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## Sustainable Development Goals and Special Libraries: An Indian Perspective

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### Abstract

United Nations (UN) 2030 agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) are universal goals which are accepted by most countries in the world. The agenda 2030 was implemented for transforming the world into a place of universal peace, to eradicate poverty, to protect the planet and for the prosperity of all countries. A report issued by United Nations in 2017 showed that larger proportion of countries is lagging in progress under most of the objectives. Special libraries can play a crucial role in the United Nations 2030 agenda for attaining sustainable development goals in India. Many countries are facing problems in poverty, hunger, health, equality, peace, etc., due to the lack of accurate information at the right time. Information is considered a wealth of a country as it provides a variety of ideas to improve the country's growth. The objectives of the study were to find the role of special libraries in achieving sustainable development goals, analyze the services provided by the special libraries and list the major special libraries. The study focused on special libraries like Manuscript library, Law library, Military library, Braille library, Medical library, etc., and their contribution in achieving sustainable development goals in India.

A survey was conducted and the data was analyzed with the available information in the special libraries' websites. The services extended were deeply analyzed in the context of SDGs. It was revealed in this study that special libraries had to work hard to achieve the objectives of their parent organization. It provides academic, technical and documentary support to readers and the latest information about significant development in the field whenever requested by the user. It also conducts social awareness programs, conferences, seminars and workshops for the people. The intellectual assets of special libraries are used to solve the current and future issues of socio-economic and cultural development. The special libraries are directly contributing in achieving SDGs as envisioned by the UN for the society.

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