



STATUS OF THE LIBRARIES OF AYURVEDIC MEDICAL COLLAGES IN KARNATAKA STATE, INDIA. WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO KALBURGI DIVISIONAL DISTRICT'S COMES UNDER 371J.

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ABSTRACT

The present paper examines the current status of ayurvedic medical college libraries in Gulbarga division, and also discusses the various aspects of the libraries such as Library staff, Budget allocation, Library collection, ICT facilities, and services in the library, under study are presented.

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INTRODUCTION

Medical collage libraries are setup in medical colleges to lend support to their basic functions of promoting medical education among the medical professionals. Such libraries are entrusted with the responsibility to build with good collections, well equipments to facilitate and provide good services. The medical college libraries have to cater the needs of medical students, research scholars, faculty cum practitioners, and particular group of professionals who are associate with medicine and allied science, Landheer remarks "the library is not only this or that but it is in itself a living institutions made by the people and for the people and for service of the people"¹The successful operations of the library depends largely on its verity and nature of collections as well as quality of services delivered to its users to update their knowledge in their field of specialization. Many medical colleges have been set up in the country science in the era of British rule in India.

Many others have been established after independence to provide ayurvedic medical education and these collages are producing large number of doctors and other medical staff. In the year 2014 there are 154 under graduate colleges and 33 post graduate colleges in india². In Karnataka too there are 74 ayurvedic medical colleges³ and in Gulbarga division there are 10 ayurvedic medical collages in which three collages offering postgraduate courses. Since just before independence i.e.. 1947 June Taranath Government Ayurvedic Medical Collage., BELLARY⁴ were established in Gulbarga division. Later N.K.Jabshetty Ayurvedic Medical Collage BIDAR IN 1991⁵, Shree Jagatguru Gavisiddeswar Ayurvedic Medical Collage, KOPPAL in 1996, Kalamathad Pujya Sree Virupaksha Shivacharya Ayurvedic Medical Collage, MANVI. (Raichur) in 1996⁷. And Shree Hingulambika Ayurvedic Medical Collage. GULBARGA in 1998⁸ established. And the statuses of these collage libraries are presented in this paper. The findings of this present paper under study would help in understanding the present status of ayurvedic medical libraries in Gulbarga division.

Which would help in farming appropriate policies related to collection development and improvement the quality of resources and services.

OBEJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

The existing collage libraries Information resources and services are heterogeneous in systems; the present study has been planned and conducted with the following objectives.

- To know the existed staff in the library to provide better services
- To know the various budgetary provisions of library
- To assess library collections
- To evaluate the various ICT facilities available in the library
- To identify services available in the library

SCOPE OF THE STUDY

The research study is confined to ayurvedic medical collage libraries in Gulbarga division viz.. Gulbarga. Bidar. Bellary. Koppal. Raichur and Yadgir. Districts the colleges are.

- Taranath Government Ayurvedic Medical Collage. BELLARY (TGAMCB)
- Sre Jagatguru Gavisiddeswar AyurvedicMedical Collage. KOPPAL (SJGAMCK)
- Kalamathad Pujya Sre Virupaksha Shivacharya Ayurvedic Medical Collage. MANVI. (Raichur) (KPSVSAMCM)
- N.K.Jabshetty Ayurvedic Medical Collage and PG Center. BIDAR (NKJAMCB)
- Shree Hingulambika Ayurvedic Medica lCollage.GULBARGA (SHAMCG)

METHODOLOGY

The study is based on the primary data collected from libraries of ayurvedic colleges in Gulbarga division, a structured questionnaire was designed to obtain the data from the librarians, received data was reduced and presented in to statistical tables.

DATA ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION

The information collected from libraries with regard to their staff, Budget, collection, ICT status and services, has been analyzed and presented under the following heads:

Library membership

Table-1 reveals the maximum number of membership is from SJGAMCK where as *KPSVSAMCM* collage membership are very less in number of users, library membership comprises Faculty members i.e Teachers, post graduate students, and under graduate students.

Table-1 Library membership

Name of the collage	Faculty members	Undergraduate students	Post graduate students	Total
TGAMCB	23	120	20	163
SJGAMCK	20	200	95	315
<i>KPSVSAMCM</i>	14	110	-	124
NKJAMCB	35	180	59	274
SHAMCG	32	120	-	152

Library staff

The information regarding number of professionals and non-professionals staff working in these five libraries has been assessed through questionnaire, Table-2 shows the number of library staff. SJGAMCK and NKJAMCB collages have 3 professional and 2 non-professionals staff where as SHAMCG collage have only one library professional and non-professional staff.

