



Contribution of library professionals from Vidarbha in the publication on library and information science

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ABSTRACT

Information is the product of the human brain in action. It may be abstract or concrete. When an individual begins to think, a variety of images and sensations flash across his mind. This makes some information to accumulate in his mind and his memory retains some pieces of knowledge. However, in Webster's Third New International Dictionary the meaning of the term 'information' is given as "the communication or reception of knowledge or intelligence; something obtained or received through information; the process by which the form of an object of knowledge is impressed upon the apprehending mind so as to bring about the status of knowing." Information is a metaphorical designation for an amorphous mass of ill-defined different activities and phenomena. Further, he thinks "information as the name of some stuff. This substance is squeezed from books like water from sponge and can be stored and pumped around"

INTRODUCTION

Library professionals act as mediator between the generator of information and users of it. Selection, collection, organization and finally dissemination of the required information to the needy users without wasting their valuable time are the basic responsibilities of the library professionals. Librarianship is a profession and it is necessary for the members of any profession to involve in different activities of professional development such as keeping abreast of the latest development in the profession by reading professional literature; participating in seminars, conferences, workshops and contributing to professional knowledge in the form of books, articles, theses etc. in order to become successful practitioners and thereby raising the status of the profession in the society. The extent of involvement in the professional development activities reveals their professional zeal and interest in the profession. Therefore, apart from the basic responsibilities mentioned earlier to be shouldered by the library

professionals to develop the library, they are equally involved in the generation of information.

Library and Information Science are one of the fast developing subjects in the universe. The information generated on this subject is published in various forms of documents. It means that the library professionals have shown keen interest in the publication of information besides the dissemination of it.

Growth of LIS schools, fast research activities, modernization in the traditional librarianship are some of the reasons behind the explosion of information in library and information science field.

In the present study, the attempt has been made to analyse the work done by the library professionals from Vidarbha in terms of publication of information on library and information science. Vidarbha is divided into eleven districts, which are grouped into two divisions for the purposes of revenue collection. These divisions are Amravati and Nagpur.