

Chapter - 7

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

Dr. M. D. Patel Regional e-Library is functioning independently as a separate unit with great pride as “University Library”. Presently, the library is in possession of 35 Foreign and 69 Indian Journals, 16 Popular Magazines, 10 News papers, 77307 Barcoded Books, 1037 e-books, 11281 Reports, 13602 Back Volumes, 4943 M.Sc. and Ph.D. theses, 132 digitized rare books, and several e-resources for the utility of the users. Moreover, Library activities like acquisition, circulation, searching etc. are carried out with Koha Library Software, which has fortified the Library system. Cyberary, a hub of e-activities, is also a part of library providing Internet services to users with 36 computers and 100 mbps internet connectivity. This year, more efforts were put in by the Library for the development of learning resources, infrastructure, library service innovations, information and communication technology and human resource from the grant given by the state government and the ICAR.

Library Management

The University Library functions under the overall supervision of the University Librarian, who is one of the Statutory Officers of the University, directly answerable to the Vice Chancellor. The Library Committee of the University consisting of the following members is constituted under Section-20(4) of the Act to manage the library and render suggestions to the Board of Management on any matter related to the library.

Library Committee

- 1 The Vice Chancellor - Chairman
- 2 The Director of Research and Dean of Post Graduate Studies
- 3 The Director of Extension Education

- 4 The Deans of Faculties
- 5 Five Heads of the University Departments of different faculties nominated by the Vice Chancellor
- 6 The Registrar
- 7 The Accounts Officer of the University
- 8 The Director of Students’ Welfare
- 9 One P.G. Student from each faculty nominated by the Vice Chancellor
- 10 The University Librarian - Secretary

Library Services Circulation

- Reprographic
- Reference
- Document Delivery Request (CeRA)
- Inter Library Loan
- Internet Access (Web Surfing)
- Online Catalogue
- News Clipping (via e-mail)
- Question Papers (online)
- Food For Thought (via e-mail)
- New Arrivals
- News Papers and Periodicals
- Digitization (*Krishikosh*)
- Electronic Resources
(Databases, Journals, Books etc.)
- Technical Support
- Teaching and Training

Grant allotted and expended during the year of Report

Sr. No.	Type of Grant	Allotment (₹ Lakh)	Expenditure (₹ Lakh)
1	State Government	79.97	76.17
2	ICAR Development	02.00	01.97

Resources available during the year of report

Resource Type	Number added during the year	Total
Text Books/Reference Books	745	77307
e-books	-	1037
Journals	Foreign Indian	35 69
Back volumes	-	13602
Theses	206	4943
Online Resources	1 Britannica Encyclopedia 2 Indiastat.com 3 India Business Insight Database 4 Animal Simulator for Veterinary Experiments 5 J-Gate 6 Consortium of e-Resources in Agriculture(CeRA) 7 e-Books and Encyclopedias 8 Online Question Papers	
<i>Krishikosh</i> Repository (http://krishikosh.egranth.ac.in)	M.Sc./Ph.D. Dissertations : 650 Digitized Books : 99	

Library activities during the year of report

▪ User Statistics

During the year of report, there were 20,527 Library transactions. Cyberary continues to be the hub of e-content search with an average of 10 - 15 users per day.

▪ CeRA

Consortium of e-Resources in Agriculture is a repository of e-resources provided by the ICAR. The DDS service is being provided on time by Dr. M. D. Patel Regional e-Library. This year, the CeRA user statistics indicate 5493 CeRA successful logins and 234 Library Loan

clearances.

▪ *KrishiKosh*

'*KrishiKosh*'- an Institutional Repository has been created under the National Agricultural Innovation Project (NAIP) to provide online access to researchers and scientists all over the world. Since the launching of the Project, AAU has been actively contributing vast material to this repository. Total 650 M.Sc./Ph.D. Dissertations are uploaded on *Krishikosh*. In addition to that, innumerable historical photographs, digitized rare books(99), Marketable Technologies, Doctoral Theses, Convocational addresses, Annual Report, *Krishi Mahotsav* Model and other

institutional publications of AAU are available for open access.

▪ **Book Exhibitions**

A Book exhibition was conducted by Dr. M. D. Patel Regional e-Library during the year of report, where fifteen book sellers have participated and several recommendations were received from different faculties. Multiple Text Books as Books for complete semester, Reference Books, Reference Materials, Research Monographs and books for competitive exams were purchased for the benefit of students' academic and personality development.

▪ **Library Committee Meeting**

The Fifth Library Committee meeting after implementation of common statutes for Agricultural Universities of Gujarat was held on 22.12.2016 in the University Bhavan, AAU, Anand and various library related issues were discussed at length.

▪ **Digital Library Services**

Presently, the Library successfully renders following services to the users:

News Clipping: This library service is now provided as an attachment in e-mail.

1 **Food For Thought:** Library has started to

circulate good reading articles to the library users as an attachment in e-mail.

2 **Online Question Papers:** Students and Faculties can access old question papers in pdf format.

▪ **Infrastructure Facilities**

✓ Print text books and reference books were procured for the benefit of the scientists and students of the University to keep them selves updated with current developments in agricultural sciences.

✓ Scanner expedites the process of digitization of Question Papers.

✓ With the help of the Wi-Fi zone, users can now access internet and other resources from their own hand held devices.

✓ Airconditioned reading room is utilized by students for reading and discussion during evening time and examination days.

▪ **Distinguished Guests to the Library**

Dr. M B Chetti, ADG(HRD), ICAR and other members of Monitoring and Review Team of Education Division, ICAR New Delhi, visited Dr M. D. Patel Regional e-Library on 23 January, 2017. They acclaimed the Library for its finest collection, resources and facilities being offered by the Library to the users.



University Library



Cyberary



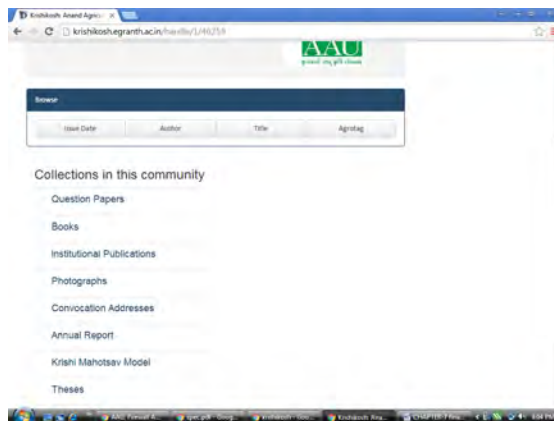
Periodical Room



Air conditioned Theses Room



Library Committee Meeting



Krishikosh Repository



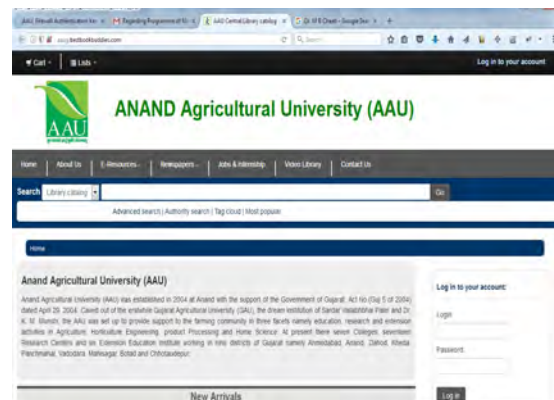
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e-Resources



Guest Visit
Dr. M B Chetti, ADG(HRD), ICAR



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