

## CHAPTER – VIII

### SUGGESTION AND CONCLUSION

#### 8.1 Introduction:-

The Information atmosphere around the worlds changing every minute and at a tremendous speed due to the emergence of the web based information and communication technologies (ICT), globalization of networks and internet. Hence ensuring and organizing access to educational materials in the electronic environment is an important factor in determining realistic request for development and advancement of education. The need for e-information services to the users are also growing and becoming very essential. The impact of web based e-learning and teaching environment has influenced every facet of library and information services in college libraries and providing new opportunities and challenges to the library professional.

Change is the law of nature. Technology will continue to change and libraries and librarians have to adapt to the changing technology to provide the best access and service to their patrons. Electronic information creates challenges for the library community. It is moving away from the traditional paper and print format. So library foundation is no longer as a building or a physical repository that is a house of information.

Here it is important to mention that we must change our World view in fundamental ways, by adopting a new vision of the library, the needs of radical and fundamental change in our way of thinking. It is very hard to move away from the radical overview. We were, so to speak, simply sailing slightly more well run, ships around Africa. So the message is that digital information is no longer simply an additional format of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Libraries; it is increasingly becoming the only format. Not just the central elements of traditional library collections like journals, books, etc. but music, the visual arts etc. are also included. The goal is to help us see with new eyes. So it is very urgent and essential to discuss about the role of college libraries for promoting higher education in Lakhimpur district and should give some important suggestions and recommendations here.

We must try our level best to ensure the excellence of higher education in Lakhimpur district. It is extremely urgent to develop a workable road map for quality sustenance and excellence in the field of higher education and development of college as well as library. We have to progress by leaps and bounds to achieve our goals and objectives. It also perceived as mentioned in the hypothesis that there is a bright prospects for the library and information services in college libraries of Lakhimpur District provided that IT must be developed with the help of technically expert Librarian.

After a critical analysis of the topic “Role of College Libraries in a Changing Information Context for Promoting Higher Education in Assam with Special Reference to Lakhimpur District: - a study” based on the result of the following suggestion have been given for improvement of college / libraries of Assam specially in Lakhimpur district.

## **8.2. Suggestions:-**

India has seen tremendous growth in the area of higher education in the last few decades but when it comes to excellence/quality we lag far behind on international stage. So we should give some important suggestions and recommendations here:-

### **8.2.1. Changing the Qualification Framework for Undergraduate Education:-**

The basic need is that compulsion of the globalization and internationalization of education like ‘Comparability and Compatibility’ cannot be postponed for ever. Need for conforming to the “Qualification frame works” which will mostly exchange students for further studies and jobs cannot be overlooked.

### **8.2.2 Quality Education:-**

The central pillars of our education policy quality, excellence, and expansion should be provided in an institution’s of colleges libraries of Lakhimpur district. Every stakeholder should wants excellence in education. The excellence in higher education is desirable but it is not readily measured or assessed. The concept of excellence should be used frequently very good not only in teaching learning, infrastructure development, classrooms but also outstanding performance of academic institutions.

### **8.2.3. Enhanced Minimal Enrollment must for Quality Education: -**

One more aspect that it should be ensure that all the colleges of Lakhimpur district mandated to teach undergraduate programmes to ensure that the student enrollment to ensure

academic viability for quality higher education and social attribute to go with real time advanced learning.

**8.2.4. Make an all Round Effort;** -- The UGC, The Government of India and the State government should to make an all-round effort to move for “Times New Direction” of higher education of Assam as well as Lakhimpur district.

**8.2.5. The UGC, National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) Inspection and Inspiration:-** The NAAC has an agenda for judging and assuring quality in liberal Arts, Science, Commerce and other disciplines. The mandate of NAAC as reflected in its vision statement is in making quality assurance an integral part of the functioning of higher education institutions. The Vision of NAAC is to make quality the defining element of higher education through a combination of self and external quality evaluation, promotion and sustenance initiatives. This is definitely a good and suitable measure for improvement of quality in the educational institution. So the college authority of Lakhimpur district should take necessary step for regular inspection processes.

