

KURUKSHETRA UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

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The University library is the heart of academic pursuits, directly so, as regards its research work, and indirectly as regards its teaching work, which derives its life from research work. Scientific research needs library as well as its laboratories, while for humanistic research, the library is both library and laboratory in one. Therefore, quality education & faculty is impossible without quality library.

Committed to offer quality education, Kurukshetra University established the Jawahar Lal Nehru Library having a plinth area of 49,230 Sq.ft. having the facility of 370 seats in six reading areas at different floors of the library and 100 seats in the Rear Reading Hall. University library and its extension as Departmental Libraries is manned by nine well-qualified professionals, one programmer, twenty-four Semi-Professionals and forty-two supporting staff.

Readers' Services:

- Collection:- The library has 2,99,463 documents including 7,000 manuscripts. It subscribes to 400 journals on print media(foreign & Indian) and on line Journals/databases/under UGC-INFONET programs detailed below:

Name of the Publisher/Database	No. of Journals	URL
American Chemical Society	31 Full Text Journals	http://www.pubs.acs.org
Royal Society of Chemistry	24 Full Text + 6 Database	http://www.rsc.org
Institute of Physics	36 Journals	http://www.iop.org/EJ
American Institute of Physics	19 Journals	http://www.aip.org
American Physical Society	8 Journals	http://www.aps.org
Cambridge University Press	190 Full Text	http://journals.cambridge.org
Nature Online	1 Journals	http://www.nature.com
Science Online	1 Journal	http://www.scienceonline.org
Project Muse (Social Sci. & Humanities)	222 Full Text	http://muse.jhu.edu/journals
Annual Reviews (Life Sci., Social Sci & Humanities)	29 Full Text	http://www.annualreviews.org

Biological Abstracts	1 Journals	http://web5.silverplatter.com
Chemical Abstract STN for all Universities		http://stnweb.cas.org
J-Store (Archival Access)	293 Journals	http://www.jstor.org
Springer & Kluwer Link	200 Journals 1200 Full Text access for first year	www.springerlink.com www.kluweronline.com
Encyclopedia Britannica	National Site Licensing	http://www.britannica.com
Elsevier Science	34 Portal Service for more than 10000 Journals	http://www.sciencedirect.com
Ingenta Gateway Portal	Portal Service for more than 10000 Journals	http://gateway.ingenta.com
J-Gate Gateway Portal	Portal Service for more than 10000 Journals	http://j-gate.informindia.co.in
Library Science – Emerald	28 Journals	
Science Direct	33 Full Text Journals	www.sciencedirect.com

For user convenience all online journals are available in link format on the desktop from where user can go directly to any URL of his/her choice.

- Membership: Total bonafide members(under different categories) is 10677 as under:

Teachers(670) ; Research Scholars(970) ;
Students(7670) ; Employees (1350) and special members(17).

- Timings: The Library facilities are provided throughout the year (except on 6 National/Gazetted Holidays).

The time schedule of opening is as under:

On all working days	From 9.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m.
On Saturdays/Sundays/Holidays	From 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.
Rear Reading Hall	From 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

- About 1700 readers availed the Library services daily. The Reference Section deals with the advisory services and provides answers to their queries. About 1100 books are issued/returned daily. The Library maintains book-bank (Student Home Library) and two books are issued to needy bonafide students of the various departments for full session. The newcomers are oriented about the use

of library and its resources by the professional staff of the library in the concerned university teaching departments. Membership is also being extended to the teachers of the affiliated colleges of the university.

- No-Dues Certificate: The library issued 150 No-Dues Certificates to teaching and non-teaching staff.
- The Centrally Air-Conditioned Computer lab of ERNET Section is equipped with 2mbps leased line internet connectivity in addition to leased line of 512 kbps and VSAT connectivity of 128 kbps. The ERNET section extended its computer nodes from 25 to 120 and going to extend it upto 200 nodes very soon. Teachers and students are using the facility of internet from 9.00 A.M. to 8.00 P.M and their number has increased from 70 to approx 800 per day. The lab is furnished with modular Godrej furniture and structured networking cabling facilities. The Library is equipped with latest library software LIBSYS-4. The computerization of library has almost completed and all the modules are working fine. The conceptual plan of Library Building Extension has been approved and it is going to be finalized very soon. The lab is equipped with statistical software SPSS with a capacity of 25 floating users.
- This Center provides following services:

E-mail, File Transfer Protocol, World Wide Web-browser programme, Telnet, Archie, Gopher, Wide Area Information Server, Online Journals.

