ABSTRACT

The study entitled “Information Seeking Behaviour of the Faculty and Researchers in the Agricultural University Libraries of Gujarat” has focused on assessing the use of the resources and services of users in Agricultural university libraries of Gujarat. Investigation into the perception of users may lead to insight into their expectations and predictions that prompt their information seeking behaviour.


All Gujarat State Agriculture University Libraries under my present study have been the source of my secondary and primary data collection. Data collection as survey method is most appropriate to get feedback from the agricultural university libraries librarian, universities faculties and researchers. A sample survey was conducted for the purpose of present study. Keeping in my view the importance of agricultural university libraries observation method and personal visits were to four Agricultural Universities Libraries of Gujarat State.

There has been no study on this subject in the Agriculture Universities of Gujarat state so far. Due to present developed form of the universities the number of the librarian, faculty and researchers investigators has been increasing but information seeking behaviour rethink in relation to them. In this changing scenario there is information seeking behaviour need of constant change in library services from user’s point of view. The changing landscape in constant change of sight from library services for user. Research area is so vast and it is impossible for faculty and researchers to achieve all the information at a glance even if the researcher wants. It is information need to know the intention of any research based on the experience of former researchers. Experience of research is directing to researcher to achieve the new knowledge. All the necessary services are provided in the Agriculture University Library of Gujarat State.
To display the problems of users of library survey method is used to analyze it. In it 168 Faculties in four Agricultural Universities of Gujarat are Assistant Professor 58 (34.52%), Sr. Assistant Professor 40 (23.82%), Associate Professor 38 (22.62%), and Professor 32, of 102 Researchers in four Agricultural University of Gujarat state have out of 32 (31.38%) researchers is M. Phil Degree and 70 (68.62%) Researchers have Ph. D. Degree. Whereas in four agricultural university libraries faculty has been out of 98 (58.33%) faculties are Male and 70 (41.67%) faculties are female. And 64 (62.75%) Researchers are Male and 38 (37.25%) Researchers are female are studying. There are different suggestions received from the faculty and researchers on the basis of Agricultural University Library services. In these services particularly Abstracting services, Indexing services, Reprographic Services, C.A.S. and S.D. I. Services as well given in the final research thesis. The suggestions coming from the student and teachers are very much matching. With the suggestions getting from the users it comes to know at what level both the agricultural university libraries are. By lessening the blemishes here if these suggestions are to be considered these agricultural universities may quickly undergo development. From a long period up to here the readers had not been given that much encouragement by the librarians but now the situations have changed. Suggestion cycle plays a major role in libraries. It has become a major element and the modern libraries can change their nature as per the facilities.