Status Report on the Activities of the DULS from August 2009 to June, 2010

Placed hereunder the activities carried out by the DULS for the period mentioned above.

1. COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT AND MEMBERSHIP

The Delhi University Library System in the last financial year of 2009-10 has been able to increase 30293 documents in various libraries. In the same financial year the total collection of 25 libraries stands to be 14, 75,729. Besides the expenditure incurred on subscription and renewal of electronic databases to the tune of Rs. 3.45 crores, the libraries have incurred an expenditure of Rs. 3.37 crores on purchase of books and Rs. 4.85 crores on subscription of 2912 print journals. The total membership of the libraries stands to be about 17000 with a circulation of 18.50 lakh books.

2. LIBRARY SERVICES:

1. Online catalogue of the DULS continued to be strengthened with the induction of more and more bibliographical records. As per the information received from various libraries, the current status of the development of Online Public Access Catalogue as on July, 2009 is as follows.

Name of the Library	Size of the Online Catalogue
Central Library (including Arts Library)	3,87,269
Central Science Library	88,106
Central Institute of Education	67,611
Ratan Tata Library	1,80,323
S.D.C. Library	1,26,309
East Asian Studies Library	40,440
Faculty of Management Studies Library	36,929
Law Campus Library	1,42,000
Faculty of Music and Fine Arts	11,639
Law Centre 1 Library	28,340
Social Work Library	26,877
Total	11,35,843

2. Out of the total collection of 15.05 lakh, the DULS libraries have been able to place the bibliographical information on the OPAC system with 11,35,843 books and remaining documents belong to the bound volumes of periodicals, language books for Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu, Persian and other Indian Languages. There are other libraries like German and Slovanic, Law Centre II etc. and some small departmental libraries whose resources have not yet been reflected in the OPAC.

3. The process of introducing the integrated library services has again got held up due to non-availability of the suitable Library Management Software Package. Keeping in view the difficulties faced by the Library, the Governing Body in its meeting held on 19th August, 2009 had decided to keep the issue of online membership in abeyance till new software is installed. The Libraries have been asked to revert back to previous setup, wherein the out of the total number of library tickets that are issued to users, two library tickets are earmarked by the second library where the user would like to borrow the books.

4. It is important to mention here that series of efforts were made to install a suitable software package for the Library System for which extensive technical evaluation took place and a report was submitted to the Advisory Committee on Central Library Chaired by Prof. R.K.Agnihotri. The Committee had recommended the adoption of the software package, namely, NewGenLib and the matter was forwarded to concerned authorities for necessary approval. In the absence of the approval and after a gap of six months, the Library again proposed to have a feasibility study using above software within the Central Library environment to show its worth for further implementation. On both occasions, the Library could not receive necessary approval that has resulted into another meeting with all the Deputy Librarians to discuss further. The proceedings of the meeting are enclosed for necessary perusal (**Annexure 6**). This meeting has requested the authorities to expedite the issue so as to enable the Library to have a suitable software package and suggested two alternatives :

a) University may think of constituting another committee to re-examine the packages evaluated earlier. Such committee may comprise of senior library professionals of DULS, members of the ac, Library experts (as per the choice of the authorities) and a computer specialists.

OR

b) Constitute a Committee to work out a fresh tender and evaluate the same to reach to a decision and resolve the issue of providing a suitable LMS package to the DULS. Such Committee could be constituted with members from Sr. Library professionals (one of them could be the Convener), Library Experts (as per choice of the university authorities), computer specialists and members from the Finance Division and members of the Academic Council.

Accordingly, the Vice-Chancellor has constituted another Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. Dinesh Singh, Director, South Delhi Campus to examine the issue afresh. The matter is being examined by the Sub-Committee. The Committee had one sitting where the issue was presented and a self contained document was submitted with all the necessary details on the developments. The Committee desired that another document may be prepared by the University Librarian which highlights the user's expectations and requirements and what the staff does to meet such expectations and requirements and how the LMS package translates the same in the ICT environment. The document in question has

been submitted to the Chairman for approval and the same will be sent to members for their feedback and comments.

