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## JAHANGIRNAGR UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

Jahangirnagar University (JU) has a large library, with a huge collection of books. Established in 1985, the JU central library is located behind the monument of 'Sangshaptak'. There are more than 110,000 books and 14,000 hard bound journals and 22,000 online journals in the library. More than 270 students can seat and study in there. There is also a cyber centre on the premises and the whole area is covered by Wi-Fi technology. Moreover, the teachers and students of JU will soon enjoy digital facilities as the university authorities have taken all necessary steps to digitalise the library.

"All necessary steps to digitalise the JU central library have already been taken, now it's just a matter of time to declare the library a digital one," a source in the JU administration said.

The JU administration has installed 'Koha' software to digitalise the library. It will help users to find all kinds of books and journals at the central library. After completing the technical procedures, teachers and students will not be able to read books and journals available from inside the library, but also from any part of the world, said library in-charge Prof Ajit Kumar Majumder.

"Almost all reference books of different department and renowned journals are available at the JU library and we also collects the books students require for study," he added.

Several initiatives have been taken to digitalise the library, over 100 seats for first-year students have been increased on the ground floor and introduction of a digital library card with password is just a matter of time, Prof Majumder said.

## RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY CENTRAL LIBRARY

Rajshahi University Central Library is situated at the heart of the university. The library has started its automation process and has recently started online services on and off campus. To partially meet the demands of a modern library, it is accumulating e-books and e-resources and the available materials are offered to users on the campus. It has also a significant amount of subscribed access to online services like Project Muse, Synergy and Blackwell.

It is one of the oldest and largest libraries in Bangladesh and has been providing library support to students, teachers, researchers and general readers for more than six decades. The library has a collection of more than 350,000 books, 40,000 volumes of journals and periodicals. The books and journals cover all areas of knowledge and information and reflect the nature of a general university with equal emphasis on humanities, social sciences, business administration, sciences and applied sciences. The library has also a huge archive of newspapers and other 'ephemeral' publications.

## BRAC UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

Ayesha Abed Library of BRAC University (BRACU) has approximately 40,000 printed books in its collection and has access to over 60,000 e-books and 50,000 e-journals and databases. The library provides both on-campus and off-campus access facilities to online journals and databases.

The BRACU library aims to become a world-class knowledge resource centre and provide innovative new services and collections to support academic and research activities of the university. The development, organisation and maintenance of collections in multiple locations; access to world class resources; and personalised assistance in the use of library and information resources have made this one of the richest libraries in the country.

"I can say that BRAC University library is now playing a crucial role to support teaching, learning and research communities of the university by improving access to the resources and providing quality services using latest library technologies," said librarian Hasina Afroz.

Moving towards a next-generation library, it has introduced a number of new technologies, such as Koha, discovery tool VuFind, MARC 21 (cataloguing standard), a website using Drupal, a mobile phone interface and SMS notification service.

The library integrates appropriate technology with skilled and experienced staff. It also conducts workshops and training programmes on Koha, MARC 21, VuFind etc, for increasing capacity building of library professionals working in other university libraries (public and private).

## UNITED INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

The United International University (UIU) library offers regular services such as circulation, reference, counselling, indexing, bibliographical documentation, retrospective