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Govt to implement e-Granthalaya to automate functions of libraries

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The Delhi government is all set to implement a software e-Granthalaya (V-2) to automate complete functioning of libraries. The software is developed by the National Informatics Centre (NIC). The software is free and is web-enabled.

The additional Secretary of the Delhi Chief Minister sent a letter to the Secretary of Art and Culture, government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD), the Director (Education), the Director (Higher Education), the Dean, Maulana Azad Medical College (MAMC), and the Director-Principal, BSA hospital and asked them to take necessary action to implement this project.

"E-Granthalya (V-2) software, developed by NIC, will make the complete functioning of libraries automatic. The software is free and is web-enabled. It would be highly useful if all the libraries in Delhi are linked to the e-Granthalaya. The Nodal officer from the IT Department for this project will be Sumit Kumar and that of NIC will be Ram Kumar Matoria," said the letter written by Dr Vasantha Kumar, additional secretary to the Chief Minister.

"It is requested that necessary action may kindly be taken to implement this project. IT department will provide all support necessary," it added.

E-Granthalaya is a digital agenda for library automation and networking. This software has been developed by a team of experts from the software as well as Library and Information Science discipline.

The software is useful for automation of in-house activities of libraries and to provide various online member services. It provides built-in Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) interface to publish the library catalogue over internet. The software is UNICODE compliant thus, supports data entry in local languages.

"Library automation is the general term for information and communications technologies (ICT) that are used to replace manual systems in the library. The automation may be applied to library administrative activities, office procedures, and delivery of library services to users," said an IT expert.

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