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5. Tenure of the Project :
6. Total Grant Allocated :- **55,000** /-
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9. **Title of the Project** : The attitude of user's towards sources and services with special reference to information communication technology (ICT) in Amravati
10. **Objectives of the Project** :-
 - 1) To construct an attitude scale opinionative for measuring the attitude of students studying in different colleges in SGB Amravati University, Amravati.
 - 2) To prepare an interview schedule for experts in education, Viz. Principals, Head of Departments, in the university colleges for making the study more effective and authentic.
 - 3) To compare the significance of attitude of male and female of education towards sources and services in the library.
 - 4) To compare the significance of the attitude of rural and urban towards sources and services in the library.
 - 5) To compare the significances of attitude of students and teachers towards sources and services in the library.
 - 6) To compare the significance of attitude of students having scored 1st class, 2nd class, 3rd class marks in the previous classes, towards sources and services in the library.

- 7) To compare the significance of attitude of students belonging to aided and non-aided colleges towards sources and services in the library.
- 8) To compare the significance of attitude of users belonging to rich middle and poor classes towards sources and services in the library.

The present study attempted to know the users attitude and approaches towards resources and services in the academic libraries of Puducherry Union territory. For that the researcher framed some objectives and hypotheses. 12 colleges and one University were selected. Random sample of 1250 users were selected from the above institutions. A well structured questionnaire was framed. Using questionnaire necessary data were collected by survey method. After collecting the data, they were coded. To test the hypotheses, statistical tools such as chi-square test, descriptive test, t-test and F-ratio were used. The result found that students from private colleges fully satisfied regarding the utility of 'e' resources in the library. Few percent of the Government college students not satisfied with the electronic resources in the library. The result found that clients of Government colleges need further improvement in the application of 'e' resources. The colleges and universities try to provide 24 hours electronic source access. This will help the researchers students and faculties to access the electronic resources and to get necessary information with their convenient time. Thus the clients also get motivation to use 'e' resources.

Findings and Suggestions:

There is low awareness with regard to Indian scientific periodicals, catalogues/ union catalogues. The awareness is high for books, dictionaries, newspapers, general magazines, and encyclopedias. Awareness of other resources is average. Books, newspapers, general magazines, encyclopedia, and dictionaries are very much required by the users. Geographical sources and catalogues/union catalogues are least sought after resources in the library. Books, newspapers, dictionaries and theses/dissertations are the highly used resources in the library. Catalogues/union catalogues and yearbooks/almanacs are the least used resources. As far as comprehensiveness and up-to-dateness of collection is concerned, users opinion falls between tend to disagree to tend to agree. Users have rated the adequacy of resources from moderately inadequate to slightly adequate. Users are not completely satisfied with the collection. However, they have positive attitude with regard to newspapers, general magazines, and books while they have a negative feeling towards other resources. The users have a poor satisfaction rate with regard to catalogues/ union catalogues, directories, abstracting/indexing sources etc

The following are some of the suggestions to improve the quality and adequacy of resources of the library so that users can make best use of the library.

1. Conduct user studies regularly to assess their requirements and the collection need to be developed on the basis of a written collection development policy with emphasis on the requirements.
2. Organize User education programs leading to information literacy programs regularly
3. Subscription of periodicals should not be cancelled arbitrarily. In case of cancellation emphasis be given to subscribe e-journal through some Consortia arrangement.
4. Bring out 'List of additions' quite regularly and new arrivals as well as those information sources which have not been used need to be displayed at prominent places to attract users' attention.

