

**Status Report on the activities of the DULS from
January, 2009 to July, 2009**

Placed hereunder the activities carried out by the DULS for the period mentioned above.

LIBRARY SERVICES:

1. Online catalogue of the DULS continued to be strengthened with the induction of more and more bibliographical records. As per the information received from various libraries, the current status of the development of Online Public Access as on July, 2009 is as follows.

Name of the Library	Size of the Collection of (Books and Periodicals)	Size of the Online Catalogue
Central Library (including Arts Library)		3,78,388
Central Science Library	1,98,190	83,943
Central Institute of Education	84,223	56,253
Ratan Tata Library	2,73,764	1,76,191
S.D.C. Library	1,25,077	1,05,555
East Asian Studies Library	83,385	38,884
Faculty of Mgmt. Studies Library	40,192	33,992
Law Campus Library	67,068	31,905
Faculty of Music and Fine Arts	14,042	11,510
Law Centre 1 Library	40,775	26,856
Social Work Library	30,357	26,873
Others	916,298	811, 850

3. With the introduction of the new library rules, the major libraries started providing integrated services in a limited scale and through manual process. However, some difficulties are being noticed by the libraries in the continuation of such integrated services as the present library management software is not compatible with the entire process of handling on-line circulation activities. Tracking the documents and identifying number of books issued by a user from one library is becoming difficult. Moreover, since the integrated library services are also linked with the No Dues to be given to students and teachers, it is becoming difficult to manage the same in the absence of integrated software system. Hence, the integrated services which were to be introduced got delayed resulting into difficulties being faced by the users. The entire process can be streamlined once the new library software is activated and utilized by the staff. Till such time that the decision on the software is not taken, it is essential to keep the process of introducing the integrated services in abeyance.
4. The Library continued to produce Article Alert services in major subjects of Social Sciences and Humanities. January, April and July issues have been brought out since January, 2009. The bar-coding activities of the Central Library had increased considerably. During the last six months, more than one lac documents have been bar-coded. It is hoped that by the end of October, 2009, English Literature collection published after 1960 would be bar-coded.
5. Internet Access facility provided for exclusive use by research scholars at Research Floor in Central Library is being utilized effectively. On an average, 25-30 scholars are using the four PCs per day.

INFORMATION LITERACY & COMPETENCY PROGRAMME

6. The Library continued to conduct Information Literacy Programme during the above period. to promote Information Literacy, DULS is regularly conducting following activities and programmes:

With a view to empower the students, researchers and faculty members to seek, evaluate, use and create information effectively and efficiently to achieve their educational, social, occupational and personal goals, DULS has initiated and regularly conducting Information Literacy Program since 2006. DULS has organised a total of 51 Information Literacy programs in various departments and colleges of University of Delhi including 39 E-Resource Orientation Programs, 10 Hands on Training Sessions, 02 One Day Workshops for Research Scholars in Social Sciences. A total of 956 P.G. Students, 295 Research Scholars, 857 Faculty members, and 66 library professionals have attended the ILP. To promote Information Literacy, DULS is regularly conducting following activities and programs.

- E-Resource Orientation Programs

- Online Searching Techniques
- Open Access/Public Domain Resources
- Bibliographic Citations
- One day Workshops
- Hands on Training Programs
- E-mail Alerts
- DULS Website
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RECOGNITION FROM DIT, GOVT. OF INDIA

7. The Department of Information Technology of the Ministry of Technology and Communications, Government of India had recognized the importance of Information Literacy Programme and had provided a sizable grant of Rs. 8.00 lakh in the year 2007 to develop an online tutorial and ICT based infrastructure for imparting hands-on training to the students, teachers and library staff. The Library could procure one server with five desktops and other peripherals to build up a training centre to be used for hands on practice by students and teachers.

AN INFORMATION LITERACY CURRICULUM

8. It is believed that the collegiate experience for students should facilitate both intellectual and personal growth, and encourage the development of life long learning skills. It is also believed that the students had to be nurtured with various skills under the general education programme which could provide them a confidence of leading a qualitative life with a pursuit to gain effective knowledge exploiting the ICT environment. Many of the international universities have adopted such general education programme to empower their students with more value additions in their knowledge pursuit. In support of this philosophy, DULS proposed to start an optional credit point course on Information Literacy for Students. A proposal for the same was placed in the DULS Governing Body Meeting held on 18th December, 2008. Though the members agreed in principle to introduce the course, it was desired to constitute a committee of faculty members and library professionals to look into the various details and formalities of the course. The Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 11th May, 2009 and the proposed course content for “Information Literacy for Advance Learning” is appended in Annexure-01.

