

## Modern Responsibilities of B.R.A. Bihar University Library Muzaffarpur Bihar: A Study

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### Abstract

This paper is written in the context to the Modern responsibilities of BRA Bihar University Library (UL) is regarded as a student institution, which is mainly gateway of knowledge for students and teachers. University libraries are a living force for popular education, culture and development. It is also regarded as Modern organization. This article makes it clear that the BRA Bihar University Library is fulfilling its Modern responsibility very well. After the establishment of this university, it has continuously played an important role in the development of Bihar, in which the role of UL is commendable. This article focuses all the major Modern responsibilities of a university library. How in ancient times, the information needs of the readers were fulfilled by the library of Nalanda University (Ratnagar, Ratnadhi and Ratnaranjak) and Vikramshila Library which had a direct impact on social development. In the same way, this university library is playing an important role in fulfilling the information needs of its readers and in the development of the society. That's why its students are achieving their goals by using UL properly. The objective of this paper is to explain how the development of Bihar is related to the establishment of BRA Bihar University Library.

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### Introduction

The Library is considered as the 'heart' of any Higher Educational Institute. Information is a vital and compulsory product of modern society. It grows from experience, observation, inferences, interaction and cultivation of knowledge. It is intended for socioeconomic development without which the present day human society cannot move. Its role is significant for the upliftment of the education, either it is for general education or education in the field of science and technology, commerce, industry or any field connected with the universe. Explosion of information, knowledge and literature is tremendous in the modern world because of the fact that the modern man tries to excavate the universe in all spheres of activity for his/her own personal profit of the worldly affairs for the development of the nation and thereby the development of the whole world.

University library have distinct features catering to the need of academic community for supplementing the study and research programs of the institution and help to conserve and

disseminate knowledge. University library helps in the progress of the hour society in general through advancement of knowledge. The function of university are: creation of new knowledge through research and interpretation with existing of knowledge, to impart knowledge to students in all field of universe of knowledge and give professional and vocational training, dissemination of knowledge and reduce the social and cultural gap, to diffuse and foster the real values and attitudes in society through various extension activities. A university is rightly described as a community where scholars and teachers are the head, students are the body and library its hearts. Bihar has glorious past and old cultural heritage. The history of University Education virtually began from Bihar with the establishment of International Universities of Nalanda, Vikramshila, Odantpuri in 500 AD. Especially Nalanda was famous for libraries (Ratnodi, Ratnsagar and Ratnranjak). In the modern time state have 20<sup>th</sup> Universities including Technical, Agricultural and Law at the top level Higher Education structure. It has 501 colleges where

millions of students are graduated, post graduate every year. Some of the Universities are very old and it was established. Patna University established in 1917, B.R.A. Bihar University Muzaffarpur established in 1953, T.M. University Bhagalpur 1960, Kameshwar Singh Darbhanga Sanskrit University 1961, Magadh University established in 1962, Rajendra Agricultural University 1970, Mithila University Darbhanga 1971, Jai Prakash University 1990, Bhupendra Narayan Mandal University 1993, Bihar Yoga Bharati 1994, Veer Kunwar Singh University 1994, Nalanda Open University 1995, Maulana Mazharul Haque Arabic and Persian University 2004, Chanakya National Law University 2006, Nava Nalanda Mahavihara 2006 National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research 2007. Aryabhatta Knowledge University 2008, Bihar Agricultural University 2009, and two Central university established in 2009 in Bihar. The University Libraries have very rich collections of reading materials in the form of Books and Periodicals which valuable for research purpose also. In the age of Modernization on website for global access, they should be automated and ICT should be introduced in the university libraries. Some of the University Libraries have computerized and automated their library activities but major libraries have deprived of such innovative storage machineries.

### Review of Literature

Review of related literature is conducted to enable the researcher to get a clear understanding about the specific field of study. It also helps the researcher to have an insight into the tested methods, procedures and interpretations of similar studies conducted elsewhere. But studies are relatively few regarding the Study on Status of Collection Development of Learning Resources in University Libraries of Bihar.