Table-2 Library staff

Name of the collage	Number of library staff members	
	Professionals	Non-professionals
TGAMCB	02	01
SJGAMCK	03	02
<i>KPSVSAMCM</i>	02	01
NKJAMCB	03	02
SHAMCG	01	01

Budget allocation

Budget is the central of development of any institutions/collages. In present study all the five libraries covered funded by their apex bodies, Table-3 highlights the budget provision of the different medical colleges in Gulbarga division under study, SJGAMCK is highest among all the libraries, NKJAMCB shown overall increase during every financial year i.e.2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17, the budget of *KPSVSAMCM* and *SHAMCG* are constant and less than other collage libraries.

Table-3 Library Budget

Name of the collage	Budget (In lakhs)		
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
TGAMCB	2.00	2.00	2.00
SJGAMCK	3.50	3.50	3.50
<i>KPSVSAMCM</i>	1.25	1.25	1.25
NKJAMCB	3.10	3.20	3.50
SHAMCG	1.25	1.25	1.25

Library Collection

Library collection in Ayurvedic medical collages under study has been presented in Table-4 provide information regarding full text documents available in the libraries, it includes books, Journals, magazines, back volume of journals, project reports and other non-book materials, books are the mainstay collection of all libraries followed by journals, magazines, project reports etc. NKJAMCB has richer collection in terms of all the resources as compared to the rest of the colleges.

Information Technology infrastructure facilities

Automation

Information technology has very significant role in the storage, retrieval. and delivery of health science information and services. Except *KPSVSAMCM* all the libraries are in the process of automation.

It is evident from given in below in Table-5 that SJGAMCK library is fully automated and TGAMCB, NKJAMCB, SHAMCG are partially automated and *KPSVSAMCM* is not at all automated.

Table-4 Library collection up to 2016-17

Name of the collage	Books	Journals	Magazines	Back volume of journals	Project reports	Other non-Book materials
TGAMCB	9.095	27	05	150	40	100
SJGAMCK	10.231	12	04	100	25	130
<i>KPSV/SAMCM</i>	08.254	20	15	152	30	90
NKJAMCB	10.254	34	10	150	40	120
SHAMCG	05.000	17	10	100	30	100

Table-5 Automation Status

Name of the collage	Computerized		Not Computerized at all
	Fully	Partially	
TGAMCB		Y	
SJGAMCK	y		
<i>KPSV/SAMCM</i>			Y
NKJAMCB		Y	
SHAMCG		Y	

Table-6 PC's available to users for using online information resources.

Name of the collage	Number of PC's available	Total number of members of users	Ratio of availability
TGAMCB	08	192	1:24
SJGAMCK	18	295	1:16
<i>KPSV/SAMCM</i>	-	-	-
NKJAMCB	10	239	1:23
SHAMCG	08	159	1:19

Table 7. Library services

Name of the collage	Book lending service	Reference service	Internet access	ILL (Inter Library Loan) service	Newspaper clipping service	Photocopying (Xerox) service
TGAMCB	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
SJGAMCK	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<i>KPSV/SAMCM</i>	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
NKJAMCB	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SHAMCG	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N

Usage of library software

The librarians were asked whether the library uses any standard software or not, only one librarian stated that they are using easylib software, for their library functions. PC's available to users for using online information resources.

Table-6 explains ratio between the number of PC's and the users is quite revealing. SJGAMCK has more PC's followed by SHAMCG, NKJAMCB and TGAMCB.

Library Services

Librarianship is a service-oriented profession. A library is known by the services it provides to its users. Book lending service is known as basic library service whereas reference service, ILL (Inter Library Loan), internet access, newspaper clipping service, photocopy service are some of the value-added service provided by the libraries.

Table-7 depict the various library services provided in the different ayurvedic medical collages under study, SJGAMCK AND NKJAMCB are providing all services that have asked in questionnaire schedule, *KPSV/SAMCM* and SHAMCG providing maximum services, and TGAMCB providing less services than other collages under study.

Conclusion

The present study shows the libraries of all ayurvedic medical collages under study are located at Gulbarga division, the membership in academic libraries i.e. SJGAMCK, NKJAMCB is largest in comparison to other three libraries. SHAMCG library has only one professional staff it rest of four collages are having two or three professionals it executes that libraries have insufficient professional and semi-professional staff. There is wide disparity between budgetary allocations for different libraries under study of all the five libraries; none of them has budgetary allocation for the library: their budget comes along with their collage/management to which they are attached.

In terms of collection SJGAMCK and NKJAMCB having good collection than other collages under study. SJGAMCK is fully computerized. TGAMCB, NKJAMCB, SHAMCG are partially computerized, most of the libraries are not using any standard software for their house keeping functions, ayurvedic collage libraries are providing various services to the users, like book lending service, reference service, ILL service, newspaper clipping service, the hole study reveals that ayurvedic medical college library conditions are not sufficient, they need to up come from their positions in the sense of budget, collection, automation, services, professional staff etc..

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