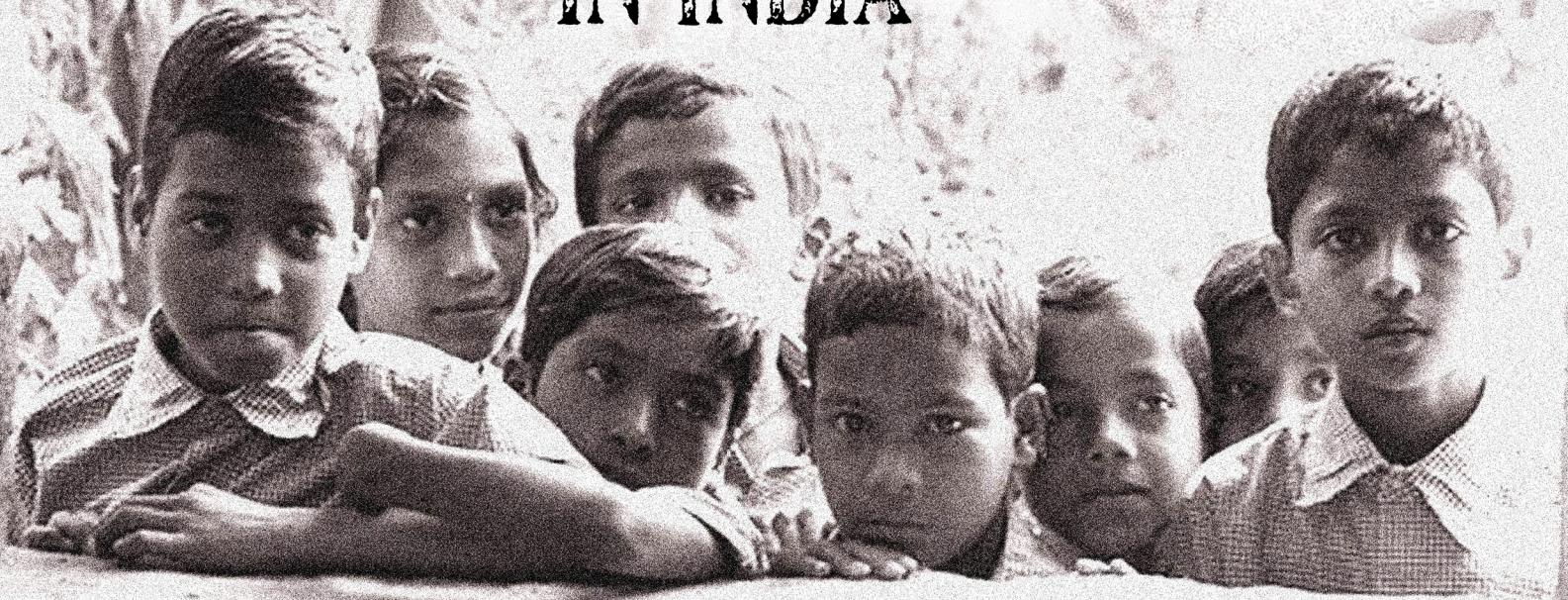




# GREY LITERATURE ON CASTE-BASED MINORITY COMMUNITY IN INDIA



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# Background

## Caste System in India



**BRAHMINS:**  
Priests, scholars and teachers



**KSHATRIYAS:**  
Warriors and rulers



**VAISHYAS:**  
Traders



**SUDRAS:**  
Manual workers



**DALITS:**  
Formerly known as  
'Untouchables,' Dalits perform  
unpleasant jobs like cleaning or leather tanning.





- Constitutional abolition of practice of 'untouchability' in 1950
- Socially deprived Communities due to their caste are categorized as
  - Scheduled Caste (SC)
  - Scheduled Tribes (ST)
  - Other Backward Class (OBC)
  - Denotified and Nomadic Tribes (DT/NT)
- The study discussed all these communities as:  
***Caste-Based Minorities (CBM)***





# Objectives

- To find the grey literature available on various issues of **CBM** in the seven libraries of the city of Mumbai
- To understand the post-acquisition life cycle of grey documents on **CBM** in these libraries.
- To know the effort/ measures taken by the libraries to enhance the use of grey literature on **CBM** issues



# Sample

7 Libraries included in the study were:

- ***SNDT Women's University Library (SNDT Library)***
- ***Jawaharlal Nehru Library of University of Mumbai Library (MU Library)***
- ***The Aditya Birla Memorial Library of Nirmala Niketan College of Social Work (NNCSW Library)***
- ***Central Library of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT Library)***
- ***Library of International Institute of Population Studies (IIPS Library)***
- ***Sir Dorabji Memorial Library of Tata Institute of Social Science (TISS Library)***
- ***Indira Gandhi Institute of Development and Research Library (IGIDR Library)***





# Methodology

- Questionnaire- Life cycle of GL on **CBM**
- Catalogue Search- GL collection on **CBM**
- SPSS software- Analysis and Findings

Findings.....