**8.2.6. Establish Internal Quality Assurance Cell at College:-** IQAC will make suitable amendment in its quality policy to ensure further quality enhancement in the sphere of higher education and accreditation each HEI will carry out postmortem of its quality assurance system, evaluation of action taken report and current status. So in a college there should be establish IQAC Cell in Colleges of Larhimpur district for promoting higher education.

**8.2.7. Prepare Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR):-** For Quality Assessment through National and International Accreditation prepare Annual Assurance Report timely and regularly based on input from different units of the HEI of colleges. So there should be given quality education in colleges of Lakhimpur district.

**8.2.8. Development** of Quantifiable and Objective Instrument to gauge quality system in practice and absolutely inadequate, immediate improvement is made expected and further development will make it excellent services in colleges of Lakhimpur district.

### **8.3. To College Library:-**

**8.3.1.** Today all the academic institution of college libraries have been automated by library software and connected with internet. Application of IT in libraries, provide immense benefits in performing variety of library operations efficiently and effectively and save the time of the user. Therefore, future college library services of Lakhimpur district may be changed to fulfill the needs of the patrons in E-learning environment and make use of IT in college library services of Lakhimpur district.

**8.3.2.** Due to Change in the pattern of service, plans and programme, policies and procedure of the college library services of Lakhimpur district should essential to cater the services and make optimum use of existing technology and start introducing new services in their libraries to meet users current and retrospective information needs.

**8.3.3.** The technology refers to the sum total of human knowledge providing ways to do the things in a better way with the help of technique. So the college librarian must take leadership role to have long term planning and well defined strategy for IT application. The libraries that have not introduced IT till date should make plan to start process as earliest as possible in their library services. The Pub Dikrong College, Nowboicha Colleges of Lakhimpur district has not introduced IT in their colleges so authority should give keen interest in this regards.

**8.3.4.** Strategies for enhancement of library services should be modernized and purchase of new machines, equipments and tools of library services. So funds should be developed as a major part and subsidiary account should be kept for IT reflected purpose including acquisition, cataloguing, and up-gradation of existing hardware and software as well as maintenance of the library services. The technology refers to the sum total of human knowledge providing ways to do the things in a better way with the help of technique. So it is necessary awareness among the staff and the student about the machines, equipments and tools is very essential. There should be arranging work shop or training for creative work among them. With the help of these techniques the college library services of Lakhimpur District should be changed.

**8.3.5.** Due to technological change and new skill requirements, information professionals are increasingly required their skills for technological advances. The college Librarian in the 21<sup>st</sup> century should be professionally trained person and responsible for the care of library. The mindset of the librarian should be developed for introducing new innovative services in the library. The role of librarian is to provide the

user based library services and for the purpose of variety of skills are to be gained like technological skills, positive attitude, gaining knowledge and adopting new skills, training and refreshing the knowledge.

**8.3.6.** The role of the library professionals is changing from generation to generation and adoption of new technologies for the better services to the user community. To provide quality services in the library organized oriented training to the library staff and librarian also. Without quality training library staff is unable to provide automated services. New skills and activities are required in automated library system. So, new investment of training and development is essential for the development of skills for the staff and librarian in college libraries of Lakhimpur district.

**8.3.7.** Due to fast technological change and new skill requirements, information professionals are increasingly required their skills for technological advances in college library services of Lakhimpur district. The Methods and procedure of doing new tasks should be changed.

**8.3.8.** College library should provide all necessary resources suitable for the ICT era i.e. e-book, e-journal and other documents for the benefit of the student or for the user community

**8.3.9 .Planning for Change:** - Librarian should be plan for total work procedure and execution of services in college library services of Lakhimpur District.

**8.3.10. Feedback :** -Feedback is essential to ensure that change pattern in college libraries of Lakhimpur District is going to achieve the objectives in with minimum time. Without feedback system, institutions of college library cannot assess their students needs, improvement of services, readers increased satisfaction, increased the level of efficiency, effectiveness, and information behavior as well as their satisfaction level.

**8.3.11.** To fulfill the maximum user needs the library professionals of Lakhimpur District have to periodically review the selection and collection policies of the library. In that cases it is essential to understand user needs, based on these entire factor.

