ABSTRACT

The study entitled “An Analytical study of user survey to Agriculture Universities Library in the Maharashtra State” has focused on assessing the use of the resources and services of libraries of Agriculture Universities Library. The study is confined to the Two Agriculture Universities library: (1) Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Agriculture University Library, Akola; established on 29 March, 1968 and (2) Dr. Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Agriculture University, Dapoli; established on 18th May, 1972. All Maharashtra State Agriculture University was excluded on the ground that almost all of these have been established during the years and their libraries were still at infancy level. As survey method is most appropriate to get feedback from the users of a system, a sample survey was conducted for the purpose of study. Two different questionnaires were designed to collect information from library staff, students and teachers respectively. The stratified sampling was used to select sample from the universe of study comprising students of under graduate. And post graduate courses and permanent teachers of Universities under study. From teach stratum sample was chosen randomly. Keeping in view the importance of observation method, personal visits were made to Two Universities under study.

There is no study on this subject in the Agriculture Universities of Maharashtra state so far. A tremendous change has been taken place in the fields of library and information technology. Due to the present developed form of the universities, the number of the students, lecturers, investigators has been increasing but their needs are bound to rethink in relation to them. In this changing scenario there is 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 researcher to achieve all the information at a glance even if the researcher wants. It is 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 Maharashtra State. To display the problems of users of library, survey method is used to analyze it. In it 231 library members of Dr.Panjabrao Deshmukh Agriculture University Library, Akola in 216 members of Dr. Balasaheb Swant Konkan Agriculture University, Dapoli are analyzed. And the more surprising think is that in Dr.Panjabrao Deshmukh Agriculture University Library, 43 teachers, 22 Research students, 51 graduate girls students, 97 boys students and other 18 users are included in it. Whereas in Dr. Balasaheb Swant Konkan Agriculture University, 39 teachers, 20 Research Students, 32 Girls students, 104 Boys students and 21 other students are studying. There are different suggestions received from the users on the basis of Agricultural University Library services. In these services particularly Abstracting services, Indexing services, Reprographic Services, C.A.S. Services as well as S.D.I services are provided and the details of these services are 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.