

College with Potential for Excellence Scheme is boon for College Libraries in Maharashtra

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Abstract- The theme of the present paper is highlighted on CPE Scheme is boon for College Libraries in Maharashtra. Libraries are playing an important role in acquiring and dissemination of knowledge to its users. In this paper authors tried to focus on what is CPE Scheme. Authors also tried to what are the significance and impact of CPE grants on development of College Libraries in Maharashtra.

Keywords- College Library, University Grants Commission, College with Potential for Excellence, Objectives of the study, hypothesis of study, scope and limitation, significance of study, impact of CPE Grants on development of College Libraries.

Introduction- In the 21 st Century Libraries are playing important role in the Higher education. There are large numbers of Colleges imparting good quality education in India. University Grants Commission has identified such Colleges and gave them the status of CPE i.e. College with Potential for Excellence Scheme and provide funds to them for higher standard teaching. University Grants Commission has introduced CPE Scheme in its 10 th five year plan in the year 2004-05 and awarded the financial grants ranging from 35 Laks to 1 Crore rupees for the selected Institution for the period of three years. In Maharashtra University Grants Commission has selected 47 Colleges for CPE Scheme in different three phases.

University Grants Commission gave the budget for strengthening research, academic improvement, Library automation, e-Learning centers, Software facilities; Modernization of department with latest equipments, Communication skills, bar coded identity cards for students, drinking water and developing infrastructure.

Objectives of Study-

1. To study the present status of CPE Libraries.
2. To examine the proper utilization of Library budget.
3. To know the status of Library automation.
4. To know the Library services, online resources, and ICT application.
5. To evaluate impact of CPE grants on development of college Libraries.

Hypothesis of study-

1. The present status of CPE Libraries is satisfied.
2. Library budget has proper utilized under CPE scheme.
3. Most of the Libraries are automated.
4. There is a scope in development of Library services, online resources and ICT application.
5. Libraries become rich in Library resources due to CPE grants.

Scope and Limitation-

The present study was intended to evaluate the impact of UGC CPE grants on College libraries however considering the wide scope the study limited CPE libraries in Maharashtra up to three phases of grants and during the period of academic/ financial years 2004-2005 to 2013-2014 i.e. study of ten years.

Significance of study-

Higher education plays an important role in development of the society. It is stated that the Universities and Colleges in India are lagging behind in the ranking at global level. The MHRD and the UGC taking different steps in overall enhancement of Universities and Colleges through development schemes. The CPE is one of the latest schemes of the UGC. The present study collected and analyzed the data of College with Potential for Excellence Libraries. This study maps utilization of funds and its impact on overall development of library. Evaluation of the scheme helps to understand the need, importance of the scheme, its benefits and limitations. Further it helps to take decision that the scheme should be continued in the current form or do changes.

Research Method- The research methods classify fundamental, applied, exploratory research, and descriptive research method. The present research is descriptive research method.

Tools of data collection- Data collection is a significance part of the research. For the data collection of present research researcher used questionnaire as a tool for data collection.

Review of Literature- Review was begin with primary sources, 31 theses on related topic, 16 numbers of research papers in different journals in Library & Information Science and 02 conference papers on related topic have been reviewed by the researcher. Some other sources like encyclopedia, dictionary, handbook, online databases, directory, e-resources, consortia; UGC Act., annual reports, gazetteers, websites etc. have been reviewed by researcher.

Summary of Conclusion-

- i) There were 47 colleges with CPE status in Maharashtra. The first established college under study was St. Xavier's College, Mumbai founded in the year 1869 followed by Institute of Science, Nagpur and Institute of Science, Mumbai established in the year 1906 and 1920 respectively. The C.K.T. ACS College New Panvel Raigad established in the year 1997 was the newest college under study. Researcher could receive filled questionnaire from 43 (91.49%) colleges out of 47(100%) and hence further analysis have been shown for 43 colleges only. (Table No. 4.2.1)
- ii) These 43 CPE status colleges were under the jurisdiction of ten State universities in Maharashtra. In which 18 (41.86%) colleges were under the jurisdiction of three universities i.e. each university had six colleges affiliated to Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University Aurangabad, Rastrasant Tukdoji Maharaj Nagpur University Nagpur and Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University Amravati each. Other three universities had five CPE colleges (i.e. 15 (34.89%) affiliated to each university viz. Kaviyatri Bahinabai Choudhari North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon, Shivaji University, Kolhapur, and University of Mumbai, Mumbai. The two universities Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune and Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada university Nanded had four CPE colleges i.e. 8 (18.6%) each whereas only one college i.e. 1 (2.3 %) have received CPE status under the jurisdiction of Shreemati Nathibai Damodar Thakrshi Women's University, Mumbai and Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar University, Solapur. (Table No. 4.2.2)
- iii) Out of 43 CPE status colleges 34 (79.07%) were affiliated colleges to universities and remaining 9 (20.93%) were autonomous colleges. (Table No. 4.2.3)

