

NATIONAL DIGITAL LIBRARY

Join the NDL: All institutions and the affiliated colleges may immediately join the National Digital Library at <https://ndl.iitkgp.ac.in/>. This will help students to access more than 80 lakh digital resources at no cost. Universalise access: Pl ensure that all the students login and join the NDL. While doing the class work/assignments, they may be asked to use these resources.

A. Present Status

The CUTN Library joined the National Digital Library Initiative of IIT Kharagpur last year itself. The CUTN Library is now a member of the NDL initiative. Last year we enrolled as many 912 students, members of faculty and staff of CUTN in the NDL and every one of them

has received individual user name and password and are in a position to access the resources of the NDL.

1. The list of students who joined the university this year as also the names of members of faculty who joined the University this year has also been prepared and this will be uploaded soon so that these will also be able to access the resources of the NDL
2. The CUTN Library has created a digital library zone within its premises with 30 computers having Internet access and many students and members of faculty are using the facility to access resources of the National Digital Library in addition to other digital resources accessible via Internet.
3. The CUTN Library has also been providing training to students to help them enroll in and use the resources of NDL

Digitise your libraries: All books in the libraries may be digitised and share with the NDL at IIT Kharagpur so that it would add to the digital resources and there is greater sharing of the digital resources by all institutions.

B. Digitization of Resources in CUTN Library

1. The CUTN Library has already initiated programme to digitize all the research papers and publications of the members of faculty and researchers of CUTN. The Institutional Repository (IR) has been created and is being continuously updated with new papers / publications of faculty / students as and when these are made

available. To make this a comprehensive IR, it would be useful if the University issues a directive to all members of faculty and research scholars to make one e-copy of every one of their papers, books, dissertations, Theses, project reports, etc. available to the CUTN Library. The IR will also serve the purpose of showcasing the research output of CUTN.

2. A number of e-books relevant to the faculty and students freely available on the Internet have been identified and links to these are provided on the library webpage as also on the OPAC.
3. With regard to digitization of other books in the library, it is necessary to ensure that by digitizing the books, CUTN will not be violating any copyright / intellectual property rights related regulations. Perhaps it may be a good idea to start digitization work with old and rare books that do not come within the copyright laws. I request the authorities to get clear directions from the NDL project in this regard.
4. Also to initiate large scale digitization, it is necessary to build the required infrastructure in the form of scanners, etc. in the library. We will be happy to submit a proposal to the authorities for their consideration in this regard.