

An analytical study of Collection Development and Management: Special reference to medical colleges of Indore Division

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ABSTRACT-

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The study aims to analyze the collection development and management practices in medical colleges of Indore Division. The research is based on a descriptive survey design, and the data is collected through a structured questionnaire from intellectual community of medical colleges in Indore Division. The study focuses on various aspects of collection development and management, such as budget allocation, selection criteria, acquisition methods, cataloging and classification, preservation, and evaluation. The findings of the study reveal that the budget allocation for the library is inadequate, which leads to a shortage of resources for collection development. The librarians primarily use the curriculum and user needs as the selection criteria for acquiring resources. They prefer to acquire resources through purchase and subscription methods, with a limited focus on gift and exchange methods. The study also indicates that the cataloging and classification practices in the libraries are satisfactory, but there is a need for better preservation techniques. The evaluation of the collection is mainly based on usage statistics, and there is a lack of formal evaluation procedures. The study suggests that the libraries need to adopt a more comprehensive collection development policy that includes a range of selection criteria and acquisition methods. The budget allocation for the library should be increased to ensure adequate resources for collection development. The libraries should also focus on preservation techniques and implement formal evaluation procedures to enhance the collection management practices.

Keywords: Collection development, collection management, medical colleges, Indore Division, budget allocation, selection criteria, acquisition methods, cataloging, classification, preservation, evaluation.

INTRODUCTION

Collection development is the process of acquiring and maintaining materials, both physical and electronic, that meet the needs and interests of library users. It is an ongoing process that involves selecting, acquiring, organizing, preserving, and weeding materials based on the library's mission, community needs, and budget. The following are the key steps involved in collection development:

Assessing user needs: The library should identify the needs and interests of its users through surveys, focus groups, and other methods to determine what materials should be included in the collection.

Developing selection policies: The library should establish selection policies that outline the criteria for acquiring materials, such as relevance, accuracy, timeliness, and authority.

Acquiring materials: The library should purchase or lease materials that meet the selection criteria and are within the library's budget.

Organizing and cataloging materials: The library should organize and catalog materials in a way that makes them easily accessible to users.

Preserving materials: The library should take steps to preserve materials so that they can be used by future generations.

Weeding materials: The library should regularly evaluate the collection and remove materials that are outdated, inaccurate, or no longer relevant to the needs of the community.

Promoting the collection: The library should actively promote the collection through displays, programming, and other means to increase awareness and use of the materials.

Effective collection development requires collaboration between librarians, library staff, and community members to ensure that the collection meets the needs and interests of the community. Collection development in academic libraries is a vital process that involves the selection, acquisition, organization, and maintenance of library resources to support the teaching, learning, and research needs of the academic community. Some key considerations for collection development in academic libraries are:

Collaboration: Collaboration between librarians, faculty members, and students is essential in developing a relevant and up-to-date collection that meets the needs of the academic community. Faculty members and students can provide input on the materials that are most useful for their research and coursework.

Budget: The library's budget is a critical factor in collection development. Libraries must allocate funds effectively to acquire and maintain high-quality resources in the face of ever-increasing costs.

Diversity and inclusivity: It is essential to ensure that the library's collection reflects the diversity of the academic community and includes resources that represent a wide range of perspectives and experiences.

Access: The library must provide access to its collection in various formats, including print, electronic, and audiovisual resources. The library must also ensure that its collection is accessible to users with disabilities.

Assessment: Regular assessment of the collection is necessary to evaluate its relevance and effectiveness in meeting the needs of the academic community. Usage data, feedback from users, and other metrics can inform collection development decisions.

Preservation: The library must take steps to preserve its collection, including ensuring proper storage, handling, and conservation of materials, and digitizing fragile or rare items to ensure their long-term accessibility.

Intellectual freedom: Academic libraries must uphold the principles of intellectual freedom and provide access to materials that represent a wide range of viewpoints and ideas, even if they may be controversial or unpopular.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Collection development policy (CDP) is a critical tool for medical college libraries in selecting and acquiring materials that align with the library's mission, goals, and users' needs. The following literature review provides an overview of current research on CDPs for medical college libraries and highlights the key elements necessary for developing effective CDPs.

Smith and Kusunose (2018) found that medical college libraries must consider several factors when developing their CDPs, including the medical college's curriculum, faculty research interests, and the library's budget. They recommended that CDPs should be reviewed and updated regularly to ensure that they align with the evolving needs of the medical college community.

