A hospital is unique and highly complex organizational entity. To the community it is an important social and economic asset, to patients it is a place to receive care; to physicians it is a place to treat patients; to employees it is a place to work and to its managers, it is a multi-faceted organization embracing clinical, financial, ancillary and supportive activities. It is a place where sophisticated equipment, technology and personnel are organized to provide health services. Advances in technology and medical science have caused the hospitals to become the central and primary provider organizations in health services delivery. Thus a hospital is an inseparable entity of our lives, meaning many things to different people.

A hospital plays significant role in developing health and medical services to the ailing people. Promotion of health is basic to national progress. Nothing could be of great significant than the health of the people in terms of resources for socio-economic development.

Management science applies to all organization like hospitals. Hospitals employ huge resources which require professional management of finance personal, equipments and material. With the increasing complexity of medical sciences and growing number and size of hospitals, the application of management principles to the hospitals needs the same care and consideration which is essential for running a business or industrial enterprise. Today with the growing population of India and demand for medical services, hospitals are facing acute problems of utilizing the available resources. Private hospitals are on profit base but public hospitals are on service base. So the picture of public hospital is totally different than private hospital. This is not because of the lack of
professional knowledge or competence but due to poor management of health services.
As a result government health sector has became un healthy and is not able to achieve the set targets of national health policy. Therefore it is necessary to initiate measures for making management practices of public hospitals more effective. A research study on a managerial appraisal of public hospitals can play very important role for improving overall management.
Therefore the present research study titled “A Managerial Appraisal of Public Hospitals in Gujarat Located at District Head Quarters” has been done to study and review some aspects of management of selected public hospitals by collecting analyzing and interpreted data from primary and second sources.
The present research study has been divided in to eight chapters namely (I) Hospital management: An introduction (II) National Health Policy (III)Integrated Diseases Surveillance Project (IV) Research Methodology (V) Health Administration at Union And State Level (VI) Profile of Selected Public hospitals (VII) Profile of respondents and their opinion about facilities and services of selected public hospitals (VIII) Finding and Suggestions.
A bibliography has been provided for those who like to undertake more detailed study of the subject.
The research study will answer to problems and short comings in management practices of public hospitals. Moreover the present research study would be very much helpful to those who are researching in this field. No doubt the highly useful information contained will benefit all those dealing with health care management, doctors, nurses, paramedical staff as well as policy makers and planners for health.

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