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## EDUCATION IT INDIAN STATE TO IMPLEMENT E-LIBRARY IN EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

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The **Department of Higher Education** in the Indian state of Odisha is looking to transform education in autonomous tertiary institutions in the State through a new e-library system.

DHE will begin work on this in the next three months and will digitise libraries in 50 institutions in Odisha in the initial phase. The Department is now coordinating with the institutions to collate details of the present conditions of their libraries.

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**National Informatics Centre (NIC)** has developed a library automation software called e-Granthalaya and will be implementing this system in the colleges. The total budget for the project is INR 50 million (US\$ 802,000) and is to be borne by the State Government. While the software itself is free of cost, expenses will be incurred on manpower training and digitally cataloguing the library resources.

The software will help colleges catalogue their resources and will connect their libraries to a national network of libraries managed by NIC. This will allow students to conveniently access online databases, research reports, journals, textbooks, audios and videos across a various fields.

Vice-Chancellors of all universities run by the State Government have also jointly suggested the introduction of an upgraded security system based on Radio Frequency Identification Technology (RFID).

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