

IMS UNISON UNIVERSITY DEHRADUN LIBRARY - A CASE STUDY

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Abstract

This paper is a case study of the University of IUU Library as an attempt the present's information about the city Dehradun, University of IUU and its Library matters, Plan, Collection, library building, information resources, facilities and services, library automation, etc. This case study identifies inadequate provision of information services, reference services, indexing and abstracting and other bibliographic services, inter library loan services.

Key Words: Library Services, Library Automation, IUU University Library, Digital Library.

Introduction

The educational institution case study research provides a detailed description and an understanding in depth of a single phenomenon - such as an issue, policy and service provision. It is usually carried out within a much more limited timescale than an ethnographic study and is likely to have interviews and documents as its main data sources. Koul (2007) state that in a case study, the researcher attempts to examine an individual or unit in depth. The relevant data about the present status, past experiences, and environmental forces that contribute to the behavior of the individual or social unit, and how these factors relate to one another. The analysis of the factors and their inter-relationships, help the researcher to construct a comprehensive and integrated picture of the unit.

Dehradun, the City

The glorious history of Dehradun first finds its mention in the Indian mythological stories that recount the power of the place. According to one of the oldest scriptures, Skanda Purana, Dehradun was a part of 'Kedar Khand', the abode of Lord Shiva. Another belief states that

Dronacharya, the great scholar and teacher of Pandavas and Kauravas of Mahabharata, lived in this place. Hence, this place was also known as 'Drona-nagri'. According to another belief, numerous Lords and famous personalities visited this place to seek peace and enlightenment. As per Ramayana, Lord Rama and Lakshmana underwent atonement for themselves for killing Lanka King Ravana in this place. The later records of the city tells you that the founder of Sikh faith, Sri Guru Nanak sought shelter in the city of Dehradun during mid 1400s and it was he who named the camps as Dehra-camp and Doon-Valley.

The name Dehradun is derived from two words 'Dera' and 'Dun', implying 'camp' and 'valley' respectively. The city was named as Dehradun as it is placed in the midst of beautiful Shivaliks and Himalayas. As per the historical records, the present day Dehradun came into existence in 1675 with the settlement of Guru Ram Rai, the son of seventh Sikh Guru Har Rai. With the passage of time, the place witnessed spectacular reign of Garhwal Kingdom who ruled this place for many years with only minor interruption from the Rohillas and the Rajputs during 1757-75. However, with the invasion of Gurkhas or Nepalese into the region, the Garhwals lost their power on Dehradun in 1803. Tea plantation started by Britons in 1863 serves as the major source of income for the city. Many of the noted tea growing regions like Sirmour, Kargi and Banjarawala are now slowly turning into residential areas. However, some of the surviving tea estates of the city help to maintain the identity of the place. The tea grown in this region is known for its unique taste and aroma and is in great demand globally. From this city, the tea is supplied to Delhi, Punjab, Jammu, Kashmir, Pakistan, Afghanistan and even England.

IMS Unison University

IMS Unison University, a constituent of Unison Group is a premier educational and research University nestled amidst beautiful and serene surroundings offering an environment that fosters learning and stimulates creativity. It started in 1996 as IMS Dehradun, a non- profit organization set by a group of visionaries dedicated to the cause of changing the face of professional education in Northern India. The University today provides a platform for excellence in teaching, learning, and administration. State- of- the- art Information Technology is extensively used in the University contributing to the development of well trained graduate, post- graduate and doctorate students to fulfill the manpower needs of the corporate world.

The University of IMS Unison University (IUU) was established wide Government of Uttarakhand ordinance No. XXIV (6)/2013, the Uttarakhand gazette, March 12, 2013. The IMS Institute is become the IMS Unison university of Dehradun. In accordance with the provisions of this ordinance.

The University of IUU has become a legendary centre of higher education. The programmes are very much part of research context, with student enjoying the benefits of working with research scholars, who are not only teaching but also ensuring that the latest developments are integrated into our study programs at different levels. The most attractive university by

recruiters especially in the field of Business Management, Computer Application, Law and Mass Communication. The University has gone through a number of institutional reforms aimed at quality assurance in teaching and research. A number of newly emerging disciplines have been added to make the University education relevant to the future needs of the society. Similarly, to cater the needs of the Faculty and the students, over 915 computers have been installed in the University and the number is continuously increasing at a rapid pace. A Local Area Network (LAN) service is also available for access to the new knowledge in global environment. The University of IUU has highly qualified, experienced and dedicated faculty, which is offering quality education and conducting meaningful research in Management, Law and other professional fields.

