

# A STUDY OF DIGITAL LIBRARIES FUNCTIONALITY AND ACCESSIBILITY SOURCE OF INFORMATION

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## ABSTRACT

*Ongoing years have seen a few computerized library improvement activities in India. To pick up knowledge, survey and comprehend the development, improvement and current status of advanced library activities in India as reflected through insightful diaries, 63 distributed investigations on computerized libraries in India have been evaluated. The examination uncovers that most articles center around creating advanced libraries and computerized assortments aside from a couple of studies on copyright issues and the board of advanced libraries. Fast advances in data innovations have altered the job of libraries. Subsequently, libraries face new difficulties, contenders, requests, and desires. Libraries are overhauling administrations and data items to enhance their administrations and to fulfill the changing data needs of the client network. Customary libraries are as yet dealing with to a great extent printed materials that are costly and cumbersome. Data searchers are not, at this point happy with just written words. They need to enhance the printed data with more unique electronic assets. Requests for advanced data are expanding. Advanced libraries will begin making progress in India in the current century. We are making a beeline for a situation in which advanced data may fill in for much print-based data. A library's presence doesn't rely upon the physical type of reports. Its strategic to connect the past and the present, and help shape the future by saving the records of human culture, just as coordinating developing data advances. This strategic improbable to change soon.*

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

It is very much perceived that libraries everywhere on over the world are going through change, particularly attributable to the advancement in data and correspondence innovations. Customary libraries are changing to advanced libraries and new libraries that are being set up are progressively of the computerized kind. Accordingly, there is broad intrigue and therefore, a great deal of innovative work exercises are being completed here world over. In India various foundations are likewise during the time spent setting up computerized libraries and numerous researchers and experts are leading exploration on advanced libraries. As of late, many gatherings on computerized libraries and their different features have been composed in India. Notwithstanding numerous public gatherings, universal meetings, for example, the International Conference of Asian Digital Libraries (ICADL) 2001, International Conferences on Digital Libraries (ICDL) 2004 and 2006 gave important stimulus to computerized library mindfulness and advancements in India. Both ICADL 2001 and ICDL 2004 were accounted for as broadly joined in. Despite the fact that meeting procedures are an imperative essential wellspring of data, negligible papers get remembered for procedures commonly as papers may not experience the friend checking on measure. Then again, academic diaries with their companion investigating instrument have better quality papers and further, and all the more significantly, inferable from their inclusion in abstracting and ordering information bases, the

perceivability and readership of papers distributed in insightful diaries are a lot more prominent than meeting procedures. India distributes around 20 insightful diaries in the field of library and data science. Articles on advanced libraries in India have been distributed in Indian and unfamiliar diaries. An audit of Indian and unfamiliar periodicals writing distributed on advanced libraries in India would be valuable to evaluate and comprehend the condition of computerized library innovative work in India.

### 1.1 The DELOS Digital Library Reference Model defines a digital library as:

An association, which may be virtual, that exhaustively gathers, oversees and safeguards for the drawn out rich advanced substance, and offers to its client networks particular usefulness on that content, of quantifiable quality and as per arranged approaches. ("Advanced Library") A computerized library is anything but a solitary substance. It requires innovation interface the assets of numerous assortments. The connections between advanced libraries and their assets are straightforward to clients. Advanced library assortments are not restricted to report proxies (bibliographic records. They are the genuine computerized articles, for example, pictures, messages, and so forth.

"Computerized Libraries give clients reasonable accomplishment to an exceptionally enormous, sorted out store of data and information." According to Berkeley Digital Library Project, University of California, the advanced library will be an assortment of dispersed data sources. The complexity among customary and computerized libraries is introduced beneath-

Traditional Libraries	Digital or Electronic Library
Print collection	All resources in digital form.
Stable, with slow evolution	Dynamic and ephemeral
Individual objects not directly linked with each other.	Multi-media and fractal objects
Flat structure with minimal contextual metadata	Scaffolding of data structures and richer contextual metadata.
Scholarly content with validation process	More than scholarly content with various validation processes
Limited access points and centralized management	Unlimited access points, distributed collections and access control
The physical and logical organization correlated.	The physical and logical organization may be virtually
One way interactions	Dynamic realtime dialogue
Free and universal access.	Free as well as fee based.

### 1.2 E-government initiatives

Government-to-resident projects generally fall under the e-administration activities attempted by different nations and in the ongoing years there has been weight on e-administration in India. Sharma and Yurcik (2001) have examined the Gyandoot Digital Library Intranet, featuring the difficulties and possibilities of the provincial advanced library. Government computerized library activities for reparation of open complaints, for example, data booths for dispersal of data with respect to water big hauler plans, marriage matchmaking, without a moment to spare business, are talked about. Gyandoot, an intranet-based advanced library in the Dhar area of Madhya Pradesh state interfacing provincial open cybercafés in India, is talked about as a model for future rustic computerized libraries.