Kalbande (2018) in his paper investigated about the opinion of the librarians in HEI libraries under the jurisdiction of Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, regarding networking and resource sharing aspects of various types of resources used in the libraries. Sinha (2011 A) has highlighted the E-Resources Consortium Initiatives in India and discussed about the e-resources, its needs, advantages and disadvantages, issues and challenges for managing e-resources and suggested to increase the maximum utilisation of resources by the university library users. Ansari (1998) in his paper on "Automation of University Library of Bihar: Problem and Possible Solutions" which identifies the status of automation in university libraries in Bihar. There are 14 universities in Bihar. Presently only 7 universities have their libraries with a good collection. The Patna University Libraries has alone a collection of around 2.5 lacks of value documents, 1.5 lacks value document in B. R. A. Bihar University etc. This study suggested that UGC, in the light of the report of the review committee, should take suitable and necessary steps against these university which are not serious in the utilization of funds allocated for commissioning the computer in library, as the UGC is the major funding agency for the university.

### Modern Responsibilities of BRA Bihar University Library

The modern responsibilities of the university library have increased considerably in today's information society. Today, in this information society, we are not limited to libraries only to get information; hence the challenge of the university library is increasing even more. Therefore, the University Library is also making every possible effort to meet the information needs of the readers with the help of modern machines.

The library is the heart of Educational Institutes work; directly so, as regards its educational work, which derives its life from research work. Scientific research work needs a library as well as its laboratories, while for humanistic research the library is both library and laboratory in one. Both for humanistic and scientific studies, a first class library are essential to a higher educational institute/university. Various committees were formed time to time for providing improved suggestions to these higher educational institutes.

### Advantages of Modern Services/Facilities

The advantages of modern services in the University library are many. Some are:

- It allows remote access
- It can be used by many users simultaneously
- It is interactive and allows interaction between author/publisher and users.
- It provides timely access to information needs of its users
- It supports advanced searching capabilities
- It accommodates unique features such as links to related items.
- It eliminates printing and postage cost
- It does not require physical processing
- It can easily merge with altering service
- It provides improved access through full text searching
- It can solve the problems of missing issues of journals
- It can be updated more easily

### Modern Services/Facilities

- Indexing and abstracting services
- Bibliographic services
- E-clipping services
- CAS services
- SDI services
- Reprography services
- E-mail services
- Inter-library loan services
- Instruction services
- OPAC services
- CD-ROM services
- Digital reference services
- Electronic document delivery services
- Virtual library tour services

### Suggestions

The following suggestions are put forward for establishing of modern responsibilities of BRA Bihar University library of Muzaffarpur, Bihar:

- The Higher Educational Institute libraries must be automate housekeeping operations and ensure that services to their users are efficiently provided. This includes networking operations. It offers speedy access to users, remote access to users, access to unlimited information from numerous sources and wider coverage of information that is flexible to all individuals hence satisfying their requirements. So that library must have maximum number of computers of latest models.
- The Higher Educational Institute libraries should be open a separate e-resources section and open 24X7 so that the users can access e-resources without any problem.
- The bandwidth of e-resources should be increased so that the users at the colleges/departments will get all the information on their desktops.

- The software that is used in designing e-resources should have context sensitive comprehensive help features so that they can solve the problem of users while searching the e-resources.
- The Higher Educational Institute libraries must be preserve e-resources. The task of managing these ever-increasing e-resources throughout their life cycle and to preserve them. Their viability depends on technologies that are rapidly and continuously changing. Furthermore, as newer digital technologies rapidly appear and older ones are discontinued, information that relies on obsolete technologies soon becomes inaccessible.
- The Higher Educational Institute libraries should be protects e-resources. Because the security is needed to prevent unauthorized changes to websites. Security administrators face the risk that an attacker will be able to break into the network. There must be a secure communication link for data transmission between interconnected host computer systems of the network. The security procedures are essential for integrity of the e-resource by preventing alteration or loss.
- The Higher Educational Institute libraries should be provides best services with integration of new equipment and technology of Information Communication and Technology. Library service is a value added service to the user of the library. The best library service combines information seeking, guidance and instruction. It also includes lessons in analysis and evaluation of the value of the information retrieved and the accuracy of the method of retrieval.
- The Higher Educational Institute libraries should provide the relevant information in such a way the user may not be diverted or get confused with the excess of information that is available on internet. So that the libraries should restrict the link ability in using e-resources.
- The Higher Educational Institute libraries should provide all the information to its users of the new arrivals or new techniques that have been implemented it should advertise in such a way that the user uses.

### Conclusion

Bihar University library are changing fast in the modern society to satisfy the ever changing and demanding users. The old concept of library as a store house of information are changing fast, to concepts based on development of 'intermediary' roles in the hybrid environment in which the documents are either traditional document or electronic resources. If we talk about the social responsibility of the university, then we see that ever since this university library was established till today, it has been fulfilling its social responsibility. There is not the slightest doubt that the social development of North Bihar is due to this university.

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