

A Study on Library Usage and Infrastructure Dasaratha Deb Memorial College Khowai, Tripura, India

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Abstract: *This study explores the infrastructure, resource usage, user satisfaction, and technological integration of the Central Library at Dasharatha Deb Memorial College (DDMC). Using a mixed-method approach that combines quantitative surveys and qualitative interviews, the research identifies key strengths such as a substantial book collection (over 25,000 volumes) and a high book-student ratio. However, critical challenges include manual circulation systems, limited digital access, inadequate physical space, and low awareness of ICT services among students. Comparative analysis with other government college libraries reveals that while DDMC holds advantages in collection size, it lags in automation and digital engagement. Feedback from students and staff highlights the need for automation, better infrastructure, ICT training, and extended access hours. The study recommends strategic improvements including digitization using library software (e.g., Koha), ICT literacy programs, infrastructural expansion, and increased administrative support. These enhancements aim to transform the DDMC Central Library into a dynamic, student-centered learning hub aligned with modern academic demands.*

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