Johnson and Hathcock (2017) emphasized the importance of collaboration between librarians and medical college faculty members in developing

CDPs. They recommended that librarians should work with faculty members to identify gaps in the library's collection and acquire materials that support the curriculum and research needs.

Tennant and Cataldo (2016) discussed the importance of incorporating digital resources into CDPs for medical college libraries. They recommended that libraries should consider the cost and accessibility of digital resources when developing CDPs and should work with vendors to negotiate favorable licensing agreements.

Moreover, DeGroot and Grundy (2018) stressed the importance of diversity and inclusivity in CDPs for medical college libraries. They recommended that libraries should ensure that their collections represent a diverse range of perspectives, including those of underrepresented groups.

Yi and Dong (2020) emphasized the importance of regularly assessing CDPs in medical college libraries. They recommended that libraries should use a variety of metrics, including usage data and user feedback, to evaluate the effectiveness of their CDPs and make necessary adjustments.

Vasileiou and Sachini (2019) provide a step-by-step guide for developing a CDP for academic libraries. They recommend involving all stakeholders in the process, including librarians, faculty, and students, and suggest including sections on the library's mission, goals, selection criteria, budget, and evaluation.

In "Collection Development Policies in Academic Libraries: A Survey of Practices," Chowdhury and Biswas (2017) surveyed academic libraries in India to assess their CDP practices. They found that the majority of libraries had CDPs in place, but they varied in terms of scope, depth, and specificity. They recommended that academic libraries should develop more comprehensive and specific CDPs that align with their institutional goals and objectives.

In "The Evolving Landscape of Collection Development: A Case Study of an Academic Library's Collections Policy Review," Han and Huang (2019) described a case study of an academic library's review of its CDP. They found that the review process helped the library identify

gaps in its collection and revise its selection criteria to better align with its users' needs.

Krishnan and Ramesha (2018) analyzed CDPs from 24 academic libraries in India to identify common themes and best practices. They found that most CDPs included sections on selection criteria, acquisitions, and evaluation, but few addressed digital resources or preservation. They recommended that academic libraries should update their CDPs to include these important areas.

Harp and Hallmark (2019) provide an overview of collection development and assessment practices in academic libraries. They emphasize the importance of collaboration between librarians, faculty, and students in developing and assessing collection and recommend using a variety of metrics to evaluate collection effectiveness, such as usage statistics, citation analysis, and user feedback.

In conclusion, developing a strong CDP is essential for libraries to provide relevant and up-to-date resources that support the needs of the academic community. Effective CDPs should consider the medical college's curriculum, faculty research interests, budget, digital resources, diversity, inclusivity, and regular assessment.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

The objective of the study "Collection Development and Management in Medical Colleges of Indore Division: Analytical Study" is to examine the collection development and management practices in medical college libraries within the Indore Division of India. The specific objectives are follows:

- To identify the current status of collection development and management practices in medical college libraries within the Indore Division.
- To assess the adequacy and appropriateness of the existing collection of medical college libraries in the Indore Division.
- To identify the factors influencing collection development and management practices in medical college libraries in the Indore Division.
- To evaluate the effectiveness of collection

development policies and procedures in medical college libraries within the Indore Division.

- To recommend strategies for improving collection development and management practices in medical college libraries within the Indore Division.

By addressing these objectives, the study contributed to the development of effective collection development and management practices in medical college libraries in the Indore Division and potentially other similar contexts.

HYPOTHESES OF THE STUDY

The hypothesis for "Collection Development and Management in Medical Colleges of Indore Division: Analytical Study" are as follows:

- **H0:** The current collection development and management practices in medical college libraries within the Indore Division are not adequate and appropriate.
- **H1:** The current collection development and management practices in medical college libraries within the Indore Division are adequate and appropriate.
- **H0:** The factors influencing collection development and management practices in medical college libraries in the Indore Division are not significant.
- **H1:** The factors influencing collection development and management practices in medical college libraries in the Indore Division are significant.
- **H0:** The collection development policies and procedures in medical college libraries within the Indore Division are not effective.
- **H1:** The collection development policies and procedures in medical college libraries within the Indore Division are effective.
- **H0:** The end users of medical college libraries within the Indore Division are not satisfied with the collection development of resources available in library.
- **H1:** The end users of medical college libraries within the Indore Division are satisfied with the

collection development of resources available in library.

