Brief Information About Somme University Libraries of Gujarat

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Abstract:

This research paper is in Gujarati language. In the present research paper, six university libraries of Gujarat state have been studied. In which the establishment of University Library and its collection and time are briefly discussed. Apart from this, the present research report gives a brief explanation about the meaning of library and university, types of libraries and university library.

Keywords: university library, meaning of library, university libraries of Gujarat

Objectives:
- To get information about Gujarat State University Library.
- To know the collection and timing of the University Library.
- To conduct a comparative study of university libraries.
- To know about the facilities of the university campus.

Introduction:

The tradition of higher education in India is ancient. World famous universities like Taxila, Nalanda, Valabhi, Vikramshila existed in our country hundreds of years ago. In the second half of the 19th century, a new modern form of university was established during the British rule.

In the seven years since independence, the spread of education has greatly increased, and with it the number of universities has increased enormously. A university is an integral part of higher education. In this way, the definition and concept of university, concept of library, types of library etc. are given in detail.

Meaning of Library:

A library is a social institution. The role of the library is at the forefront in raising the educational status of the society. A library is an institution providing entertainment and information during the time of use, not the user. Also there is an ocean of very useful knowledge for students. The library houses the collection of printed and non-printed literary materials such as past and present generation thought books, manuscripts, musical works, artefacts, micro film, micro card, maps, CD ROM etc.

Dr. S.R. According to Ranganathan, "A library is a public institution which has the duty of looking after/care of books, as well as delivering the books to the person who needs/requires them." (Ashikuzzama, 2023a)

According to Merriam-websters, "never is a place in which literary, musical, artistic, aur reference materials are kept for use but not for sale." (Merriam-websters)

Types of Libraries:

Libraries are mainly divided into four types.

1. Public Library
2. Academic Library
3. Special Library
4. National Library

The academic library is divided into three sections.

1. School Library
2. College Library
3. University Library

Here we will get information about the University Library.

Meaning of University:

Institution for higher education and degree awarding authority. Keeping in view the diversity in the form, scope and operation of the organizations that have come into existence in different countries in the name of university, there cannot be any comprehensive or general definition of university. (Gujarati Vishwakosh, 2005b) Although some definitions is as follows.

According to Merriam-websters, "Library is on institution of higher learning providing facilities for teaching and research and authorised to grand academic degrees." (Merriam-websters,n.d.b)

According to Britannica, "University is on institution of higher education, usually comparing a college of liberal arts and science and graduate and professional school and having the authority."

Thus, from the above definition of university it can be said that a university is a recognized public and non-profit educational institution awarding various degrees in the field of higher education such as Bachelor, Post Graduate, Anu Parangat, Vidya Vachaspati (PhD) etc.

University Library:

The university headquarters has a large library. The library provides its services to the students, scholars, faculty and staff of the university. In this library books are selected and procured keeping in view the curriculum of the university. As this library is mainly used by students and researchers, efforts are made to provide prompt and convenient library services to them. (Gujarati Vishwakosh, 2005a)

University Libraries of Gujarat State

1. Gujarat Vidyapith, Ahmedabad

Name of the Library : Gujarat Vidyapith Library

Is. Gujarat Vidyapith Maha Vidyalaya was established in 1920 by the father of the nation Mahatma Gandhi. Later Gujarat Mahavidyalaya Granthalaya was started as an essential part of it. On 10 June 1929, the Vidyalaya Granthalaya in Gujarat and Srimad Rajendra Gnan Bhandar's collections were combined and named "Gujarat Vidyapith Granthalaya".

"A library which is affiliated to a university means having a connection and which provides a collection of human ideas for the purposes and functions of the university for its affiliated users and uses is called a

university library. (Parekh, 2023)

"A university library is a library that is part of a higher education institution, typically a college or university. These libraries provide a wide range of resources, services, and facilities to support the academic programs and research activities of the institution." (Ashikuzzaman,2023b)

Now let us get the information about some university libraries of Gujarat state.

Collection: As per information obtained from website of Gujarat Vidyapith (up to 31 March 2022)

Books : 593533

PhD Thesis : 555

M.Phil. Dissertation : 1256

Master level projects : 8006

Library subscribed journals : 252

Non-book material:

Manuscripts : 691

Micro films : 185

Micro Fish : 25

Films : 39

Video cassettes : 269

Slides : 1911

Lingua Phone Records : 32

Photographs : 162

Taped cassette : 181

CD & DVD : 1271

Time :

Monday to Saturday : 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Sunday : 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM (GVP,n.d.)

2. Gujarat University, Ahmedabad

Name of Library : Gujarat University Library

Gujarat University's E.S. After a period of two years since its establishment in 1949 AD. Gujarat University Library was established in 1951.

Collection : According to the information obtained from Gujarat University website,

Book : 368444

Thesis : 3151

Open Access e content : 2000

E Resources & Journals : 300000

Other : 2000+

Time :

Monday to Saturday : 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM (Gujarat University Library, n.d.)

3. Maharaja Sayajrao University, Vadodara

Name of the Library : Smt. Hansa Mehta Library

Maharaja Sayajirao University Vadodara was established in AD. After being established in 1949, Smt. Hansa Mehta Granthalaya was started on 1st May 1950. The library started with a primary collection of

about 25,000 books from two state libraries (Hujur Political Office and Secretariat Library). The then President of India Dr. Rajendra Prasad laid the foundation stone of Smt. Hansa Mehta Granthalaya on 16 November 1956 and in 1955 it was shifted to the independent new building.

