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Summary

This study was conducted with the objectives of study and identification of present situation of automated library operating system in state universities of Sri Lanka. Identification of problems associated with current operating systems and providing effective suggestions to overcome the existing problems are aimed further.

Thirty eight University Libraries were randomly selected for this survey. Out of them eighteen main libraries and fifteen faculty libraries were considered as sample of thirty three. Librarians of the selected universities were provide with a pre tested self-administrated questioner through post mail.

If was found that, twenty two percentage of libraries operated successfully on automated system. Twenty six percent of libraries had considerably appropriate automated system. Moderately acceptable level of operation seen among thirty seven percent of the libraries. Fifteen percentages of libraries were poor in self-automated system. However, according to the current statistics, it is observed that, majority of university libraries are operating on an automated system appropriately .

Insufficient monitory assistance and grants, in proper attitudes towards automation, constitutional and regulatory restrictions in university system, lack of training on automated system has created negative impact on library automated system in Sri Lanka.

I suggest it is important to establish a system to dissemination knowledge and skills on information and communication technology (ICT). In addition creating new opportunities to develop more graduates competent in ICT, providing monitory support and populating open sources software for library automation among university libraries in Sri Lanka.

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