

# UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN OFFICE

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## DELHI UNIVERSITY LIBRARY SYSTEM

MAJOR ACTIVITIES, EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

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### **1. Major Activities and Achievements**

Delhi University Library System (DULS) is a federally managed combination of physical and virtual collections and associated information services, where in on the one hand, the traditional system of library holding is maintained and on the other hand, ICT based services are implemented. The Library system has taken several measures to revamp the library and information services provided through its 33 constituent libraries, in keeping with the newly revised Ordinance XVI. A brief listing is given below.

- **Print Resources**

The Library System added 8622 volumes of books to its collection by purchase from Capital Assets Budget. The total collections as on 31-03-2023 are 1725327 volumes. The current print Periodicals subscribed by DULS is 1002 which are renewed out of maintenance grant. It also holds a well organized collection of 49173 thesis/Dissertation.

- **Electronic Resources**

The DULS continued to strengthen the accessibility of electronic resources to the users. There are 49 electronic databases in different subjects and disciplines that are available to the user community of the University.

- **Audio Book Resources and Braille Library**

The Braille Library is actively engaged in supporting teaching, learning and research for the visually impaired students and faculty members. It has 3 audio book production studios, 1 high capacity Braille embosser, network of 22 latest computers with softwares like Daisy System, Sparsha, OBI, PUTTY, Sigtuna, Jaw, Duxbury, Leap Office etc. There are 1863 audio books, 2020 Braille books, 1873 e-text and 403 books in E-Pub format. Presently 15 members are enrolled in the library. It has circulated 2200 books on CDs and Pen drives. Braille Library is also a member of Sugamya Pustakalya under which the user can download the study material in the form of Audio Books or E-text by remote access.

## **ACTIVITIES IN OTHER MAJOR LIBRARIES**

### **☐ *Central Library (Including the Arts Library)***

The Central Library has been able to add a collection of 1930 volumes in the last financial year with a membership of 4926 users and the circulation of 21967 books. The library has been providing Plagiarism Checking Services to students and teachers. A dedicated desk has been established with trained staff to check research work and generate similarity reports. The Library is subscribing 248 periodicals in print format. The total collection of thesis and dissertation in Central Library is 41508. A number of visitor from outside Universities like Agra, Banaras, Priyagraj, Rohtak, Mahendergrah, Kerala, Karnatak, and Mumbai etc visited the Library.

### **☐ *Central Science Library***

The Central Science Library has a membership of 2555 users with circulation of 38278 books. The library received and sent a number of documents / articles to and from different libraries in the country through JCCC. The current periodicals subscription including print and online is 195.

### **☐ *Ratan Tata Library***

The Ratan Tata Library has a membership of 1059 users. The RTL has augmented its computing facility and unique e-library with 107 terminals to access various resources and one High End server. The total periodicals subscription of RTL is 236 including print and online journals. It also has approx. -1500 thesis and dissertations in its collection. It also act as a deposit centre of UN's and Govt. of India's publications.

### **☐ *South Delhi Campus***

The South Delhi Campus Library has been able to add a collection of 1458 volume in the last financial year with a membership of 1277 users and the circulation of about 9528 books. It has Subscription of 104 print journals, holds 15928 back volumes of periodicals and is fully computerized. Library activities like circulation-Issue-return, reminder, membership, Acquisition-ordering and billing, Serial Control, OPAC takes place in a fully automated environment using Troodon Library Management system.

## Faculty of Music and Fine Arts Library

The Library of Music and Fine Arts has a total collection of 16793 books with a membership of 602 users. In its digital collection its has 2643 cassettes, 1187 CD's 104 Talking Books beside 344 Braille Books. As an extension of Audio Visual Library it has a Listening Room with 10 CD players where students can listen the audio material.

## 2. **Honours/Distinctions**

### **SEMINARS / CONFERENCES / WORKSHOPS/ EXHIBITION**

Dr. Rajesh Singh, University Librarian has delivered several lectures in workshops on a variety of issues that were of interest to the academic community. In addition, he has also served as panelist in many academic talks. Few of the activities are listed below:-

- (1) Dr. Rajesh Singh has delivered a lecture as invited speaker to 16<sup>th</sup> International Conference on webometrics, Infometrics and scientometrics (WIS) & 21 Century, Thailand from November 10-12, 2022.
- (2) Dr. Rajesh Singh Attended 3 days convention 13<sup>th</sup> International Convention on Automation of Libraries in Education & Research Institutions (CALIBER) 2022 from 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022 to 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2022.
- (3) Dr. Rajesh Singh Invited by Asian Library Association (ASILA) for a panel discussion on "Challenges Before Library Professionals" on Saturday, the 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 at Aligarh Muslim University.
- (4) Dr. Rajesh Singh Presented a paper during the 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Asian Special Libraries with the theme "Advancing Asian Special Libraries towards the Fifth Industrial Revolution". The conference was organized by the special libraries Association Asia Community. (SLA Asia) in Cebu City, Philippines during February 22-24, 2023.

