



ROLE OF COLLEGE LIBRARIES IN PROMOTION OF LITERATURE BASED ON INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM

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Abstract

Indian Knowledge is also known as traditional Knowledge due its long period existence and use in day-to-day life. The knowledge in earlier period was not recorded, written, or stored anywhere but it was adopted, used and in practice through generations. The knowledge is not restricted to anyone or more subjects specific, but it covers the whole human life, leaving entities, environment and so on. The paper is about to identify what is the Indian Knowledge System, various subject specifics under this heading which are Indian origin, the books on selected subjects under IKS. Various promotional activities on IKS through college libraries will be helpful in promotion of IKS. The data will be collected through various related websites. The collected relevant data will be analyzed as per requirement. The conclusion will be drawn based on collected data.

Key words: College libraries, Promotional Activities, Literature, Indian Knowledge System

Introduction :

India has a rich cultural heritage in all forms of life. Living in India or in any part of India with any religion, cast, language, state is itself filled with all these traditions, values, culture and so on. All the Indian people living in India or abroad have follows these traditions in their day today life.

Government of India is promoting Indian traditional knowledge and its relevance in today's life with full potential. To promote all the Indian traditions, values, and culture to world, it should be published, convey through books, videos, and lectures first. So, the world became aware and gets know about what is Indian Knowledge.

Though there is not any single subject specific which bounds IKS because it cannot be restricted with any point of view of life but it is much more than that. It is related with all living communities' whole life. So, to understand it, absorb it and to follow it one must read and understand the books based on Indian Knowledge System. Books are the most popular information sources through which people will get understand Indian Knowledge System much more than any other source.

The paper is about the role of libraries in the promotion of IKS through books, articles programs, videos, short films and so on.

Objectives of the Study:

- i) To identify and classify major subjects specific of IKS.
- ii) To find out the relevance of books on traditional knowledge with today's major subjects.
- iii) To suggest the promotional activities for IKS through libraries.

Scope of the study: The data was collected through two major websites, those are:

- i) Indian Knowledge System
- ii) Indian Journal of Traditional Knowledge

Methodology:

The data was collected through the above-mentioned websites. The major subjects found through these websites were taken into consideration. The subjects identify in Indian Knowledge system division based on list of books provided. And the subjects identified in Indian Journal of traditional Knowledge are based on papers of last five years.

Indian Knowledge System Division:

The dedicated website was studied thoroughly. This division works under Ministry of Education, Government of India. The division works for the Research, preservation and promotion for Indian Knowledge System in various subject fields like Arts, Fine Arts, Science, Social Science Humanities and Languages etc. The division also provides funds for the individuals as well as organizations who are working for the development of IKS. This division works in the guidance of AICTE.

Indian Journal of Traditional Knowledge :

The journal publishes original research papers based on indigenous knowledge which reflects the knowledge developed through generations. This covers the lifestyle, nature, natural resources, and environment. This Knowledge passes from generations to generations orally. It is a need of the hour to preserve it also makes it relevant in today's lifestyle. The journal basically focuses on Science, medical science and Indian origin healthcare system, but it also calls the research papers on multidisciplinary subjects like plants, minerals, animals etc.

Through above both the websites we can easily find out the basic subjects of Indian Knowledge System. With the help of these websites here the major subject fields and books were identified.

Review of Literature:

In an article traditional knowledge protection of indigenous knowledge, discussed about the protection of indigenous knowledge. It also discussed about the benefits, and uses of it. The paper also shares about the initiatives taken at the level of national as well as international level to highlight the importance of IKS. (Hirwade & Hirwade, 2012) in their article discussed about management of Indian knowledge System. It also shares the points related with Indian Cultural and Scientific heritage. The paper highlights the need to develop the Indian Knowledge Management System. (Pant Ankur, Moorthy, 2013) **In this** paper author explains about the negligence, miss appropriation, erosion about traditional Knowledge. This paper is based on review of literature. It also discussed about the recent Indian Initiatives on communication and scientific traditional Knowledge. (Mahesh G, 2023) The paper is based on the website Traditional Knowledge Digital Library and its various activities which is working on the protection of Indian Traditional Knowledge. (Kalbande and Suradkar,2021)

Indian Knowledge System:

Indian Knowledge is based on lifestyles of the people who live in India. the knowledge

is found in traditions, culture, food, clothing, behavior, rituals, family system, history and literature. Most of these has not found in written form but it was follows by people in their day-to-day life. This Knowledge has many shades as per the region, religion, language and casts. So far, these traditions are mostly follows by people from many years and centuries.

