

PROMOTION OF LIBRARY NETWORK UNDER NML

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National Mission on Libraries (NML) Scheme has 4 components. The components wise progress is as follows: -

1. **National Virtual Library of India (NVLI)** – The Indian Culture Portal, launched in December 2019, was created to democratize access to knowledge about India's cultural traditions, history, literature, arts, and heritage by bringing digital resources from museums, libraries, archives, and cultural institutions onto a unified platform. **Version 2.0, launched on 05.03.2026**, introduces a modern architecture with a React-based frontend and Drupal backend, improving speed, scalability, and reliability. It features the AI-powered chatbot Bharti, integrated with the Government of India's Bhashini platform to provide assistance in 22 Indian languages. The portal offers advanced multilevel search, operates as a Progressive Web App, and includes 3D walkthroughs, virtual tours, 46 curated cultural categories, and interactive learning activities.
2. **Setting up of NML Model Libraries** – Under the component Setting up of NML Model Libraries, financial assistance has so far been sanctioned to 28 State Central Libraries, 41 District Libraries and 5 Ministry of Culture identified Libraries. The details are as per **Annexure-A**.
3. **Quantitative & Qualitative Survey of Libraries** – Survey has been completed and the Report has been accepted in this Ministry.
4. **Capacity Building Programme** - Total 54 training programmes have been organized in which 2465 library professionals across the Country have been trained so far.

Library is a State subject as per the Seventh schedule of Constitution of India, and public libraries function under the administrative control of the respective State/Union Territory Authorities. Thus, establishment of library does not come under the purview of NML. However, NML scheme, under Setting up of NML Model Library component, provides financial assistance to 1 State Central Library and 1 District Library in each State /UT, as per the recommendation of the State Authority concerned.

The list of the libraries upgraded under NML (State/UT wise) is attached as **Annexure-A**.

The details of financial support provided in Rajasthan under NML Model Library is as follows: -

<u>Library Name</u>	<u>Sanction year</u>	<u>Amt. Sanctioned (in. Lakh)</u>	<u>Amt. Released (in. Lakh)</u>

Dr. Radhakrishnan Rajya Kendriya Pustakalaya, Jaipur	2014-15	183.51	94.81
Rajakiya Sarvajanic Mandal Pustakalaya, Kota	2016-17	63.46	63.21

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Annexure-A

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b&c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.†3837 for reply on 16th March, 2026 regarding “Promotion of Library Network under NML”.

Sl.	State	Name of the Library	Sanction Year	Amount sanctioned in lakh	Total released
1	A&N Island	State Central Library, Port Blair	2023-24	223.00	223.00
2	A&N Island	District Library, Car nicobar	2023-24	87.00	87.00
3	Andhra Pradesh	SCL, Amravati	2025-26	223.00	0
4	Andhra Pradesh	Sri Gowthami Regional Library Rajamahendravaram	2025-26	87.00	0
5	Arunachal Pradesh	State Central Library, Itanagar	2014-15	223	219.71
6	Arunachal Pradesh	District Library, Phasighat	2014-15	87.00	84.90
7	Assam	District Library, Jorhat (1)	2016-17	40.00	39.99
8	Assam	District Library, Guwahati (2)	2016-17	70.00	69.59
9	Bihar	District Central Library, Jamui	2018-19	81.41	62.21

10	Bihar	District Library, Vaishali	Central Hajipur,	2023-24	87.00	50.00
11	Chandigarh	T.S. State Library	Central	2023-24	164.5	164.5
12	Chandigarh	Divisional South	Library,	2023-24	82.72	82.72
13	Chhattisgarh	District Raigarh	Library,	2014-15	87.00	78.32
14	Daman & Diu	Central Daman	Library,	2023-24	223.00	223.00
15	Daman & Diu	District Library, Diu		2023-24	87.00	87.00
16	Goa	Dr. Francisco Gomes District Library	Luis District	2014-15	87.00	3.38
17	Goa	Krishnadas State Central Library	Shama	2014-15	223.00	21.68
18	Gujarat	State Central Library, Gandhinagar		2017-18	104.04	101.00
19	Gujarat	Government Library, Gujarat	District Bhavnagar,	2022-23	87.00	87.00
20	Haryana	State Central Library, Ambala Cantt.		2021-22	223.00	223.00
21	Haryana	District Narnaul	Library,	2021-22	84.00	46.20
22	Himachal Pradesh	Government Library, Bilaspur	District	2018-19	86.87	74.66
23	Himachal Pradesh	Central Solan, Himachal Pradesh	State Library,	2022-23	223.00	223.00

