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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. Library Surveillance System has been implemented in Central Library Complex. More than 1.5 lakhs e-books and digital Archives have been added. Library System exhibited Bibliometric analysis of 100 years journey of University of Delhi at concluding function of Centenary Celebration. Bhumi Pujan has been performed for horizontal expansion of Central Library Complex.

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 31-03-2024 are 1725327 volumes. The current print Periodicals subscribed by DULS is 974 which are renewed out of maintenance grant. It also holds a well organized collection of 49309 thesis/Dissertation.

- **Electronic Resources**

The DULS continued to strengthen the accessibility of electronic resources to the users. There are 46 electronic databases in different subjects and disciplines that are available to the user community of the University. There were a total of 89443 in 2023 e-books in which a total 143838 in 2024 e-books were added during the year.

● Digital Archives

The DULS is providing access to the following digital archives.

Archive Title		Modules
1. Adam Matthew Digital Archives	-	13
2. Drama Online	-	01
3. Gale Archives	-	19
4. Sage Research Methods	-	15

● 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, and 1 high capacity Braille embossers. 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 Pan 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 3096 volumes in the last financial year with a membership of 3985 users and the circulation of 108000 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 272 periodicals in print format. The total collection of thesis and dissertation in Central Library is 42245. A large 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 2867 users with circulation of 37680 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 191.

☐ **Ratan Tata Library**

The Ratan Tata Library has a membership of 1254 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 225 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 1965 volume in the last financial year with a membership of 1163 users and the circulation of about 19877 books. It has Subscription of 80 print journals, holds 16192 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 17067 books with a membership of 605 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**

- ❏ Chairman, Governing Body, Aurobindo College.
- ❏ Treasurer, Governing Body, Aurobindo College.
- ❏ Member, Price Negotiation Committee for purchase of e-books for Uttarakhand Drinking Water Resources Development and Construction Corporation, Dehradun.
- ❏ Chairman, Library Development Committee, Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Shekhawati University, Sikar, Rajasthan
- ❏ External Expert on the Committee to conduct the skill test for the post of Library Assistant & Junior Library Assistant, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar College, University of Delhi.
- ❏ Member, Recruitment Rules Committee, Delhi Technological University, Delhi
- ❏ Member, Selection Committee for the promotion of College Librarian in Professor Grade, IP College for Women, University of Delhi
- ❏ Guest Speaker, DLSDE Symposium organized by the National Digital Library of India, IIT, Kharagpur, West Bengal.
- ❏ External Expert in the Screening Committee for promotion under CAS of Assistant Librarian, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❏ Subject Expert in the Selection Committee for the Library under CAS, University of Lucknow, Lucknow.
- ❏ Subject Expert in the Selection Committee for the post of Assistant Librarian, Atal Bihari Vajpayee University, Bilaspur, Chattisgarh.
- ❏ Subject expert for post of Assistant Librarian, Deputy Librarian and University Librarian, Deen Dayal Upadhaya University, Gorakhpur.
- ❏ Subject expert for the post of Semi Professional Assistant, University of Jammu, Jammu

SEMINARS / CONFERENCES / WORKSHOPS

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:-

- ❏ Guest of Honour, All-Russia Forum “University Library : We can” as a key speaker and the Guest of Honour, National Research Tomsk State University, Russia.
- ❏ Attended one week short term course on Open Source Software for Library Management, Central Library, IIT, Kharagpur.
- ❏ Recipient of Erasmian ICM grant to participate in the International Staff Training Week, June 26-30, 2023, Freie University, Berlin, Germany.
- ❏ Organized a Workshop on “*Training the Trainers : Availability & Accessibility of e-Books & Digital Archives*” on July 06, 2023 at ARC Building Auditorium, Institute of Life Long Learning (ILL), University of Delhi.
- ❏ Organised an International Conference on Academic Libraries (ICAL-2023) from 5-8 April 2023. The theme of the conference is ‘**Transforming Academic Libraries: Evolution, Innovation, Quality, Transfiguration**’, as part of the Centenary Celebrations, University of Delhi.

