

PUBLIC LIBRARIES CIRCUMSTANCES IN PASCHIM MEDINIPUR: AN OVERVIEW

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ABSTRACT

Public library, which is called as the peoples' university. In this aspect libraries can take the pioneer role as an efficient role for acquiring, organizing and making information available. Well-structured questionnaires administrated personally to collect the data. It depicts the situation and the condition of the public libraries of Paschim Medinipur district of West Bengal. To identify the real situation the study is rendered on the collection through language, collection development, reader facilities, etc. It focused on the IT (Information Technology) of the libraries. This paper examines the status of services provided by rural public libraries of West Bengal, and then looks at the roles and the sources of funding of these rural public libraries and pinpoints problems bedeviling them. It concludes by recommending ways of revamping the rural public libraries from their miserable situation.

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