



Bibliography on Demand



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Foreword



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Hon'ble Minister of Culture

I am delighted to launch the Bibliography on Demand service, a timely and transformative intervention that promises to enhance the research landscape in India. Aligned with the Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for the nation to be a global centre of research and innovation, this service will follow the footsteps of Government's research-oriented initiatives, such as the National Research Foundation envisioned in the National Education Policy (NEP), the One Nation, One Subscription Scheme and the One Nation, One Data Scheme. This service will empower both institutions and individuals with personalized research support, navigating vast digital collections, and bridging the gap in digital literacy for researchers and remote institutions. Bibliography on Demand service seeks to streamline access to accurate and reliable reference materials and emphasize efficacy, efficiency, customization and accessibility.



Foreword



Shri Govind Mohan
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It is with immense pleasure that I introduce the forthcoming Bibliography on Demand service, an initiative by the Ministry of Culture. This transformative service, spearheaded by the Central Reference Library, Kolkata, reinforces our commitment to promoting and preserving India's rich cultural heritage and literary diversity. As we embark on this journey, the Central Reference Library, Kolkata together with our esteemed four public libraries, envisions fostering innovation, promoting knowledge dissemination, and contributing significantly to India's cultural and educational development. Through this service, we aim to empower researchers, scholars, and bibliophiles, fostering innovation, knowledge dissemination, and the continued growth of India's research landscape. Together, let us embark on this journey towards a more intellectually enriched and research-oriented India.



Preface

The Ministry of Culture is committed to promoting and preserving the rich cultural heritage of India, encompassing its diverse literary landscape. Under its purview, the Central Reference Library, Kolkata (CRL) stands as the National Bibliographic Agency, playing a pivotal role in curating the Indian National Bibliography, a definitive record of published works across the nation. As the demand for accurate and reliable reference materials increases in the research community, the CRL endeavours to enhance its services and broaden its impact through the introduction of Bibliographic Services on Demand (BoD).

This preface introduces the forthcoming BoD service, which aims to streamline the process of discovering and organizing pertinent sources for researchers, scholars, and bibliophiles alike. Recognizing the transformative potential of this initiative, the BoD service aligns seamlessly with the research-oriented objectives set by government initiatives, including the National Education Policy (NEP) and the National Research Foundation. By catering to the unique requirements of users and offering comprehensive, accessible, and personalized bibliographies, the BoD service is set to significantly bolster the research landscape in India.

The initiative builds on the foundation of several complementary government schemes and initiatives, further amplifying its relevance and impact. Collaborating with libraries under the ambit of the Delivery of Books and Newspapers (Public Libraries) Act, 1954, including The National Library, Kolkata; The Delhi Public Library, New Delhi; The State Central Library, Mumbai; and The Connemara Public Library, Chennai, the BoD service promises to be a comprehensive and all-encompassing resource for researchers across the country.

With a focus on efficiency, efficacy,

customization, and accessibility, the BoD service aims to empower institutions and individuals alike. It offers personalized research support, navigates vast digital collections, and bridges the gap in digital literacy for researchers and remote institutions. By serving as a trusted resource centre, the CRL, together with partner libraries, aspires to foster innovation, promote knowledge dissemination, and contribute to India's cultural and educational development.

The BoD service represents a significant step towards the future of bibliographic services, emphasizing the dynamic role libraries can play in the digital research landscape. As the CRL embarks on this ambitious endeavour, it envisions empowering researchers, scholars, and individuals to explore the vast literary wealth of India while making substantial contributions to the global research community. This preface invites readers to embrace this transformative service and become part of the journey towards a more intellectually enriched and research-oriented India.

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Bibliography On Demand Service

Background

The Central Reference Library, Kolkata (CRL) serves as the National Bibliographic Agency of the country and operates as a subordinate office under the Ministry of Culture (MoC), Government of India. The institution is overseen by a librarian who also acts as the general editor of its publications. Its core mission revolves around the compilation and publication of the Indian National Bibliography, a definitive record of books published in 14 different languages of India, including English. This authoritative bibliography is based on books received at the National Library under the Delivery of Books Act, 1954.

However, it is essential to note that the CRL is not a conventional library where books are stored and made available to readers. Instead, it operates primarily as a publication unit dedicated to curating the Indian National Bibliography, which serves as a valuable and comprehensive resource for scholars, researchers, and bibliophiles seeking information on published works across the country.