THE JCCC@UGC INFONET

9. The JCCC@UGC Infonet provides article-level access for all the databases subscribed by the UGC-INFONET Digital Library Consortium, about 5,200 Open access electronic journals, and print journals subscribed by 22 university libraries designated as Inter-Library Loan (ILL) Centers of the INFLIBNET Centre. The interface provides hyper link to articles that are available electronically and accessible in a given university so that a user can access and download articles.

For articles from journals that are not available electronically or are not accessible in a given university, the interface facilitates semi-automatic generation of ILL request directly from user(s) to the INFLIBNET Centre or to one of the ILL Centers as the case may be.

DULS is one of the 22 designated ILL Centers for the service. We receive following advantage of JCCC @UGC Infonet

1. Provides single window searching of all the electronic databases available through UGC- Infonet Digital Library Consortium.
2. Provides access to about 5,200 open access e-journals in full text.
3. Article level searching for 472 print journals of DULS.
4. Availability of photocopies of print journal articles not available in DULS through Document delivery service.

As a designated ILL Centre of JCCC, DULS is also supposed to shoulder many responsibilities. In lieu of electronic databases available through UGC Infonet Digital Library Consortium, worth about INR 100,000, DULS shoulders the responsibility of supplying photocopies of the articles requested through JCCC to the scholars through out India. DULS being a large organization, having large collection of print and electronic information content mostly serves the information requirements of its users. Hence, there are very less requests for photocopies of the articles from DULS users to other universities. However, as a ILL Centre, DULS regularly receives Document Delivery Requests (DDR) from other institutions and regularly supplying the photocopies of articles. Compared to only 61 requests from our scholars we have received 1644 requests from scholars of other institutions.

GISTFIND FEDERATED SEARCH ENGINE/ COMMON SEARCH ENGINE

10. Since long it has been experienced that users had to move from one database to other in search of information. A need for a common/federated search engine was felt. To meet the requirements DULS with technical collaboration from Global Information Systems Technologies Pvt. Ltd., has come out with a Open Source Federated Search Engine called Gist Find. It provides a single window search for all kind of content including open access and subscribed databases. The freedom lies with the users to search all the databases covering his subject or make a selection of any one or any number of databases for searching. Presently the beta version is available for access and it is being evaluated regularly at DULS for more value additions.
11. We are happy to inform that the federated search engine namely GISTFIND which was the beta version has been put to test by the users. The search engine contains the connectivity with all the databases which have been subscribed by

the University. The search engine is being exposed during the information literacy programmes.

ACTIVITIES OF THE MAJOR LIBRARIES

Central Library:

12. With the amalgamation of the collection of Central Library and Arts Library, usage of document increased considerably and centralized in-house activities were started by deputing the staff in different units of the Library. After 1960, publications belonging to English Literature collection is being reclassified as the collection has been classified using the different editions of Colon Classification resulting scattering of books on same topic.

The Central Library continued to enhance the computing facility for the students and the staff. With the grant of Rs,13 lacs, the Central Library has acquired 28 PC, 2 Colour Laser, 2 Mono and 2 bar-code printers.

The Central Library has received a grant of Rs.28.25 lacs for books under the OBC expansion. The details of expenditure of the grant of various subjects are enclosed.

This year too the Central Library is going to organize an exhibition in which not only books but other related material will also be displayed. The exhibition would be coincided with International Conference on Academic Libraries (ICAL) to be held from October 5-8, 2009.

To make the Library disabled friendly, the Central Library acquired two wheel chairs.

The University authority has given its approval to shift the text book section (Seminar Library) in the Central Library so that user need not to go to two places for their books. The space of the Seminar Library will be used for depository for Central Library including Arts Library.

Ratan Tata Library:

13. As informed by the Ratan Tata Library, the roof of the entire building was got replaced as the same was in a dilapidated condition. The toilets on the first floor have been renovated and made functional. Some portions on the main ground floor and toilets on the ground floor are also to be renovated.

As far as collection of the RTL is concerned, present status is as under:

Books	2 lacs
Current journals	434 titles duly subscribed
Bound volumes of Periodicals	App. 1.10 lacs

All the new books purchased are being processed and available on RTL OPAC. A fortnightly list of current additions to the collection of the RTL is released and posted on the RTL website. Database of periodicals is being created including current periodicals. Till date about 1.76 lacs bibliographical records of books have been created using Troodon software and made accessible to the users through OPAC.

Certain steps have been taken to have administrative control on the staff and its related services including improvement. Similarly, various steps have been taken to improve the user's related services.

Once the renovation is complete, the library is to be re-arranged and following new things are to be taken up:

- a. Whole book collection to be arranged in one sequence
- b. A separate e-library to be developed for accessing e-resources
- c. To procure more e-resources and whole database to be edited
- c. Bar coding of books to be completed
- d. To make efforts to get enhancement in the budget estimates.