3. ELECTRONIC RESOURCES AND IT RELATED SERVICES

SUBSCRIPTION OF ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

The DULS continued to strengthen the accessibility of electronic resources to the users. While the previously subscribed resources have been renewed, there are number of e-resources which have been added. As on date there are 58 electronic databases **(Annexure 4)** in different subjects and disciplines that are available to the user community of the University. The total expenditure incurred on account of the renewal and subscription of new databases works out to be Rs. 3.45 crores**.** In addition to the above during the current period the Library has been able to negotiate the purchase of major archival databases for perpetual access with the service providers for ScienceDirect, Cambridge Journals Archive, Emeral Management Extra (Archive) Nature Weekly (Archive), Oxford Journal of Social Sciences, Royal Society of Chemistry, synthesis Complete, The Making of Modern Law with an expenditure of Rs. 2.64 crores. The Library also negotiated the perpetual purchase of Web of Science for a period of 15 years including the availability of current year's Journal Citation Report but since the 10 years period of Web of Science has been made available by INFLIBNET, the library did not pursue the matter further.

4. DIGITIZATION ACTIVITIES

DIGITIZATION OF BOOKS:

After the successful completion of the Digitization project under taken by DULS with a grant of Rs. 63 lakhs from Department of Information Technology, GOI, the Library is now in the process of winding up the project. The total project was conceived in two phases. While in the first phase the library received a grant of Rs. 30 lakhs for undertaking the digitization for 30 lakhs pages or 10, 000 books which ever is earlier within one year, the second phase also received an amount of Rs. 30 lakhs to undertake the work for another 30 lakhs pages or 10,000 books to be completed in one year. Both the projects have been completed in record time and as on date the electronic copy of 11284 books out of the total number of 14022 books have been placed on the web for global Internet accessibility using the Open Source Content Management System, namely, 'Dspace'. The URL is http://library.du.ac.in/dspace. The uploading of the remaining books is in the process and hopefully by October 2010 the complete project will see its end. While, one copy of the e-copy has been made available to DIT, the library has its own high end server which in addition to storing the resources also provides accessibility on a global platform.

Through this project, the library has been able to develop its own IT infrastructure containing two high end scanners, one high end server, several desktops, UPS and other peripherals that can be utilized by the system for various other purpose.

DIGITIZATION OF DOCTORAL THESES

The library continued to digitize the doctoral these collection under phase 1, which contains the Theses collection from 1980 to 2002 and are available in the Central Library. As on date about 5805 doctoral theses have been completed out of which 3729 doctoral theses have been

made accessible in the LAN environment of the Central Library using the Open Source Content Management System namely, 'Dspace'.

5. INFORMATION LITERACY & COMPETENCY PROGRAMME

With a view to empower the students, researchers and faculty members to seek, evaluate, use and create information effectively and efficiently to achieve their educational, social, occupational and personal goals, DULS continued to initiate and regularly conduct the Information Literacy Program in the current year also with following activities and programmes:

DULS has organized a total of 60 Information Literacy programs in various departments and colleges of University of Delhi including 47 E-Resource Orientation Programs, 10 Hands on Training Sessions, 03 One Day Workshops for Research Scholars in Social Sciences and 01 one day workshop for research scholars in Sciences. A total of 1282 P.G. Students, 526 Research Scholars, 869 Faculty members, and 66 library professionals have attended the ILP. The Information Literacy included:

- E-Resource Orientation Programs
- Online Searching Techniques
- Open Access/ Public Domain Resources
- Bibliographic Citations
- Exposure to Copyright and Plagiarism Issues
- Virtual referencing
- Exposure to Citation Analysis Databases especially the Web of Science and Scopus;
- Exposure to various online services available through the DULS Web Sites

6. DIT SPONSORED INFORMATION LITERACY ACTIVITIES

The library continued to utilize the financial backup received from The Department of Information Technology, GOI for conducting the Information Literacy Programme. In addition to the expenditure incurred to invite the experts in every programme for their feedback on the usefulness, the library had procured number of desktops, a server and other peripherals to impart the hands-on training to the students, teachers and library staff and develop a self contained training centre. In addition, during the current period the library also have been able to finalize the features of Online tutorial for the benefit of the library community. The Beta version of such tutorial will be placed on the Web by 20th august 2010 for testing purpose.