CRL operating under the auspices of the Ministry of Culture, is poised to expand its user base through the introduction of Bibliographic Services on Demand (BoD). This forthcoming service aims to provide users with meticulously curated lists of reliable sources compiled by professional bibliographers. By offering accurate and high-quality reference materials, the BoD service seeks to enhance the efficiency and utilization of available resources. In alignment with research-oriented objectives set by government initiatives and schemes, such as the National Education Policy (NEP) launched in 2020 and the National Research Foundation, an initiative under the purview of the Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India (GOI), this service holds great promise.

Context and Relevance:

The National Education Policy (NEP) emphasizes the establishment of a robust ecosystem to bolster existing research capacities of both institutions and individuals. Despite its prescient nature, research and innovation investment in India currently stands at 0.69%, significantly lower compared to other nations like the USA (2.8%), Israel (4.3%), and South Korea (4.2%). The BoD service is expected to play a pivotal role in facilitating research endeavours, thereby contributing substantially to research output, and aligning with the goals set forth in the NEP.

Complementary Government Schemes:

Furthermore, the BoD service synergizes effectively with other noteworthy initiatives undertaken by the Government of India. For instance, it substantively complements the 'One Nation One Data' scheme introduced by the All-India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). Additionally, the 'One Nation, One Subscription' (ONOS) scheme, designed to provide open access to national and international research papers and journals, aligns well with the information-rich resources offered through the BoD service. Moreover, the 'National Mission on Libraries,' an initiative under the Ministry of Culture, works diligently to modernize and digitally link libraries across India, ultimately granting readers seamless access to books and information.

In summation, the Central Reference Library's forthcoming Bibliographic Services on Demand (BoD) offering holds

immense potential to significantly enhance the research landscape in India. By providing curated and reliable sources to researchers and scholars, the BoD service supports the aspirations outlined in the National Education Policy (NEP) and the various initiatives introduced by the Government of India. Embracing this service is a step towards empowering research institutions and individuals, fostering innovation, and promoting knowledge dissemination across the nation. As CRL embarks on this ambitious endeavour, it is poised to make a meaningful contribution to India's research ecosystem and further strengthen the country's position in the global research community. These programs collectively aim to facilitate research endeavours. The forthcoming BoD scheme is poised to be a forward-looking intervention in this domain, complementing and significantly contributing to the success of the aforementioned programs.

Sources for References

This initiative aims to engage libraries as service providers, offering customised bibliographies for researchers. Leveraging its reputation for premier reference services and commitment to knowledge preservation, the CRL seeks to strengthen its position as a leading hub for researchers, academic institutions, and individuals in search of reliable information through this service. Information would be drawn from the libraries that fall under the ambit of the Delivery of Books and Newspapers (Public Libraries) Act, 1954, the four libraries specified are:

1. The National Library, Kolkata
2. The Delhi Public Library, New Delhi
3. The State Central Library, Mumbai
4. The Connemara Public Library, Chennai

These libraries are entitled to receive copies of all books published in India, under the provisions of the Delivery of Books Act, 1954. The act aims to ensure that important publications are available to the public and preserved for future generations by depositing copies in these designated libraries.

Objectives

Bibliographic Services on Demand is being introduced with the following objectives:

1. Efficiency: Streamlines the process of searching and organizing relevant sources, saving time, and ensuring accuracy and quality. It enhances the CRL's commitment to supporting research, promoting intellectual pursuits, and contributing to India's cultural and educational development.
2. Efficacy of existing resources: Serves as a research support tool, helping researchers discover new sources, explore perspectives, and ensure comprehensive and reliable references for their projects in a cost-effective manner.
3. Generation of bespoke resource catalogues: Offers customization options, catering to the unique requirements of each requester. Users can choose specific citation styles, fields of study, and source preferences, ensuring bibliographies catering to individual requirements.
4. Accessibility: Provides convenience and accessibility to users from various backgrounds and locations and provides an opportunity to access a curated list of sources without the need for extensive searching.

Beneficiaries:

Beneficiaries will be of two categories, namely institutional and individual.

