

Objectives of the study

- 1- Investigate historical development of library education in Sri Lanka,
- 2- Study the land mark of library education in Sri Lanka
- 3- Study the drawback and impact of library education in the country
- 4- Suggest a new model for coordination of institutions in library education and research.

Methodology in this research the author intended to use qualitative approach to test the outcomes of the research.

Outcomes the main drawback found in the study was the lack of effective coordination among sister institutions on library education. It was identified that slow growth of research output.

The other principal outcome found in the study were the identification of sister organization devoted to library education along with their contributions, historical development library education in the country, the barriers and obstacles faced related to the enhancement of education and research in Library and Information Science.

One of the other main findings in the study was the role of the national library in education and research in Library and Information Science. The researcher suggests that coordination of library education should be performed by the National Library of Sri Lanka through the proposed new National Library model.

The outcomes of the research will be useful to different groups of people in Sri Lanka,

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