Central Science Library

13. Central Science Library having a collection of 1.95 volumes and 2800 users continued to provide all possible services including the services through various electronic resources. In addition to providing various services the library also provided the bibliographical services to members of Faculty and Research Scholars selectively on demand both manually and from online journals. The library is taking advantage of e-mail services. The Textbook collections have been upgraded. The Internet services have also been upgraded with more 50 terminals. An additional floor with thirty computers have started functioning from the current academic session.

South Delhi Campus Library

14. As informed by the SDC Library the acceleration of Retro conversion process which was targeted to be completed by July, 2009 is one of the most important features of library activities. Total number of records currently available in OPAC IS 1, 10,000. Continuous up gradation of library website, setting of an e-resource centre, extensive Signage work to increase the visibility and accessibility of collection, bar-coding of

Books and organizing user orientation programmes have been other major activities for the year under review. OPAC facility is available on each floor.

The total library collection is around 1,50,000 and 3700 books have been added to its collection this year and the library subscribed to 231 scholarly journals, magazines and newspapers.

In order to improve the ambiance of the Library by replacing rusted iron racks by wooden racks, a part of the grant of Rs.28 lacs under OBC exp. has been utilized and the remaining grant has been utilized for purchase of books.

In the month of November, 2008m an exhibition of books was organized through an integrated library portal wherein 35 suppliers participated. The distinguished features of library portal are e-resources facilities whereby user can ask for any information electronically. The library is also providing customized information services under which users can ask for literature in their particular area of interest. A large number of databases can be accessed through library's portal in well-equipped e-resource centre. The library also organized several orientation-cum-information literacy programmes for the benefit of the students during the period.

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES AND IT RELATED SERVICES

15. DULS continued with the subscription of the following Electronic Databases for the year 2009-2010:

1. Humanities International Complete
2. Business Source Premier
3. Academic Search Premier
4. Soc Index with Fulltext
5. Credo (Formerly Xreferplus)
6. Chicago Manual of Style (Informatics)
7. Science Direct (Elsevier)
8. Scopus (Elsevier)
9. Wiley Interscience (Wiley India Pvt Ltd)
10. Lexis Nexis (Lexis Nexis)
11. Nature publishing Group (18 Journals)
(Nature Publishing Group)
12. Sage online (Sage)
13. Early English Books Online (Informatics)
14. Women's History 9Informatics)
15. Oxford Grove Art Online (Informatics)
16. Oxford Dictionary of National Biography
Online (Informatics)
17. Emerlad Management Extra (Emerladisher)
18. ABI/INFORM Complete (Informatics)
19. ACM (Indest)

- 20 IEL Online (Single Users) (Indest)
 - 21 Geoscience World (Informatics)
 - 22 LNCS (Springer)
 - 23 Science On-Line (Universal Subscription Agency)
 - 24 American Geological Union (AGU)
 - 25 American Society for Microbiologist (ASM)
 - 26 Scifinder Scholars (Scifinder) (Additional two users)
 - 27 Ecolit (Ebsco Host) (Database Access)
 - 28 Indlaw.com (Indian Law)
 - 29 Manupatra (Manupatra)
16. Besides archive of four databases, namely, Sage Online, WileyBlackwell, Royal Society of Chemistry and Springer have also been acquired costing around 2.72 Crores.

DIGITIZATION ACTIVITIES

17. The Department of Information Technology (DIT) had provided funds of Rs. 28.30 lakhs to undertake the 2nd phase of digitization of out of copyright zone books of DULS in the current year. As on date, the Library has been able to complete 7300 books and has been placed on the website <http://library.du.ac.in/ocs> .The Library continued to engage professional staff to undertake the worksheet preparation, Metadata editing including document uploading etc.
18. In addition, the DULS undertook the task of digitizing the theses collection of the University. In the first phase, we are completing the project for those theses collection which are produced from 1980 to 2002. As on date, about 1310 theses have been uploaded on the Web for internal accessibility.

DEVELOPMENT OF IT INFRASTRUCTURE FOR PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED

19. DU-NTPC Foundation ICT Training Centre:

DU-NTPC Foundation ICT Training Centre came into existence in October, 2008. University of Delhi and NTPC Ltd. Entered into an MOU for providing the best of services to PWDs with focus on Information Communication Technology which is now so critical for empowerment of persons with disabilities such as blindness or low vision, mobility impairment & hearing or speech impairment. It is the first of its kind, most modern and well equipped ICT Training Centre. It has been established in a most accessible & comfortable building with tactile path, gentle ramp, disabled friendly toilets, accessible signages, non-shining & non-slippery floor tiling and everything well designed for accommodating special needs of everyone.

DU-NTPC Foundation ICT Training Centre is functioning with a Manager and one Technical Assistant appointed by NTPC. Additional technical staff has been provided by the University for proper functioning of the Centre.