Methodology

The following method approach has been used for collecting the data for this case study:

1. The multi-method approach used for collecting the data.
2. Interviews and discussions.
3. Faculty members and students participation.
4. Questionnaire survey: Questionnaire and semi- structured interview were used in the study, together with interviews and discussion with the faculty and the students.

Objectives

The following objectives are:

1. To know the all aspects of the library i.e. library building, physical layout administrative structure, services and facilities being provided, rules, collection, acquisition, facilities and services, library automation etc.
2. Suggestions for the improvement of library.

The University Library

This section of the study presents the comprehensive information about the Library of IUU. The Library serves as knowledge storage and retrieval centre. The Library is named as Central Library (SOMC). Before the construction of Central Library there were three departmental libraries in different places of the University. These are:

1. Library School of Management (Central Library)
2. Library School of Law
3. Library School of Computer Applications

4. Library School of Mass Communication

Digital Library (Online Database)

The University library is non profit and development organizations with access to international scholarly literature based on electronic (online) delivery, providing access to high quality, peer-reviewed journals, databases, articles and e-Books across a wide range of disciplines. The library has a unique feature of having separate digital library in which 32 computer systems with printers' internet connection are installed for the students, faculty members and research scholars to access the online digital material.

EBSCO – Business Source Elite – Plus : E Books – Title Across different subject areas over 118,000 titles, Case Studies – 6000, Full Text Journals & Magazines – 1307, Full Text TV & Radio News Transcript – 913000.

IEEE ASPP – 145 Journals plus Back File to 2000.

DELNET Membership - Union Catalogue of Books – 18151784 records, Union List of Journals – 36940 records, Articles Database – 912042 records, Union List of CD-ROMS – 22234.

Computer Society of India (CSI) – Membership

SCC – Online : Indian Law - Supreme court of India, Privy council, federal court, All High Courts, Central Statutes with Rules, Regulation, Journal Articles, Law Commission Reports, Assembly Debates, Commissions and Tribunals.

Foreign Law and International Law: English Law, US Supreme Court, Supreme Court of Canada, Singapore Law reports, Constitutional Court of South Africa, Bangladesh Legal Decisions, International treaties and conventions

Lexis Nexis - Supreme Court Cases, All High Courts Cases, Privy Council, Academic Indian Journals, All Tribunals and All Central Acts, All Academic Online Commentaries/E-books.

International - All Premium Law Review and Journals from US.

Manupatra – Case Law Database, Legislation Database, Notification Database, Business and Policy Database.

AIR Offline Digital Database - AIR Supreme Court Cases Data Base (Four Connections), AIR High Court Data Base (Four Connections), Criminal Law Journal data Base (Four Connections), AIR Online Institutional Version (Four Connections).

The e-book will allow researchers to access most of the important text and reference books electronically in a variety of subject areas.

Library Resources

The library has a total 50321(as on 30 sep. 2014) books on various subjects e.g. Management, Law, General Books, Autobiography, Fictions, Mass Communication and Computer Application. The library services approximate 600 users a day.

Table: 1. Library resources

S. No.	Library Collection	Quantity
1.	Business Management	25010
2.	Fiction	350
3.	Autobiography	150
4.	Personality Development	1146
5.	Mass Communication	1125
6.	English Language	800
7.	General Books	1150
8.	Computer Application	15930
9.	Law	4660
Total		50321

