

# Use of Library Facilities and Resources by Research Scholar in Gulbarga University

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## Introduction

The university library is the heart of academic endeavor, directly as regards its research activities, and indirectly as regards its teaching activities. University library is a library attached to the University, have a very vital role to play to meet multidimensional demands for information and knowledge of students, teachers and research scholars. University library gives vital support for students, researchers and staff, complementing academic and research activities. Universities are the higher education institutions. As the universities serve as research centres, they have become institutions where knowledge is discovered, intellectuals are bred, scientific manpower is produced and technical know-how is developed. The success of their research depends upon the resources, facilities and services they had in universities. University Libraries are a dynamic instrument of education. It is an axis around which the teaching and research activities revolve. The primary function of a library is to satisfy the intellectual thrust of the readers. The basic function of a library is to build up a collection which is dynamic and capable of meeting the changing needs and demands of the present as well as future users.

Gulbarga University is one of the leading centers of academic excellence caters to the educational needs of the society located in the developing region of Hyderabad Karnataka established in 1980, has a sprawling green campus of 860 acres. Within a short span, the university has achieved marvelous academic and research excellence with 39 Post-graduate departments and P. G. Centers at Bidar, Raichur and Sharana Sahitya Library and Resource Centre at Basavakalyan. Guided by its vision of excellence in higher education and wedded to the mission of equity, justice, harmony and progress, the university has exceeded the benchmark and expectations of those who were instrumental in its establishment.

Gulbarga University Library, a knowledge Center for accessibility developed on modern lines as a prominent Learning Resource Center on sprawling Campus, ideally situated and easily accessible by all the departments and students housing. The University Library, makes sincere efforts to provide user focused services having over 2,27,831 books, subscribes 654 scientific journals, Sixteen CD-ROM databases (Current + Archival), 5800 dissertation/theses and technical reports, microfilm, microfiche, conference papers and rare books. The Library is at the core of research and learning at the University and automated its in-house activities and services using KOHA – an integrated open source software using cloud technology. Virtual Learning

Resource Center and Digital Library (VLRC & DL), with 150 computer systems and three main servers, a giant leap into information age is at the heart of the University Learning experience supporting e-LTR (e-Learning Teaching and Research), provides access to UGC INFONET e-resources (12,000 e-journals+ & databases), Internet and e-learning, course materials and e-books using one Gbps leased line connectivity under NMEICT Project. Remote access facility, Virtual Reference through Question Point Service, OCLC-USA, Institutional Repository, Career Planning and User Sensitization Programs are a few unique services rendered to promote the optimum use of library resources. Wi-Fi (Wireless Fidelity) access is available across the library.

The library received Dr. Padhya Best University Library Award for 2007 instituted by Indian Library Association, New Delhi and recipient of “e INDIA Award 2011” for the Best ICT Enabled University at India’s Largest ICT Event during December 2011.

University Library has a mission to make it as a vibrant Centre to support the academics, research and development activities. It is committed to support and contribute to the quality of academic and research excellence for the prosperous development of society and the nation building activities.

### **Scope and limitation of the study**

The study is mainly restricted to research scholar of Gulbarga University at Kalaburagi, Karnataka. The present study is an attempt to know the Use of Library facilities and Resources among Research Scholar in Gulbarga University Kalaburagi. The parameter of study is:

### **Objectives**

The objectives of the study were to know:

- 1) To investigate purpose of library visit
- 2) To identify the predominant use of information resources by research scholar
- 3) To assess the awareness of library facilities and resources among the research scholar
- 4) To find out the problems faced by research scholar while accessing and using library resources
- 5) To suggests the possible and available method improve the use of library facilities and resources in the library.

### **Methodology**

A survey method of research has been adopted especially structured questionnaire were prepared, anticipating the use of library resources by the research scholar of GUK, Kalaburagi, Karnataka. A total of 120 structured questionnaires were distributed to users.

### Gender wise distribution of respondents

GENDER	No Of Respondents	Percentage
Male	65	52.%
Female	55	48%
Total	120	100%

This table shows that 52% of the respondents are male and remaining 48% of the respondents are female.

Age	No Of Respondents	Percentage
20 -25	28	23%
26-30	33	27%
31-35	41	34%
36-40	18	15%
Total	120	100%

This table shows that 34 % of the respondents are 31-35 years of age group and 15% of the respondents are 36-40 years of age group.

### Category wise distribution of respondents

Category	No Of Respondents	Percentage
Scheduled Cast	48	44%
Scheduled Tribe	38	40%
Others	24	16%
Total	120	100%

This table shows that 44% of the respondents are SC, 40% of the respondents are ST and remaining 16 % of the respondents are others.

### Frequency of Using Library

Frequency	No Of Respondents	Percentage
Frequently	30	25%
Occasionally	20	16%
Rarely	40	34%
Never	30	25%
Total	120	100%

This table shows that 34% of the respondents are using library rarely and 16% of the respondents are occasionally.

### Purpose of using Library

Purpose of using OPAC	No. Of. Respondents	Percentage
For academic purpose	60	50%
For updating knowledge	46	38%
For writing research article	14	12%
Total	120	100: %

This table shows that 50% of the respondents are using library for academic purpose and 12 % of the respondents are using library for writing research article.

### Use of Library resources by the research scholars

Available Resources	No. Of. Respondents	Percentage
E-Journals	15	12%
Theses\Dissertations	17	14%
Reference books	12	10%
Annual Reports	16	13%
Govt. Reports	28	16%
E-Contents	22	18%
Online Databases	10	9%
Total	120	100%

This table shows that 18% of the respondents are use of library resources by E contents and 9% of the respondents are online databases.

### Sources through which e-resources are known

Sources	No. Of. Respondents	Percentage
Guidance from teachers	30	25%
Guidance from Seniors	26	21%
Online catalogue	34	28%
Guidance from library Staff	20	16%
Surfing website	10	9%
Consulting other libraries	120	100%

This table shows that 25 % of the respondents are guide from teachers and 9 % of the respondents are Surfing website.

## Aware and use of Services providing by Library Services

Services	No. Of. Respondents	Percentage
Circulation Services	11	10%
SDI	09	8%
CAS service	13	11%
Abstracting service	15	12%
Reference /Referral	03	2%
Document Delivery	18	15%
Bibliography service	12	10%
Reprographic service	08	7%
Online database/ e-journal	13	11%
Internet services	18	15%

This table shows that 15 % of the respondents are aware of document delivery service and 2 % of the respondents are aware of reference service.

## Problems faced using the library resources

Barriers	No. Of. Respondents	Percentage
Books are not relevant	21	17%
Updated Books are not available	18	15%
Computer are not sufficient	17	14%
Problem in Internet Connection	18	15%
Inter Library Loan is not convenient	13	11%
Journal are not enough and update	19	16%
Photocopy service is not convenient	10	08%
Poor Connectivity of Internet	04	2%

This table shows that 17 % of the respondents are problems faced using books are not relevant and 2 % of the respondents are facing poor connectivity of internet.

## Conclusions:

The libraries should provide user-centric services. The university libraries being the heart of university need to provide best facilities, resources and services to satisfy the needs of its users. The university libraries which serve the undergraduate, postgraduates, researchers and faculty need to understand their role in the present changing information surroundings. In order to maximize the use of libraries facilities, resources and services library should build their collection online resources as well as print resources keeping in mind present and potential need of users in changing information environment. The present study has revealed the use of library facilities and resource by research scholars.

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