

University Libraries of Gujarat and India: A Comparative Study

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Abstract

The purpose of this paper is to show the facts and figures about the current situation of university libraries of Gujarat, comparison is done with similar university libraries of the rest of India. The data analysis shows the big difference in between the university libraries of Gujarat and the university libraries of India. This difference is not only with budget, collections and infrastructure but, human resources is the main concern, there is big difference in HR structure, numbers and pay scale in Gujarat. In Gujarat except two libraries there is no university librarian position as per national standard. The university librarians are counted in lower scale and positions and even such lower scaled posts are also vacant in almost all university libraries in Gujarat. The academic community has forgotten the fact that without the library leaders support how the university will get the best position in top ranked list like times of India, Outlook, Times higher education, US news, QS rankings, Sanghai ranks or our own MHRD ranking.

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