

## **Collection Development**

Collection development is an important activity of Central Library. It is the process of building and maintaining a balanced library collection covering selection, acquisition and maintenance of information resources in print and digital formats. The objective of academic library collection development is to meet the information requirements of students and Faculty for education and research in a timely and economical manner.

The Librarian liaises with different academic departments of the University for obtaining their demands. The necessity to provide access to specialized information resources for research by Faculty and scholars is also taken in to consideration by the Librarian. Using qualitative and quantitative assessment, the Librarian monitors the strengths and weaknesses of the collection and takes necessary steps to maintain balanced collection.

Implementation of a sound collection development policy is regarded as the best practice. It covers library document selection and acquisition, repairing or removal of torn documents, replacement of lost documents, and having library cooperation with other libraries. Weeding out obsolete, mutilated, and worn out documents is an important activity in the collection development.