**8.3.12.** Library collections of the Lakhimpur District College must be developed. Library personnel have to find out the user needs and requirements and satisfactions. In Lakhimpur district except two colleges, North Lakhimpur College

and Lakhimpur Girl's College other colleges library collection is not satisfactory. The library collection of the Pub Dikrong College, Bihpuria College and Nowboicha College is not satisfactory at all. So authority should give keen interest for development of the library collection.

**8.3.13. Need of the User Centric Services:** - User Centric or user based library services is the need of the current environment due to the information explosion, rising cost of information resources, increasing expectations of the users from the libraries etc. The present education system is user centric. So it is now necessary to develop the user based library services to make the maximum use of the resources available to the users.

**8.3.14. User based Service:** - To provide proper user based services the library professional should provide information services which full fill the needs of the user. Use new tools of information resources like internet, e-mail, etc. for implementation of modern technology in college libraries of Lakhimpur District.

**8.3.15. Internet Based Services:**-Internet is treated as the biggest source of information. All sorts of information resources are available on the Internet. The various useful services to the users like e-mail, log-on, free journal services, OPACs, housekeeping operation etc. should be implemented by the librarian and those colleges where IT is not implemented yet the authority and librarian should give special attention in those colleges.

**8.3.16. Online Data Base Search Services:** - This is the most important service provided by the library professionals to the users as per their specific needs. This services is primarily a user need service which helps providing accurate information to the users. The online data base system is not available for students in any library in Lakhimpur district colleges.

**8.3.17. Web Based Service:** - Web technology is used for dissemination of the information on net, the users who search information independently. In Lakhimpur District most of the colleges have not used modern technology due to lack of infrastructure development and fund. Most of the colleges followed traditional method e.g. Pub Dikrong College, Nowboicha College etc. So Authority should

given keen interest for modernization of college library services in these colleges and IT should be implemented.

**8.3.18.** Libraries have an outstanding potential as the third place, after home and work, learning inspirations and entertainment. Hence it is essential to change the environment, structure and interiors with air conditioning facilities which would suits needs of the present. The library condition is not satisfactory in Sankardev College, Bihpuria College and Pub Dikrong College .So it should be developed.

**8.4. Library Development Committee:-**The college authority should form library development committee for development of the library services in Lakhimpur District.

**8.5. Set up goals and create a Quality Policy: -** It will involve curricular reform, governance reform and funding reforms, attention should be given by the authority for proper implementation.

**8.6.Career Guidance cell in Colleges: -** Career Guidance cell at degree level colleges will help the students to select subject of specialization which will help later on in choosing vacation, it helps to divert the students towards more useful activities. Collaboration between career services and libraries strength the quality of services for each entity and provide greater access to information for students. This career guidance makes a good citizen among the student.

**8.7.**In Lakhimpur District most of the Degree Colleges are Arts College, except two colleges i.e. Lakhimpur Commerce College and Madhabdev College other colleges has no Commerce stream. Like that Madhab Dev College, N. Lakhimpur College and Lakhimpur Girls Colleges has Science stream and other colleges have not. Most of the colleges has followed only Arts stream. So for the greater interest and necessity of the student, stream should be increased science, Commerce, and other vocational or technical educational institutions in the district.

## **8.8. To Government of Assam :-**

**8.8.1.** For decision making, administration and management of the colleges Government has formed Governing Body (G.B) and nominating different person as G.B member. In Governing Body govt. nominee two representatives from the teaching staff and other non-teaching staff. So for greater interest of the development of college library the Govt. should considered, Librarian as an academic staff and should give membership in G.B.

**8.8.2. Librarian's** professional status should be developed by the college staff or college authority. Though the actual rank of the librarian is same with Asst. Professor yet the college authority has not given same status in the colleges. So librarian post should be considered as same as Asst .Professor rank.

**8.8.3.** For the greater interest of the college librarian and student of library science, Govt. should give interest to include library science subject in SLET also like that in NET Examination. The board should consider Library and Information science subject as an important subject and included this subject in their schedule.

**8.8.4.** The Government of Assam should constitute an expert committee for keen interest and development of functioning in college libraries and should give important suggestion for their improvement.

**8.8.5.** Government of Assam should give software package to the library time to time and the software of library network may be free or at concessional rates and arranging workshop or training for computer skill development of the staff.