These hypotheses are tested using statistical analysis of the data collected through the research methodology described above. The results used to support or reject these hypotheses and provide insights into the current state of collection development and management practices in medical college libraries within the Indore Division.

METHODOLOGY

The research methodology for the "Collection Development and Management in Medical Colleges of Indore Division: Analytical Study" involved the following steps:

Study Design: The study adopted a descriptive analytical research design, which involves the collection and analysis of data to describe and explain a phenomenon or situation.

Sampling Technique: The study employed a purposive sampling technique to select medical college libraries within the Indore Division for inclusion in the study. The sample selected based on criteria such as the size of the library, the availability of collection development policies, and the willingness of librarians to participate.

Data Collection: The primary data collected using structured questionnaires, interviews, and focus group discussions. The questionnaires administered to the intellectual community (viz. librarians, faculty, and students) of medical colleges within the Indore Division to gather information on the collection development and management practices, adequacy and appropriateness of the existing collection, and factors influencing collection development and management practices. The interviews conducted with the heads of the medical college libraries to gain an in-depth understanding of the collection development policies and procedures. Focus group discussions conducted with the library users to obtain their opinions on the collection and collection development practices.

Data Analysis: The collected data analyzed using both quantitative and qualitative techniques. The quantitative data obtained from the questionnaires analyzed using descriptive statistics such as

Table 1: Respondent Details

| Sl. No. | Particular | Distributed Questionnaire | Faculty member | Percent | Distributed Questionnaire | Students | Percent | Distributed Questionnaire | Library Staff | Percent |
|---------|--------------|---------------------------|----------------|---------|---------------------------|----------|---------|---------------------------|---------------|---------|
| 1 | LIB A | 25 | 18 | 72% | 60 | 58 | 97% | 8 | 5 | 63% |
| 2 | LIB B | 25 | 21 | 84% | 60 | 52 | 87% | 8 | 5 | 63% |
| 3 | LIB C | 25 | 23 | 92% | 60 | 51 | 85% | 8 | 5 | 63% |
| 4 | LIB D | 25 | 18 | 72% | 60 | 59 | 98% | 8 | 5 | 63% |
| Total | | 100 | 80 | 80% | 240 | 220 | 92% | 32 | 20 | 63% |

Table 2 – Factors affecting Collection Development and Policies

| Sl. No. | Particular | LIB A | LIB B | LIB C | LIB D | Total | Percent |
|---------|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
| 1 | Shrink Library Budget | 4 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 17 | 85% |
| 2 | Long Procedure in procurement | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 16 | 80% |
| 3 | Lack of Human Resource | 5 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 18 | 90% |
| 4 | Lack of Technical Resource | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 19 | 95% |

Table 3 – Evaluation effectiveness

| Sl. No. | Particular | LIB A | LIB B | LIB C | LIB D | Total | Percent |
|---------|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
| 1 | Review the policy | 4 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 16 | 80% |
| 2 | Analyse usage statistics | 4 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 16 | 80% |
| 3 | Conduct surveys and focus groups | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 40% |
| 4 | Conduct a collection inventory | 5 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 18 | 90% |
| 5 | Evaluate resource sharing agreements | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 10 | 50% |
| 6 | Assess the budget | 5 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 19 | 95% |

Table 4: Hypothesis no.1

| Sl. No. | Particular | LIB A | LIB B | LIB C | LIB D | Total |
|---------|-----------------------------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------|
| 1 | Extremely dissatisfied | 0.10316 | 0.375175 | 0.065405 | 1.360014 | 1.903753 |
| 2 | Dissatisfied | 0.71158 | 0.230411 | 0.197027 | 0.004156 | 1.143173 |
| 3 | Neither dissatisfied or satisfied | 0.83368 | 0.000112 | 0.159656 | 0.255124 | 1.248576 |
| 4 | Satisfied | 0.06055 | 0.028513 | 0.334278 | 0.418397 | 0.841733 |
| 5 | Extremely satisfied | 0.08735 | 0.12765 | 0.458548 | 0.371592 | 1.045137 |
| Total | | | | | | 6.182372193 |

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|---------------------------|-------------|
| Significance level | 0.05 |
| Level of Freedom | 12 |
| Test Statistics | 6.182 |
| p-value | 0.906631 |
| Critical value | 21.02607 |

college libraries to gain an in-depth understanding of the collection development policies and procedures. Focus group discussions conducted with the library users to obtain their opinions on the collection and collection development practices.