Status of College Libraries under Study-

- i) Eleven (25.58 %) colleges had specific name to the Libraries. Rest of the 32 (74.42%) college libraries just known as a central library or library. (Table No. 4.3.1)
- ii) All libraries under study works for minimum 8 hours. Working hours of 24 (55.81%) were more than eight hours. Birla College of A.S. & C. Kalyan, Dist Thane and Science College, Nagpur has maximum working hours and remains open for 12 hours per day.
- iii) Reading rooms of the libraries under study were kept open minimum for 8 hours and maximum for 16 hours. Yeshwantrao Chavan Institute of Science, Dist. Satara and Pratap Mahavidyalaya, Amaner Dist Jalgaon libraries keep their reading room open for maximum 16 hours daily.
- iv) Thirty seven (86.04 %) colleges under study had a separate library building whereas 6 (13.95 %) college libraries are housed in administrative or some other building. (Table No. 4.3.4)
- v) Thirty six (83.72%) colleges have departmental libraries whereas 7 (16.28%) colleges have not established departmental library yet. Maximum 25 departmental libraries were there in Padmashri Vikhe Patil College, Pravaranagar Dist Ahmednagar.

Utilization of Library budget (CPE Budget)-

Books- The data represents that most of amount spent under College with Potential for Excellence by B.M. College of Commerce Pune i.e. Rs. 1550411 for number of 6518 books. The data express that amount spent by Science College Nagpur i.e. Rs. 1350000 for number of 1935 books. The data highlights that the amount spent by Institute of Science Mumbai i.e. Rs. 1167000 for number of books 1731. The data presents that minimum amount spent by Smt. K.W. College Arts & Science Sangli i.e. Rs. 57082 for number of 98 books. (Table No.4.4.9 to 4.4.13)

Journals- The data present that most of the amount spent under College with Potential for Excellence by Institute of Science Mumbai i.e. Rs. 560812 for number of 65 journals. The data express that amount spent by C.S.I.B.E. & R. Kolhapur i.e. Rs. 270974 for number of 118 journals. The data highlights that minimum amount spent by Pratap Mahavidyalaya Amalner Jalgaon i.e. Rs. 32958 for number of 20 journals.

E-resources- The data observed that most of the amount spent under College with Potential for Excellence by St. Mira's College for Girls Pune i.e. Rs. 918369 for number of 70 e-resources. The data express that Physical Education Autonomous College, Amravati spent amount i.e. Rs.160000 for number of 2 e-journals. The data highlights that minimum amount spent by Moolji Jaitha College, Jalgaon i.e. Rs. 7091 for number of 27 e-journals.

Impact of CPE Grants on Libraries-

Book racks- Twenty three (53 %) college libraries had growth in book racks in the range 1 to 20. (Table No. 4.7.1)

Book cases- It was found that above 51 % College i.e. 22 Colleges were growth of book cases in the range one to ten. (Table No. 4.7.2)

Cupboards- It can be said that above 60 % College i.e. 26 Colleges were growth of cupboards in the range one to five of the CPE College library.

Pigeon display racks- It can be said that above 60 % College i.e. 26 Colleges were one to two growth of pigeon display racks of CPE College library.

Newspaper stands- The study reveals that above 51 % College i.e. 22 Colleges were one to two growths of newspaper stands of CPE College library.

Fans- As per the study it is clear that above 51 % college i.e. 22 Colleges were one to two growths of fans to the CPE College library.

Tubes- It can be said that 40 % College i.e. 17 College were one to ten growth of tubes to the CPE College library.

RFID- It is concluded that Padmashri Vikhe Patil College, Pravaranagar Dist. Ahmednagar only college have facility of RFID technology under study of CPE College libraries in Maharashtra. (Table No. 4.7.13)

Scanners- It was found that 37 % College i.e. 16 Colleges were one growth of scanners in the library. (Table No. 4.7.14)

Barcode readers- On the basis of data it is clear that above 40 % College i.e. 17 Colleges were one growth of barcode readers to the CPE College library. (Table No. 4.7.15)

Conclusion-

Due to CPE grants Libraries were made rich in book collection, enhance number of journals and e-resources. The status of Libraries made modern in the form of furniture, Library services, ICT application, Library automation, equipments and over all developments. The scheme is boost for Libraries in Maharashtra. The CPE Scheme is good boon for college Libraries in Maharashtra.

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