**8.8.6.** Government should recruit library staff or Librarian from the best candidates for performing specific job. In the ICT environment working and tools and techniques used in the libraries are changing very rapidly so it is difficult for an untrained librarian to satisfy the present future needs of the users. Library is the heart of any institution and the staff is its backbone. Keeping this view the government should give more interest in recruitment procedure.



### **8.8.7. To Library Professional:-**

**8.8.7.1.** It has become essential for library staff to acquire skill in computer by undergoing some training programmes. Effective utilization of new technologies in college libraries is possible only with the IT skills and competent personnel. The persons with IT expertise and a vision for new and innovative services using new technologies would be able to bring significant change and improvement in IT implementation and usage in college libraries.

**8.8.7.2. Library Homepage:** - The goal is to disseminate current information on various subjects to the users is the main duty of library professional. The process involves regular display of information about the latest additions and other current information like job opportunities, training, Seminars, Conference etc.

**8.8.7.3.** The college librarian must take a leadership role to have long term planning and well defined strategy for IT application.

**8.8.7.4.** College libraries should make some user's study from time to time to get the feedback from the users and do the needful accordingly for the improvement of the services and activities.

**8.8.7.5.** The RFID security system helps the library to free from all hazards caused by people. The RFID technology helps librarian to reduce valuable staff time spent scanning barcodes while charging or discharging of items. So librarian should used RFID technology in their libraries.

**8.9. Student Internship Programme:** - the college library should organize the programme involves practical training in different sections of library and information science to enable them to get a clear understanding of library organization, management and library functioning. These are-

**8.9.1. Student Participation Programme:** - The authority should organize student participation programme. This programme will help students to involve themselves in the maintenance of library. This practice will not only include a sense of responsibility and accountability but also develops a service mind.

**8.9.2. Library Book Exhibition:-**Library Book exhibition programme practice involves periodic display of library collection in order to create awareness

among the users regarding the availability of books in their respective subjects. This will not only promote the usage of the collection but also encourage faculty for active participation in collection development.

**8.9.3. Collection Development and Assessment:** A good collection of documents in the library always substitutes or supplements the classroom teachings. Document collection in a college library should be directed to meet the academic goals of the end users at the same time. Our image of the library filled with shelves of books. But in the digital world of information, it is more appropriate to think of the library, not as a ware house, but possibly as a service, a guide and facilitator to information, most of which is not held in the library.

**8.9.4. User Orientation / Information Programme:** - The Authority should organize information literacy programme. The goals of this practice the orient of newly enrolled member to the facilities and services available in the library. User orientation or user education will create an awareness among the users regarding library resources and their usage in relation to preparation of assignments, project reports etc.

**8.10. E-Training Programme:** - Publishers demonstrate and organize training sessions to launch the new databases which are to be attended by the library personnel to orient themselves about their usage and to instruct the users on how to navigate and locate journal articles efficiently and effectively. They are also taught on how to write and publish their research articles in journals.

**8.10.1. Integrated Learning Strategy:** - The Learning Strategy of a learning organization in the context of HEIs should be ensuring that all the stakeholders become a part of learning processes.

**8.10.2. In Service Training:-** The Authority should be organized in service training. The goal of this programme would be motivate professional staff to enhance their skill and expertise in conventional and e-library associated services and operations by arranging in house and external training programmes.

**8.11. Setting up LAN inside the college campus** in order to easy access to library OPAC to gain maximum benefit from computerized service.

**8.12. Time Management:** - Time Management is one of the important factors in life. Good time management makes it easy for an individual to accomplish more and to upgrade the skills required to adapt to the new technology. Effective time management makes one more competent in learning and enhancing the quality of work done.

**8.13. Willingness to Learn:** - Willingness to learn is one of the most important qualities of a person. Willingness always changes the work environment. Every man or employee should have the will power, willingness to learn or it is impossible for them to grow. Anybody can rise in life if anybody has willing to learn in his life. Personal interest grows the willingness of a person. Irrespective of efforts put in by the organization to provide a conducive environment to meet the needs of the faculty members with an objective of making them competent enough.

**8.14. Strong Management Policy:** For strong management this step should be taken:-

**8.14.1.** The Staff of the College Libraries may form a discussion forum or online news group or listserv to have regular interaction with follow professionals in order to share ideas, experiences, innovations and to keep abreast of new technology departments.