7. AN INFORMATION LITERACY CURRICULUM

It is believed that the collegiate experience for students should facilitate both intellectual and personal growth, and encourage the development of life long learning skills. It is also believed that the students had to be nurtured with various skills under the general education programme which could provide them a confidence of leading a qualitative life with a pursuit to gain effective knowledge exploiting the ICT environment. Many of the international universities have adopted such general education programme to empower their students with more value additions in their knowledge pursuit.

In support of this philosophy, DULS proposed to start an optional credit point course on Information Literacy for Students. A proposal for the same was placed in the DULS Governing Body Meeting held on 18th December, 2008. Though the members agreed in principle to introduce the course, it was desired to constitute a committee of faculty members and library professionals to look into the various details and formalities of the course. The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee constituted by PVC held on 11th May, 2009 and the proposed course content for "Information Literacy for Advance Learning" was placed and approved by the Governing Body, DULS in its meeting held on 19th August, 2009. The Chairman stated that it is an important initiative on the part of the DULS and should be conducted.

A meeting of the concerned resource persons was held on 17.12.2009 to discuss the course content and develop reading material for the course. The nomenclature of the course was rectified as 'Information Literacy for Research Competency'. The developed reading materials for the course was put to the PVC for his kind perusal and approved on 29th April, 2010 and again a meeting with the Director, ILLL was held on 4.6.2010 to operationalize the course. The minutes of the meeting is appended as **Annexure 8.**

As a pilot study a paid 60 hours 'Information Literacy for Research Competency' course will be introduced on 7th August 2010 in collaboration with Institute of Life Long Learning, University of Delhi. Details of the course are annexed as **Annexure 2.**

8. THE JCCC@UGC INFONET

The JCCC@UGC Infonet provides article-level access for all the databases subscribed by the UGC-INFONET Digital Library Consortium, about 5,200 Open Access electronic journals, and print journals subscribed by 22 university libraries designated as Inter-Library Loan (ILL) Centers of the INFLIBNET Centre. For articles from journals that are not available electronically or are not accessible in a given university, the interface facilitates semi-automatic generation of ILL request directly from user(s) to the INFLIBNET Centre or to one of the ILL Centers as the case may be.

DULS is one of the 22 designated ILL Centers for the service and provides following services:

1. Single window searching of all the electronic databases available through UGC-Infonet Digital Library Consortium.
2. Access to about 5,200 open access e-journals in full text.
3. Article level searching for 472 print journals of DULS.
4. Availability of photocopies of print journal articles desired by other designated Universities;
5. Utilize the Document delivery service by requesting other designated universities to provide copy of the print journal articles.

As a designated ILLL Centre of JCCC, DULS is also supposed to shoulder many responsibilities. In lieu of electronic databases available through UGC Infonet Digital Library Consortium, worth about INR 100,000, DULS shoulders the responsibility of supplying photocopies of the articles requested through JCCC to the scholars through out India. DULS being a large organization, having large collection of print and electronic

information content mostly serves the information requirements of its users. Hence, there are very less requests for photocopies of the articles from DULS users to other universities. However, as a ILL Centre, DULS regularly receives Document Delivery Requests (DDR) from other institutions and regularly supplying the photocopies of articles. Compared to only 160 requests from our scholars we have received 3696 requests from scholars of other institutions.

9. GISTFIND FEDERATED SEARCH ENGINE/ COMMON SEARCH ENGINE

Since long it has been experienced that users had to move from one database to another in search of information. A need for a common/federated search engine was felt. To meet the requirements DULS with technical collaboration from Global Information Systems Technologies Pvt. Ltd., has come out with a Open Source Federated Search Engine called GistFind. It provides a single window search for all kind of content including open access and subscribed databases. The freedom lies with the users to search all the databases covering his subject or make a selection of any one or any number of databases for searching. Presently the beta version is available for access and it is being evaluated regularly at DULS for more value additions. The search engine contains the connectivity with all the databases which have been subscribed by the University. The search engine is being exposed during the information literacy programmes.

10. VIRTUAL REFERENCE SERVICE

While the whole world is moving in a collaborative spirit, the libraries and their resources lead this movement with what we generally term as 'CONSORTIUM'. The library world has been experiencing a sea change under consortium in terms of subscription of e-resources, collaboration in spreading the scholarly communication through OPEN ARCHIVE INITIATIVE, collaboration in the development of Open Source Software solutions etc. We are now heading towards library service for global community through VIRTUAL REFERENCING with a mix of traditional system of reference service and the ICT tools.

