CHAPTER 6
FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

This chapter presents findings and conclusions of this study and also gives suggestions for further research.

6.1 Findings and Conclusions

As far as the written collection development policy is concerned, all the colleges follow rules and regulations but only two colleges provided a copy of their written collection development policy. Since selection of the library material is very important factor of collection development.

It is observed all colleges have selection committee. Faculty, librarian and HODs take part in selecting the books. None of college takes students recommendation for selection of books.

It is observed that these colleges also depend on the recommendation of the principal for the selection of books and periodicals.

In order to maintain balance in collection weeding process is important to carry in regular intervals. It has been observed that most of colleges under study follows the process of weeding out library materials as and when possible.

Since acquisition is the key to the mechanism of collection development and management of the library. It is observed that all selected 23 colleges library of University of Delhi do acquisition through purchase from the book sellers.

From detail analysis it is found that though these colleges library under study have good collection of books or print material but the collection of electronic resources is very poor. It is also observed that 4 of the college libraries under study not provide the internet access facility to its users.

From the data analysis large numbers of students and faculty are dependent on the college libraries for various purposes. According to data analysis Moti Lal Nehru College has larger number of students users whereas larger number of faculty users are from Ramjas College.
From the data regarding collection development it is concluded that all the colleges have written collection development policies or document, Rules and Regulation but only 11 of the college have written collection development policy in their record. It is found that Policies, Rules and Regulations are not revised regularly.

It is also inferred from the studies that for the collection development in college library the recommendation of HODs play main role as 18 of the college follows the HOD suggestions.

It is observed that to look after the activities of library all colleges have a standard library committee or an Ad-hoc committee. Only Daulat Ram College has an Advisory committee to look after the college activities.

For the selection of reference books, 17 of the colleges under study depend on library committee, librarian and HODs also.

It is found that in all colleges libraries follow the procedure of acquisition through purchase. Only 3 colleges acquire through membership and only 2 through exchange also.

From the collection data it is inferred that all colleges have good collection of books and five college namely Sri Venkateswara, Kirori Mal college, Shri Ram college of commerce, Shivaji college and Rajdhani College have collection above 1 lakh.

It is also observed that some colleges libraries show uniform pattern of percentage of books added in each subsequent academic year, thus inferring they must allocated same amount of budget for purchase of books.

The data also inferred that not many efforts have done in the colleges libraries under study to increase the collection of journal and magazines in last few years.

It is observed for the above data that different colleges under study have different electronic collections. It was observed that kind of collection in the college depend on
the user needs. From analysis it is inferred that Maitreyi College library has largest collection of CD ROMs.

It is also found that Shri Ram College of commerce and Miranda House library has large collection of audio visuals Materials.

From study it is found that in many colleges to access to E-book and E-Journals all the college libraries under study is through Delhi University Library Service, Delhi University Library Service is the e-portals central facility provided by Central Library of University of Delhi. The 17 of college libraries under study provide these services to its user.

It is found that 19 of the college libraries of University of Delhi under study provide the Internet facility to their user.

It is inferred from the study that all 23 colleges weed out their books according to their convenience. Only two colleges weed out colleges library materials annually, two colleges after three years, five colleges do weed out college materials after five years and twelve colleges weed out materials as when possible.

There are many problems faced by librarians in building of collection and some common problems are as follows:-

- Budget constraint
- Space constraint
- Untrained staff
- Collection development policy is not revised regularly.

6.2 Testing of Hypotheses

Hypotheses restated for purpose of tested given below:-

1) It is evident from the study that most of colleges of under study have collection development policy. It is observed that all follows Collection development policy but table 5.3 shows that 11 of colleges of have collection development policy in their record. The first hypothesis has been partially to be accepted.
2) Different libraries use different method for selection books of consists of Library Committee, Principal, Librarian, Head of Dept. and Teachers. Thus second hypothesis is fully proved.

3) Only a few colleges have limited digital collection hence the third hypothesis is partially proved.

4) The fourth hypothesis is fully proved as librarians face many problems.

### 6.3 Recommendations for Improving College Library

1. It is suggested that there should be well defined guidelines of the functioning of Library College. The library should maintain staff manual, rules and regulation policy. The policy should include the electronic resources enabling selection acquisition preservation and distribution. The policy should be revised on regular basis.

2. Most of the books should be purchased which are published during the last five years.

3. It is suggested that librarians must purchase books on a regularly basis i.e. monthly or quarterly but not at the end of finically years.

4. There should be regular budget allocation at the beginning of the academic year.

5. To minimize the cost, the libraries must plan systems which promote the most efficient means of purchasing needed materials at minimum cost and on time.

6. Libraries should allocate more computers having Internet connectivity and other services for the students and should also participate the Inter-Library Loan Service.

7. Qualitative and Quantitate evaluation is required for printed materials as well as electronic resources.

8. Most of college libraries have cramped spaces and ceiling- high book schedules. This makes college dull having dark and dingy atmosphere. Therefore it is recommended that new wings should be constructed and for this planning and implementation should be done in fast pace.
9. It is suggested that college librarian should remove the unwanted, duplicate and little used material from their shelves and store it at one place. Weeding out process should be done annually to overcome space problem.

10. It is recommended that all the libraries should be automated. Thus database system will help make any procedure for selecting acquiring and processing easier, more effective and fast.

**6.4 Suggestion for Further Research**

From the present research following are the suggestion for further research they are as follows:-

1) Subject scope of college libraries collections.

2) Resource sharing of college libraries sources and services.

3) Studies on access management with reference to resources provide by DULS

4) Human Recourse Development for college libraries