**8.14.2.** Extension of Time:-The College Library should function for maximum hours with more than one shift so as to facilitate optimum use of library beyond class hours.

**8.14.3.** To get rid of power supply problem, precaution with UPS /Generator or inverter needs to be installed.

**8.14.4. Infrastructure Development of the Library:** - The library Infrastructure facility should be developed for implementation of modern technology. The Library building and other equipment, furniture, book selves should be developed.

**8.14.5. Extension of Time:** - College library should function for maximum hours beyond class hour.

**8.14.6. Reading Room Facility:-**A sound Reading room is highly essential in college library. An air conditioning reading room with good collection of books, current newspaper and journal, magazine are the valuable property of the library.

**8.14.7. Promotion of Reading Habits:** - It makes a good citizen. So, the first and foremost duty of a librarian should make reading habits among the students. It will make knowledge society and would be the welfare of the society.

**8.15.To Bring the Digital Divide of College Libraries of Rural and Urban** areas of Lakhimpur District for extending equal opportunity to all for having desired information to all the colleges. The grant from Assam Government for the development of library, for automation and ICT development, infrastructure development all should be equal distribution to the colleges. In Lakhimpur district due to not equal distribution of among the colleges the infrastructure development is not same in the entire college of Lakhimpur district.

#### **8.16.TO INFLIBNET:-**

**8.16.1.** INFLIBNET should suggest UGC to issue policy guidelines for college libraries to allocate a percentage of their annual budgets for implementation in college libraries on regular basis.

**8.16.2.** INFLIBNET has already started providing SOUL software free of cost to the college libraries of NORTH EAST and also training to the library staff. A “SOUL” training centre or “INFLIBNET Coordinating Centre” should be established in Assam to provide instant service to SOUL users whenever there is a demand.

**8.16.3.** *Membership of UGC/INFONET* consortium should be made available to all college libraries to get e-journal services.

**8.16.4.** INFLIBNET should encourage the development of library networks of affiliated colleges of the respective universities. It will help the college libraries to share resources and services among themselves.

**8.16.5.** INFLIBNET should build and strengthen ICT infrastructure in educational institutions of college library with value added services.

**8.16.6. NFLIBNET** should develop tools and techniques and procedures for secure and convenient access management enabling users to access information in electronic format from anywhere, everywhere.

**8.16.7. INFLIBNET** should facilitate creation of open access digital repositories in every educational institution of college libraries.

**8.16.8.** The Librarian and other library staff should be involved in Sudhganga and other ETD development.

**8.16.9. INFLIBNET** should supply “SOUL” to all the affiliated colleges and software language should be prepared in Assamese language then it will help full for employee of college libraries who used SOUL software.

**8.17. To Support of the Administration:-**

**8.17.1. Separate allocation of Fund:-**There should be separate allocation of fund for development of college libraries.

**8.18. To University Authority:-**

**8.18.1.** The University library should conduct on training, workshop, seminar programmes relating to “IT applications in college libraries” and training for professional staff as well as librarian. The university should conduct training on computer application acquisition, cataloguing, serial control circulation, OPAC, Data base development ,etc. University should provide all affiliated colleges under university and instruction should be given them to implement automation process in their libraries university should take initiative active part for implementation of ICT in college libraries.

**8.18.1.** University should provide guidance and consultancy to the college libraries that are willing to use ICT and application of modern technology in library services.

**8.19. To Educational Institutions:-** The first and foremost duty would be the parallel development of the parent organization. Then the development becomes possible in the parent organization and library automatically going to be developed.

**8.19.1. Team-building: - HEIs** should promote the formation and efficient development of team culture. It is not entirely possible for individuals to work in

isolation. HEIs should foster the culture of knowledge sharing and teaching in institutions. These would motivate the members of an organization to increase their overall performance.

**8.19.2. Performance Measurement:** - The institution would be able to progress and move forward only as long as the performance can be measured .Adequate measures should be created to measure the performance of the Learning organization so that appropriate corrective steps can be taken to drive the organization forward.

**8.19.3. Integrated Learning Strategy:-**The learning strategy of a learning organization in the context of HEIs should be to ensure that all the stakeholders become a part of the learning processes.