The Internet has radically changed the way our users access information. As Librarians, we are adapting our services to meet this change and extending our services beyond our physical buildings. Moving our reference services onto the Internet is one way we can better connect with our users where ever they are. Virtual Reference provides a way to meet our users in read-time, via the Web.

Delhi University Library System, (DULS) has initiated the Virtual Referencing service in collaboration with OCLC. Presently, the OCLC is providing question point software free of cost for one year to run the service. DULS has prominently placed a link for this service on its website as 'ASK YOUR LIBRARIAN'. It facilitates the users to interact with the library professionals virtually and in real time through Online Chat and E.mail. The Online Chat is attended by the world over librarians beyond the duty hours of DULS professionals. In real sense of term, it is a 24X7 service and is a good beginning towards the goal of complete user satisfaction in the new electronic environment.

A good number of professional staff from different libraries of DULS have been trained to utilize the facility and respond to the users on a real time environment.

11. SEARCHABLE A-Z LIST OF E-JOURNALS

The Standing Committee on Electronic Resources in its meeting held on 14th December 2009 had recommended initiating the task of providing a searchable A-Z list of all electronic journals available in various databases that are being subscribed by the University. The task of compiling A-Z list of all e-journals was initiated with financial sanction of Rs.2,13,000 and it is happy to note that, the work of compiling A-Z list of 39,003 e-journals has been completed and a 'Beta version of searchable list on the SQL' platform has been made available on DULS Website. However, to improve the data base in terms of its functionality, editing and updating a fresh approval of Rs.2, 07,000 has been received to engage library as well as computer professional to complete the same.

12. REMOTE AUTHENTICATION AND ACCESS SYSTEM

The DULS Governing Body in its meeting held on 19th August, 2009 desired that the University Librarian in consultation with the Director, DUCC will explore the possibility of providing user login and password to access the e-resources and to begin with, such facility will be available to teachers only. Two products 'ONE LOG (a commercial product) and GIST proxy (an Open Source Product) were demonstrated by the vendors to provide remote login access system.   The GIST agreed to set up the Beta Version of GIST proxy on trial.

GIST proxy is a remote authentication and access system which will allow the DULS users to gain access to web-based licensed content offered by DULS. It will work middleware to authenticate systems and provide remote access to licensed content based on the user's authorization. GIST proxy shall be locally hosted in DU Campus and shall remotely be managed by GIST with DULS support.

 GIST has been advised to set up the trial version in technical collaboration with DUCC.   It is happy to note that during the trial period the DULS has provided some user IDs and Passwords to few members of the faculty for their feedback and will be able to streamline the accessibility very soon.

13. ACTIVITIES OF THE MAJOR LIBRARIES

1. Central Library (Including the Arts Library)

The Central Library (including the Arts Library) has been able to add a collection of 7651 volumes in the last financial year with a membership of 2895 users and the circulation of 4.80 lakh books.

The Central Library completed the task of shifting the books of the Seminar Library (about 20,000), catering to the Text Books demands of Post Graduate Students, in the main Central Library. From the current academic session the students of Arts and Social Sciences will be visiting the Central Library for Text Books. This will give an opportunity to students to utilize the Central Library in a better way and the professional staff will be under the direct supervision of seniors.

The complete English Literature section (20,000 books) published after 1960 has been reclassified according to Colon Classification; Ed. 6 as prior to this classification was done using different versions of CC which had resulted into scattering of books of the same literary author. In addition collection of subjects with class number A to W has been bar-coded including the data entry of about 15% books.

The Central Library continued to provide Article Alert Service in major subjects on Social Sciences and Humanities. In addition, since January 1, 2010 another daily service known as THE DAY IN THE HISTORY containing a write up on important events (national and international) occurred in the history on the day and placed on the Notice Board of the Library. The service has received wider response and appreciation from users. The Library intends to place these documents on the Library website for wider access and archive.

100 LPH RO System has been installed to overcome acute drinking water problem. The new Internet access facility has been streamlined to a greater extent by providing more terminals for access OPAC services and different electronic resources. The furniture of computing environment has been augmented. Landscaping of one of the garden within the fore wall of the Central Library has been re-done to create an environment for academic discussion.