### 1.3 Open libraries

The open library framework has been a region of significant worry in India with advancement of open libraries being somewhat moderate. Ghosh (2005) outlines a dream for the open library framework dependent on the idea of ICT for improvement.

#### 1.4 E-consortia

With various e-assets consortia, particularly e-diaries consortia, accessible everywhere on over the world and with numerous e-assets consortia being shaped in India, creators talking about this marvel need to recognize consortia for shared authorized assets from the idea of computerized libraries. Fox et al. (1995), in one the soonest papers on computerized libraries, express that the expression 'advanced libraries' inspires an alternate impression to various perusers. The Indian writing on advanced libraries, generally post-1995, upholds this thought of writers treating computerized libraries in an unexpected way. Pandian, Jambhekar and Karisiddappa (2002) have proposed a structure for the plan and improvement of an intranet-put together IIM computerized framework based with respect to a consortial approach. This model proposes digitization of the IIM assets in an agreeable way with memberships to electronic diaries and information bases through a consortial mode. One more consortium way to deal with computerized libraries, for this situation principally of authorized e-assets, is the INDEST consortium (Arora 2001, 2003). INDEST (Indian National Digital Library of Engineering Science and Technology) incorporates authorized e-assets procured and shared on the standards of the other across the board U.S. e-assets consortia like GALILEO (Georgia Library Learning Online), Ohio LINK, VIVA (The Virtual Library of Virginia) and SUNY Connect. INDEST additionally imagines remembering for its assortment CD-ROMs, DVDs, entryway destinations, content creation by checking/digitization.

#### 1.5 Institutional archives

As a computerized library is an assortment of advanced articles, some of the time it is likewise called a vault containing distinctive substance types running from research papers, reports and papers. Institutional storehouses are not actually computerized libraries but rather advanced assortments that catch, gather, oversee, scatter and save insightful work made by the individuals from a foundation. The open source programming development has made computerized library and institutional archive programming. Programming programs like the Greenstone Digital Library programming and DSpace have rushed the computerized library creation measure. Libraries are today assuming a lead job in the production of institutional storehouses supporting the reason for open access. Anuradha (2007) examined the plan and improvement of an institutional archive for the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore. While there are around 40 programming bundles for making OAI-protest (Open Archives Initiative) information bases, Greenstone Digital Library (GSDL) programming has been decided for building up the IISc institutional storehouse. One more investigation talked about in detail the plan and improvement of an institutional store at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur utilizing DSpace. Specialist (2007) addresses the advancement of a computerized storehouse of summer entry level position venture reports utilizing the GSDL programming at the ICFAI Business School, Ahmedabad. While there are numerous different papers on institutional vaults, just a couple have been referenced here to feature that institutional storehouses can be made by receiving the principles of computerized library creation, for example, utilization of advanced library programming, normalized metadata and computerized assortments the board.

## 2. CHARACTERISTICS OF DIGITAL LIBRARIES

Late improvements in library innovation and practices have carried a portion of Lancaster's paperless society to the real world. The impacts that advanced innovation has brought include: Digital library assortments contain perpetual reports. The computerized condition will empower fast taking care of and additionally transient data. Computerized libraries depend on advanced advances. The supposition that computerized libraries will contain just advanced materials might not be right. Computerized libraries are frequently utilized by people working alone. The physical limits of information have been wiped out. Backing for correspondences and joint effort is as significant as data chasing. Pressure of information stockpiling is empowering distribution and capacity of computerized data. Media communications is encouraging the capacity, recovery, use, and trade of computerized assets.

### 2.1 Function of Digital Library

Access to large amounts of information to users wherever they are and whenever they need it.

- Access to primary information sources.
- Support multimedia content along with text

- Network accessibility on Intranet and Internet
- User-friendly interface
- Hypertext links for navigation
- Client-server architecture
- Advanced search and retrieval.
- Integration with other digital libraries.

## 2.2 Purpose of Digital Library

- Expedite the systematic development of procedures to collect, store, and organize, information in digital form.
- Promote efficient delivery of information economically to all users.
- Encourage co-operative efforts in research resource, computing, and communication networks.
- Strengthen communication and collaboration between and among educational institutions.
- Take leadership role in the generation and dissemination of knowledge

## 2.3 Components

- The components of a digital library are:
- Infrastructure
- Digital Collection
- Systems function
- Telecommunication facility
- Human resources

## 2.4 Planning for Digital Library

An advanced library council ought to be framed to get ready for its creation and support. The individuals must be from different library offices, and, if important, advisors can be recruited. There are at any rate two different ways of building up a computerized library: changing over a conventional library into an advanced library, and direct improvement of an advanced library.

