meant to be used with minimum cost (Rupees Six per hour) by the faculty, residents and students. The MEDLAR facility is available in the digitized library. MEDLINE CDRom services are also available in the library for the use of the staff and students.

The faculty, paramedical staff and medical students of MGMC are eligible to become the member of the library. Book issued for a period of
9 days, in the first instance and if required the same book can be
renewed further two times for a period of 9 days each and thus no book
will be allowed to be kept with member beyond twenty seven days.
Good quality of reprographic facility is provided at very reasonable
rates.

The following facilities are also available in the MGMC library.

1. MEDLAR (Subscription)
2. MEDLINE (CD-Rom Service subscription)
3. Inter Library loan
4. Free e journals
5. Free e books
6. On line Public Access Catalogue (OPAC)
7. VINAYAKA MISSION'S MEDICAL COLLEGE, 
KARAIKAL

Vinayaka mission's medical college is a private self financing institution started in 1996 and run by Thirumuruga Kirupananda Variyar Thavathiru Sundara Swamigal Medical Education and charitable trust, Salem.

DIFFERENT SECTIONS

The Medical College library building consists of eight individual rooms. One of which is a big ventilated hall for students reading section and another big stack room housing the text and reference books.

One section is allotted for students to keep their own properties, which is near the main entry of the library. Fifty students can be seated in the audio visual room, which is adjacent to the main library hall with Air Conditioning.

Separate section earmarked for Indian and foreign journals and back volumes, Another section is provided for teaching staff reading. It consists of 75 seats. There are two counters for charging and discharging of textbook and reference books in the main hall. The library building also have one Technical section where the classification cataloguing, Documentation and other Technical Works are being done.
COUNTER SECTION:

The library is kept open from 8.00 a.m to 12.00 a.m on all working days. It is open to all students and faculty members and doctor attached with the hospital.

The outsiders and students, who have left the college, dismissed or under suspension cannot have the privilege of using library unless they get the special permission from the Dean of the college.

CHARGING AND DISCHARGING:

a) Books and current journals will be issued only on production of library tickets (Token).

b) Back volumes are also issued to the students, on production of token.

c) The books may be retained by a borrower for the period of 15 days and it must be renewed if they need it for more than 15 days.

DEPARTMENT LIBRARIES:

a) Every department of the college, both Clinical and Non-clinical has a department library.

b) The books transferred from central library are kept in department for the use of staff members and students.
A separate ledger (Book Catalogue) showing the list of books with the title of the books, name of the author, edition etc., is being maintained in each department. The Head of the Department concerned is responsible for the safe custody of the books supplied to the Department library.

**PERIODICALS SECTION:**

There are about 20 numbers of popular magazines in the periodical section such as, Frontline, India Today, Reader's digest, Alive, Health, Women's Era etc., and all the leading daily newspapers are available in this section.

As on date 72 foreign journals has been subscribed for the update information that are often used by practicing doctors. Foreign journals are available in various subjects namely, Surgical, Laboratory Medicine, Dermatology, Psychiatry, Pediatrics, Human Pathology, Microbiology, Radiology, Anatomy, Obstetrics and Obstetrics and Gynecology, Surgical Pathology, Infectious Diseases, American Medical Association, Physiological reviews, ophthalmology, lancet, clinical pharmacology, Archives of surgery, cardiology clinics, clinical Bio-Chemistry, Tropical pediatrics, otolaryngology and clinical investigation.

More over 100 Indian journals in the field of Medicine and allied related field have been subscribed.
MODE OF REFERENCE:

Journals are displayed in the display racks with closed glass doors. Separate section is earmarked for Indian and foreign journal and back volumes.

The library offers information assistance and service to the students. The journal section is maintained by one of the qualified Assistant librarian. The books and journals will be issued on production of library tickets. The period of loan for journal will be one week.

Rare and frequently referred journals will not be issued on the journal issuing section.

TOTAL COLLECTION:

The total library budget will be around 10 lakhs per year.

- Text Books: 16,200
- Reference Book: 84,000
- Indian journals: 250
- Foreign journals: 72

NON-BOOK MATERIALS:

- CD: 780
- Audio Cassettes: 700
- Video Cassettes: 1,000
- Slides: 2,000
REPROGRAPHY:

With the advent of reprographic technology and its utilization in various library set-ups, now it is quite possible for a library user to obtain photocopies of the desired portion of a publication, at a nominal payment. This facility is being offered by many academic and research libraries. These libraries in order to recover at least a part of the cost of providing the service, are charging money from their clientele. But in the Vinayaka Mission’s Medical College Library, the authorities are very kind enough to provide the reprographic service at free of cost.

FACILITIES AVAILABLE IN THE LIBRARY

1. Fully Air-conditioned library
2. MEDLINE CDROM Access (Subscription)
3. Computerized data base
4. Inter Library loan facilities
5. Free Internet
6. Video room for video viewing
7. Med varsity CDROM access (subscription)
The Pondicherry Institute of Medical Science is a leading state-of-the-art multi speciality Hospital and Teaching Institute at Kalapet, bordering the State of Tamilnadu and the union territory of Puducherry in Southern India.

Pondicherry Institute of Medical Science is the culmination of the Madras Medical Mission's far reaching vision to create a healthier society by providing affordable and exemplary healthcare services, and training young aspirants.

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PIMS has 38 departments with 400 teaching staff and 400 non-teaching staff. The medical college has a well furnished air-conditioned library, which contains a large volume of books and journals.

Separate section has been provided for teaching staff, post-graduate and under graduate students, which comprises of a huge
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The fully digitized library of PIMS has a reliable and frequently updated source of information. The Library provides membership facilities to all students and staff. The faculty, paramedical staff and medical students of PIMS are eligible to became members of the library.

