

Preface

College Library plays an important role for promoting higher education in Assam. Higher education which advances knowledge thrives on the exchange and a ready access to new ideas and theories. The role of college library plays a significant role in providing the required information to its users. Library is regarded as the heart of the every educational institution. It is the temple of learning. If anyone one wants to get a sense of academic environment of a college, just walk through its library is enough for better judgment. It is the house of the greatest thoughts of the greatest creators in the World, in an organized way for the use of its readers. College library is the learning laboratory in today's context.

ICT has played a great role for accessing valuable information for the use of the readers. Now ICT is an essential parts of college library services. Sometimes we can say the college library as an "Information Hub". So the present professional should involve themselves to meet the challenges of 21st century. That is why, for realizing the needs and necessity of this technology in college library services and future development of the user centric services in our own District, the topic have been selected for the study "Role of college libraries in a changing information context for promoting higher education in Assam with special reference to Lakhimpur District, A study" in an exhaustive way covering all aspects.

Change is the law of nature. Information technology (IT) is one of the important revolutions that have made drastic changes in every walk of people's life. In the field of library and information science also IT has a great impact on changing its environment. With the application of IT, in college library services have undergone rapid and dynamic changes and opened the new door to the society. On realized the fact in college library services of Lakhimpur district this honest attempt has been made which will give a practical solution with up-gradation of college library services. The Study did not covered all the college libraries of Lakhimpur district, but covered selected college libraries of Lakhimpur district both from rural and urban

and stream wise like, Science, Arts and Commerce also. Through the study it is tried to map innovation status of college libraries of Lakhimpur District in present era.