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Library going online

Just a click to get the book you want

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GUWAHATI, April 27: Picking up a book you are looking for from among thousands of books in the District Library in the city will no longer be a cumbersome experience, as the premiere library is all set to have its own electronic database. Under the National Information Centre (NIC)-sponsored e-Granthalaya project, the library is preparing the database compiling the records of the books available with their exact locations. "The database is aimed at making reading less time-consuming as searching a book will be a click away for the readers," an official of the library said. Under the project,

staff of the library are being trained in handling of database and installation of new data in the computer. "Three phases of the training have already been over, and in the next three months the database will be completed," the official said. It may be mentioned here that the library, which has 34, 286 members at present, is being upgraded to a state central library. The official regretted that readers' turnout to the premiere library was decreasing. "During the last three years, no new book has been added in the library shelves," the official revealed, adding that the new generation readers preferred summary books, which the library lacked.