Book issued for a period of 10 days in the first instance and if required the same book can be renewed further two times for a period of 10 days each and thus no book will be allowed to be kept with member beyond thirty days.

INTERNET FACILITY:

Computer with Internet facility is available in the library building. The Internet facility can be used with minimum cost by the faculty, residents and students. Users are not permitted to install any new programme. The MEDLINE CD ROM service, available in the internet learning center, can be used by the staff and students. Good quality Xeroxing facility is provided at very reasonable rates.

The following facilities are also available in the PIMS library.

1. OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue)
2. MEDLINE CD-ROM SERVICE (Subscription)
3. Free ‘e’ journals
4. Free 'e' books
5. Inter Library loan

LIBRARY BUDGET

PIMS has provided 10% of the total budget of the college for the development of the library. The budget amount will be around 11 lakhs per year.
Kilpak Medical College is one of the reputed Medical Institution, which, is situated at Chennai. KMC was established in the year 1960 and it offers various under graduate and post graduate courses in Medicine such as M.B.B.S., M.D., M.S., M.ch and Diploma courses etc.

The following hospitals are attached to KMC.

- Kilpak Medical College Hospital, Chennai
- Government Thiruvotteaswarar Hospital of Thoracic Medicine, Otteri, Chennai.
- Government Royapettah Hospital, Chennai.
- Government Hospital, Saidapet, Chennai.
Kilpak Medical College has a well-furnished library, replete with books, with separate sections for the under graduate and post-graduate students.

The library is under the control of the library committee, nominated by the Dean from the teaching staff of the college. A separate section has been provided for the teaching staff, which contains a huge collection of books and journals enabling to enrich and update the knowledge of teaching faculty.

The working hours of the library is from 8.00 a.m. to 10 p.m. on all working days. It will remain closed on Government holidays. However, the working hours of the KMC library will be extended during the period of examination.

The staff library is open for all members of the teaching staff, post graduate students and research scholars of Kilpak Medical College. Each department of the College, clinical and non-clinical has its own departmental library.
BOOK COLLECTION:

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The fully air conditioned and automated library of KMC has a having reliable and frequently up dated sources of information. The library provides membership facilities to all students and staff. The faculty, paramedical staff and student of KMC are eligible to become members of the library. Books are issued for a period of 7 days, in the first instance and if required the same book can be renewed further two times for a period of 7 days each and thus no book will be allowed to be kept with member beyond twenty one days.
INTERNET FACILITY:

Adjacent to the main library building, there is a separate air-conditioned Internet browsing center with a seating capacity for 100 users. This Internet browsing center is meant for the use of the faculty, residents and students at a normal fee. Any person of the above category can avail the facility of browsing the internet for a maximum period of 45 minutes and after that he/she has to hand over the system to other waiting users. Users are not permitted to install new programmes. Reprographic facility is provided at very reasonable rates.

The following facilities are also available in the KMC Library.

1. Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC)
2. MEDLAR (Subscription)
3. Inter Library loan
4. Free 3 book
5. Free e journals.

There are number of institutions in Tamilnadu with library facilities but only few among them like KMC are fully catering to the academic needs of students, faculty and research scholars.
LIBRARY BUDGET:

From time to time certain norms are laid down for allocation of funds to Kilpak Medical College Library by a committee set up by the Dean and Government Associations. It will be around 9 lakhs per year.
SRM Medical College is a Private self financing Medical College established in the year 2003 and run by SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Kattan Kulathur, Chennai. The Medical College is 25 kilometers away from Chennai Airport. A Multi specialty Hospital and Research Centre with more than 500 beds for impatient have been attached with the SRM Medical College. SRM medical college offers various undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Medicine such as M.B.B.S., M.D., M.S., and Diploma courses etc.,

SRM Medical College has an Air-conditioned and digitalized library, which is under the control of library in charge and the librarian. The main objective of the library is to render up to date information to the students and faculty of the college.
SRM Medical College library offer free electronic access through internet, to the members of the faculty and students through which they are able to access the medical databases containing thousands of medical references. The Library has access to a large variety of learning resources such as books, journals, CDROM, Microfiche and audio-video cassettes.

The working hours of the library is from 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 a.m, it will remain closed in Government holidays. However, the working hours may be changed during the period of examination time.

Each department of the college, clinical and non-clinical has its departmental library. To cater to the information requirement of faculty members, students and researchers there is a rich collection of 1,21,000 books and more than 250 Indian and International journals and about 20,000 back issues, 300 educational films, 2,500 microfische, 200 film strips, 800 slides, 900 video cassettes and 700 audio cassettes. Audio-video facility caters to the user's requirements. The total library budget will be around 10 lakhs per year.

Computer with Internet browsing facility provided by the library at free of cost. Faculty students and research scholars can browse the Internet only for their academic and patient care related matters. Any one can avail twenty minutes browsing at one stretch and after that,
he/she should hand over the system to other waiting users. Users are not permitted to remove any programs existing on the hard disk.

At the time of entering inside the library one should show his identity card. Personal books and printed loose papers are not allowed inside the library under any circumstances. Books are issued for a period of fifteen days in the first instance and if required, the same book can be renewed further one time for a period of fifteen days.

The following facilities also available in the library:

1. Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC)
2. Circulation service
3. Internet service
4. C.D. –ROM service (MEDLINE)
5. Free e-journals.
6. Free e-books
8. On line newspapers. (www.online newspaper.com)
9. www.sciencedirect.com

Especially the library and information center of SRM Medical College makes the students to turn towards the ‘e’ resources like e-journals, databases, e-newspaper, e-articles in health science
and will have to develop their collection by these digital versions of the resources both online and offline to render a quality service to the user community.