

Abstract

Electronic publishing has been revolutionizing the format of the recorded knowledge. As a corollary to this, electronic services are attracting reader's attention in today's networked environment. The changing scenario in library environment has arisen to meet the need and use of e-resource along with print versions. Electronic resources appear to be new challenges before the library and information professionals in respect of providing full text access to scholarly publication both in print and electronic version to its end users. Electronic resources can be used efficiently and effectively to provide information to the users. Libraries play an important role in higher education institutions.

The Topic of the study "The Use of E-Resources in University Libraries in the States of North Eastern Region of India: A study" is closely associated with the University Libraries of North East India. The area of study is restricted to the University Libraries situated in the seven (7) number of states of North Eastern Region of India which comprises namely --- Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura. The North Eastern Region of the country is considered as the backward region. The Region is located in a remote area in comparison to the other parts of the country. So, this part of the country has been chosen because it is very important to have a detailed study of the developments in the university libraries in the use of e-resources which gives a clear picture of the conditions of higher education in the region. Although there are 44 Universities including public and private, only the public funded Universities of seven states namely Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura are considered for the study. Though a good number of Universities are functioning, 11 (Eleven) University Libraries have been selected for the study which are very important to impart higher education in the entire region.

The Chapter Plan has been organised as follows :

Chapter 1 – Introduction

Chapter 2 – Review of literature

Chapter 3 – Study of Different University Libraries of North Eastern
States of India

Chapter 4 – Overview of using E-Resources in University Libraries

Chapter 5 – Use of E-Resources in University Libraries of seven North
Eastern States of India

Chapter 6 – Data Analysis and Findings

Chapter 7 – Conclusion

Survey method is adopted and study is conducted with the help of questionnaire consisting of related questions. A set of questionnaire were distributed to each university Librarians and another set were randomly distributed among users of different selected Universities of North Eastern Region. In addition to questionnaire method interview schedule and observation method was also used to collect required information to supplement to the questionnaire method to bring more clarity to the data which are essential and used for analysis and interpretation.