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ACCREDITATION AND ROLE OF THE ACADEMIC LIBRARY IN UNDERGRADUATE, GRADUATE AND OTHER TEACHING PROGRAMME.

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Abstract:-Assessment and accreditation is broadly used for understanding 'quality status', of an institutions. Library plays an important role in higher education. Library is the fulcrum of support for the entire range of academic activities on an educational campus. In today's high-tech learning environment, the library as a learning resource is taking up increasingly more academic space and time in the life of a learner. In the accreditation process evaluation of libraries is an essential for assessing the quality of library services need to be updated.

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INTRODUCTION:

The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) an autonomous body, has been established by the University Grants Commission (UGC)in 1994, in pursuance of the recommendations.
Under the new methodology introduce by NAAC w.e.f April, 2007, the higher education institutions are assessed and accredited by a two step approach.
The NACC functions through its general council and executive committee where educational administrative policy makers are a senior academicians from a cross section of system of higher education are represents.
India has one of the largest and dives education systems in the world.
The mission statement of the NAAC aim at translating the NAAC's vision into action plans and endeavor as given below.

1.To away for periodic assessment and accreditation of institutes of higher education or with thereof, or specific academic programmes or projects.
2.To stimulate the academic environment for promotion of quality in teaching-learning and research in higher education institution.
3.To encourage self evolution, accountability, autonomy and innovations in higher education.
4.Undertake quality related research studies consultancy and training progammes and
5.To collaborate with other stakeholders of higher education for quality evaluation promotion and sustenance.

Contributing to National Development: Most of the Higher education institutes have a remarkable capacity to adopt changes, and at the same time pursue the goals and objectives that they have set forth for themselves.
Unit of NAAC Accreditation: Institutional Assessment and Accreditation the unit of Accreditation is refered to the institutions as a whole with its academic and administrative may be either a university or a college or a single department, offering a particular subject of specialization.

Methodology for Institutional Assessment and Accreditation:

1.Staff development in higher education.

2.Academic staff colleges
3.Contribution of academic staff
4.Leadership, governance and functional efficiency.
5.Curricular aspects.

Knowledge is the core of all developmental efforts in advance economic and social well being in an emerging nation like India.

There has been a dramatic progress in establishment of higher education institutes both under the public and private sector.

Role of Library Education: Library is the essential component in the accreditation process. Libraries collection, services and their outreaching capacity are monitored by NAAC. Library is the heart of organization.

In higher education institutional libraries are open in Saturday, Sunday, holidays and its proper use by users. Library gives the extended working hours before open the institute and after closing.

The library has key role in supporting the academic activities of the institutions by establishing, maintaining and promoting library and information service but qualitatively and quantitatively. Library offers a wide range of services from reference to electronic information services.

NAAC recognized the role and importance of library and information services in higher education institutions very well and they educate the quality of higher education institutes in country. Library and information centre in colleges, universities and other educational institutions are considered to be the gateway of for all academic and research pursuits.

Now the evolution of libraries in higher academic institutions with the evolution of digitization of information, publications, research papers, manuscripts etc.

Just as important is that the web has changed user's expectations for information delivery systems. First users want the information at a glance. Second to retrieve the information regardless of its level of granularity. He wants not only textual matter but also images of data, social informatics is an important new area of research.

They identify two key contributors to effective search in physical library.

1.The collaboration between the libraries and the user in the searching activity.
2.The social context.
3.Technological development, specifically those involving digital libraries are increasingly focusing on the importance of directly design towards the work practices and communication they support. Both formal and informal work practices help to develop rich and varied social interactions in the modern work place.

However, technology can also be a controlling tool, empowering some users while excluding others.

Libraries are important part of the national information infrastructure, which provide people with access and opportunities foe participation in the digital arena. A library collection is source of information an similar resources. It provides physical and digital access to material space or both. The librarian have changed the automated concepts of preserving a large number of ready materials by maximum number of persons.

Now a days we live in information society and information growth rapidly. The library is continue as an important information resources centre but it loose its identity.\The user community also expected change their methodology attitude and approach to information searching, still there has been tremendous progress in adopting new technologies to library use over the past decade.

Role of University Grants Commission: Development grants provided by UGC to college library and the policy of the UGC for the development of the college.

The higher education system in India has qualitatively grown to become one of the largest system of its kind in the world. The growth can ascertained from the fact that there were only 20 universities and 500 colleges with 0.1 million students in all disciplines at the time of independence. This number increased to 702 universities and 36,000 colleges in 2013, with over 14 million students enrolled there in.

It is necessary to measure the expectations and perception of the users about the library products and service quality through the eyes of users.

The quality of an information product and services is influencing

• Environment
• Library resources
• Library aids
• Library staff

The NAAC has developed use of objective indicators to facilitate assessment of the library and information services

of academic institutions. The institutes are grouped in tot two broad categories one, university level institutes (Universities, deemed to be university, autonomous originations etc.) and the other the colleges (Affiliated, constituent colleges etc.)

Management of library and information services in university the library system normally consist of a central environment defines the use of the library in terns of the strength and size of the text and research collection. The central library supports the general information requirements of the users, both for study and research.

Working Hours: This parameter refers to opening and closing hours of the library

Library advisory Committee: The purpose of the library advisory committee is to advise for implementing the library policies with the following constitutions and functions.

Committee shall consist of the

1. A senior professor to be nominated by the head of the institute.
2. One faculty representatives each academic department.
3. Three representatives each from UG. PG and research scholar.
4. Librarian; the member secretary.

Functions: Library committee members should consider policy matters regarding central library including the policy for procurement of books and journals and render advice to the purchase committee for library procurement. To consider and put forward the views of faculty members regarding books, journals selection, ordering process etc.

Manpower Development: Qualifications and experience of the librarian and library staff should as per the rules and norms of UGC/AICTE/etc.

Infrastructure of the Library: Library location, whether the library have a place of its own with proper planning and organization of space, proper furniture, with necessary quality and quantity, display racks, magazine racks etc. e-library services are provided to users type of user and programmmes offered. The library have networking facility.

The library should have an approval policy on the collection development support, introduction of new services, support in terms of fund, annual increase of budget, binding procedure removal of absolute books and policy on loss of books and an ongoing commitment of the institutions .

Collection: The library is required to provide varied, authoritative and up-to-date resources that support its mission and the needs of its users. Collection currency and strength be maintained through judicial weeding out policies.

Book bank facility, special collections even with limited budget, the library may explore ways, such as open access sources to provide quality resources in the most efficient manner possible.

Library provides the following facilities to the students;
Publication and research support services.
Information display and notification.
Bibliographic compilations
Reprographic facilities.
Book bank, user orientation.
Computers, OPAC,/indexing services.
Audio-video resources, internet.
Digital library services.
Membership of library networks (INFLIBNET, DELNET etc.) and consortia

Role of libraries in the era of information explosion in 21st century is very important. Library tries to provide maximum service provide to students, staff and external readers in minimum cost. The role of NAAC in college library development is very important. So NAAC tries to develop library through the library best practices in their libraries.

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