**The following activities, workshop & webinars were conducted by the DULS, which received over whelming response from the user:**

- 1) Organized Webinar on "Use of Web of Science in Research" held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

- 2) Organized an International Conference on Academic Libraries (ICAL-2023) from April 05-08, 2023 at Conference Centre, University of Delhi on the theme “Transforming Academic Libraries : Evolution, Innovation, Quality, Transfiguration’.
- 3) Organized online event in collaboration with ProQuest, Part of Clarivate on ‘New PQDT Global & Citation Connection : Ideating your Literature Review with New Insight’, held on 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2022.
- 4) Organized Author Workshop by SAGE Publishing on 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2022.
- 5) Session on Information Literacy & Search Strategies in Vivekananda College, University of Delhi
- 6) A Memorandum of Understanding is signed with Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET), Gandhinagar for Shodh Chakra.
- 7) Initiated the implementation of Shodh Chakra : An Online Research Management System.
- 8) Created DU Research Information Management (DURIM) team to extend support for creation of faculty profile at du.irins.org.
- 9) An user awareness Webinar is organized on ‘Managing References made easy using Mendeley’ held on Wednesday, the 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2022.
- 10) Bibliographic details with full text link of e-books purchased is uploaded on DU e-Library as well as on e-book portal.
- 11) DU e-Library’s online workshop on Librarian’s Day, August 12, 2022.
- 12) Webinar on ‘Academic Plagiarism IPR & Plagiarism Testing’ held on 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2022.
- 13) Interactive training session on Database Prowess IQ in collaboration with CMIE on September 22, 2022.
- 14) Workshop on EIKON : Financial Analysis & Trading Software in collaboration with CMIE held on October 28, 2022.

- 15) Convocation Exhibition of Doctoral Research was organized on February, 24-28, 2023 presided by Dr. Balram Pani.

### **3. Facilities**

#### **Delhi University E-Library**

DU E-LIBRARY Platform was launched on 3rd December 2021. The DU E- library is a latest initiative to connect with more users and serve them with millions of DU-subscribed and open access e-Resources, anywhere, anytime and on any device.

The DU E-Library serves as a common gateway to:

1. 20,000+ eBooks from top rated Indian and International Publishers including Wiley, Elsevier, Sage, DeGrutyer, Brill, IGI Global, World Scientific, Cambridge University Press and many gold standard open access publishing platforms.
2. 25,000+ eJournals from most renowned publishers like SpringerLink, Taylor and Francis, OUP, CUP, ACS, IOP, Sage, DeGrutyer and more.
3. 10,00,000+ eTheses and dissertations from 1000+ Universities from India and abroad.
4. 1,30,000+ Video Lectures from IITs, IIMs, NITs, ISB, many foreign universities like MIT, Harvard, Yale, UCI, many publisher's broadcast channels like Royal Society of Chemistry and Ted-ED.
5. Legal Databases including LexisNexis, SCC Online, Westlaw and Manupatra.
6. News from 50+ eNews publications like TOI, The Hindu, CNN, Time, etc
7. Topic Collections on emerging areas in Science, Technology, Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities
8. 1000s of Expert Talks and Literary Works in English, Hindi and Urdu for leisure reading

The platform is also powered with:

1. A single click discovery window for scholars to discover latest research articles from all subscribed and open access publishers; thus, saving time and effort.
2. A Personal Reading List feature for students to save content for future reference.
3. An inbuilt remote authentication layer that makes all subscribed e-Resources accessible to students 24x7, from anywhere.

4. Unique 'Socio Lib' feature that allow users to follow peers and discover library resources in a social manner.

The DU e-library facility is also available on smart phones through the mobile app.

A response team has also been setup by the service provider to cater to student requests and help them take full benefit of the platform.

❏ **Similarity Detection** : The Central Library is continuing the work of similarity detection for the research assignment submitted by students during April 2022 to March 2023. Central Library has verified a total of 2756 Ph.D Thesis and M.Phil Dissertations, other research assignments and faculty research papers for promotions.

❏ **HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT:**

Training of Library Attendants was held from 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 to 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2022.

Training of Semi Professional Assistants was held from 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 to 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2022.

❏ **Information Literacy Programme** : DULS continues its, information literacy activities with a view to empower the students, researchers and faculty members to seek, evaluate, use and create information effectively and efficiently. DULS organizes orientation programs, workshop and hands on training. Following are the program contents:

- E-Resource Orientation Program
- Online Information retrieval
- Orientation to Open Access Education Resources
- Bibliographic Citations
- Copyright and Plagiarism
- Citation Analysis Databases, Web of Science/Scopus
- Federated/Meta Search services

❏ **Opening of Faculty Publication Corner** : A faculty publication corner comprised of books written by the faculty members of University of Delhi is

developed. In the main hall of Central Library, It is inaugurated by Prof. Balram Pani, Dean of Colleges.

#### **4. Other Significant information**

- **DULS—Website**

DULS-Website which includes the catalogue of selected libraries(OPAC);a provision of e-referencing, A-Z list of E-journals, Online Information Literacy Tutorial, Subject Portal, Ask your Librarian, access to electronic resources including open access resources and several other user friendly features, is in operation.

- **E-Books**

During the financial years 2022-2023 DULS has been able to procure e-books titles in perpetual access mode. Presently, DULS has 86586 total numbers of e-books. The bibliographic details of these e-books have been incorporated in the DULS OPAC to provide access. Besides , an e-book search facility has also been developed for use by different stakeholders. It is available at [www.eb.du.ac.in](http://www.eb.du.ac.in).