1. Institutional:
 - a. Ministries/Departments
 - b. Universities/Colleges
 - c. Research Institutions
 - d. Training Academies/Institutes
 - e. Think Tanks
 - f. Libraries
 - g. Museums
 - h. Corporate Houses
 - i. PSUs
 2. Individual:
 - a. Researchers- independent/freelance
 - b. Scholars
 - c. Authors
 - d. Journalists
 - e. Students
 - f. Scientists
 - g. Academicians
 - h. Government Officials
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Benefits

Such a scheme would benefit both institutions as well as individuals:

1. Institutional benefits:
 - a. Libraries as service providers: This scheme empowers libraries to transform into service providers and resource centres, offering bibliographical services to meet evolving research needs, reinforcing their vital role in the digital research landscape.
 - b. Complement Digital Collections: While digitization has expanded access to vast digital collections, the abundance of information can be overwhelming. This service can guide users through these digital collections, highlighting key resources, and saving users from information overload.
 - c. Expertise and Quality Assurance: Bibliographic services curated by CRL, and other libraries will benefit from their expertise in navigating diverse digital resources and evaluating the credibility of online materials will ensure the quality of research resources.
 - d. Building User Engagement: By offering personalized research support, libraries can cater to specific needs of researchers and provide targeted assistance. This engagement enhances user satisfaction, loyalty, and encourages continued utilization of the library's services.
 2. Individual benefits:
 - a. Personalized Research Support: Bespoke bibliographic services provide personalized research support to users. By tailoring bibliographies to specific needs and preferences, the CRL demonstrates its commitment to meeting individual researchers' requirements in the digital era.
 - b. Bridge the Gap in Digital Literacy: Bibliographic services bridge the gap in digital literacy for researchers and remote institutions, helping them navigate digital databases and access relevant information, promoting research capabilities in the digital era.
 - c. Demonstrating Value and Relevance: Introducing bespoke bibliographic services demonstrates the CRL's adaptability in the digital age, providing specialized research support and reinforcing its value as a key resource for researchers and scholars.
 - d. Pan India perspective: The bibliographies will be generated from four libraries that encompass the diverse regional aspects of India. These libraries are located in New Delhi, West Bengal, Maharashtra, and Tamil Nadu, providing a thorough representation of India's vast literary, linguistic diversity.
 - e. All in one service provider: Due to the comprehensive database and rigorous methods being used to generate bibliographies, the BoD service will serve as an all-in-one service provider, greatly facilitating ease in doing research.
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Procedure

1. Applications will be accepted via the application form available on the CRL's website.
2. Applications will be open for acceptance from the 1st to 5th of every month.
3. The CRL will form a committee to assess the viability of requests in the applications received every month.
4. The service will be launched on pilot basis for a duration of six months and upon completion of the same, operational modalities will be reviewed in March 2024.
5. This service will be chargeable in nature. The monthly/yearly fee and the mode of payment shall be decided by the committee.
6. The guidelines and application format will be available at CRL website and regularly updated.
7. The first iteration of the request will supply a total of 50 books in the bibliography, the same can be availed at a nominal fee.

Timeline

The service will be launched in three subsequent phases:

Phase I: Bibliography

Phase II: Bibliography and Journals

Phase III: Bibliography, Journals and E-resources

Review and Feedback

1. Post the completion of Phase I, the data collected by the CRL will be made available on its website.
 2. A review will be conducted by CRL and MoC after completion of each phase at the time of financial year end.
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Annexure

Central Reference Library, Kolkata - Bibliography on Demand Service Application Form

Personal Information:

- 1) Full Name: _____
- 2) Gender:
 - a) Male
 - b) Female
 - c) Other
- 3) Date of Birth: __/__/____
- 4) Nationality: _____
- 5) Occupation: _____
- 6) Type of Application:
 - a) Individual Application
 - b) Institutional Application
- 7) Address (Residential for individuals and official for institutions):

Contact Information:

- 1) Email Address: _____
- 2) Phone Number (Mobile): _____
- 3) Phone Number (Landline) [if applicable]: _____

Bibliography Details:

1. Please provide detailed information about the bibliography you are requesting. Specify the topic, subject area, or keywords related to the bibliography.

2. Please describe the purpose for which you require this bibliography. (e.g., research, academic study, publication, etc.)

3. Please describe briefly the broad thematic cluster of your research.



Additional Information:

Please feel free to provide any additional information or special instructions related to your bibliography request.

Note:

Availing this service is conditional upon individual and institutional beneficiaries acknowledging the CRL and its contribution to their final research output.

The bibliographic services provided by the Central Reference Library are subject to availability and adherence to the library's terms and conditions. The library reserves the right to reject any application that does not comply with its policies or if the requested service is beyond the library's scope.



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