



National Mission on Libraries

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The Union Ministry of Culture has declared financial assistance under National Mission on Libraries (NML) to develop libraries in each States/UT.

- As per scheme, it will provide financial assistance for upgradation of infrastructure of one State Central Library and one District Library in each State/UT as NML Model Library.
- Public libraries as being a State Subject, function under the administrative control of the respective State/UT library authority.
- There are six Public Libraries under administrative control of Union Ministry of Culture namely National Library, Kolkata; Central Reference Library, Kolkata; Central Secretariat Library, New Delhi; Delhi Public Library, Delhi; Khuda Bakhsh Oriental Public Library, Patna and Rampur Raza Library, Rampur.

National Mission on Libraries (NML)

- The Union Ministry of Culture in 2012 formulated the NML scheme in pursuance of National Knowledge Commission recommendations for sustained attention for development of Libraries and Information Science Sector.
 - The National Knowledge Commission was constituted in 2005 to prepare a blueprint for reform of knowledge related institutions and infrastructure which would enable India to meet the challenges of the future.
- The scheme consists of four components:
 - Creation of **National Virtual Library of India (NVLI)**
 - Setting up of NML Model Libraries
 - Quantitative & Qualitative Survey of Libraries
 - Capacity Building
- The setting up on NML Model Libraries would develop 6 Libraries under Ministry of Culture, 35 State Central Libraries and 35 District Libraries with particular emphasis on economically backward districts, as model Libraries.
 - In addition, 629 district libraries across the states would be provided network connectivity.

- The Quantitative & Qualitative Survey of Libraries would be undertaken to prepare a baseline data of libraries in India through a survey of 5000 Libraries.
- The Capacity Building would be undertaken to enhance the professional competence of library personnel.

National Virtual Library of India (NVLI)

- The objective of the NVLI is to facilitate the creation of a comprehensive database on digital resources of India on information about India in an open access environment.
- Salient features of NVLI are:
 - Federated searching through multilingual user interfaces.
 - Virtual learning environment.
 - E-Governance platform facilitating data analytics
 - Multilingual searching and retrieval on ontology/thesaurus based.
- The project of creation of NVLI costing Rs.72.34 crore had been entrusted to IIT Bombay (in collaboration with C-DAC, Pune and IGNOU, Delhi).