## 2.5 Planning includes:

- IT Infrastructure
- Digitization
- Access
- Staffing
- Furniture, equipment, and space
- Services
- Funding

## 2.6 Creation of Digital Resources

- Database of digital material that is open to all users over the campus-wide LAN.
- High bandwidth Internet connectivity
- Focus selectively on acquiring digital resources
- Electronic journals, and gradual elimination of print subscriptions
- Licensed databases
- Creation of local digital content available within the university

## 2.7 Advantages of a Digital Library

The advantages of digital libraries include

- Nearly unlimited storage space at a much lower cost
- Re-allocate funds from some staff, collection maintenance, and additional books.
- No physical boundary
- Round the clock availability

- Multiple access
- Enhanced information retrieval.
- Preservation for some print material
- Added value
- Universal accessibility

## 2.8 Limitations

- Lack of screening or validation
- Lack of preservation of a fixed copy (for the record and for duplicating scientific research)
- Lack of preservation of “best in class”
- Difficulty in knowing and locating everything that is available, and differentiating valuable from useless information.
- Job loss for traditional publishers and librarians
- Costs are spread and many become hidden.

## 3. COUNTRY INITIATIVES

As of late there have been various advanced library activities in India and there are a few papers that have endeavored to contemplate these activities. Bhattacharya (2004) followed the advancement of computerized libraries as for India and reasoned that India's endeavor towards advanced library improvement has been irregular and incomplete. In the paper, computerized library activities have been partitioned into eleven classifications that incorporates craftsmanship and culture, scholarly establishments, public level foundations, R&D associations, government, NGOs, monetary organizations, media, private, society and college levels. The issues and the strategy of the Government of India towards advanced library improvement in India just as the computerized separate when all is said in done are additionally talked about. Also, Jain and Babbar (2006) have ordered the diverse Indian computerized library activities viz., at the administration level, at scholastic establishments and inside society-level associations. Fifteen computerized library activities that fall under the three classes have been featured. The creators additionally insist that solitary irregular and incomplete endeavor have been made towards computerized library activities in India. India is wealthy in different sorts of customary information that is reported in different structures and is accessible in galleries, documents and a few libraries. With advanced library innovation and devices, it is conceivable not exclusively to chronicle these for family yet in addition to recreate and disperse such data effortlessly. Rao (2005) examines two such advanced library ventures, viz., Digital Library of Indian Heritage and Indian Art Preservation Research Project.

One of the major advanced library activities as of late has been the Million Books to the Web Project started by Prof. Raj Reddy of Carnegie Mellon University. It is an overall strategic India is a significant supporter of this venture with the Indian exertion being named Digital Library of India (Balakrishnan 2005). Balakrishnan talks about the innovative difficulties as to the Indian dialects and future bearings including the chance of making a 21st century likeness the open library and that PBS and All India Radio may make Web substance.

### 3.1 Issues and policies

Taking into account that India has been a late participant into the field of advanced library creation and furthermore thinking about that the pace at which computerized libraries are being made is not exactly attractive, it is apparent that there are issues in advanced library improvement in India. While numerous papers have superficially examined the issues, Jeevan and Dhawan (2002) center around the issues in detail. The creators talk about the issues and issues identified with combination of data advancements, computerized library devices and programming, models for asset improvement, IT preparing needs, content turn of events and copyright the executives.

Kaur and Singh (2005) examine the change of conventional libraries into advanced libraries in the Indian setting. They note that in created nations, 60% to 70% of data is accessible in advanced organization while in creating nations like India, this accessibility is 2.5%. The creators feature the requirement for a National Information Policy and for the preparation of library experts to quicken the change of conventional libraries to computerized libraries in India.