# GL Collection on CBM

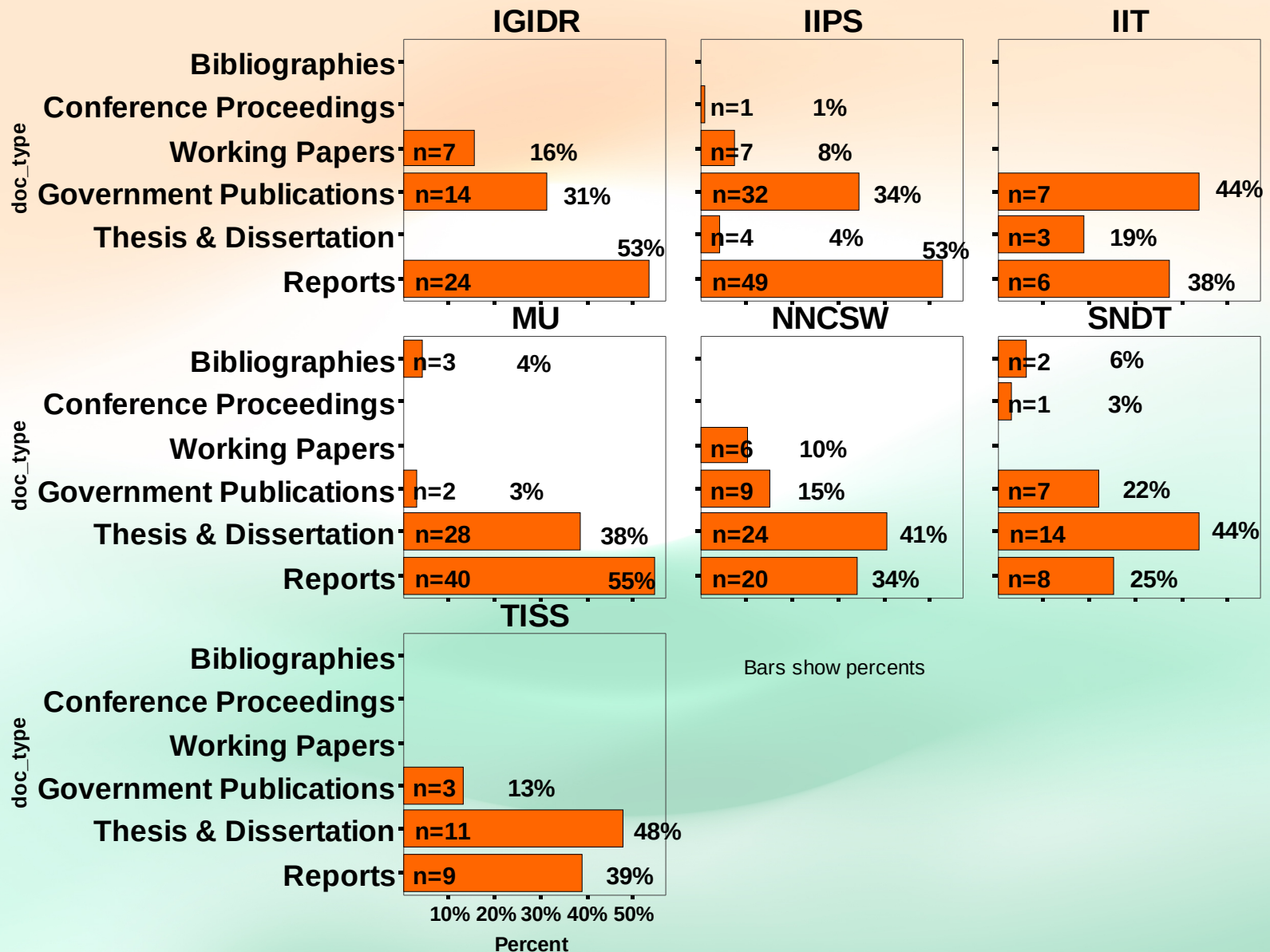
## Total 341 documents

### • Type-wise

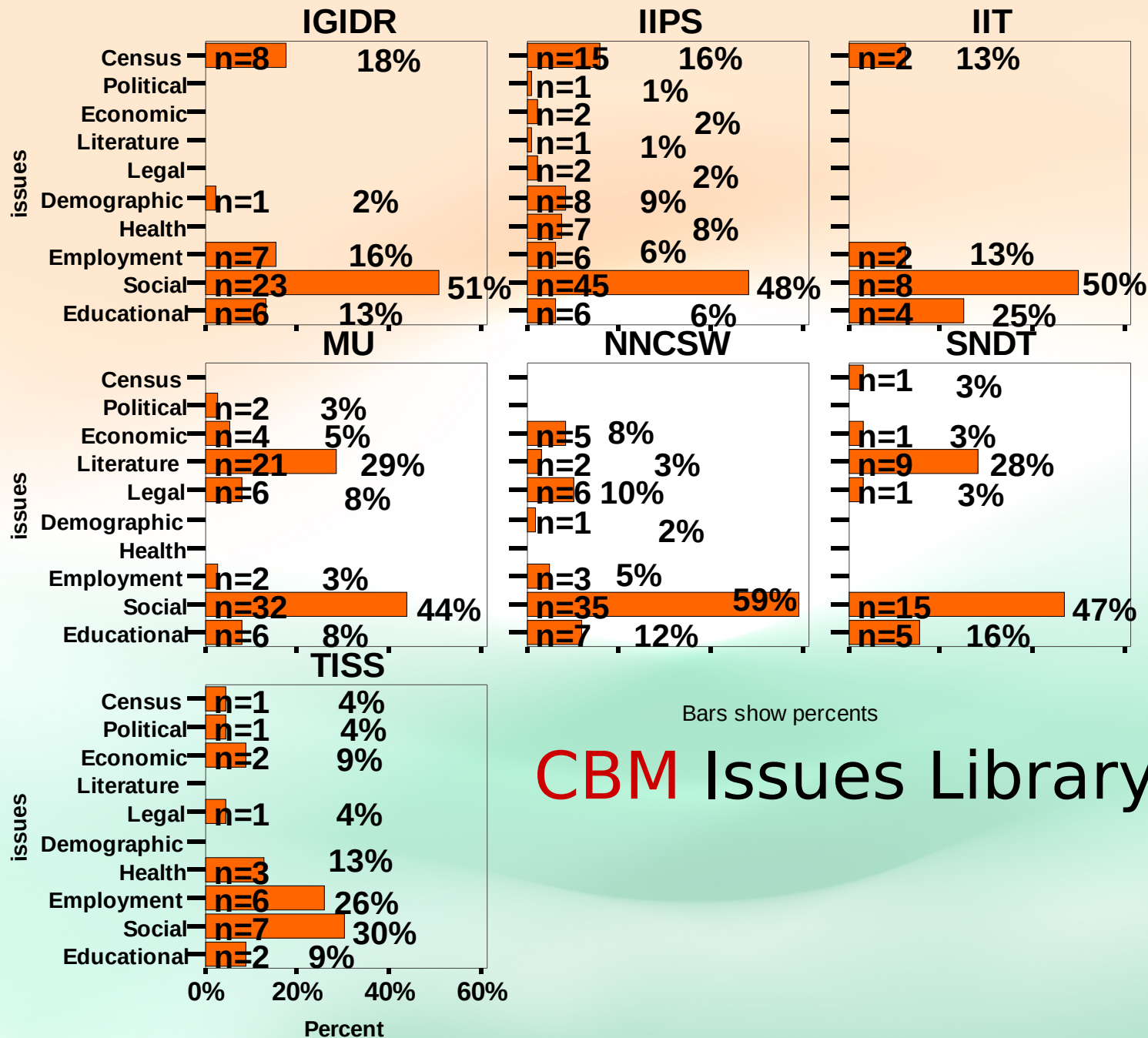
- 256 Reports (47.5%),
- 284 Theses and Dissertations (24.6%),
- 74 Government Publications (21.7%),
- 20 Working Papers (5.9%),
- Two Conference Proceedings (0.6%),
- Five Bibliographies (1.5%)



