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Dr. Nimai Chand Saha, Dy. Librarian, Visva-Bharati Library Network was awarded the **Indiragandhi Sadbhavna Gold Medal – 2014** by Global Economic Progress and Research Association (GEPRA), New Delhi on 19 November 2014 at Hotel Citadel, Bangalore.



The award has been bestowed on him for his achievements, excellence and contributions to the field of Library and Information Service.

The Visva- Bharati Library Network and the staff congratulate him on his achievement and wish him the best in his career.

USER STUDY AT CENTRAL LIBRARY: PART 2 MAIN STACKS

1. Introduction

The Main Stacks of the Central Library provides ‘Open Access’ and it has been so since its inception. It is three storied and is the hub of collections of print books and bound journals. The ground and first floors accommodate all the books, arranged in classified order. The second floor is being used for the special collections, collections of old books, print version of digitized books, and some old reference books. There are a huge number of stacks amounting to 198 (74 in ground floor, 71 in first floor and 53 in second floor including a compactor).

It’s the major business of a library to maintain its stack properly so that users will get their target books readily and easily. In this context, we have sought the opinion of the users on the ‘Main Stacks’.

i) Collection

From the Table - 1 and Figure - 1, it is seen that 32.8% of the respondents have opined that library collections were ‘excellent’, while 27.2% and 28.6% of them opined that the same were ‘good’ and ‘moderate’ respectively. While 7.2% of the respondents opined that collection was ‘inadequate’, 4.2% had no comments.

Table - 1: Users’ Opinion on Library Collection

Opinion	Number of Respondents	% age of respondents
Excellent	164	32.8
Good	136	27.2
Moderate	143	28.6
Inadequate	36	07.2
No comments	21	04.2
Total	500	100

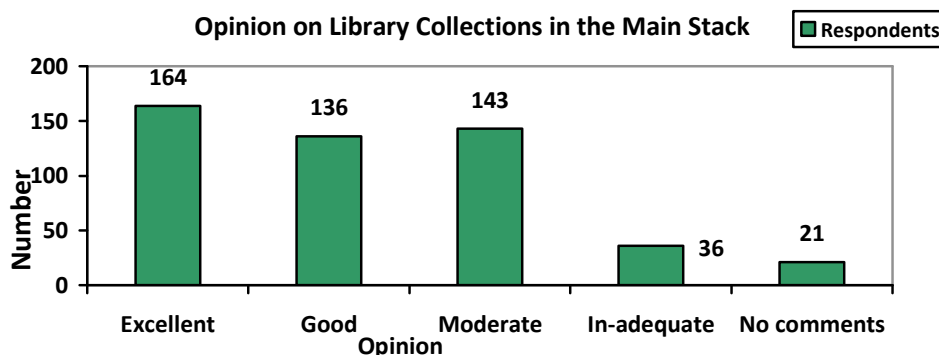


Figure – 1 Opinion of the Respondents on Library Collections

From the above it is concluded that more than 85% of the respondents were satisfied with the library collection.

ii) Arrangement of Books

The entire library collection is being classified according to an international scheme DDC except books in Bengali and Sanskrit which are classified according to scheme developed by Sri Prabhat Kumar Mukherjee (the first Librarian of the Visva-Bharati). It is difficult to the common users to retrieve their target books unless and otherwise the books are arranged properly in the stacks. With the help of the Table - 2 and Figure - 2, the assessment of the users of arrangement of books in the stack is illustrated, below.

It is seen that 52.8% (264 out of 500) of the users have rated it as 'excellent' and 31.2% as 'good'. While 6% of the users believed the arrangement was 'moderate' and 'inadequate', 3.2% were silent and passed no opinion.

Table - 2: Arrangement of the Books in Stacks

Opinion	Number of Respondents	% age of respondents
Excellent	264	52.8
Good	156	31.2
Moderate	33	06.6
Inadequate	31	06.2
No comments	16	03.2
Total	500	100

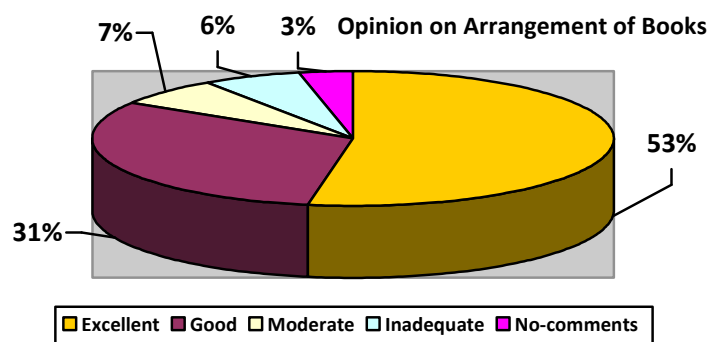


Figure -2: Arrangement of Books in the Stacks

Hence, it may be concluded that more than 80% of the users were satisfied with the arrangement of the books in the library stack.

iii) Provisions for Reading

Some users tend to read books in the stack before making up their mind to borrow. It presupposes provision of limited reading arrangement at the stacks. Their views are represented through a pie-chart. (vide figure-3)

The chart states that more than 44% considered the provisions 'not adequate'. About 9% rated it as 'excellent', 17.2% as 'good' and 21.6% as 'moderate'.

