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ABSTRACT

The thesis entitled "**information seeking behavior of students: A study on Ayurveda Campus Library**" has been carried out with the main objectives:- To find out the collection development of the library, To find out of existing information services of library and To identify the users information seeking behavior, needs and demands of library. The study has been focused along with the Library students who visit there for information seeking purpose. Some of these are closely related to the personal characteristics and traits of students, where as some depend on the information centre and the information systems. Therefore, keeping in mind, the present study is carried out from forty respondents of campus out of one hundred fifty students.

Related sixteen literatures have been reviewed in the concerned chapter. The study has focused on the Ayurveda Campus Library. Forty students are selected on this research. They have been selected randomly to make the research more uniform and valuable. The researcher has used a set of questionnaires as his basic instruments of research.

The majority finding of the study shows average forty seven percentages of users use text and reference books; but half past forty two percentage users are inadequate collection of materials within library. In another hand, average half past thirty seven percentages of users are mostly familiar with circulation service; half past thirty two users used reference service, seventy present users spent one hour per day for information seeking in library.

It is noted that all users used the information for to consult reference materials, to improve professional abilities, to update knowledge in the field of study and increase the time spent in library. So that, the volume of these books and documents should be increased, for effective utilization or familiar of the services, library has to organize orientation services to their new members/users, the library timing should be increased and enhancement of the technology and information.

Keywords: *Information seeking behavior, Ayurveda Campus Library*

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PREFACE

This research work carried out on through the use of Ayurveda Campus Library, primarily focused on the information seeking behavior of Ayurveda Campus Library. Everyone needs the information and library is the right place where information resources are available. The main objectives of the study are to find out existing collections, information sources, services, and problems faced by libraries. To present the real facts, figures and the data, this study has been organized in six chapters.

The first chapter deals with introduction which included introduction of the study, statements of the problems, objectives of the study, scope and limitations of the study, significance of the study, definition of terms/glossary and organization of the study.

The second chapter deals with review of literature i.e., studies on previous relevant literature.

The third chapter deals with detailed background information on the study, which includes Ayurveda Campus Library.

The fourth chapter is related with research methodology, which includes research design, population of the study, sampling techniques, data collection procedure and data analysis procedure.

The fifth chapter deals with analysis, presentation and interpretation of findings from data of the selected Ayurveda Campus Library.

The sixth chapter deals with summary, findings and recommendation, which are presented in summarized form. The study has recommended certain points for the future improvement of the libraries. Reference, appendices and curriculum vitae of the researcher are included at the end.

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LIST OF ACRONYMS

AD	Anno Domini
ALA	American Library Association
ARNEC	All Round National Education Commission
BAMS	Bachelor of Ayurveda Medicine and Surgery
BC	Before Christ
BS	Bikram Sambat
CA	Constitutional Assembly
CAS	Current Awareness Service
CCD	Centre for Constitutional Dialogue
CDLIS	Central Department of Library and Information Science
CDS	Computerized Documentation System
DDC	Dewey Decimal System
DOAJ	Directory of Open Access Journals
GoN	Government of Nepal
IOM	Institute of Medicine
ISIS	Integrated Set for Information System
ITS	Information Technology system
ISB	Information seeking behavior
LAN	Local Area Network
MD	Medicine and Surgery
NEC	National Education Commission
NPA	National Planning Commission
NEP JOL	Nepal Journal
PL	Parliamentary Library
SDI	Selective Dissemination of Information
SPCBN	Support to Participatory Constitution Building in Nepal
T.U	Tribhuvan University
TUCL	Tribhuvan University Central Library
UNDP	United Nation Development Program
UNESCO	United nation Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
US AID	United States Assistance