3. International Conference on Academic Libraries: (ICAL – 23) Few glimpses

International Conference on Academic Libraries (ICAL-2023) organized with a theme Transforming Academic Libraries, Evolution, Innovation Quality, Transfiguration during 5-8 April 2023 at the University of Delhi, New Delhi has established itself as a dynamic platform where Library and Information Science professionals from a large number of countries came together to share experiences, and develop standards, guidelines, reports and tools that would enable libraries worldwide to improve their practices. The deliberations at the Conference gave its participants an opportunity to share their experiences, build consensus, reconcile differences and create a future agenda for action.

The Conference succeeded to a great extent in converging the expertise of people from distant parts of the world. The participants were able to discover and deliberate on global trends and contemporary issues related to knowledge management and digital strategies that can lead to a future smart libraries.

ICAL 2023 provided a rich platform for idea generation in promoting the need to adopt new technologies. The session devoted to Exchange of Ideas saw a free flow of raw ideas and emerged as an important session. Several participants actively debated on their views on academic and other libraries. They argued that university libraries should not be viewed as stand-alone independent systems in the future. Rather, they must emerge as a holistic entity in cyberspace and collaborate for global reach. Further, it was emphasized that academic libraries should also develop new and innovative programs of national and international collaboration.

Organized within the framework of the centenary celebrations of the University of Delhi, the conference was held over 4 days. With more than 500 participants from a number of countries and speakers from various regions of the world, the Conference witnessed the participation from the United Kingdom, New Zealand, United States, Russia, Philippines, Singapore, Hong Kong, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Nigeria, France etc. It was a pleasure to deal with a large pool of 200 well researched papers, 20 technical sessions, 30 Invited Talks, panel discussions, a flagship workshop and global publications which defined the library profession. An agreement for co-operation and collaboration between Russian State Library and University of Delhi was signed. Library blogging, social media posts, tablet technology, and video production are some of the tasks recently added to the librarian's job.

The library conference of the decade, ICAL 2023, concluded with the promise for the future. The conference and its proceedings were discussed through social media and social tools such as Facebook and Twitter. The comment box on the library website was well utilized. In discussing academic libraries, it is said that library reference services, subject resource guidelines and information literacy education are likely to be replaced by powerful AI and it is important that university libraries identify the avenues for such roles and create their unique irreplaceable space. All this is also shaping the new "digital readership" that libraries will serve. There was also agreement that sustainability should have a

special place in the academic library, and that the SDGs provide a good framework for librarians to think about their collections, services and locations.

The event could be executed in smooth manner. Individual presenters did a remarkably wonderful job. The participants actively contributed through regular questions and kept atmosphere very lively throughout the programme. Libraries have continued to evolve to keep up with changing times while providing space for learning and community building. The ICAL 2023 deliberations have provided a platform for new knowledge and development. One of the conclusions of ICAL 2023 is to inspire attendees to participate in the conversation and build academic libraries. The main objective of ICAL 2023 is to prepare a roadmap that will eventually place university libraries at the center of the country's education system. ICAL 2023 reflects a major contribution to assessing and forecasting the vision of a strong and integrated library sector.

4. 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 2023 to March 2024. Central Library has verified a total of 2089 Ph.D Thesis and M.Phil Dissertations, other research assignments and faculty research papers for promotions.

? 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

❓ **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.

5. 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 2023-2024 DULS has been able to procure a total of 54395 e-books titles in perpetual access mode. Presently, DULS has 143838 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.

● E-Resources Usage Report

The DULS has been very pro-active in organizing various online and physical programs used social media tools emails etc. to promote the usage of e-resources in teaching, learning and research. Usage Report of DU subscribed data bases for last five year (2019-2023) is placed at annexure-1. The Usage Report of digital archives and e-books are placed at annexure-2.