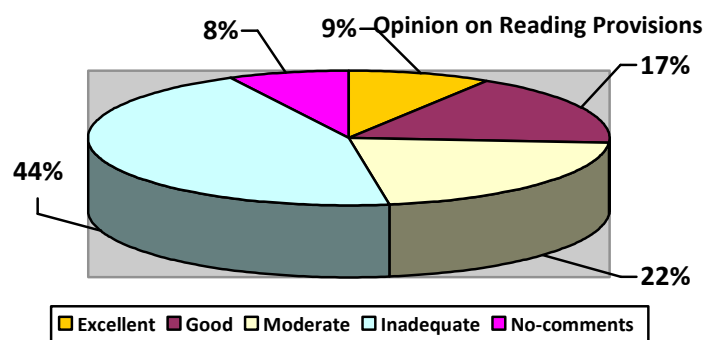


Figure - 3: Reading Provisions inside the Stack

Thus most of the respondents were not happy with the provisions for reading and library authority will take appropriate measure to offer better reading environment in the stack.

iv) Light and Fan

It is a foregone fact that the library stacks will have enough light and fan to make the users comfortable in their engagement at the stacks. The responses are represented with the help of Table -3 which illustrates that 49.4% (247 out of 500) were happy (rated as 'good') and 17% were highly appreciative ('excellent'). The rest, 24.4% considered it as 'moderate'.

Table - 3: Opinion on Electric (Light/Fan) Arrangement

Opinion	Number of Respondents	%age of respondents
Excellent	85	17.0
Good	247	49.4
Moderate	122	24.4
Inadequate	29	05.8
No comments	17	03.4
Total	500	100

From the above, it is stated that most of the users were satisfied on this issue. However, efforts need to be made to improve the facility to an 'excellent' condition from the moderate rating as 17%.

v) Availability of Staff & Support

Library should have provisions to allot some staff inside the stack for arrangement of books as well as to offer basic assistance to the common users as per their requirements. This will also serve as a deterrent to students misplacing books in the stacks. The opinion of the users on availability and assistance of staff is shown with the help of the Figure - 4 below.

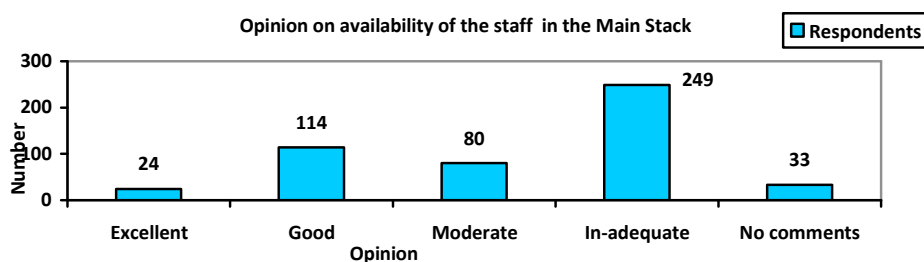


Figure – 4: Availability of Staff in the Stack Rooms

From the above it is seen that, 249 of the total respondents (49.8%) were of the opinion that the staff availability and assistance were ‘inadequate’ and 114 of the respondents (22.8%) opined that it was ‘good’. Assessment was also made on the behaviour of the staff in the stack area. It was found that only 13% of the respondents considered it as ‘excellent’, 27% as ‘good’ and 35.2% as ‘moderate’. Only 8.4% rated it as inadequate and 16.4 remained silent on this issue.

Much is desired on issues like availability of staff as well as their behavior in the stack.

vi) Conclusion

Following is the raking (combing ‘excellent’ and ‘good’) of various components of the main stacks in the Central Library (in descending order): Arrangement of books (84%), Light & Fans (66.4 %), Collection (60%), Staff Behaviour (40%), Availability of Staff (27.6%), Provision for Reading (26%). In short, much is desired in respect of staff strength, behavior of staff and reading facility in the stack rooms.

Dr. Nimai Chand Saha
(to be continued)

NEW ARRIVALS (BOOKS AND PERIODICALS)

[Books](http://14.139.211.2:8080/jopacgwt/GwtOPAC/GwtOP) : <http://14.139.211.2:8080/jopacgwt/GwtOPAC/GwtOP>

[Journals](http://14.139.211.2:8080/jopacgwt/GwtOPAC/GwtOP) : <http://14.139.211.2:8080/jopacgwt/GwtOPAC/GwtOP>

RECENT LIBRARY ACTIVITIES / DEVELOPMENTS

A. Exhibition of Books and Celebration

The Central Library organized a special exhibition in the Reference Section of books and allied materials including quotations and photographs on the following personalities:

- *Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad* on 12 November 2014 on the occasion of his birth anniversary.
- *Pandit Jawharlal Nahru* on 14 November 2014 on the occasion of his 125th Birth Anniversary as well as Children Day Celebration.
- *Smt Indira Gandhi* on her Birth celebrations on 19 November 2014.
- *Sri Rathindranath Tagore* on his Birth celebration on 27 November 2014.