### 3.2 Content for computerized libraries

As data sources are progressively accessible in computerized structure, it is normal that any advanced library would have various types of advanced organizations and sources. The different constituents that add to the creation of an advanced library at the focal library, IIT Delhi, incorporate, notwithstanding the system framework, an assortment of computerized assortments (Arora 2004). These incorporate e-diaries, in-house brought into the world advanced assortments, for example, these, checked books, CD-ROM information bases, the library OPAC, and courseware. In the early long stretches of advanced library improvement in India, there have been issues identified with high infrastructural costs, absence of experience and ability in making computerized libraries. Be that as it may, throughout the long term, ICT infrastructural costs are diminishing and mastery and experience have been picked up in taking care of advanced library programming particularly in utilizing open source programming, for example, DSpace and GSDL. In this situation, the substance of advanced libraries have expected significance, particularly the wellspring of this substance. There are relatively few examinations here and one investigation that manages recognizing wellsprings of substance for creating nations with unique reference to India is by Jeevan (2004). The paper addresses, for example, why digitize, what to digitize, how to digitize and furthermore explains on the different sorts of substance that can be hotspots for advanced libraries. Another paper on content for computerized libraries is by Sreekumar and Sunitha (2005) who share the experience of making a cutting edge advanced library data framework via flawlessly incorporating and accumulating print just as the different disseminated computerized substance of the Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode information space. The paper suggests this consistent scattering of insightful data by methods for content conglomeration and substance incorporation through library computerization, a library entrance, an advanced library and an open access chronicle. Greenstone programming was utilized for building up this computerized library. Shukla (2005) talks about substance creation as another pattern in IT and stresses the need to create computerized libraries and not advanced assortments. The creator underscores that care ought to be taken to encompass assortments with proper metadata providing setting and understanding to create cooperative energy. The article likewise recommends territories for more prominent investigation and addresses issues of worry in content creation.

### 3.3 Digitization

The computerized library stores advanced items speaking to various kinds of data. More seasoned assortments are digitized through a change cycle where reports in paper design are changed over to electronic arrangement, for example simple to advanced transformation. Changing over writings in various dialects requires cautious thought of character sets. Unicode gives a standard plan to world's dialects. Chandrakar (2004) talks about Unicode and the related innovations accessible for restricting Indian language materials. Gaur's paper (2003) entitled "Reexamining the Indian Digital Divide: The current situation with digitization in Indian administration libraries" concentrates more on library computerization and its aspects instead of on digitization or advanced libraries. The paper features the status of library computerization in the Indian administration establishments' libraries and there is just a passing notice of advanced library activities by these libraries; actually, the investigation found these activities grim. Murthy (2005), be that as it may, shares the functional experience of digitization at the National Tuberculosis Institute, Bangalore.

### 3.4 Advanced library administrations

Libraries offer types of assistance. Letha (2006) has talked about the library entrance as a device for Web-empowered data administrations. Featuring the entrance of the Technical Information Resource Center (TIRC) of National Physical and Oceanographic Laboratory (NPOL), different administrations are examined; one of the administrations included is the advanced library that can be gotten to from the entryway. Gupta et al. (2004) brings up that the library site is naturally a vehicle for conveying advanced library administrations. Another contextual investigation depicts the structure of advanced assets at the Indian National Science Academy (INSA), New Delhi. The article brings up that the developing acknowledgment of computerized media has brought about libraries purchasing and giving admittance to Internet assets, obtaining CD-ROM-based informational collections and offering types of assistance for independent or organized CD-ROMs situations and digitizing records. It further proceeds to clarify these three offices at the INSA library.

### 3.5 The board of computerized libraries

When the advanced library has been made, its administration is significant. The issues and methodologies engaged with the board of advanced libraries incorporate equipment the executives, programming the executives, assortment the board, protection/documenting, financial the board and the entrance framework are centered around by Gupta and Singh (2006). Improvement of computerized libraries includes considerable arranging. Lakshmi and Suma (1998) stress arranging computerized library improvement, particularly making arrangements for the IT foundation and financial arranging. Das and Dutta (2004) examine the requirement for review and control of computerized library frameworks. The creators distinguish the components of review and control that upgrading the capacities and viability of computerized libraries. At last, Ravi, Chandra and Sharma (2000) take a gander at developing patterns and the fate of advanced libraries as far as their helpfulness and cost adequacy.

## 4. CONCLUSION

Computerized library improvement in India has been slanted. Most advancements have been in S&T libraries. Indeed, even among these libraries, center has been around creating advanced libraries without center around issues, for example, instruction and preparing, copyright, the executives and advancement (promoting). There is a need to correct copyright enactment to suit the electronic condition. Hardly any foundations have taken activities to hold workshops on advanced libraries and computerized advances. Other significant zones on which Indian examinations have been not many or thoroughly missing are computerized rights the board, advanced library security, content administration, business and valuing model and strategy contemplates. At present, an estimating model doesn't exist in India. With a few computerized library activities detailed, it will be helpful to have a review of the advanced libraries in India to comprehend the current status of the computerized library activities. This accept significance in light of the fact that the couple of studies on Indian advanced library activities are fundamentally founded on data accessible on sites or from other distributed sources. A review would help in understanding the current circumstance as well as will help in drawing up an activity plan for centered advanced library improvement in India. Further, use and client investigations of advanced libraries in India are inadequate. This territory is likewise of principal significance for evaluating the current computerized libraries and making profoundly client driven advanced libraries in India.

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