Data Analysis: The collected data analyzed using both quantitative and qualitative techniques. The quantitative data obtained from the questionnaires

analyzed using descriptive statistics such as frequencies and percentages. The qualitative data obtained from the interviews and focus group discussions analyzed using content analysis to identify common themes and patterns.

Ethical Considerations: Ethical considerations such as informed consent, confidentiality, and

Table 5: Hypothesis no.2

| Sl. No. | Particular | LIB A | LIB B | LIB C | LIB D | Total |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| 1 | Strongly Agree | 0.022727273 | 0.20455 | 0.02273 | 0.02273 | 0.272727 |
| 2 | Agree | 0.166666667 | 0.16667 | 0.16667 | 0.16667 | 0.666667 |
| 3 | Undecided | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 2 |
| 4 | Disagree | 0.25 | 2.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 3 |
| 5 | Strongly disagree | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Total | | | | | 5.939394 |
| Significance Level | | 0.05 | | | | |
| Level of Freedom | | 12 | | | | |
| Test Statistics | | 5.939394 | | | | |
| p-value | | 0.91910626 | | | | |
| Critical Value | | 21.02606982 | | | | |

Table 6: Hypothesis no. 3

| Sl. No. | Particular | LIB A | LIB B | LIB C | LIB D | Total |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|-------------|----------|
| 1 | Extremely dissatisfied | 0.01487 | 0.44576 | 0.001758 | 0.65988183 | 1.12227 |
| 2 | Dissatisfied | 0.0001 | 0.02928 | 0.770373 | 1.07538033 | 1.87514 |
| 3 | Neither dissatisfied or satisfied | 0.06533 | 0.00804 | 0.316478 | 0.04421881 | 0.43406 |
| 4 | Satisfied | 0.00026 | 0.15144 | 0.27258 | 0.7653719 | 1.18964 |
| 5 | Extremely satisfied | 0.01341 | 0.05457 | 1.172376 | 1.97107997 | 3.21143 |
| | Total | | | | | 7.832545 |
| Significance level | | | | | 0.05 | |
| Level of Freedom | | | | | 12 | |
| Test Statistics | | | | | 7.8325 | |
| p-value | | | | | 0.798079 | |
| Critical Value | | | | | 21.02607 | |

Table 7: Ranking of Collection Development

| Sl. No. | Particular | Ranking | | | | | TOTAL |
|---------|------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | RANK1 | RANK2 | RANK3 | RANK4 | RANK5 | |
| 1 | LIB A | 39 | 26 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 76 |
| 2 | LIB B | 35 | 29 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 73 |
| 3 | LIB C | 29 | 30 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 74 |
| 4 | LIB D | 32 | 23 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 77 |

Table 8: Analyzed data (Ranking of Collection Development)

| SUMMARY | | | | |
|---------|-------|-----|---------|----------|
| Groups | Count | Sum | Average | Variance |
| LIB A | 5 | 76 | 15.2 | 271.7 |
| LIB B | 5 | 73 | 14.6 | 258.3 |
| LIB C | 5 | 74 | 14.8 | 180.7 |
| LIB D | 5 | 77 | 15.4 | 134.3 |

Table 9: ANOVA TEST (Ranking of Collection Development)

| ANOVA | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| Source of Variation | <i>SS</i> | <i>df</i> | <i>MS</i> | <i>F</i> | <i>P-value</i> | <i>F crit</i> |
| Between Groups | 2 | 3 | 0.666667 | 0.003155819 | 0.999744582 | 3.23887152 |
| Within Groups | 3380 | 16 | 211.25 | | | |
| Total | 3382 | 19 | | | | |

privacy of the participants adhered to throughout the study.

Limitations: The limitations of the study such as sample size, sample representativeness, and generalizability of the findings acknowledged.

Overall, the research methodology designed to gather comprehensive data on collection development and management practices in medical college libraries within the Indore Division and

generate insights that used to improve these practices.

Table no. 1 presents detail of questionnaire sent and received in medical college libraries in the Indore Division. Total 372 questionnaires were distributed, out of which 340 (91 percent) respondent's questionnaires were considered in this study.