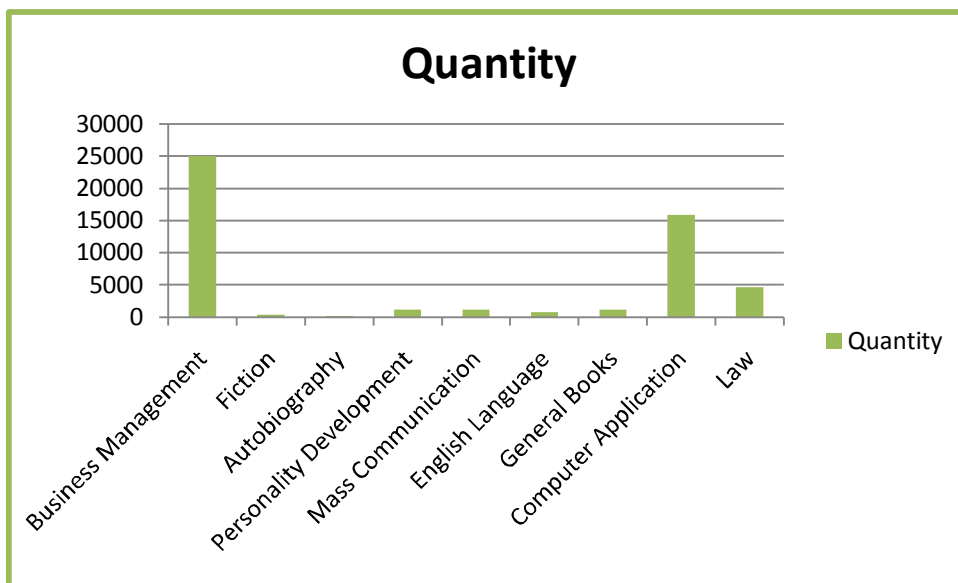


Table: 1 Graphical representation of library collection

Table: 2 Subject wise collection in the library

S. No.	Classes	Subjects	Total
1	000	General Works Including Computer Science, Library and Information Science and Mass Communication	11055
2	100	Philosophy (Psychology, Logic, Ethics, etc)	350
3	200	Religion / Hindu	50
4	300	Social Science (Economics, Sociology, Political Science, Law)	5060
5	400	Language (Hindi, English)	100
6	500	Pure Science (Math's)	3500
7	600	Applied Science (Electronics, Management, Financial Management)	27206
8	700	Fine Arts (Architecture and Others)	700
9	800	Literature (Fictions)	1300
10	900	History, Geography and Biographies	1000
		Total	50321

The library also has a collection of 3500 Maters Projects and it has also a collection of 550 CD's on various subjects.

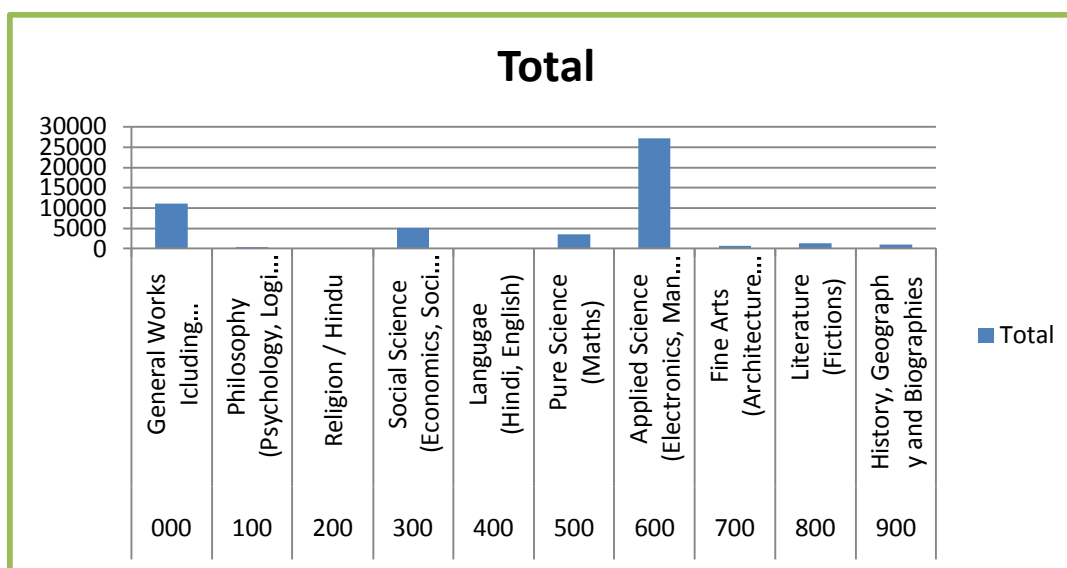


Table: 2. Graphical representation of Subject wise Collection

Library Building

The Central library has a beautiful and well looking newly constructed building. The library is located administrative block at the near of main entrance gate of the University. The total covering area of library is 1268.77 sqm., and equipped with all necessary and modern learning facilities. There are open stack areas, students' study halls and office. The building is fully air-conditioned.

Acquisition Process

The University library of IUU has on approved written library acquisition policy. It indicated that librarian is responsible for the maintenance and development of library collection, facilities and services. The guide line to library staff about selection criteria, ordering of books and periodicals, accessioning. The Faculty of the relevant department's library and the librarian are responsible for the selection of material. The library also accepts gifts and donations of materials.

Classification and Cataloguing

The DDC Scheme 22nd edition is used to classify the books. There is no Catalogue in the library. Library has open stack access. Books are placed on the shelves according to the classified order.

