

## **COUNTRY REPORT**

FOR THE 23<sup>rd</sup> CONFERENCE OF DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL LIBRARIES IN ASIA  
AND OCEANIA (CDNLAO)  
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### **1. GENERAL OVERVIEW OF RECENT MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS**

City HUB

Digitization of Books

RFID Project

National Resource Centre for Visually Challenged

Microfilming of News Papers

### **2. RELATIONSHIP WITH GOVERNMENT**

The National Library of India is a subordinate office of the Ministry of Culture, Government of India. The Director General of the National Library exercises all the administrative and financial powers delegated to the Head of the Department under the Central Government system. Thus the National Library of India is administered and fully funded by the Government of India.

This Library is regularly maintaining relationship with the State Governments/institutions in the North East India for providing training to the Library professionals of the North East India.

### **3.KEY FACTS AND FIGURES**

1.	Opening of Calcutta Public Library	21st March, 1836
2.	Opening of Imperial Library to the Public	30th January, 1903
3.	Change of name to the National Library	1948
4.	National Library opened to Public 1st February	1953
5.	Number of working days of the library in a year	362 days
6.	Total number of books in the library	26,41,615
7.	Total number of publications received under the D.B. Act	11,89,128
8.	Total number of publications received as gift & exchange	5,50,037
9.	Total number of digitized books/documents	21,250
10.	Total number of maps	88,162
11.	Total number of manuscripts	3,231
12.	Total number of bound periodicals	1,47,331
13.	Total number of newspaper s (Titles)	905 titles
14.	Total number of bound newspapers	11,911
15.	Total number of microforms	1,04,388
16.	Total area of Library Compound (in acres)	30 (acres)

### **4.NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN CREATING AND BUILDING COLLECTIONS**

1. Participating in the Book fairs held in different states of India.
2. Conducting Awareness programmes to the Publishers of different states of India regarding D.B.Act.
- 3.Received 31116 books from publishers during 2014 under D.B Act
4. Acquired 4075 foreign books by purchase.
- 5.Received 926 documents as gift.

### **5.NEW DEVELOPMENT IN MANAGING COLLECTIONS**

The ICT infrastructure has been upgraded to support the various electronic resources and services including the electronic catalogues and databases.

A leased line of 10 Mbps was subscribed and internet facility has been provided to all users and staff.

Microfilming of rare, old and brittle newspapers has been initiated.

e-Resource Centre with 75 seats has been established

Training programmes are being organized periodically on VIRTUA Library Management System software which is the application software of the National Library of India.

## **6. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN PROVIDING ACCESS TO COLLECTIONS**

TRANSLATION OF ARABIC & PERSIAN MANUSCRIPT. Final Translation work of the manuscript entitled “An –Nawadir as Sultania wal Mahasin al-Yusufia” from Arabic Language to English Language by Dr. Mashiur Rahman and Manuscript entitled “Tarikh-I dual al-Islam (Shams al – din)” from Arabic Language to English Language by Dr. Meraj Ahmad, and Manuscript entitled “Mirat-i-madari” from Persian Language to English Language by Dr. Ghulam Sarwar Translation work has completed and send to expert for review.

### COMPILATION OF BIBLIOGRAPHY.

The Rare Books Division has compiled bibliography of Manuscript and Printed Book separately for reader service.

### MICROFILMING OF NEWS PAPERS.

The library has microfilmed 61,502 pages news papers from January to December 2014.

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### DIGITIZATION.

The library has completed digitization of seventy two lakh pages from 21,425 rare documents. These are available to the reader service within the Library.

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### DATABASE:-

**New Databases available at National Library (purchased in 2014)**

South Asia Archive

English Historical Document

Bowker's Books in Print  
ProQuest Literature Online (LION) & MLA Bibliography Web  
ProQuest Library and Information Science Abstracts (LISA) (1969 - current)  
ProQuest Ulrich WEB

**ProQuest Historical Newspaper Collections:**

- a) The Guardian (1821-2003) and The Observer (1791-2003)
- b) The New York Times (1851-2010)
- c) New York Tribune (1841-1922)
- d) The Times of India (1838-2005) (1838 - 2005)
- e) The Wall Street Journal (1889-1996)
- f) The Washington Post (1877-1997)

Other online Resources

- 1. J-Gate Plus: <http://jgateplus.com/search/>
- 2. i-Scholar: <http://i-scholar.in/>
- 3. World e-Books: <http://Community.WorldLibrary.org/?AffiliateKey=WPL-NatLibAAcRes>

**DIRECTORY OF ONLINE JOURNALS**

The Web versions of the directory of on-line journals of the library has updated and upload and print version has also been published and distributed widely to raise awareness about availability of e-resources at the National library

**E-GOVERNANCE & SOCIAL MEDIA**

In order to bring efficiency, transparency in administrative divisions, e-governance will be introduced in the areas of Inventory Mgmt, HR management and Accounting utilizing exploiting the power of available DBMS i.e. Oracle. As a part of Digital Outreach programme, National Library has introduced a Biometric attendance system and a Blog, where latest news of the activities and development are available to the general public. Other social media like Face book, RSS feeds were opened by the interlinking with website has to be done by NIC. 8. NML Achievement (2nd Phase Up-gradation of ICT) - The 2nd phase of up gradation of ICT is under process.

## **7. EXAMPLES OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE REPORTING LIBRARY AND OTHER NATIONAL COLLECTING INSTITUTIONS (LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES AND MUSEUMS)**

The National Library of India has an agreement with more than 100 Libraries in the world for exchange of resources and personnel. During May 2014 the National Library of Armania organized a Exhibition of Rare books in Our Library. During July 2014 the officers of British Library had a round table in our Library.

## **8. EXAMPLES OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE REPORTING LIBRARY AND PUBLISHERS IN YOUR COUNTRY**

The National Library is the implementing agency of the Delivery of Books and Newspapers (Public Libraries) Act 1954 in accordance with this Act all the Indian Publishers are legally bound to deposit one copy of the publication to the Library. Thus the National Library serves as a permanent repository of all reading and information materials produced in India, all printed materials authored by Indians and materials concerning India irrespective of language, nationality of author and place of publication. In accordance with the Delivery of Books and Newspapers (Public Libraries) Act 1954, all Indian publishers publishing in any language are legally bound to deposit one copy of the publication to the library.




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