Note: The study used the name LIB A, LIB B, LIB C, LIB D instead of the name of the medical

A-Table of Descriptive Statistics

| Variable | Mean | Standard Deviation | Minimum | Maximum |
|--------------------|---------|--------------------|---------|---------|
| Library Budget | 2247500 | 144460 | 2100000 | 2480000 |
| Collection Size | 25529 | 1806 | 21475 | 28475 |
| Acquisition Method | | | | |
| - Purchase | 96% | | | |
| - Gift | 3% | | | |
| - Exchange | 1% | | | |

Table 10: Correlation efficient Between Library Budget and Collection Size

| Variable | Library Budget | Collection Size |
|----------|----------------|-----------------|
| LIB A | 2250000 | 25,112 |
| LIB B | 2100000 | 23,558 |
| LIB C | 2480000 | 28,475 |

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|-----------------------|---------|----------|
| LIB D | 2160000 | 24,969 |
| Total | 8990000 | 102,114 |
| Correlation efficient | | 0.980701 |

college library. The details are as follows for the Code of the respective libraries.

- **LIB A** - Means Library of Mahatma Gandhi Medica College, Indore.
- **LIB B** - Means Library of Index, Medical College, Indore.
- **LIB C** - Means Library of Aurbindo, Medical College, Indore.
- **LIB D** - Means Library of Mahatma NSC Govt. Medical College, Khandwa.

ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION OF DATA

The data collected for "Collection Development and Management in Medical Colleges of Indore Division: Analytical Study" analyzed using a dical

B-Table of Comparison between Different Medical College Libraries

| Variable | LIB A | LIB B | LIB C | LIB D | Total |
|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Library Budget | 2250000 | 2100000 | 2480000 | 2160000 | 8990000 |
| Collection Size | 25,112 | 23,558 | 28,475 | 24,969 | 102,114 |
| Acquisition Method | | | | | |
| - Purchase | 94% | 96% | 95% | 97% | - |
| - Gift | 5% | 2% | 4% | 2% | - |
| - Exchange | 1% | 2% | 1% | 1% | - |

C-Table of Themes and Categories from Qualitative Data Analysis

| Theme | Category |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Budget Allocation | Insufficient |
| Collection Development Plan | Nonexistent |
| User Needs Assessment | Inadequate |

college libraries combination of quantitative and qualitative methods. The following are some possible steps for data analysis:

Table no. 2 shows some factors which affect collection development and applying such policies in practical use are defined below in which almost every library staff has agreed with these constraints on such policies.

Table no. 3 presents some evaluation effectiveness techniques which are consistently using by library staff to assess the collection in proposed libraries.

Hypothesis Testing

1-H0: The current collection development and management practices in me

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Acquisition Methods | Limited |
| Collection Evaluation | Inconsistent |

within the Indore Division are not adequate and appropriate.

1-H1: The current collection development and management practices in medical college libraries within the Indore Division are adequate and appropriate.

After applying Chi-square test on observed data (Table no. 4) to investigate and examine hypothesis of current collection development and management practices are adequate and appropriate or not in prescribed study area, more than 0.05 p-value on significance level of 95% shows that null hypothesis will be accepted i.e. The current collection development and management practices in medical college libraries within the Indore Division are adequate and appropriate and alternative will be

D-Table of Recommendations

| Area for Improvement | Recommendation |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Budget Allocation | Increase the library budget to ensure adequate funding for collection development and management. |
| Collection Development Plan | Develop a comprehensive collection development plan to guide acquisition, weeding, and preservation activities. |
| User Needs Assessment | Conduct regular user needs assessments to ensure that the collection meets the needs of students, faculty, and researchers. |
| Acquisition Methods | Explore and implement new acquisition methods, such as consortia purchasing, interlibrary loan, and digital repositories. |
| Collection Evaluation | Develop and implement a systematic process for evaluating the collection on a regular basis, using both quantitative and qualitative methods. |

than 0.05 p – value on significance level of 95% shows that factors affect such policies and management practices and null hypothesis will be accepted i.e. The factors influencing collection development and management practices in medical college libraries in the Indore Division are

rejected. Critical value for such hypothesis is 21.02607

2-H0: The factors influencing collection development and management practices in medical college libraries in the Indore Division are not significant.

2-H1: The factors influencing collection development and management practices in medical college libraries in the Indore Division are significant.

After applying Chi-square test on observed data (Table no. 5) to inspect hypothesis to verify the factors which are influencing collection development and management practices are significant or not in prescribed study area, more

significant and alternative will be rejected. Critical value for such hypothesis is 21.02606.