Role of librarian in promotion of Indian Knowledge System :

Librarian is a mediator between readers and books. As technology is growing the information does not bound to books only. So now a librarian has to play multiple roles like mentor, information officer, promoter, information guide, assistant in information search and so on. To perform these roles librarian has to go through various activities like organizing seminars on various topics, organizing book exhibitions on various topics etc. As the advancement of technology, the librarian has to provide the information available on Internet.

In this study the role of librarian is described by providing online and offline information sources based on IKS and its promotion.

Major Subject fields found in IKS :

The following table shows the major subject field those reflects Indian Knowledge system

Sr. No.	Major Subjects of Indian Knowledge System	IKS subjects in IJTK	IKS subjects found in IKSD
2	Agriculture	i.Seed	
8	Architecture		Archeology
9	Astronomy		Astronomy
11	Education		Gurukul
16	Environment		i.Biodiversity ii.Conservation
6	Fine Arts		i.Dance ii.Drama iii.Music iv.
4	Languages		i.Sanskrit
10	Mathematics		ii.Mathematics
1	Medicine	i. Ayurveda ii.Sidhha iii.Ethnomedicine iv.Yoga v.Unani vi.Naturopathy vii.Homeopathy viii.Folkremidies. ix.Antioxidants	
3	Philosophy		i.Vedas
	Political Science		Political Thoughts
13	Religion		I.Dharma
5	Science	i.Ethno-biology ii.Ethno-botony iiiPhytochemicals	i.Chemicals

		iv.Traditioal medicine	
12	Sociology		i.Folklore ii.Indian Family System iii.Traditions
7	Sports	Yoga	Indian Games
14	Technology		Weapons
15	Textile		Indian Textile

The above table shows the major subjects covers in on IJTK and IKSD.

Though the Indian traditional Knowledge is found more in oral form than written but there are many books, those contains Indian knowledge and known as Famous Books on Indian Knowledge System:

The following table shows the popular books those reflects Indian Knowledge system

Sr. no.	Subject	Title of the Book
1	Architecture	Vastushastra
2	Astrology	Surya Sidhhant
3	Epics	Ramayan, Mahabhatrat
4	Fine Arts	Classical Dance, Music
5	Languages	Sanskrit Literature and Indian Literature
6	Medicine	Ayurveda
7	Philosophy	Bhagvadgeeta
8	Political Science	Kautilya Artashastra
9	Religion	Vedas, Upanishad
10	Sports(Yoga)	Patanjal Mahasutra

The above table shows some of major books based on Indian Knowledge System. These very few examples through those the rich traditions, culture, values, lifestyles, intelligence, and thoughts reflects.

Programs should be conducted for the promotions of IKS through librarian are as follows:

1. Discussions
2. Seminars
3. Book Exhibition
4. Book Reviews
5. You tube videos on IKS
6. Various competitions like quiz, essay, speech, PPT, Poster based on IKS

Through above all activities promotion of Indian Knowledge System Can be promoted to the users of library.

Findings:

It was observed through the websites that both the websites are based on Indian Knowledge. Irrespective of their nature they provide the information which is related with our traditional knowledge and its relevance in today's lifestyle.

It is found that articles in IJTD based on medicines and medical sciences. IKSD website covers all the information which is related with IKS all the subjects and aspect of life.

From these vast coverage of subjects of IKS it is undoubtedly confirms that IKS is not just covers specific subject but the whole life of mankind.

Many books are there who reflects Indian knowledge in true sense. Here some titles of the famous books were given.

Many traditional knowledge have not recorded yet. These websites are now working in the promotion of it.

Apart from these two initiatives there is a need to work more to promote and preserve this rich heritage, librarians are those links between knowledge and people who can preserve, provide, promote and help out to use this knowledge and make it publicly open.

Conclusion:

Every aspect of our day to day life is full of Indian Knowledge system; no one could separate this from our lifestyle because it is in the blood of Indians. But many of the knowledge is scattered in various customs, languages, states to get aware about it to everyone and protect this knowledge through copyright there is a need of listing, preserving, and make protect this knowledge for future generation, then only they will get benefitted of this rich heritage.

Suggestions:

As an Indian its duty of all the librarian to execute the promotional activities for Indian Knowledge System on regular basis. And make aware about this rich cultural heritage to every person of society. Then only this knowledge will be utilized for the better living of every individual of the world irrespective of their language, caste, country, gender, financial status.

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Abriviations:

- IKS Indian Knowledge System
- TKDL Traditinal Knowledge Digital Library
- IJTK Indian Journal of Traditional Knowledge