

Cuttack to have a cybrary

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Cuttack: Abhinav Orissa Public Library at Abhinav Bidanasi here has become the first private library in the state to have the facilities of e-Granthalaya, a software designed for automation of library activities.

The National Informatics Centre (NIC) has installed the software in the library last week. Under the e-governance movement of NIC, e-Granthalaya is meant to be distributed exclusively to all government-run libraries at zero cost.

The library was selected to have the software for its contribution to the library movement in Orissa. "e-Granthalaya will be of immense help to readers as well as librarians because of its versatility in accessing books, journals, newspaper clippings, article heads and web-based access to other libraries at the click of a mouse," said P K Mishra, secretary and chief project coordinator of the library.

According to a MoU signed between NIC and Abhinav Orissa Public Library, the library will get software support in the future. Besides, its librarians will be trained to get acclimatised with the new facility. NIC authorities said the software was developed in three years by scientists under its library division.

"The software is installed in some libraries in Orissa like those at Ravenshaw Unitary University, SCB Medical College and Hospital and Hare Krushna Mahatab State Library in Bhubaneswar," Buddhadev Panda, state deputy director (library), said. "This will give a new dimension to the modernisation of public libraries," he said.

The Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, under the Union ministry of culture, has recognised the effort of Abhinav Orissa Public Library to promote library movement and sanctioned a scheme to set up a children's corner at Rs 1.5 lakh, Mishra said.

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