- The Website of Kurukshetra University launched on the Information Super-highway/INTERNET, can be accessed globally at the **www.kuk.ernet.in**. This website covers around 2000 pages and is registered on search engines/websites like www.altavista.com, www.infoseek.com, www.netscape.com, www.khoj.com, www.aol.com, www.google.com, www.rediff.com, www.acu.ac.uk, www.aiuwebcom, www.inflibnet.ac.in etc. The website includes the information related to important functionaries/Executive Council/Academic Council/University Court/Academic Calender/Results/Conferences/ Ph.D. Thesis/Syllabus and admission of all post-graduate courses etc. It also covers the information about all the courses conducted by the Directorate of Distance Education, KUK along with admission form downloading facilities. The Homepages of the University Teaching Departments are also updated time to time. Information regarding result/counseling of entrance examinations of MCA/ B.Tech(instrumentation) / MBA/NIL/B.Ed. and regular courses like BA/B.Com/B.Sc was also made available on the website.
- Computerization/Automation of Library: The library is progressing towards the complete computerization by way of adopting and adapting the information technology. Initially infrastructure for the computerization and automation of the library has been developed with financial assistance of UGC and in collaboration with the INFLIBNET Center, Ahmedabad. After that the whole infrastructure has been created with the financial investment of the university, it is in the final phase of complete computerization. Its networking has been completed (around 50 nodes have been provided in different sections of the library) and all the floors of library are connected to each other with the server

placed in the ERNET section. The OPAC (on line public access catalogue) is in operation for the users and it contains collection of around 3,50,000 books, 2086 thesis and 2343 journals. New books catalogues are generated with the help of computers and all the new books are bar-coded. Membership details of all the students are available on the OPAC and students' I-CARDS have also been bar-coded.

- The Library maintains bound records of two newspapers viz. 'The Tribune' and the 'Indian Express' in Archival Cell. Besides, the Cell also maintains the proceedings of the decision-making bodies of the University. Orientation to the users about the use of Internet Services is an ongoing activity of the Ernet Section of the library. The Internet Orientation lecture cum practical demonstrations were conducted by the programmer to the participants of different refresher courses organized by Academic Staff College during the year under report. Senior functionaries of the library deliver lectures as resource persons in the refresher /orientation courses.
- Kurukshetra University has a long history of collecting manuscripts and rare books for research and teaching. It has a collection of 7000 manuscripts. The University's collection serves the students and scholars from around the world, as well as members of the general public, who are welcome to use its materials. As the manuscripts are old and fragile so it was always a risk that they may get damaged while students and scholars turn there pages. Some manuscripts are 500 years old. Manuscript section of JLN Library of Kurukshetra University has been digitized with the help of a Chandigarh based NGO "The Nanakshahi Trust". The trust using the latest methods in technology provided this service to University free of cost. The trust digitized whole of the collection of Sharda, Persian, Bangla, Gurmukhi and Oriya scripts. Palm leaf manuscripts were also digitized. University hopes that the Trust will consider our request of digitizing remaining manuscripts of Devnagri also."
- The Book Exhibition was organized by the JLN Library from 24th to 26th of October 2005 at Crush Hall of University Auditorium.
- The foundation stone of Golden Jubilee Reading Hall was laid down & inauguration of Exhibition of Manuscripts & Multifunctional Learning Centre(with a provision of 170 nodes) of JLN Library was also made by Hon'ble Chief Minister Sh. Bhupinder Singh Hooda on 30th of October 2005.
- The 51ST All India Library Conference of Indian Library Association held from 16th to 18th December 2005 was organized by Kurukshetra University & National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra.
- The Kurukshetra University Web-Portal is under development & is going to be launched shortly.
- The Campus-wide Networking work has been awarded to **HARYANA STATE ELECTRONICS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** & is going to be completed very soon.