Following services are being offered by the DU-NTPC Foundation ICT Training Centre:

1. Computerized Study Centre
2. Computer Training
3. Sign Language Training
4. Communicative English Improvement Training
5. Certificate course in Disability & Human Rights
6. Sensitization workshops for Non-disabled
7. Seminars/ Workshops/Trainings on Disability Related Issues
8. Daisy Talking Book & Braille Books Production Training
9. Facilitation of Interaction between PWDs with employers & Job Consultants
10. Guidance & Career Counseling
11. Distribution of Aids, Appliances & Educational materials
12. Preparation, Collection and Distribution of E-Books
13. Braille Books Production & Distribution
14. Consultancy on Application & Procurement of Assistive Technology

The Centre conducted its first iteration of the short-term course during December 08-March 09 wherein 88 students were admitted. In addition, 10 workshops on various topics were also conducted during this period.. One Leadership Development Programme for persons with disabilities and employability assessment camp was held for mobility impaired persons.

MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING:

MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT:

20. Following vacancies have been lying vacant in the DULS:

NAME OF THE POST	SC	ST	OBC	VH	HH	TOTAL
Assistant Librarian/ Documentation Officers	4	2	9	--	--	15
Professional Assistants	2	2	2	4	1	11
Library Attendants	9	9	24	45	--	87

The University is required take immediate steps to fill up the positions, else serious problems will emerge in major libraries as the pace of retirements are increasing very fast and has started effecting the services.

TRAINING:

21. The training facility created in the Central Library for imparting training on ‘Use of Computers in Libraries’ has been conducting the training programmes for the benefit of Library Staff of the University and College Libraries with the help of the resource Persons from DU Computer Centre.

<u>Programme Duration</u>	<u>Participants Category</u>	<u>Total Participants</u>
One Week July 21-25, 2008	Semi-Professional Assistants	11
One Week August 04-08, 2008	-do-	12
Two Weeks October 06-17, 2008	College Librarians	11
Two Weeks March 27-April 15, 2009.	College Librarians	12

Summer Internship

22. DULS continued to engage students of Master’s Programme in the Library & Information Science as summer interns @ Rs.7,500/- per month during the period

January 09 - July 09. In January, 2009, DULS engaged 13 students as trainees w.e.f. Ist August, 2008 for a period of 6 months as per the details given below:

Ratan Tata Library	2
Central Science Library	2
South Delhi Campus Library	2
Central Library	4
Law Faculty Library	1
East Asian Studies Library	1
FMS Library	1

The expenditure made on the trainees are as follows:

<u>Month</u>	<u>No. of Students</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>
		Rs.
January, 2009	10	72,588/-
February, 2009	05	33,496/-
March, 2009	01	1,452/-

BRAILLE LIBRARY

23. The Library has created Digital Audio Document for 160 books in DAZY form and 60 books were scanned for e-text production. 371 titles were produced in Braille form using electronic embosser. The Library has also created 444 books in DAIZY form with the funds from NAB for the use of Post-graduate and Under-graduate students.

EXTENSION OF THE CENTRAL LIBRARY

24. Designs of the extension building of the Library were discussed with the Vice-Chancellor and the Engineering Department. We hope that the project will be formalized shortly. The proposal to shift the research hall from the top floor of the Central Library is still pending with the Engineering Department which is supposed to examine the estimates given by the architect and call for tenders.

FINANCIAL HEALTH

- a. DULS has been able to get a grant of Rs.one crore to undertake purchase of books for different major libraries in the current financial year and the same is being allocated to different major libraries.
- b. The revised maintenance budget for the period 2009-10 of the libraries have been sent to Finance Department for consideration

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

- c. With the launching of the Conference on 21st January 2009, the work began to identify important experts who could come to India and participate in the Conference. We are happy to inform you that galaxy of international experts are expected to be in India and attend the conference. To name some of them are, Dr. Ellen Tise, the President Elect of the International Federation of Library Associations, Dr. Janice Lechance, Chief Executive of Special Library Association, Dr. Jay Jordan, President of OCLC. Financial Assistance is expected to reach from DRDO, DIT, RRRLF, UGC, INFLIBNET etc. UNESCO and Goethe Institut have come forward in sponsoring international delegates. In addition, lot many corporate sponsors have provided different logistic support. We are

also happy to inform you that the Conference received overwhelming response towards paper contribution. As on date we have about 150 papers which are being examined under peer review process. The peer review process is being carried out with stringent guidelines. We expect sizable delegation from Indian and foreign institutions. The OCLC has agreed to conduct one day workshop on a very important development in the library profession. While we have moved towards consortia mode in matter of availability of electronic resources, the concept has moved towards the global library service and the libraries have adopted the Virtual Referencing Service for the global community. It is expected that about 400 libraries of the academic institutions will be the part of the project and will provide 24/7 library reference service across the globe. DULS has signed the agreement with OCLC to start the pilot project and assess the out come.