# Types of GL Library wise...



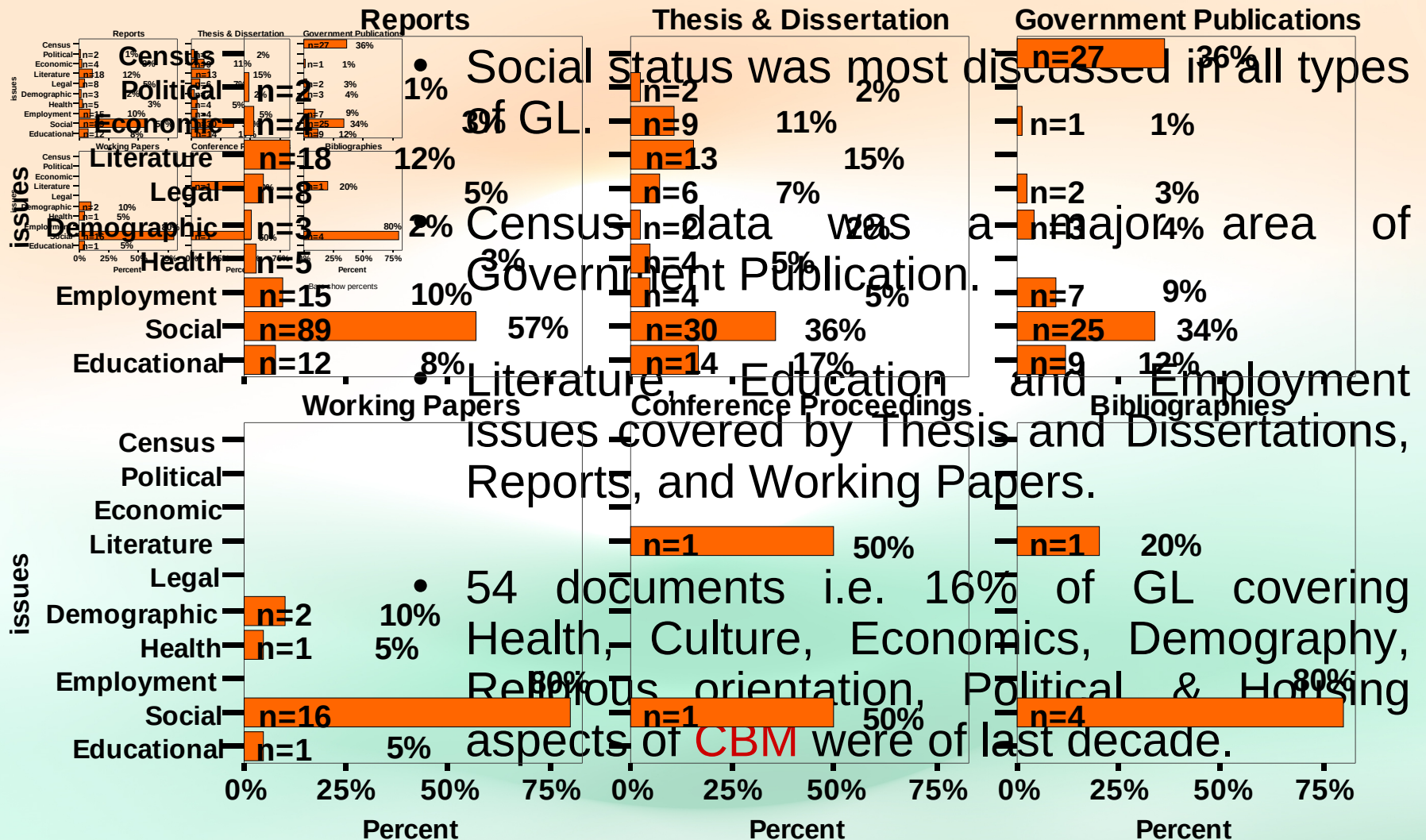




## CBM Issues Library wise



# CBM Issues & Types of GL



Bars show percents



# Post acquisition Life Cycle of GL on **CBM**

- Acquired directly from Government offices, Publishers, Funding agencies and Authors.
- Difficulties to locate and acquire Conference proceedings.
- Students' help

Referred regularly in Literature Search & Reference and Information Services  
Preparation of Bibliographies,

Use:

- Regular at IIPS, IGIDR, & NNCSW Library
- Sometimes at SNDT, MU and TISS Library,
- Rarely at IIT Library.

- Classified according to DDC
- AACRII used to catalogue
- Descriptors in English; generic as well as specific terms used.
- Separate databases e.g. Kautilya Digital Repository of IGIDR Library
- Government Publications as part of General Collection

arranged in classified order  
except IGIDR library (accession-wise)  
Separate Section of Thesis & Dissertations

Users:

PG students,  
Researchers,  
faculty members,  
management authorities,  
policy makers, etc.



# Streamlining GL on CBM...

- Unique collection of GL on CBM available.
- Produced by CBM and used by CBM, special efforts required to mainstream their issues by being more open and inclusive for their conferences and seminar, etc.
- Bibliographic control such as union catalogue, subject specific repository need to be developed and maintained.
- GL published in regional languages need to be translated as it contains discussions at grass root level.
- Internet services and facilities need to be utilized by authors as well as by libraries to share the e-GL on CBM to wider community.

Thank you