

Analytical Study on Preservation and Conservation Issues and Techniques in selected Technical Universities of Odisha

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ABSTRACT



A well-managed collection must fulfill the user's expectation with time saving. The library is expected to develop a core qualitative and comprehensive collection so as to meet the potential needs of the user community. Deterioration of library resources has been one of the greatest challenges plaguing the libraries. In order to salvage these library resources, the present study was carried out. This study evaluates the preservation and conservation techniques and problems faced there in, and the type of physical damages caused to the library resources. The survey method with structured questionnaire followed by interview has been followed for collection of data for this study. The Librarians should apply advance preservation and conservation techniques such as lamination, binding, minor repairs of books before getting deteriorated. A good policy on preservation and conservation of print as well as non-print materials should be formulated. At least semi-professional or professional staff have to be deputed/recruited for preservation of conservation activities. The study mainly deals data collected through a survey in three (out of nine) Technical University libraries of Odisha namely Siksha O Anusandhan University (SOAU), Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology University (KIIT), and Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology (OUAT). The collections of these libraries have been evaluated. Results highlighting the major findings, suggestions and conclusion are given.

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