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National Library Building

The Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman established the National Library of Bangladesh in 1972 under the Directorate of National Archives and National Library. At the beginning it was under the Ministry of Education but subsequently it came under the Ministry of Cultural Affairs. Since the emergence of Bangladesh in 1971 as an Independent country, the development of National Institutions such as National Archives, National Library, National Museum, Art gallery etc has been gradually taking place helping the reflection and preservation of our National Heritage and Culture.

The National Library of Bangladesh (NLB) is an apex body of Library Management System of the country. The spirit of the establishment of NLB is working as Knowledge Contents National Provider for future generation.

1. RELATIONSHIP TO GOVERNMENT

National Library of Bangladesh is a government organization under the Ministry of Cultural Affairs. The National Library implements comprehensive library development measures and as a legal depository of the library under the copyright law, it plays a critical role in collecting and preserving the nation's documentary heritage. Recently government of Bangladesh has taken initiatives to promulgate the National Library act 2017 which is now at final stage and under the consideration of the government. National Library has a close relationship with National Archives as both the organization belongs under one directorate.

2. FACTS AND FIGURES:

Total collections	0.60 million books
Total Number of Digitized Contents	1. 6 million Pages
Total Number of Copy right Collection	0.30 million
purchasing of books per year	BDT 4.00 million
Number of Users (per year)	36246
Number of Employees	139
Visitors (Jan 2017-Dec 2017)	12000
Memberships (Jan 2017-Dec 2017)	9000
Total Member of NLB	1,24389

3. A BRIEF GENERAL OVERVIEW OF RECENT MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS:

The vision of the National Library of Bangladesh is to develop, maintain a comprehensive National Collection, to ascertain equitable access of all citizen to that National Collection in view of enhancing learning and research capability as well as increase the total competitive power of the nation as a whole in addition to collect and long term preserve the intellectual creative printed property specially related to culture and heritage. For this it has to be provided with new information technologies and other modern facilities as well as improved physical environment.

NLB implemented three major developments. They are:

- (1) The National Library of Bangladesh has recently established
 - i) Bangabandhu Corner (The Father of the National Corner with 500 Books and rare picture)
 - ii) Women and Children corner
 - iii) Otistic corner
 - iv) Blind people corner
 - v) Banned book corner
- (2) The National Library has recently introduced Digital Library service and integrated library system with OPAC (On-line Public Access Catalogue)
- (3) National Library just finished the program on the capacity building of the existing manpower of National Library. Under that program 50 staffs has been taking the training about modern library management and related technology.

4. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN CREATING AND

BUILDING COLLECTIONS

National Library acknowledged for national depository and repository status to develop the copyright collection of indigenous literature by enforcing legal deposit regulations under the Copyright Law of the country. In the light of that deposition of new books to the National Library has been compulsory for participating in the Ekushey Book Fair at Bangla Academy premises, which is the most prestigious and popular Book Fair of Bangladesh. The Fair has brought a tremendous positive effect to the copyright collection development of NLB. Every year we purchase books about 4.0 million BDT to enrich the collection of National Library. By receiving the donation of books research materials we are also trying to increase our collection.

5. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN MANAGING COLLECTIONS

In view of efficient knowledge management (K.M) more professionally and user friendly manner the national collection has recently brought under reorganization for the first time in the light of nature of knowledge materials. After collecting Library documents, we preserve them permanently through various measures including fumigation, microfilming, digitization, replication and finally storing them in stack blocks for future generation.

6. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN PROVIDING ACCESS TO COLLECTIONS

For ascertaining easy access to the National Collection in traditional process, the total collection has been categorized into 24 clusters. The dual nature software has been installed for providing both integrated as well as digital service. National Library has been covered free Wi-Fi Internet service for its 10,000 Sq. feet areas.

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

The National Library is also custodian for collecting documents from other organizations like National Archives, National Museums, Public Library, Bangla Academy etc. It uses to maintain sound collaboration also with national/educational institutions. NLB participated to the special program organized by the A2I (Access to Information) program of the Prime Minister's office of Bangladesh. NLB also contributed to the National Web Portal of Bangladesh Government to make individual contents. National Library of Bangladesh is also responsible to make union catalogue. We provide facilities of lending the book and exchange of books with Public Library, Academic Library, Personal Library and Special Library.

8. FUTURE PLAN

- ✓ To develop full online public access (to bring the library repositories to the door steps of the people).
- ✓ To ensure ISBN (International Standard Book Number) and ISSN (International Standard Serial Number) for all publication
- ✓ To fully make National Library from traditional system to Digital Library by 2018.
- ✓ To preserve all documents in more scientific and secured way.
- ✓ To make an environment of knowledge sharing.
- ✓ To Strengthen of Global link.
- ✓ To increase the facilities more we will take initiatives to Blind people, Autistic people, Children and Women.
- ✓ To make green environment or friendly environment

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