ABSTRACT

From the history it has been proved that libraries play a vital role in the development of education. Libraries are not only the places of mass storage of books but more importantly, they are the hub, happening places, from where the future revolutions and reformations be originated. William S. says that, “The basic test of the quality of any library is its ability to get into the hand of the reader the book he wants when he wants it” The university libraries are those who have a well defined and highly valued dependability of providing the right knowledge to the right reader at the right moment.

The present study is highlights the growth and development of Agriculture University Libraries in Maharashtra During 2002 to 2012. In this information age Agriculture university libraries have to playing most important role for providing all type information to users. This study of growth and development of Agriculture University libraries in Maharashtra, examine and identified growth and development and attempt is made to offer some useful suggestion for improvement in agriculture university libraries.

Questionnaire method was used to collect data about Library personnel, Library building, furniture, equipment, Library Services, stock Verification, Library Collection, Book Bank scheme and Automation of 5 agriculture University libraries in Maharashtra. And also the study to analysis essential growth factor of these libraries, financial assistance provided for libraries by the respective university.

In this research Chapter -1 Introduction had focused on Agriculture in India, Objective of the study, importance of the study, scope of the study, research methodology method of data collection and review of literature.

Chapter – 2 had highlighted history of Agricultural University Libraries in India, Role of Agricultural University Library in Agricultural Education and research.

Chapter -3 Role of ICAR in development of Agricultural University had described Structural Organization of ICAR, Responsibility and Mandate, Agricultural Libraries of ICAR, Committees and Commissions of Agricultural Libraries, Present Structure of ICAR and Research Institutes.
The 4th Chapter of Data Analysis had focused on General information about 5 agriculture university libraries, Acquisition policy, Collection development, Library finance and budget, Library services, Library personnel, Stock verification, Library building, furniture, equipment, Library publicity and display and Library automation.

The 5th chapter of Conclusion had described observation and findings come up to conclusion on the basis of 5 agriculture university libraries.

The author sees that a bright future for 5 Agricultural University Libraries in Maharashtra, because they adopted new technologies for providing better services to users. It is hope that present study will be of great help to library personnel and university authorities.