



## 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).