Library Automation

The University library is in the Automation process by the library software Libsys 6.7 is complete, comprehensive library system that manage all aspect of all kind of libraries, Libsys modules include cataloguing , Circulation , Serial Control, Acquisition, Web OPAC, Inventory management and System management.

Libsys is fully integrated Information management system which uses a shared database eliminating the need for redundant data entry. Transaction take place in real time, which ensures that whatever information is displayed, is accurate and up to date. It runs all modules concurrently and allows the user to move quickly and easily between modules.

General Features:

- A Multi-tier Client /Server architecture relying on a database Microsoft Server 2000.
- Scalable and Customizable
- Graphical User Interface (GUI)
- Web enable

- Adherence to International standards (MARC, Z39.5, EDI, Unicode, etc.)
- Multi- lingual Support (Arabic, English, and others 3 language) with multidirectional
- Libsys comes complete with integrated image storage and retrieval capabilities, and the ability to make link to other type ,such as word , Excel or PDF files, from within a catalogue record.
- Including archive management and cataloguing function.
- Easy and powerful Application administration.

News Papers and Periodicals

The University library has subscribes the 40 national news papers, 3 news papers are in Hindi and rest of news papers in English and the library is subscribing 56 periodicals.

Library Membership

The University Library provides the membership to its students, faculty members and researchers to use the library. Is also extends the services to the outsider who seek the information from our library.

Table: 3 Yearly enrolments (Membership) of the students.

S. No.	Year	No. of Students	Percentage%
1	2007 -08	1950	13
2	2008-09	2200	14
3	2009-10	2250	15
4	2010-11	2100	14
5	2011-12	2200	15
6	2012-13	2325	15
7	2013-14	2050	14

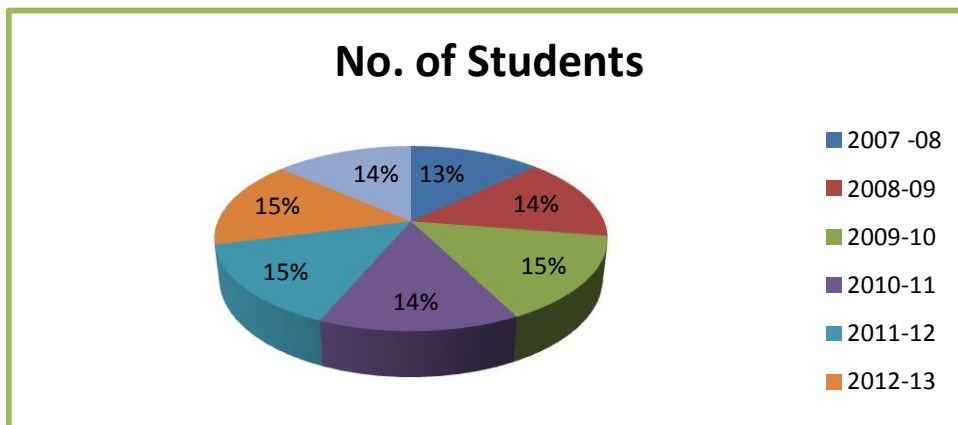


Table: 3 Graphical representation of yearly enrollment

The registered members for borrowing the Library resources as per their entitlement are given below borrower categories:

Borrowers Type	No. of Books that can be Issue	Issue Period	Overdue Charges
Professor	10	180 Days	Not Applicable
Associate Professor	10	180 Days	Not Applicable
Assistant Professor	10	180 Days	Not Applicable
Lecturer	10	180 Days	Not Applicable
PG Students	7	15 Days	Applicable
UG Student	5	15 Days	Applicable
Law Student	5	15 Days	Applicable
Research Scholar	7	15 Days	Applicable

Library Services for Users

Library Provides number of services to its users like Reference Services, Photocopy Services, Circulation Service. Library has provided Wi-Fi connection to its readers so that they can use their laptops to search the internet. Particular password is given to users.

Library Hours

- Library timings will be from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 P.M., but Circulation timings will be from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- The library will be closed on Sundays & Gazetted holidays as per IUU list of holidays.
- The library will be closed for one month for annual stock verification during summer vacations.

Conclusion

The analytical study of the library shows that the urgent need for improvement and betterment in various areas need to be improved, e.g. automation process and services and reference services. The proper security measures should be ensured to stop the book theft and other library resources. It is also suggested that library security system “Radio Frequency Identification” (RFID) should be installed in the library. RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) is the latest technology to be used in library theft detection systems. RF

(Radio Frequency) systems, which have been used in libraries for decades, RFID-based systems move beyond security to become tracking systems that combine security with more efficient tracking of materials throughout the library.

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