**8.19.4. Technology up Gradation:** - HEIs should upgrade to the technological change which is the platform on which higher education transition takes place.

#### **8.20. To Academic Staff Colleges:**

Academic Staff College should take more initiative in conducting programmes of refreshers course to the librarian.

#### **8.21. To the ACLA:-**

**8.21.2. ACLA should play a major** part regarding the formation of the Expert committee for uniformly developed among the college libraries of Lakhimpur district.

**8.21.3. ACLA should** initiate the process to start some sponsored programme of ICT application of libraries.

**8.21.4. ACLA Annual** conference should be arranged regularly on burning topic. This will help the working librarian.

## **8.22. OBJECTIVES:**

**The Chapter no 1, Objectives of the study has been proved with the help of above discussions and analysis.**

- a. Detail study have been done relating to existing situation and condition of Lakhimpur district. Study has been reflected in chapter V and VII of the thesis.
- b. On the basis of the objective discussed in detail the role of college libraries in a changing information context for promoting higher education in Assam with special reference to Lakhimpur District. The study has been reflected on the chapter IV, VII.
- c. Library automation is the main part of today college library services. Hence library automation has focused elaborately in chapter VI.
- d. Collection Development Building plays a key role in collegiate education. Ignoring this aspect it will be meaningless to discuss the college libraries and its development. Therefore this part has been explained in chapter IV, VII.
- e. Future college library services will be most important to discuss. It is highlighted in chapter IV and some recommendations have been made in chapter VIII.
- f. ICT plays a vital role in modern college libraries. Detailed discussions have been made in chapter VI.

## **8.23. Hypothesis:**

**From chapter -1: On completion of Research work, three hypotheses have been tested and results are discussed below:-**

**Hypothesis No. 1 College Libraries are treated as the learning laboratory for the Student:-**

From the above findings and analysis and discussion the hypothesis has been tested and it has been cleared that college libraries are treated as nerve centre of the institution. College Libraries plays a significant role for the development of the student. The library is an excellent indicator of an Institution's commitment to higher education. In present time no institution or college would be possible without a library. It is a parts

and parcel of the organization. The present education is student centric. The main role of the library and library professionals is to acquire and required information, which suits the needs of the users. There is a need to provide user based or user centric, service to the users to satisfy their requirements. In the era of information explosion and information overload, it is not possible to procure all the published information at one place. Libraries are subscribing e-journals, CD-ROM databases, online databases, web based resources and a variety of other electronic resources for its users and all these are possible with the help of ICT application. So it may be said that college library treated as learning laboratory for the student.

**Hypothesis No-2 The Mindset of the Librarian must be developed for introducing new Innovative Services.**

From above findings and analysis the hypothesis has been tested and proves that, no system can work without an operator. If librarian would not work, no system can work itself. So librarian should have willingness to work. Willingness always changes the work environment. Without librarian's cooperation, it is not possible to work in a Library; The Mindset of the librarian should be developed for introducing new innovative services, in college libraries. Willingness to learn is one of the most important qualities of a person. Willingness Change the work environment. Every man or employee should have will power. Anybody can rise in his life, if he/she has will power or willingness. So Librarian should have desirable in the field of knowledge, management, information design, web –technology, on-line editing, computer application knowledge etc. In the 21<sup>st</sup> century College librarian should be professionally trained person, responsible to care for the library. To face the challenges,of the virtual learning environment in educational institutions of college library, Librarians becoming a masters of the web world. The Librarian work as a messenger between learner and knowledge sought.

From the above discussion it has been quite cleared and proved that a professionally trained librarian can only perform these.

**Hypothesis No. 3. Role and function of information technology plays a vital role for developing skills of the students for career building and makes the college library digitalized.**

From analysis and findings the hypothesis have been tested and proves that the information and communication technology (ICT) has played an important role in the



Library and information centre and changed the concept of libraries. The application of ICT is much essential for libraries and information centre's because these centre are carrier of information which is useful for everyone. The present users are very hungry about the different multifaceted subject or information. The traditional library system cannot satisfy the users of 21<sup>st</sup> century. So college libraries are now up graded due to positive guidelines of the UGC. The present college libraries are become as a multimedia centre of information resources. Use of ICT in library and information centres has become more important in the age of information explosion and widespread use of digital information resources. In this way ICT in libraries helps in performing their routine operations and services most effectively and efficiently.

