GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE – DEEMED UNIVERSITY

GANDHIGRAM

DEPARTMENT PROFILE

DR.G.RAMACHADRAN LIBRARY

Department Profile

1. Origin and growth of GRI Library

The **Gandhigram Rural Institute** **Library** was established in 1956. It moved to the present building in 1987, stocking over 1.5 lakh books. The Library is named after the Founder Vice-Chancellor Dr.G.Ramachandran. The total area of the Library building is about 12600 sq.ft. The Library is fully computerised for circulation and searching of books with SOUL (Software for University Libraries), developed by INFLIBNET Centre (An IUC of the University Grants Commission), Ahmedabad. Intrernet and e-mail facility to the University community, Barcode technology has been used for member id and circulation of books. The Library is state-of-the-art of library with latest technology of surveillance security system. The reference collection of the Library is continuously updated, and augmented with the acquisition of CD-ROM databases and access to on-line databases on Internet. On-line Public Access Catalogue facility is available at the Reference Desk on the Ground Floor of the Library. The digitization of library documents such as Ph.D Theses, Dissertation and Projects is in progress. The Library subscribes to about 300 current periodicals. Library subscribes to Indiastat.com online statistical database, and has access to approximately 5000 online full text journals, is available through UGC- INFONET with 10 MBPS connectivity. This library is also member in DELNET. The library has Digital Knowledge Lab is equipped with 40 computers.

2. Teaching Staff

Name of the teacher	Designation	Qualification	Specialization
Dr.J.Abraham	Deputy Librarian	M.Com, M.L.I.Sc, M.Ed, M.Phil, DGT, Ph.D	Library and Information Science, Automation and Networking
Ms. S.Mathurajothi	Asst. Libn (Sl. Gr.)	B.Sc, MA, M.L.I.Sc, M.Phil, DGT	Library and Information Science, Automation and Networking
Dr.M.Thamizhchelvan	Deputy Librarian	B.Sc, M.L.I.S, M.A, PGDCA, Ph.D	Online Catalogue, Digitization
Dr.S.Dhanavandan	Asst.Libn	M.A, M.L.I.S, B.Ed, M.Phil, Ph.D	Networking, Reference Service

3. Sections in the Library
- Acquisition & Technical Section
- Reference & Text Book Section
- Circulation Section
- Periodical Section
- Digital Knowledge Centre
- Reprography Section
- INFLIBNET Section
- Theses and Dissertations Section

Reference Section

Periodical Section

4. Services offered
- Reference
- Computerised Circulation of Books
- OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue)
- Internet
- INFLIBNET - Online Book Database Search
  - Online Serial Database Search
- UGC-INFONET - Online E-Journal Access
- Reprography
- Current Awareness Service
- New Additions
- Reader's Guidance
- Bibliographical Service on demand

5. **Library organized national/conference/seminar/ workshop / training programme for industry/community**
   - One Day Regional Seminar on "Emerging Technologies in Library and Information services" organized on 19th Nov. 2011.
   - User Awareness Programme conducted on UGC-Infonet e-journals and e-resources during 14.11.2011 and 15.11.2011
   - A two day training programme on "Greenstone Digital Library (GSDL) software for developing Institutional Repositories and SOUL(.Software for University Libraries) organized during 18-19th Dec 2011.
   - User awareness programme on e-resources is conducted every week.

6. **Library using new methods of instructional technology / computer aided instruction for the library user education and awareness programmes**

   - Power point presentation during Orientation Programme

   - Power point presentation during the User Awareness Programme on use of E-Resource