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National Digital Library of India

In the News

The Union Human Resource Development Minister, Shri Prakash Javadekar launched the new digital initiative of HRD Ministry ‘National Digital Library of India’ on the occasion of National Reading Day (observed on 17th June) in New Delhi.

Ministry of Human Resource Development under its National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology has initiated the National Digital Library (NDL) project to develop a framework of virtual repository of learning resources with a single-window search facility. It is being developed at IIT Kharagpur.

NDLI’s objective is to make digital educational resources available to all citizens of the country to empower, inspire and encourage learning.

NDL is the Single Window Platform that collects and collates metadata from premier learning institutions in India and abroad, as well as other relevant sources. It is a digital repository containing textbooks, articles, videos, audio books, lectures, simulations, fiction and all other kinds of learning media.

The Library was launched in pilot form in May 2016

Salient features of NDL

- Educational materials are available for users ranging from primary to post-graduate levels.

- NDL has been designed to benefit all kinds of users like students (of all levels), teachers, researchers, librarians, library users, professionals, differently abled users and all other lifelong learners.

- Information can be personalized based on the education level, choice of language, difficulty level, media of content and such other factors. This is thus like a ‘customised service’ provided in a 24x7 integrated environment where learners can find out the right resource with least effort and in minimum time.

- Repository hosts contents from multiple subject domains like Technology, Science, Humanities, Agriculture and others.
- More than 60 types of learning resources are available - books, articles, manuscripts, video lectures, thesis, etc.
- Items are available in more than 70 languages.
- Repository integrates contents from different Indian Institutional Repositories.
- Users can search for content using various parameters like subject matter, source, content type and more. Right Now the app is available in three languages – English, Hindi and Bengali.
- It is open to all at free of cost.
- NDLI is a digital library that makes quality learning resources available to all learners and has 1.7 Crore content from more than 160 sources, in over 200 languages, everywhere and 30 lakh users are registered on NDL as on date and our target is to increase the users 10 times in a year.
- It has been designed to hold content of any language and provides learning and research interface support for leading Indian languages.
- It is arranged to provide support for all academic levels including researchers and life-long learners from all disciplines and in all popular form of access devices and also to differently-abled learners.

**How to access**

- Users can access the National Digital Library - [https://ndl.iitkgp.ac.in/](https://ndl.iitkgp.ac.in/)
- The NDL system is accessible to all users for general browsing. However, one needs to register with a user id and password and login using those for accessing some classified materials.

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