Collection : According to the information obtained from the website of Smt. Hansa Mehta Granthalaya, Vadodara,

Book : 868304

Print Journal : 280

Online Journal : 40000+

Bound Volumes : 100000+

News/General Magazine : 34

Thesis : 3601

Dissertation : 15097

Kindle e-book reader: 10

Time :

Monday to Sunday : 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM (Smt. Hansa Mehta library, n.d.)

4. Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat

Name of the Library : Veer Narmad South Gujarat University Library

This university was established by the South Gujarat University Act, 1965. Started in 1966, this educational institution was incorporated as a university on 23 May 1967. and was recognized by the Universities Grand Commission (UGC) in 1968. VNSGU is the first university in India to offer postgraduate courses in rural studies.(Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, 2023)

After the establishment of the university, the university library has been functioning in the university campus since 1976 and is easily accessible by the faculties and students.

Collection: According to the information obtained from the website of Veer Narmad South Gujarat University Library, Surat,

Book : 185876

Thesis : 1598

Dissertation : 10034

Subscribing Journals Indian : 219

Subscribing Journals foreign : 34

Online Journals : 5000+

CD ROM

Audio-visual material : Data not available

Maps : Data not available

Time:

Monday to Sunday : 7:00AM to 9:00PM (VNSGU Library, 2023)

5. Saurashtra University, Rajkot

Name of Library : Saurashtra University Library

Saurashtra University was founded in AD. It happened in 1967. The University Library has been functioning since that year. In 1967, started working in a rented building named 'Dharampur no Utrato'.

On 1 August 1967, the university moved into its newly constructed building with an area of 3,56.12 square meters in the campus.

Collection: According to the information obtained from the website of Saurashtra University Library, Rajkot,

Book : 216130

E-journals : 4600+

Bound Volumes : 350+

Thesis & Dissertation : Approximately 100/Year

E-Resources (E thesis & E Book) : 622+

Time :

Circulation, Monday to Saturday : 10:30AM to 5:30PM

Reading room, Monday to Saturday : 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

6. Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Anand

Name of the Library : Bhaikaka Granthalaya

Bhaikaka Granthalaya was pioneered by Shri Bhailalbhai Patel (Bhaikaka), who established the library in Vitthalbhai Patel Science College in 1955. Bhaikaka Library was inaugurated on 31st October, 1964 by Prime Minister Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri.

Collection : According to information obtained from Sardar Patel University Library, Anand's website,

Book : 264296 (31 March 2022)

Reference Book : 23295

E-Books : 1990

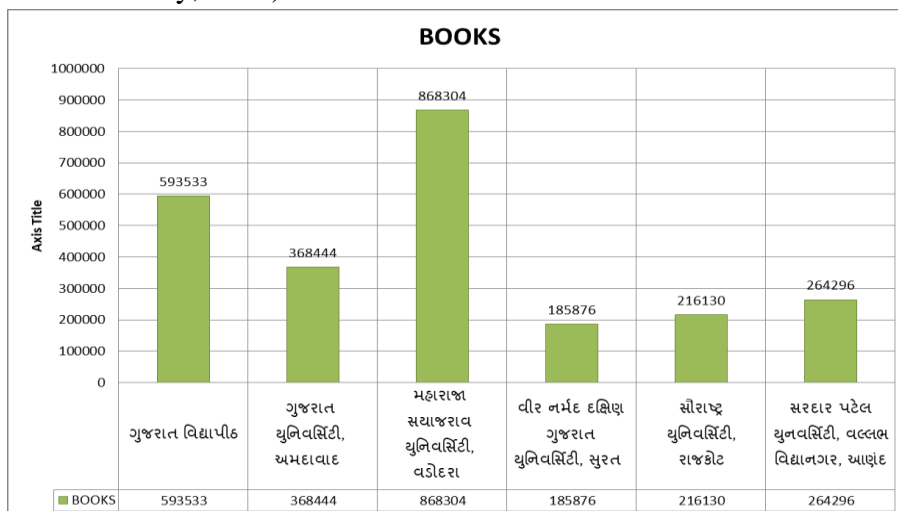Journals : 179

National : 138

International : 41

Time :

Circulation, Monday to Saturday : 10:00AM to 5:30PM

Reading Room, Monday to Saturday : 8:00AM to 8:00PM

(Closed on 2nd and 4th Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays.)

(Central library: Bhaikaka library, 2023)

BOOKS

	ગુજરાત વિદ્યાપીઠ	ગુજરાત યુનિવર્સિટી, અમદાવાદ	મહારાજા સયાજીરાવ યુનિવર્સિટી, વડોદરા	વીર નર્મદ દક્ષિણ ગુજરાત યુનિવર્સિટી, સુરત	સૌરાષ્ટ્ર યુનિવર્સિટી, રાજકોટ	સરદાર પટેલ યુનવર્સિટી, વલ્લભ વિદ્યાનગર, આણંદ
BOOKS	593533	368444	868304	185876	216130	264296

GUJARAT VIDYAPITH	GUJARAT UNI. AHMEDABAD	M.S. UNI. VADODRA	VEER NARMAD SOUTH GUJ. UNI. SURAT	SAURASHTRA UNI. RAJKOT	SARDAR PATEL UNI. ANAND

(This information is taken from the website of the affiliated university. This information may be subject to change. This information is for study purpose only)

Conclusion:

In the present research report, we got information about some University Libraries of Gujarat state. In which information was obtained about the collection and time of its establishment. All these university libraries are the best in their own right. Providing helpful services to students very well.

It is difficult to include all the university libraries due to the limitation of the research report and therefore only six university libraries have been included here.

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