Information Sources and Services offering to Tripura University Researcher, Students and Faculties: A case Study of Central Library, Tripura University.

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Abstract
In a University, Central Library is playing a most significance role towards the research ongoing to the university. Of course the selection of documents in the library like books, journals and information sources is more complicated in the age of e-resources. University Library is supposed to fulfill the need of its various types user like undergraduate, postgraduate, post researcher, teachers and all. This paper is discussing about the sources and service offered by central Library Tripura University to its researcher, students and faculties.

Keywords: Information Sources and Services, e-resources, e-database, collection in Tripura University.

Introduction: The University library plays an important role in the overall development of students. Undergraduate & postgraduate students often visit the library for their course books and to consult previous question papers and syllabi, to borrow books and other material, and to use other services. With the application of information technology and the advent of Web-based services, contents are now available to students on their desktop. Various consortia provide access to digital contents any time and in any place. Students want to see traditional services transformed into digital information services. University libraries provide information that can help lead students to graduate, post graduate, and research studies.

The innovations in information communication technology have influenced libraries to serve better and adapt the changes. The libraries also changed dramatically with service provision, collection development, human resource planning and training. The librarians also have changed their mind set towards service and the management of libraries.
One of the major developments in the libraries and information services in the last 10 years has been the introduction and spread of electronic information sources (EIS). The progress in information technology has offered today’s information seekers different opportunities to access to information resources in an increasing array and format. An academic library is expected to provide materials for courses, research projects and institutional academic activity to satisfy the needs of the well defined specialized clientele like faculty, students, researchers, administrators. Boakye (1994) explains about the academic libraries of developing countries and their services.

**About Tripura University:** The UGC in 1976 approved a Post Graduate wing of the Calcutta University, named Calcutta University Post Graduate Centre (CUPGC) to Tripura. For a decade, the CUPGC was housed in different government buildings at College Tilla, Agartala. Subsequently, an area of 75 acares was allotted by the Govt. of Tripura for a new campus on National Highway-10 at Suryamaninagar, about 10 kms south of the capital city Agartala. With the aim of having an independent University for the State, the foundation-stone was laid at Suryamaninagar Campus on 18th December, 1985 by late Shri Dasaratha Deb, the-then Deputy Chief Minister – cum Education Minister of Tripura. Taking into consideration the long cherished demands of the students community, and the present and future needs of higher education in the state, the State Government passed the Tripura University Act in the Assembly in 1987 and the first University in the state came into being on 2nd October 1987, the birth day of Gandhiji, the ‘Father of the Nation’. The new University started to function from the academic and administrative set up of the CUPGC at College Tilla, Agartala, and then all the existing colleges of Tripura came under its affiliation. With the passage of time, the Suryamaninagar Campus was developed into a full-fledged University after shifting of facilities from College Tilla.

Tripura University was converted to a Central University w.e.f 2nd July, 2007 by an Act of the Parliament. At the present, the University offers 38 different courses at Certificate, Diplomas, UG, PG, M. Tech and Ph.D. levels from its campuses at Suryamaninagar and Gandhighat Centre, Agartala. The University has 38 affiliated colleges in the Tripura state including two medical colleges, 4 technical colleges, 2 nursing colleges, 1 each para-medical college, law college, music college, fine arts college and physical education college, and 16 other colleges that offer UG degree courses in different subjects of science, arts and commerce. The autonomous
character of the University is being strengthened and new facilities are added by each passing year.

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Integrated Master Degree Programs (IMD)
In the year 2016, Four other Dept. will be open like, Library Information Science, Material Science, Electrical Engineering

**Integrated Master Degree Programs (IMD)**

**Central Library:** The Calcutta University Post Graduate Centre (CUPGC), Agartala, Tripura converted into the Tripura University (State) on 2nd October, 1987. Again it was converted into Central University on 2nd July, 2007. The library caters the need of information of all the subjects. The Library is presently housed in its own 03 storied building having 5415 Sq. meter total floor area out of which 2700 Sq. meter (approx.) are occupied by other wings of the University. It is a fully open access library. The library is striving hard to meet the pressing demands of the users by rendering various services both through manual & IT based system with the combined efforts of all the library staff members. We are progressing steadily towards fuller automation of the library. Over the years, the Central Library has developed a lot and may claim to be one of the richest higher educational libraries in the State. The Central Library acts as a crucial resources and learning centre of the University to meet the information needs of its clientele for the growth and overall development of the University. The collection and dissemination of data and information and the creation and sharing of knowledge are the success of the Central Library in the present era of learning.

Before the construction of the library own building, the Central Library was housed in the different buildings and locations with acute shortage of space and technical manpower. The Library is shifted to its own newly constructed 3 storied building in June 2005 having 5415 Sq. mt. total floor area, out of which 2700 sq. meter occupied by the other wings of the University. The Central Library building is the most spacious library building in the state. In coming days when the Central Library will be fully functional, the Central Library will be a landmark for Tripura. The library is well furnished with modern furniture and fixtures. The library facilities are heavily used by the students, research scholars, faculty members and visiting faculty members. Moreover scholars from other organizations also use the library facilities. The outsiders and visitors who intend to consult the library are allowed to utilize the facilities. The Central Library has a collection of 1, 22,095 books and documents presently besides a rich collection of reports, state-of-arts, non-print media, etc. The library subscribes 137 national print journals in the area of subjects taught, approx 3000 e-books and 10 publishers online e-journals.
beside the UGC INFONET program. Approximately 8000 online e-journals with millions full text articles in all subjects/disciplines are usable under the UGC INFONET program presently. The Tripura University Library is striving hard to meet the pressing demands of the users by rendering various services both through manual and IT based system through combined efforts of all the staff members. We are progressing steadily towards fuller automation with RFID & KIOSK system of the library.

