

# 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 34 constituent libraries, in keeping with the newly revised Ordinance XVI. A brief listing is given below.

- **Library services during COVID-19**

The Library System continued to support teaching, learning and research during COVID-19 restrictions. The users were provided with Remote Login facility to remotely access the e-resources subscribed by the University and accessible through E-Sodh-Sindhu. The major libraries were re-opened for users following Covid appropriate restriction.

- **Print Resources**

The Library System added 2571 volumes of books to its collection by purchasing out of maintenance grant. The total collections on 31-03-2021 are 1705902 volumes. The current Periodicals Subscribed by DULS is 756. It also holds a well organized collection of 46777 thesis/Dissertation.

- **Electronic Resources**

The DULS continued to strengthen the accessibility of electronic resources to the users. There are 48 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 1858 audio books, 2002 Braille books, 1645 e-text and 403 books in E-Pub format. Presently 15 members are enrolled in the library. It has circulated 200 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 (including the Arts Library) was not fully functional owing to COVID-19 restrictions. However, it has been able to add a collection of 52 volumes in the last financial year with a membership of 1121 users and the circulation of 100 books. The library has been providing Plagiarism Checking Services to its students and teachers. A dedicated desk has been established with trained staff to check research work and generate similarity reports. The Internet access facility at Research Floor in the Central Library is being used regularly by scholars when library is open. The Library is subscribing 240 periodicals in print format. The total collection of thesis and dissertation in Central Library is 46777. A number of visitor from outside Universities like Agra, Banaras, Allahabad, Rohtak, Mahendergrah, Kerala, Karnatak, and Mumbai etc visited the Library.

#### **☐ *Central Science Library***

The Central Science Library has a membership of 201 users with circulation of 2316 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 190.

### ☐ **Ratan Tata Library**

The Library could only add 74 titles in the last financial year with a membership of about 332. The RTL has augmented its computing facility and unique e-library with 105 terminals to access various resources and one High End server. The total periodicals subscription of RTL is 232 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 1333 volume in the last financial year with a membership of 1154 users and the circulation of about 1397 books. It has Subscription of 89 print journals, holds 14575 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 16585 books with a membership of 415 users. In its digital collection its has 2643 cassettes, 1186 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**

- Dr. Rajesh Singh, (University Librarian & Head DULS was confired the  
ILA-GIDWANI-DESHPANDAY BEST ACADEMIC LIBARIAN AWARD-2019

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

- Rajesh Singh and Shailendra Kumar, 'Information evaluation skills of social  
science researchers: an assessment' Annals of Library and Information studies:

Vol.67 (4) pp. 222-230, December 2020, USSB 0975-2404 (online); 0972-5423 (Print).

- Avijit Mahala and Rajesh Singh ‘ Research output of Indian universities in science (2015-2019): a scientometric analysis’ Library HI Tech: Vol. ahead-of print No. ahead-of print. <https://doi.org/10.1108/LHT-09-2020-0224> , ISSN: 0737-8831
- Singh, Rajesh Dr. and Kumar, Shailendra Prof., Information Literacy Competency Levels of Social Science Researchers: A Diagnostic Study” (2021). Library Philosophy and Practice (e-journal). 5684. <https://digitalcommons.unl.edu/libphilprac/5684>
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- Singh, Rajesh Dr; Mahala, Avijit Dr; and Yadav, Shreya, ‘Science Research Output pattern of University of Delhi (2015-2019)” (2021). Library Philosophy and Practice (e-journal). 5835. <https://digitalcommons.unl.edu/libphilprac/5835>

### **3. Facilities**

□ ***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

- ☐ **Similarity Detection** : The Central Library is continuing the work of similarity detection for the research assignment submitted by students during April 2019 to March 2020. Central Library has verified a total of 41951 Ph.D Thesis and M.Phil Dissertations, other research assignments and faculty research papers for promotions.
- ☐ **Document Delivery Service** : The J-Gate provides article-level access for all the databases accessible through E-Shodh Sindhu, about 5,200 open access electronic journals, and print journals subscribed by 30 University libraries designed as Inter-Library Loan (ILL) Centers of the INFLIBNET Centre. DULS is one of the 30 designated ILL Centers for the services.
- ☐ **HUMAN RESOURCES**: The training facility created in the Central Library for imparting training on 'Use of Computers in Libraries' has been conducting the training programme for the benefit of Library Staff of the University and College Libraries.

## **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 2020-2021 DULS has been able to procure 962 e-books titles in perpetual access mode. 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 stackholders. It is available at [www.eb.du.ac.in](http://www.eb.du.ac.in).