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Lakshmi Nath Bezbaroa Library, DU

Annual Report- 2016-2017

1. **Librarian** : Vacant
2. **Deputy Librarian** : Dr. Utpal Das, M.Sc., MLISc., M.Phil., Ph.D.
3. **Assistant Librarian** : 4 (Vacant)
4. **Professional Staffs:**
- a. Senior Cataloguer : 1
 - b. Senior Classifier : 1
 - c. Documentation Officer : 1
 - d. Classifier : 1(Vacant)
 - e. Cataloguer : 1
 - f. Library Assistant : 4
 - g. Office Staff (non Professional & Others) : 28
5. **Readers Service:**
- a. Working Hours : 8:30 AM to 7:30 PM (Monday-Friday)
9:30 AM to 5:30 PM (Saturday)
 - b. Visitors : 113 (Excluding Usual Readers)
 - c. Circulation : Issued- 12,833, Returned- 11,377
 - d. Teachers : 208
 - e. Research Scholars : 122 (Registered)
 - f. M/ Phil : 100
 - g. Total Students Members : 4528 (Including 2015-16 session)
 - h. Student member (2015-16 Sessions) : 1890
 - i. Others : Staff-110, Temporary-77, Departmental Card-33,
Associate Member-2, Project Holders-11, Others-4
6. **Maintenance Activities (Stocks) Professional Service:**
- a. Acquisition of Books : 4005 (01.03.2016-29.02.2017)
 - b. Periodicals : 143
 - c. CD/DVD : 13 (01.03.2016-29.02.2017)

	d. Newspapers	: 21
7.	Total Print Collection of Library	: 2,25,672 vols. (excluding DUIET books: 16075 & DDE books: 4565)
8.	No. of Books & Journals bound	: 2000 (Journals) & 2000 (Books)
9.	No. of Readers who visited the Library (Monthly Average)	: 2541.75
10.	Number of Working Days	: 274

Highlights of the LNB Library for the year 2016-2017

1. Application of e-tools for federated search

Access to e-resources to the maximum extent, both subscribed and open, was always an issue for the users which has been mitigated by subscription of 2 e-tools, namely, Ezproxy and Fedgate, and J-Gate from INFLIBNET Consortium. Fedgate is basically a search engine which facilitates the users a single window access to all e-resources subscribed by the University from any publishers or consortium. Users need not to search their required information publisher wise or journal wise; a keyword in the 'search box' of the Fedgate will search out all the articles relating to the keyword from all the journals, of all the publishers subscribed by the University Library and display in one go. It basically provides easy access to required information within no time and ensures maximum utility of the e-resources subscribed by the University. The Ezproxy on the other hand is a very essential federated searching tool to search articles from multiple databases from off campus or from remote.

2. Application of abstract and citation database

To encourage and facilitate research activities among researchers and faculty members, the LNB Library has subscribed the Scopus from Elsevier, one of the largest abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature, conference proceedings and research output in the field of science, technology, medicine, social sciences and arts. The users also enjoy Web of Science, another abstract and citation database, which is available for Dibrugarh University from INFLIBNET Centre.

3. Implementation of Shodganga Project

It was a long time pending for Dibrugarh University to initiate implementation of Shodhganga project of INFLIBNET Centre to upload ETD in the national repository and to digitize retrospective print thesis and dissertation of Dibrugarh University. The MOU was ultimately signed on 19/06/2015 between Dibrugarh University and INFLIBNET Centre and the process of uploading ETDs have been started. The LNB Library, DU has already initiated the process of developing the ETD Lab. of its own with 4 new PCs with accessories to upload the ETDs. The scanning of the retrospective print thesis and dissertation will be started as soon as the UGC fund for the purpose is sanctioned.

4. Initiatives for development of Digital Library/Institutional Repository

There has been a constant effort to develop a Digital Library/Institutional Repository for Dibrugarh University using Dspace, an open source software. Tremendous progress has been made in this regard with customization and the Institutional Repository is likely to be functional shortly for which digital library webpage for DU has been already been customized this year.

5. Installation of specialized software (JAWS) for visually impaired users

Another landmark achievement is installation of specialized software (JAWS) for visually impaired users for the first time in the University. A software, namely JAWS has been installed in 3 PCs and started functioning from 16 August 2016 temporarily from a corner of the Ground Floor of the LNB Library. Construction of a full fledged Reading Corner for the physically challenged users has been on the process and would be completed at the end of the 2016.

6. Capacity building on E-Resources

Besides 143 national and international print journals, the Library provides access to more than 8500 peer-reviewed electronic journals (with more than 10 years back files volume 1 onwards) and 11 bibliographic databases from 23 renowned publishers available through the INFLIBNET Centre's UGC-Infonet Digital Library Consortium, presently, e-Shodhsindhu. Besides, e-resources from DelCon Consortium initiated by DBT are also accessible from the Library portal for all users of DU. Moreover, 76 peer reviewed Indian Journals on Social Sciences and Humanities are on the process of subscription from SAGE Publication for which trial access are on for the users. The facility of e-resource online service started 1st January 2005 onwards.

Moreover, the LNB Library has procured more than 370 e-books of various science and engineering branches from Elsevier and CRC NetBase respectively. All online journals and e-books are accessible through the Library Portal of the Dibrugarh University Website.

7. New Library webpage:

A new library webpage has been developed by the library and linked as library portal with the existing DU website to make all library information readily available in the web. Stress has been given to maximize the utility of open sources of information and research outputs available globally from reputed universities and research organizations.

8. Purchase of Electronic equipments and peripherals:

To boost usage of e-resources in the library by the users and to enhance virtual environment of the Library, 29 new PCs has been added this year for the office as well as OPAC purpose. Moreover, entire library campus as well as the library building has been facilitated with Wi-Fi facility this year.

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