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# MMC wants Rs 10L to upgrade e-granthalaya

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**MARGAO:** The Margao Municipal Council (MMC) will seek Rs 10 lakh from the department of art and culture to upgrade the facilities at the recently inaugurated e-granthalaya at Margao.

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MMC chairperson Savio Coutinho said that based on the assurance given to the civic body by chief minister Digambar Kamat while inaugurating the e-granthalaya project, a proposal seeking the grants would be made shortly.

"We intend to provide the best of facilities at the library so that an atmosphere conducive to fostering the reading habit is created. We will do up the children's section in the best possible manner and also stock good reference books in the general section," Coutinho told TOI on Thursday.

Besides procuring more children's books, the MMC plans to give a face lift to the children's section by giving the walls a

fresh coat of paint. Adequate lighting and sufficient furniture will be provided keeping in mind the taste and temperament of the children frequenting the library, library sources informed.

As regards the general section, the MMC intends to procure the latest reference books and general literature. "We plan to adequately upgrade the reference section of the library. More cupboards and storage racks will be provided to stock the new collection of books. We have plans to buy new books of all categories worth over Rs 1.5 lakh, Coutinho informed.

Besides books of general interest, the library will also stock reference books for students of professional courses, including engineering and law, sources informed.

The Margao municipal library has around 21,000 books in Hindi, Marathi, English and even Portuguese. The task of entering the data of these books, as part of e-granthalaya project, is under progress.

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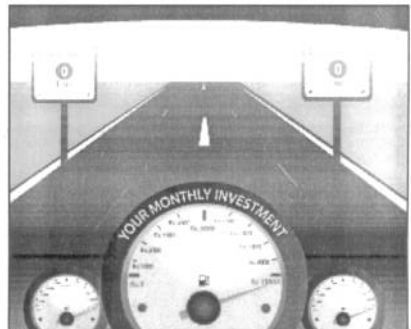
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