B. Library Orientation Programme: Central Library has organized several Library Orientation Programmes during the reporting month as under:

- Department of Bengali, Bhasa-Bhavana took part in Library Orientation Programme on 7 November at Conference Hall, where about 70 students (B.A. - 41 & M.A. - 29) were present.
- Fifteen (15) scholars/students from three different foreign universities in Nepal (Tri-Bhutan, Kathmandu & Pokhra University) took part in Library Orientation Programme on 8 November at Conference Hall and visited all the Sections of Central Library as a part of “ Foreign Policy Studies” and as well as Education & Culture Exchange Programme in between India and Nepal.
- Department of Bengali, Kalna College under Burdwan University took part in Library Orientation Programme on 10 November at Conference Hall, where 5 faculty members and 45 students were present.
- Vocational (Library Science) student of Patha-Bhavana and Siksha-Satra took part in Library Orientation Programme on 21 November at Conference Hall. The faculty-in charge of the programme in both of the schools and 35 students were present.
- Dr. Partha Pratim Ray Deputy Librarian, in-charge PSB Library delivered two lectures on *Sources of Information* and *Writing of Scientific Paper* as an invited speaker on 15 Nov 2014 for the Ph D. Course Work scholars of the Dept. of Social Work.

C. Bibliography: PSB Library has compiled two bibliographies of doctoral theses accepted by Indian universities during April- June 2014 on Agriculture and Social Work (including Sociology) and circulated to the faculties as CAS. The bibliography on agriculture covers all the segments of Agriculture like Agronomy, Entomology, Agriculture Extension, Genetics and Plant Breeding etc.

D. Gender Sensitization Programme: Central Library organized *Sensitization Programme on Gender Issues for Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace* for the out- sourced casual workers at Conference Hall on 21 November 2014. Ms. Sabahat Nausheen, Assistant Librarian and Co-coordinator of Internal Complaint Committee of Central Library delivered the presentation.

E. Arrangement of Theses at Central Library: Now theses are stacked in the new compactor located at Periodical Section, Annex Building, and arranged according to their accession numbers. An Index is displayed outside the compactor to locate a particular thesis easily. These can also be searched with the help of the OPAC.

F. Shifting of Bound Journals at Central Library: The shifting of Bound Journals from first floor (stack room, old building) in the new compactor located at Periodical Section, Annex Building, is under progress.

G. Ph. D. Course Work: Dr. Nimai Chand Saha, Deputy Librarian takes classes on Ph. D. Course Work twice a week for the candidates/scholars of Centre for Journalism and Mass Communication and Department of Physical Education as invited from the In-charge, CJMC and Head of the Dept. Physical Education, Visva-Bharati.

H. PSV Library Activities:

- (i) *Exhibition* of books and photographs on the occasion of 126th birth anniversary of Rathindranath Tagore during 27 - 31 November 2014.
- (ii) *iThenticate Demonstration* by Atanu Kumar Sinha, Professional Assistant on 29 November 2014 in which three faculty members and twelve scholars of REC (Rural Extension Centre) attended.
- (iii) *Book & Book Cover Display:* From the month of November, PSV Library will be displaying books and book jackets of the new arrivals.

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS IN LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE

- Karnataka State SC/ST Library Professionals Association (R), Bangalore is organizing an International Conference on the theme Emerging Technologies and Future of Libraries: Issues and Challenges at Gulbarga University, Gulbarga, Karnataka during 30-31 January 2015 in collaboration with RAK Medical and Health Sciences University, Ras Al Khaimah, United Arab Emirates. To know more please visit <http://www.scstlib.net>, <http://www.scstlib.net/>.
- International Library Conference on What's Next in Libraries? Trends, Space, and Partnerships will be held during 21-23 January 2015 at NIT Silchar, For more details visit the website: <https://www.facebook.com/WNL2015/>, <http://whatsnextinlibraries.blogspot.in/>, <http://lvpnits.wix.com/wnlconference2k15> and <http://librarynits.wix.com/whatsnextinlibraries>.
- National Law University, Delhi in association with Society for Library Professionals (SLP), UN Information Center for India and Bhutan and Special Library Association, USA is going to organize Library and Information Professional Summit-2015 on *Transforming Dimensions of IPR: Challenges for the New Age Libraries* during 23-24 January 2015. For more details visit: [LIPS%202015.pdf](#)

Exhibitions on the Occasion of Birth Anniversary of Great Personalities



Maulana Abul Kalam Azad



Jawaharlal Nehru



Indira Gandhi



Gender Sensitization Programme for Casual Workers



Orientation Programme - Scholars/Students from Nepal (21.11.14)