**Collection Development (Print):** Central Library has approx. 1,22,095 no of books on various subjects. Apart from that some of the stack is having special collection which is given bellow:

1. **Special Collection for UGC, CSIR-NET, Banking SSC, Railways and other competitive exam**
2. **Thesis and Dissertation Collection**
3. **Newspaper**
4. **Magazine**
5. **Books donated by VC, Pro-VC, teacher, officers**

**Reference Section:** In the first floor of library building having the reference section with the great no of reference sources and other collection. Some of them are followings

1. **Encyclopedias:**
2. **Dictionary/Directory:**
3. **Atlas**
4. **Bibliography:**
5. **Book in Print/year Book/Who’s Who:**
6. **Census/ Gazetteers/Reports/Survey:**
7. **Religious Books:(Vedas, Mahabharata, Bhagvat Gita)**
8. **Special Section for Collected Works on Rabindranath Tagore, Arvindo, Karl Marx, Jawaharlal Nehru Speeches;**

**Periodical Section:** In the first floor nearby the reference section, periodical section are functioning with International and nation print journals, magazines, newspapers etc and bound vol. of the serials.

**Special Collection for Tripura Literature:** In the reference section, there is a great no of books and other documents on Tripura Literature only.

**Services:**

**Opac:** Central library having opac facility through it user can search different types of library resources by giving some keywords.
Photocopy/Xerox: This service is provided to the users in a very subsidized rate @50 paisa/per photocopy, by keeping in mind that the state have much no of poor Tribal Students.

Binding/Lamination: Library are providing binding and lamination facility on a subsidized rates to its users.

Reading Room: Central Library has separate reading room with convenient furniture and other facility for the users, apart from that in the stack area also having the reading room facility.

E-resources in central library: To cater the information needs of students and faculty members, a Library portal was developed to access various e-resources provided by the UGC-Infonet and also subscribed by the library. Apart from e-reference sources, various e-books, indexing and abstracting sources, portal contains the statistical sources of information and various online journals of UGC INFONET and electronic theses and dissertations. Through UGC-INFONET, Library are getting accessibility of approx 8000 e-journals from 18 publishers like ACS, AIP,APS, Annual Review, Cambridge, EPW, Emerald, Springer Wiley, Taylor & Francis etc. and 6 database like Web of Science, MathSciNet, JCCC, ISID, RSC etc. Apart from that Central Library has subscribed the following e-resources:

2. **E-journal:** Central Library has subscribe the following e-journals like ACM Digital Library, IEL Growth-Plan, Sage Education, Brill Social Journals etc.
3. **E-databases:** Central Library has subscribe the following database like Scopus, J-Gate, Indian Citation Index, Hein-Online, Capitalline-Plus, EPWRF etc.

E-Library: E-Library room having the facility of 15 Computers for accessing and downloading of the e-resources to the users.

Wi-Fi-facility: Entire Library building has installed the wi-fi facility to access the library e-resources from their laptop/palmtop, Notebooks or eBook readers.
**CCTV:** For enhancing security of the Central Library, entire three story building had been installed in the Stack area, Reference Section, Circulation Counter Main Gate and other vital location of the building in order to monitor the activity of users as well as to help security of property counter also.

**Institutional Membership:** Central Library also has the Life membership of following Institution,

1. DELNET, New Delhi
2. American Library, Kolkata
3. Current Science Association, Bangalore
4. Institute of Engineers, Kolkata

**Proposed future services to its Users:** Central Library have planned for some more services to its user like RFID System with KIOSK facility, so that users can automatically Issue and return books itself. Also providing centralized Air-Conditioning facility to entire library building with specific reading room.

**Conclusion:** Librarians have numerous roles to play in the growing digital environment, with the move towards open access prompting a profound change in the way university libraries manage their scholarly communications – not least in how they use online repositories for publishing and opening up access to research. University Libraries noted that they are critically examining where faculties already address some information literacy competencies and whether students come to university equipped with certain skills. Several barriers have made for a slow transition in instruction. Like faculty, librarians do not necessarily have the pedagogical background to advise on effective teaching methods and assignments related to library content, and even when they do, faculty do not necessarily recognize or value that expertise. The one-shot model is familiar and easy for faculty to incorporate into the syllabus. And many libraries stated that they lack instructional designers and/or educational technologists on their staff, limiting the development of interactive online learning modules and tutorials.

In short Central Library, Tripura University needs more focus on various services related to users, so that users can do their research in better way and performance will be uplifted. Also
central library needs to re-engineering of its information sources selection policy, so that the selection of information source and types will be better than ever.

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