Abstract

**Purpose:** To know the current status of documentation of Women’s Studies Centres in North East India and also to study the pattern of growth of Women’s Studies Literature and to give an overview of various information resources available on women’s studies both in print and in online form.

**Design/Methodology/Approach:** The methodology adopted by the researcher for the study started with a background study in the form of literature survey, and then the researcher personally visited some of the Women’s Studies Centres of North East India and from some other parts of the country. Where there are difficulties for personal visit telephonic conversation method was used to collect some necessary information. A survey was conducted with the help of a set of questionnaires meant for the in-charge of the centres and also for the users of the Women’s Studies Centres under study.

**Findings:** The study shows a picture of status of documentation of Women’s Studies Centres and also the level of satisfaction of users over the Women’s Studies Centres collection. It is found that the documentation status is not satisfactory and users expect much more additions in the collection of these centres. The study also shows a positive growth trend of Women’s Studies literature and the tendency of the subject towards less collaborative approach in literary production.
Research Limitations/Implications: The study is an effort to know the contributions of Women’s Studies Centres of the universities of North East India under the sponsorship of UGC, regarding documentation of literature in the field towards greater visibility and use by the researchers, activists and users interested in the field. The study can be conducted covering a number of categories of Women’s Studies centres as well a broad geographic region to get a comprehensive picture of the area of study.

Practical Implications: The real picture of documentation in the field of Women’s Studies would help the policy makers and the higher authority to give a second thought for the development of the field in a proper way. The organized information sources in the field can be a great source for study and research in the field.

Originality/Value: The work is a pioneer work in the region and it is hoped that it will be of great value to the researchers, students and activists in the field of Women’s Studies.

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