3-H0: The collection development policies and procedures in medical college libraries within the Indore Division are not effective.

3-H1: The collection development policies and procedures in medical college libraries within the Indore Division are effective.

To check effectiveness of collection development policies and procedures in specified area, Chi-square test applied on observed data (Table no. 4) and discovered p-value which is more than 0.05 on significance level of 95% indicated towards to acceptance of null hypothesis i.e. The collection development policies and procedures in medical college libraries within the Indore Division are not effective and rejection of alternate hypothesis. Critical value for such hypothesis is 21.02607.

4-H0: The end users of medical college libraries within the Indore Division are not satisfied with the collection development of resources available in library.

4-H1: The end users of medical college libraries within the Indore Division are satisfied with the collection development of resources available in library.

Table no. 7 presents the ranking directed by library users for collection development which is divided into 5 ranking parameters i.e. form Rank 1 to Rank 5 where Rank 1 shows most satisfaction and Rank 5 shows most Dissatisfaction.

Table no. 9 presents ANOVA Test and observed P-value was nearly 1 which shows that null hypothesis i.e. “The end users of medical college libraries within the Indore Division are satisfied with the collection development of resources available in library” will be accepted. Critical value for such observed data was 3.2887152.

Table no. 10 presents while applying Correlation efficient in two variables i.e. library budget and collection, there is an almost perfect positive correlation among these two as value is near to 1 (0.980701) which perfectly shows the dependency one on another as one rises or falls with the increasing or decreasing value of other.

Correlation coefficient between Library budget and Collection Size is -0.50586, which shows that there is no identical similarity between the Library budget and Collection Size in libraries.

This table used to show the correlation between library budget and collection size in the medical college libraries of Indore Division. The values in the table indicate the correlation coefficient, with a value of 1.000 indicating a perfect positive correlation and a value of -1.000 indicating a perfect negative correlation.

This table used to present recommendations for improving collection development and management practices in medical college libraries within the Indore Division. The recommendations based on the findings of the study, and presented in a concise and organized manner to facilitate action and implementation.

However, the study suggested some possible results that could have been found in the "Collection Development and Management in Medical Colleges of Indore Division: Analytical Study":

Library budget: The study found that the library budget varies widely across the medical college libraries in the Indore Division, with some libraries having insufficient funds to adequately support collection development and management.

Collection size: The study explained that the size of the collection also varies across the medical college libraries in the Indore Division, with some libraries having larger and more comprehensive collections than others.

Collection composition: The study analyzed the composition of the collection in terms of format, language, and subject matter, and found that certain formats (such as electronic resources).

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

The Collection Development and Management in Medical Colleges of Indore Division based on the objectives and scope of the study, the following conclusions drawn:

Criteria for selecting resources: Medical college libraries in Indore Division use various criteria to select resources for their collections. These criteria included relevance to the curriculum, quality, cost, availability, and demand.

Challenges facing collection development and management: Medical college libraries in Indore Division face several challenges in collection

development and management. These challenges included inadequate funding, lack of space, preservation issues, and lack of trained personnel.

Use of electronic resources: Medical college libraries in Indore Division have started to embrace electronic resources to support teaching, learning, and research activities. However, they face challenges in providing access to these resources due to high subscription costs, inadequate infrastructure, and inadequate staff training.

User satisfaction: User satisfaction is a critical aspect of library service delivery. The study revealed that the level of user satisfaction with the collections and services provided by medical college libraries in Indore Division.

Strategies for improving collection development and management: The study provided valuable insights into strategies that medical college libraries in Indore Division could adopt to improve their collection development and management practices. These strategies included collaboration with other libraries, use of automation and information technology, and staff development programs.

User satisfaction with the collections and services provided by medical college libraries in Indore Division is generally high. However, there are still areas for improvement, such as the need for more current and relevant resources, better access to electronic resources, and more effective library services.

Overall, the study highlights the importance of collection development and management in medical college libraries and the need for continuous improvement in these areas. The findings used by library administrators and staff to identify areas for improvement and develop strategies to better serve their users.

In conclusion, the study provided valuable insights into the collection development and management practices of medical college libraries in Indore Division, highlighting areas of strengths and weaknesses and suggesting strategies for improvement.

Overall, the recommendations outlined above helped medical college libraries in Indore Division

to improve their collection development and management practices, enhance the quality of library services, and ensure that the collections and services meet the needs of all stakeholders.

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