The Internet access facility provided for exclusive use by research scholars at Research Floor in the Central Library is being utilized regularly by an average number of 25-30 scholars per day.

Ratan Tata Library

The Library has been able to add a collection of 1500 volumes in the last financial year with a membership of abut 1250 users and the circulation of more than 1.50 lakh books.

The computerization of all the 1.80 lakh books has been completed and is accessible through OPAC. The total collection of the library is as follows:

The RTL has augmented its computing facility and unique e-library has been established with 33 terminals to access various resources. Purchase order for another 36 computers has been placed along with 30 KVA UPS system. The Library has also updated its web site with more value additions.

All stack halls, second floor and ground floor of the main reading hall have been fully renovated and air conditioned. The Air Conditioning work in the current periodicals hall has been going on for the fast four months.

Central Science Library

The Central Science Library has been able to add a collection of 3926 volumes in the last financial year with a membership of 3199 users and the circulation of 1.81 lakh books. The library has excellent setup of IT infrastructure for various IT related services. The Library continued to conduct the Information Literacy Programmes and facilitated the e-mail service to its users. The Library has been able to provide the services to users of all faculties from science, social sciences and humanities.

South Campus Library

The South Campus Library has been able to add a collection of 4049 volumes in the last financial year with a membership of 2593 users and the circulation of about 1.50 lakh books. The library has completed the computerization process by having the bibliographical data of books and holdings data for bound volume of periodicals. The Library has also upgraded its web site, has set up an e-resource centre, placed extensive signages across the library, completed the barcoding of books and organized the orientation programmes. The Library has upgraded its infrastructure by installing the touch screen kiosks on all the three floors, purchasing new computers and presentation equipments and also set a helpdesk for library users.

14. DEVELOPMENT OF ICT INFRASTRUCTURE FOR PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED

DU-NTPC Foundation ICT Training Centre:

DU-NTPC Foundation ICT Training Centre came into existence in October, 2008. University of Delhi and NTPC Ltd. Entered into an MOU for providing the best of services to PWDs with focus on Information Communication Technology which is now so critical for empowerment of persons with disabilities such as blindness or low vision, mobility impairment & hearing or speech impairment. It is the first of its kind, most modern and well equipped ICT Training Centre. It has been established in a most accessible & comfortable building with tactile path, gentle ramp, disabled friendly toilets, accessible signages, non-shining & non-slippery floor tiling and everything well designed for accommodating special needs of everyone.

DU-NTPC Foundation ICT Training Centre is functioning with a Manager and one Technical Assistant appointed by NTPC. Additional technical staff has been provided by the University for proper functioning of the Centre.

Following services are being offered by the DU-NTPC Foundation ICT Training Centre:

1. Computerized Study Centre
2. Computer Training
3. Sign Language Training
4. Communicative English Improvement Training
5. Certificate course in Disability & Human Rights
6. Sensitization workshops for Non-disabled
7. Seminars/ Workshops/Trainings on Disability Related Issues
8. Daisy Talking Book & Braille Books Production Training
9. Facilitation of Interaction between PWDs with employers & Job Consultants
10. Guidance & Career Counseling
11. Distribution of Aids, Appliances & Educational materials
12. Preparation, Collection and Distribution of E-Books
13. Braille Books Production & Distribution
14. Consultancy on Application & Procurement of Assistive Technology

The Centre conducted its first iteration of the short-term course during December 08-March 09 wherein 88 students were admitted. In addition, 10 workshops on various topics were also

conducted during this period.. One Leadership Development Programme for persons with disabilities and employability assessment camp was held for mobility impaired persons.

15. BRAILLE LIBRARY

The Library has created Digital Audio Document for 330 books in DAZY form and 303 books were scanned for e-text production. 100 titles were produced in Braille form using electronic embosser.

16. MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING:

MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT:

20.   The University had advertised 121 below mentioned positions lying vacant in different categories.

NAME OF THE POST	SC	ST	OBC	UR	PH	TOTAL
Deputy Librarian	1	1	1	--	--	3
Assistant Librarian/ Documentation Officers	4	2	9	2		18
Professional Assistants	--	1	3	6	1	11
Library Attendants	9	9	24	47	--	89

There are 03 positions of Deputy Librarians, 18 positions of Assistant Librarians, 11 positions of Professional Assistants and 89 positions of Library Attendants which were advertised in the leading newspapers vide advertisement no.Estab.IV/217/2009 dated 27th November, 2009. Enormous number of applications have been received that are being processed and hopefully, the Library will be able to get sizeable number of vacant positions filled up after completing all the formalities.