**8.24. Conclusion :-** To Develop the College Library Services of Lakhimpur district we must followed the “Goal” which will help us to see with” new eyes” rather than through the limiting notion of our past. Try to set aside the traditional image of the Library as a building filled with shelves of books. In the digital world of information, it would be more appropriate to think of the library, not as warehouse, but possibly as a service, a guide and facilitator to information most of which is not held in the library-in short, from storage building to guide, or possibly more appropriate here “college library is an information context.” It may be concluded that this information/ library would be “Information Hub” and it will promote higher education among “colleges”-as well as “College Libraries.” The influence of information technology will be most important in changing the terrain of higher education. Technology would help the purpose and improving the quality of higher education of Lakhimpur district and all over Assam.

**The sky is the limit for quality.** The performance and quality of higher education in college as well as library should be the best practice, possible ways it should create newer and newer bench marks for others to emulate.

The nation is the brink of a period of profound change, all that, we do, we make and we can will be altered and improved by the new knowledge and technological change. Knowledge differs from others resources-each new discovery provides a platform for further discovers. From primary to research institution –there are financial and organizational –challenges. At the top of the

pyramid challenges of improving our institutions of higher education “college” to “**World Class**”-“**World Knowledge Base.**”

In a nutshell, college libraries should also change in accordance with the changing time. It is necessary to modernize and patron of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. 21<sup>st</sup> century is the age of creativity. Information is the basic resources for skill development. Implementation of ICT in libraries is going to change the whole environment of the libraries. The ICT infrastructure in college libraries of Lakhimpur district is in a developing stage. Lack of proper ICT infrastructure, are the basic hurdle for successful development of ICT. So Library should have high speed network provide more computers with internet connectivity. It is the high time to the teacher, student, librarian, government and intellectual realized their responsibility to ensure a bright future. The aim of higher educational college librarian should be socially responsible, with global aware and useful to the nation. Research and educational planning, management and training should give to the librarian; special attention should give to improve quality education.

As we stated on the threshold of the third millennium “We re- dedicate the higher education system for the development of the country, and to the generations of the students, who will enter its portals, seeking a relevant education for the needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century”.

**At Last**, it is humble request to the college authority, State Government University, UGC, National Knowledge Commission, and INFLIBNET to take essential steps towards the direction of the above and should be “College Library is an information context for promoting higher education in Assam with special Reference to Lakhimpur District”--for greater interest of the students. In such a way, of course, It is not a destination, but it is a light of hope that we must care about ICT to improve our quality of life and use this power to empower higher education system attach library with all the possible ways to achieve our national **goal by 2022**. It is hoped that after launching the **EDUSAT**. We are in the leading role of our countries will follow us and India becomes “Jagat Guru” again in a real sense.

## 8.25. Suggestions for Future Work

Research is a continuous process. The development takes place from time to time. An honest attempt to study the topic “Role of College Libraries in a changing information context for promoting higher education in Assam with special reference to Lakhimpur District-a study” is attempted. This topic of the study will help the college libraries in terms of future course of action and development. It is not possible to cover all aspects because information is overload. It is not possible to procure all information at one place. But it is tried to draw some important issues of future research scholars who will start the work where researcher have ended. We do, we make and we can altered and improved by the new knowledge and technological change .A new discoveries provides a platform for further discover. There is enough scope for the study in this line, because the present age is an information age. The information atmosphere around the World is changing every minute at a tremendous spread due to the emergence of the web based information and communication technology, globalization of network and internet. The application of information communication technology in library and information service are also very important for providing better library services to its user are also growing and becoming essential. The 21<sup>st</sup> century the influence of ICT has changed the every facet of library services and providing new opportunities and challenges to the college libraries of Lakhimpur District also. Now the College Library Services of Lakhimpur District is not up to- date it is in ongoing stage.

Therefore, there is an urgent need to change college library services of Lakhimpur District with the changing scenario of the fast speed global technology. It will give the expectations to look more and more by the future professionals and scholars in future research and investigation may be suggested to discover new processes, methods, products and better solutions.

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