We are now living in the age of knowledge explosion. It becomes double within a very short time. Knowledge gets embodied in the form of books, journals and non books materials like – still photographs, slides, film strips, cine films, video cassettes, audio taps, audio cassettes, gramophones, digital audio technologies etc.

One library may collect books, journals and others reading materials, but without proper organization of the library and service provided by qualified person, readers of the library will not be benefited from the library.

My interest for my research topic arises because of my professional work as Assistant Librarian in Gauhati Medical College and as Librarian in Assam Legislative Assembly Library.

**Observations**:

When I joined my profession as Assistant Librarian in Gauhati Medical College in the year 1983, I found that most of the student pursuing Master Degree of various department of Gauhati Medical College go to National Medical Library, All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS) and other prominent Libraries situated at New Delhi to complete their Desertrations, Thesis and to prepare special seminar papers. After consultation with some students and
teachers of the college I came to know that some very important journals, books and Medical Indicus (origin of disease) are not available in the Gauhati Medical College Library during that period.

Accordingly I discussed the matters with the authority of Gauhati Medical College which has readily agreed to procure all these books, journals on priority basis. Gradually the flow of going outside by students for collection of reading materials for preparation of their dissertation, seminar paper decreased considerably.

During the period of my professional work my first observation was that if a Librarian can place the suggestion for improvement of Library’s collection and service to the authority by himself or through library committee where exist and authority if agrees to accept the suggestion of librarian or Library Committee then Library can serve the reader in a very befitting way according to the needs of reader.

When I joined as librarian in Assam Legislative Assembly Library in the year 1988, I found the collection of books, journals, debates, gazettees of India, Gazetteers, Census report and unpublished document are abundant. But there was lack of proper qualified staff and most of the documents are not arranged properly. So whenever any Books, Journals or any Document are required for the use of
reader or for the use of authority, it takes long time to locate the required document. I have observed that without proper reorganization, the proper service can not be provided to the reader in time. So, I place a suggestion through library committee for reorganization of the Assembly Library. Ten persons are attached with library branch for cleaning the documents and others such helps for 6 months. I myself take the initiative with Assistant Librarian to reorganize the library and accordingly documents are systematically arranged in shelves as per Dewey Decimal Classification. After reorganization of the Assembly Library time for searching documents has decreased and service to reader can be done very promptly and conveniently.

From the above observation made during my professional work, I realize that there is ample scope to carry out research on working and functioning of the Assam Legislative Assembly Library to give befitting service to readers according to their need. Therefore I have selected the present topic entitled “The working and functioning of the Assam Legislative Assembly Library and its use and impact on Legislators and Administrators : A Critical Study”.

Ultimately my Guide also approved the topic, which was subsequently accepted by the Departmental Research Committee of Library & Information Science and finally full signal was accorded by the Research Committee of the Arts Faculty.
System of references made in the Thesis:
While preparing the study, references to document have been made in the text in different pages according to the American Psychological Association (APA) Citation Style. The parenthetical (in text) reference include the author’s surname, year of publication and the pages of the work, for example (Ranganathan, 1968, P.52). Details of the referred works are given in the bibliography and references arranged under author’s surname and are attached at the end.

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