TRAINING:

Summer Internship: DULS continued to engage students of Master's Programme in the Library & Information Science from the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Delhi as summer interns @ Rs.7,500/- p.m. for a period of six months. These students are posted in different libraries and are involved in the library activities do so as to give a first hand experience which may be useful for them in future. There are two batches of 13 Library Professionals each who are being engaged on a six months basis. The details of their posting and the necessary expenditure incurred on them is placed below.

	Aug.2009-Feb.2010	April 2010 – Sep./Oct.2010
Ratan Tata Library	2	1
Central Science Library	2	2

South Delhi Campus Library	2	2
Central Library	4	4
Law Faculty Library	1	1
East Asian Studies Library	1	1
FMS Library	1	1

Total Expenditure incurred on the above is Rs.6,24,268.

TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR LIBRARY PROFESSIONALS :

Twenty three staff members of the Delhi University Library System and Twenty three from the College Libraries in the rank of Library attendants and Junior Library and Information Assistants were given the training of two week during in four different programmes. In addition fifteen more staff members from the colleges have also been provided with necessary training of two weeks from June 14 to 25, 2010.

The training facility was created in the Central Library for improving the skills of library staff working in the University and its colleges in 'ICT applications in Libraries'. The resource persons provided from DU Computer Centre have been providing this trainings.

17. FINANCIAL HEALTH:

The DULS continued to receive Plan Grant of Rs.one crore to undertake the purchase of books in different major libraries. The details of the allocations made and the extent of books purchased in the different libraries out of this allocation is as follows:

Name of the Library	Number of Department	Allocation (in Rs.)
Central Library Complex	13	28,35,500
Arts Library	4	
Social Science		
Central Science Library (inclusive of Mathematical Science, Computer Science)	14	23,31,000
CIE Library	1	1,66,500
Law Faculty Library	1	1,66,500
Law Centre – I	1	1,66,500
Law Centre – II	1	1,66,500
Management Library	2	3,33,000
Ratan Tata Library	4	6,66,000
Department of Social Work Library	1	1,66,500
Faculty of Music Library	1	1,66,500
South Campus Library	6 (Science) 11 (Social Sc. And Humanities)	28,35,500
11 Libraries	**60**	**1,00,00,000**
Minimum allocation to each Department works out to be Rs. 1,66,500		

In the current financial year, The DULS has demanded an amount of Rs. 1.50 crores from the Plan Grant to be shared by the 11 major libraries. Additionally an amount of another Rs. 60 lakhs have been requested to strengthen the Text Book Collection of the major libraries. The List of such text books have already been made available by the libraries.

18. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Delhi University Library System has successfully conducted the International Conference on Academic Libaries from 5-8 October 2009. The detailed report is placed at **Annexure 9.** It may be noted here that keeping in view the of the first conference, ICAL has been institutionalized and the next conference has been scheduled to be held at Hyderabad which was announced in the presence of Shri B.L.Mungekar, Patron of the conference, Prof. S.K.Tandon, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, University of Delhi and the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Hyderabad University, Hyderabad.

The Delhi University Library System would like to extend its gratitude to the Vice Chancellor, Pro-Vice Chancellor and all those individuals, institutions, corporate bodies for their unstinted support in successfully conducting the International Conference. A special gratitude is extended to the President, OCLC whose team had conducted a day workshop on Virtual Referencing.

19. Exchange Programme in Library and Information Services between DULS, University of Delhi and Goethe-Institut, New Delhi

The Delhi University Library System had been able to make a sizeable savings out of the conference which it contemplates to use for starting a fellowship programme in collaboration with Goethe Institute, Delhi wherein a professional staff of the Library will be selected to visit some leading academic libraries in Germany and have a first hand exposure on their functioning and the services being provided by them. It will be expected from such library professional to use such experience in enhancing the value of the DULS. In addition every year one German Librarian will be visiting University of Delhi to discuss and provide all the inputs to shape the DULS in accordance with the modern developments. A detailed proposal has been placed as a separate agenda for necessary approval by the Governing Body.