

USE OF LIBRARY RESOURCES IN GOVIND NATIONAL COLLEGE, NARANGWAL BY THE STUDENTS OF UG AND PG: A SURVEY

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Abstract

The purpose of the study is to know the use of library resources by the students. The survey was conducted through questionnaire. Sample was taken 100 students of Undergraduate and 100 students of Post Graduate. Questionnaire was distributed between 200 students. All students responded and submit the questionnaire with response. Study reveals that mostly undergraduate students visit the library to use circulation section for issue / return of the books related to their syllabus and read the newspapers to update the knowledge. On the other hand Post graduate students give preference reference books and journals also along with text books. Mostly students suggested that study room should be separated in the library.

Keywords: Govind National College, Library resources

Introduction: Govind National College is situated in Narangwal village in Ludhiana district in 1966. It is run by Patna Sahib Education Trust which was set up by Late S. Joginder Singh Grewal. Initially College started Non-Medical and Humanities up to degree classes but now Post Graduate classes in Punjabi, Mathematics and Physical education are running. Post graduate diploma in computer application is also available. It provides good library services to the students. The availability of E-journals provides good status to the library. International journals are subscribed to provide the global knowledge to the students related to their subject. OPAC and Internet facility is also provided to the users in the library as well as in the computer lab. At the arrival of new books and journals, they are displayed under current awareness service. Reprography service is a dynamic part of library to the users. This study investigates that up to how much extent students use the library resources.

Review of Literature:

Siddique (2002)¹ studied under the title “Use of library collection in the Jawaharlal Nehru University Library, New Delhi”. Study revealed that majority of users was regular visitors to library. Most of them visited library to consult course material, Research material and to borrow books. Majority of the users were aware about the services provided by the library.

Salaam (2003)² “Library utilization by the undergraduates of a University of Agriculture” The study revealed that students used library mainly to prepare for examination and to write class assignment.”

Burman, Joginder Singh (2013)³ “Use of library resources by the students of Library and Information Science KUK”. The study revealed that majority of the students visited the library daily for reading text-books and also use the internet facility for the educational purpose. Most of the students are aware about photocopy service. Maximum students ask a teacher for help in using the library.

Main Objectives of the Study:

1. To evaluate the use of library resources by the Undergraduates and Postgraduates students.
2. To know the purpose of visit to the library.
3. To find out the motive of obtaining information by the students.
4. To find out the utilization of library resources by the students.

Methodology: Questionnaire was distributed to the students of undergraduate and postgraduate to analyze the use of library resources at undergraduate and postgraduate level.

Data Analysis:**Table 1:** Frequency of visit to the library

S/N	Frequency of visit the library	No. of respondents (UG)	No. of respondents (PG)	% (UG) N=100	% (PG) N=100	Total % N=200
1.	Daily	48	55	48%	55%	51.5%
2.	Once in a week	12	15	12%	15%	13.5%
3.	Twice in a week	28	13	28%	13%	20.5%
4.	Monthly	10	14	10%	14%	12%
5.	Rarely	02	03	02%	03%	2.5%
Total		100	100	100%	100%	100%

Table 1 reveals that near about half of the students of undergraduate visit the library daily, only 2% visit rarely. Out of the 100 students, 12% and 28% visit the library once in a week and twice in a week respectively. On the other hand Postgraduate students visit the library daily more than undergraduates. Only 13%, approximately half of the undergraduates visit the library twice in a week. It is clear that in total above half of the students visit library. In total only 2.5% of the students visit rarely.

Table 2: Use of library sources and services

S/N	Services	UG	PG	% (UG)	% (PG)	Total %
1.	Issue/ return	52	74	52%	74%	63%
2.	Reference service	25	52	25%	52%	38.5%
3.	Journals/ magazines	20	45	20%	45%	32.5%
4.	Newspaper	82	86	82%	86%	84%
5.	Current awareness service	53	71	53%	71%	62%
6.	Reprography service	19	25	19%	25%	22%
7.	Internet service	15	39	15%	39%	27%
8.	OPAC	42	46	42%	46%	44%

It is observed from the table 2 that high percentage of undergraduates as well as postgraduates read the newspapers to update the current issues. Most of the students UG and PG visit the library to use issue and return service, which is part of their study. A current awareness services is used highly by postgraduate students. PG students use the internet service more than half of the UG. Journals and magazines are less read by UG than PG. The both users use OPAC (Open access catalogue) facility less than 50%. Overall, highly percentage is found out for circulation service, newspaper and current awareness service, which is used by the students.

Table 3: Motive of seeking information

S/N	Motive	UG	PG	% (UG)	% (PG)	Total %
1.	To keep up to date	67	78	67%	78%	72.5%
2.	To write an article	6	10	6%	10%	8%
3.	To prepare dissertation	0	10	0%	10%	5%
4.	To improve study	86	75	86%	75%	80.5%
5.	To prepare notes	51	63	51%	63%	57%

Table 3 shows that most of the ratios of undergraduate students use library material to improve study and to keep update the knowledge. Half of the students prepare the notes with the help of library books. On the other hand Postgraduates are also use the library more to improve the study and to keep update their knowledge. Study reveals that only Master of physical education students use the journals and internet facility to prepare a dissertation because it is a part of their syllabus. Only few students use the library to write an article whether they are UG or PG.

Suggestions: Proper guidance should be given to the users in the orientation program about library resources and utilization of the resources.

Conclusion: Mostly students use the library resources to develop study skills and to update current issues. Postgraduate students are more visits the library daily to improve study by preparing valuable notes than undergraduates. The ratio of using Journals and internet service is also high of PG students than UG. OPAC facility is less used by both of them.

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