e-Library

An electronic library (e-Library) is a website which provides internet users with access to digitized or electronic (born digital or online) collection such as e-books, e-journals, e-magazines, Institutional Repositories that are available in libraries, museums or archives. An electronic library can also be viewed as a service that searches the full text of e-books, e-journals, etc. that is stored in digital databases or that are created in electronic form on internet. Therefore, an electronic library may be viewed as a system that enables users to obtain digitized/electronic data from anywhere in the world by online access.

The e-Library in context of Knowledge Resource Centre of RTMNU includes providing online access of e-resources to the students and teachers of the university.

1. **Scope of e-Library: The scope has been envisaged as providing the following services:**

   1) Access to full text e-books collection purchased by KRC
   2) Access to full text e-journals provided under e-Shodhsindhu (a scheme of INFLBNET, an IUC of UGC)
   3) Access to full text databases provided under e-Shodhsindhu scheme
   4) Access to Web OPAC in open access mode
   5) Access to Sugamya Pustakalaya (for persons with disabilities)
   6) Access to accession register of manuscripts in open access mode

   While some of the e-resources are licensed like e-books, e-journals and e-databases, others are provided in open access mode.

2. **Location of e-library**

   The location of e-Library is essentially a website or URL that provides links to various full text e-resources. The e-Library, in this case provides access to all the e-resources available in KRC (KRC university campus and V.B.Alias Bhausaheb Kolte library). E-Library has been made available on university website main page www.nagpuruniversity.ac.in

3. **Resources included in e-Library**

   1) Full text e-book procured by KRC (authorized users)
   2) Full text e-journals (authorized users)
   3) Full text e-databases (authorized users)
   4) Web OPAC (open access)
   5) Accession Register of Manuscript (open access)
   6) Sugamya Pustakalaya (authentication required)

4. E-Library Membership Criteria

Kindly find below the clarification on the issues raised by you.

1. A person who is not a student of the university can become a member of the University Library (now called as Knowledge Resource Centre including (i) Dr. V.B. alias Bhausaheb Kolte Knowledge Resource Centre and (ii) Knowledge Resource Centre, University Campus) by applying for membership under suitable/applicable category which are as under:

CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

- Member of University authorities
- Officers of the University
- Head of the Departments
- Teachers
- Non-Teaching University Employees
- Contributory teachers of the University
- Teachers of the affiliated colleges
- PGTD Students of the University
- PG students studying in the college affiliated to the University
- Retired / Ex-teachers
- Student appearing for PG exam as external candidate
- Reading Room users
- Short term users
- Institutional member (Academic & Research Institutions)
- Institutional member (Business houses/ Industries

Once the persons gets the membership card under suitable category, he/she can avail services of the library. He/She can contact in the campus Library to register for Remote Login. More details on membership categories and other services may kindly be obtained from the Director of KRC.

2. One can access all the e-Resources using Remote Login, viz. Access to full text e-Books (purchased by the University Library), Access to Full Text e-Journals (Licensed and provided under e-Shodhsindhu scheme of INFLIBNET), access to Full text databases (Licensed and provided under e-Shodhsindhu scheme of INFLIBNET). Open Access Resources are anyway available on the internet and do not warrant any remote login.

Similarly, no remote login is required on the campus. All the e-Resources are available through campus network. e-Resource Labs are there in the Knowledge Resorce Centre at both the locations to facilitate the users to access and download the resources from the terminals.

All the library members under various categories can access e-Library on campus.

The licensed resources like those covered under e-Shodhsindhu such as 7032 full text e-journals and 4 databases can be accessed by all the members on campus through the terminals available in 3 e-resource labs situated in campus KRC as well as KRC Ramdaspeth.

These resources are also available in PG departments in the campus over campus LAN. Further, Wi Fi facilities have been provided in campus KRC and reading rooms and the users can access e-Library on their laptops, mobile phones and other gadgets. The access to licensed resources of e-Library is provided off campus also with a help of Remote Login. The teachers of the university, Ph.D. supervisors of the university and Ph.D. students of the university are availing these facilities to get access to 7032 high quality full text e-journals from anywhere in the world.

5. Services of e-Library

Providing online access to (in open access mode, on campus, off campus through Remote Login)

1. Full text e-books (licensed)
2. Full text e-journals (licensed)
3. Full text e-databases (licensed)
4. Web OPAC (open access)
5. Sugamya Pustakalaya (authentication required)
6. Accession register of manuscript (open access)

In addition to above services, the KRC plans to develop Institutional Repository (IR) of its manuscripts (14,313 Nos.) that will contain digitized collection of manuscripts. This database will be indexed using various search approaches. An Information Retrieval System will help users to search and access the digitized version of manuscripts. These services will be added in e-Library.