
N-LIST: EXTENDING E-RESOURCES TO THE ACADEMIC LIBRARIES IN INDIA

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Abstract : *A modern library is not a collection of printed books and printed journals. It is much than other materials. Today the library involves the fast changing e-environment of publishing. So the Academic librarians are facing a lot of problem due to static budget and exponential price hike of library collection and need of user for information is also increased day by day. There is rapid and dynamic change in the new generation library with the emphasis of e-resource. Consortia can become an excellent way in the process of collection, digitalizing organizing and making excess the electronic resource. A consortium is essential among libraries to cope limited budget, rising price for subscribing periodical and ever growing user information need. E-journal consortium is nothing but evolving a form of cooperation among the libraries which come together to share journals electronically. These revolutionary steps are providing scholarly resource including peer reviewed journals, databases abstracts, proceedings etc.*

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Introduction :

Libraries play an important role in the academic world – class information resources and services and help to stimulate research by promoting collections and services widely. The digital revolution driven by information communication technologies transformed academic libraries. It is an impact on every sphere of academic library activity. E. g, the form of the library collection, development strategies, library buildings and consortia. Computers and networked electronic resources have become an integral part of the academic library during the past decade. E-journals/e-books have become the largest and fastest growing areas of the digital Collections for most of our libraries. For instance, the E-Journals a few years ago numbered just few hundreds of titles, are now running in many thousands and the rate of growth is phenomenal as well as amazing. The advancements in digital technologies and the recent proliferation of E-Publishing across the world have brought in a revolution in journal/E-resources publication, subscription, and access and delivery mechanism.

The N-LIST project provides access to electronic journals and electronic books to students, researchers and faculty from colleges and other beneficiary institutions through servers installed at the Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) Centre. Authorized users from colleges can now access e-resources and download articles required by them directly from the publisher's website once they are duly authenticated as authorized users through servers deployed in the INFLIBNET Centre. In this paper author focuses on the N-LIST Consortia which will be helpful to the college libraries in future.

What is N-List?

Ministry of Human Resource Development (Govt. of India) launched National Library and Information Services Infrastructure for Scholarly Content (N-List) Consortia under the National Mission on Education through ICT with the help of INFLIBNET, AICTE for the college libraries. National Library and Information Services Infrastructure for Scholarly Content (N-List) it is a joint project executed by the UGC-INFONET Digital Library Consortium, INFLIBNET Center and the INDEST-AICTE Consortium, IIT Delhi. The N-LIST project provides access e-resources to students, researcher and faculty from colleges and beneficiary institutions through server installed at INFLIBNET Center.

Mission of the N-List :

- Access to scholarly information for all educational institutions.
- Provide access to subscription – based scholarly information (e-books and e-journals) to 600 colleges from all over India.
- Provide access to scholarly content available in open access through subject portals and subject gateways.
- Bridging digital divide and moving towards a information – rich society

Beneficiary Members/Institutions of N-List :

- Universities:** 100 universities covered under the Phase I and Phase II of the UGC-INFONET Digital Library consortium can now access to **Web of Science** subscribed by the INDEST-AICTE Consortium for the technical institutions (IITs IISc).
- 34, Technical Institutions (IITs, IISc, IISERs and NITs):** IITs, IISc, IISERs and selected NITs, i.e. core members of the INDEST-AICTE Consortium can now access to e-resources namely **Annual Reviews, Project Muse and Nature (1 title)** subscribed by the UGC-INFONET Digital Library consortium.
- Colleges:** All college covered under section 12B/2F of UGC Act and Non Aided Colleges (except Agriculture, Engineering, Management, Medical, Pharmacy, dentistry and Nursing) can access to electronic resources subscribed by the UGC-INFONET Digital Library consortium as well as few selected e-resources that were found most appropriate for colleges including e-journals and e-books. These resources include more than 3100+ e-journals and 75,000 + e-books. All Non-Aided (except Agriculture, Engineering, Medical, Pharmacy, dentistry and Nursing)/ Colleges are requested to register themselves online.

E-Resources Subscribed for the Colleges :

Beneficiary colleges, registered for the N-LIST programme can access more than 3717 electronic journals, 76136 electronic books and a bibliographic database called Math SciNet containing more than two million reviews of research articles in Mathematics. Details as follows:

Table 1 E-Journals/ Databases :

Sr. No.	E-Resources	Publishing Country	No. of Journals	Back files from
1	American Institute of Physics	USA	18	Five Years
2	American Physical Society	USA	10	Five Years
3	Annual Reviews	USA	33	Ten Years
4	Cambridge University Press	UK	240	Five Years
5	Economic and Political Weekly	India	01	1966+
6	Indian journals.com	India	150	2007+
7	Institute of Physics	UK	46	Vol 1 +
8	Oxford University Press	UK	206	1996+
9	Royal Society of Chemistry	UK	29	Ten Years
10	Wilson Omni File	USA	3000+	1982+
Total			3,717	

Table-2 E-Books :

Sr.No.	Publishers of E-Books	Country	No. of Books	No. of Publishers
1	Ebary	USA	70000	250
2	My library-McGraw Hill	USA	1,308	1
3	Oxford Scholarship	UK	902	1
4	Net Library	USA	936	44
5	Net Library (Open Access Books)	USA	3,500	1
Total			76136	297

Why to Join N-List Programme :

1. The Govt. of India has committed itself to extend access to qualitative e-resources to students, researchers and faculty in colleges through the N-LIST programme

2. It will enable access to scholarly information in e-format at highly discounted rate.
3. It will facilitate desk top access to high-quality e-resources to your students and researchers 24 hours a day 7 days a week and 365 days a year

In the Maharashtra State there are More than 799 Colleges from different Universities are covered under 12B Act of UGC and other colleges are also eligible to join the N-LIST. Above table shows that at present 383 colleges are joined to the N-LIST programme.

Salient Features of N-LIST : N-LIST programme is specially launched for college libraries in Indian. Expenditure on subscription to e-resources for more than 6,000 colleges covered under the 12B Act of the UGC is being met by the Ministry of Human Resource Development under the National Mission on Education through ICT, Membership is available to the colleges at the affordable cost. More than 2100 International & National (peer-reviewed) e-journals, 5100 e-books are also available to the member.

Conclusion :

N-LIST Consortia is a welcome move from the Ministry of Human Resource Development of the Government of India to empower and enrich the college libraries in the country. Presently 2282 colleges have registered themselves with the N-LIST programme including Govt./Govt.-aided colleges covered under the 12B Act of the UGC. Log-in ID and password for accessing e-resources has been sent to the authorized users from these colleges. Remaining colleges are being advised to join the initiative as N-LIST Associates. All e-resources subscribed of colleges under the N-LIST Project are accessible to these colleges through the N-LIST website. As per decision of Ministry and Human Resource Development other colleges those are not covered under the UGC 12B Act except Engineering, Management, Medical Nursing, Pharmacy and Dentistry also eligible to join N-LIST.

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