24	Jammu & Kashmir	Gani Memorial U.T Central Library, Srinagar	2021-22	223.00	223.00
25	Jammu & Kashmir	District Library, Samba	2021-22	32.50	32.50
26	Jharkhand	State Central Library, Dhanbad	2023-24	223.00	223.00
27	Jharkhand	District Library, Palamau	2023-24	87.00	87.00
28	Karnataka	State Central Library, Bangalore	2014-15	223.00	200.00
29	Karnataka	District Central Library, Shimoga	2014-15	87.00	79.26
30	Kerala	State Central Library, Thiruvananthapuram	2015-16	116.61	116.61
Sl.	State	Name of the Library	Sanction Year	Amount sanctioned in lakh	Total released
31	Kerala	State Public Library Research Centre	2021-22	37.5	22.55
32	Ladakh	State Public Library, Kargil	2025-26	220.00	0
33	Ladakh	District Library, Leh	2025-26	80.00	0
34	Lakshadweep	State Central Library, Kavaratti	2023-24	168.00	168.00
35	Lakshadweep	District Library, Kadmat	2023-24	27.64	27.64
36	Madhya Pradesh	Govt. District Library, Khandwa	2016-17	73.20	65.59
37	Madhya Pradesh	Govt. Shri Ahilya Central Library, Indore	2017-18	87.00	43.67

38	Maharashtra	District Library, Nandurbar	2016-17	21.90	18.43
39	Maharashtra	Govt. Divisional Library, Aurangabad	2017-18	60.55	57.21
40	Manipur	State Central Library, Imphal	2022-23	218.87	218.87
41	Manipur	District Library, Senapati	2022-23	85.53	85.53
42	Meghalaya	State Central Library, Shillong	2023-24	223.00	223
43	Meghalaya	District Library, Tura	2023-24	87.00	87
44	Mizoram	State Central Library, Aizwal	2014-15	141.24	137.04
45	Mizoram	District Library, Kolasib	2014-15	50.00	50.00
46	Nagaland	State Central Library, Kohima	2016-17	177.49	175.48
47	Nagaland	District Library, Dimapur	2016-17	73.81	69.75
48	Odisha	H.K.M.State Library, Bhubaneswar	2014-15	223.00	133
49	Odisha	District Library, Ganajam	2014-15	40.36	0
50	Pondicherry	Romain Rolland Library, State Central Library	2016-17	166.47	142.37
51	Pondicherry	Dr. S. R. Ranganathan Government Public Library, Karaikal	2016-17	76.04	66.17
52	Punjab	MM Central State Library, Patiala	2022-23	223.00	0

53	Punjab	Gurunanak District Library, Kapurthala	2022-23	87.00	0
54	Rajasthan	Dr. Radhakrishnan Rajya Kendriya Pustakalaya, Jaipur	2014-15	183.51	94.81
55	Rajasthan	Rajakiya Sarvajanic Mandal Pustakalaya, Kota	2016-17	63.46	63.21
56	Sikkim	Sikkim State Central Library, Gangtok	2021-22	217.2	217.2
57	Sikkim	District Library, Mangan	2021-22	86.58	86.58
58	Tamil Nadu	District Library, Tiruchirapalli	2016-17	70.00	68.16
59	Tamil Nadu	District Library, Vellore	2016-17	87.00	79.27
60	Telangana	District Central Library, Mahabubnagar	2014-15	52.00	50.00
61	Telangana	State Central Library, Hyderabad	2014-15	112.25	103.72
62	Tripura	Birchandra State Central Library	2014-15	223.00	222.93
63	Tripura	Unakoti District Library	2014-15	87.00	86.92
64	Uttar Pradesh	State Central Library, Allahabad	2014-15	206.00	203.75
Sl.	State	Name of the Library	Sanction Year	Amount sanctioned in lakh	Total released

65	Uttar Pradesh	Government District Library, Etawah	2014-15	87.00k	85.93
66	Uttarakhand	Government District Library, Suman Pustakalaya, New Tehri	2018-19	86.2	50.00
67	Uttarakhand	Central State Library, Almora	2025-26	188.77	0
68	West Bengal	West Bengal State Central Library	2014-15	222.81	219.82
69	West Bengal	North Bengal State Library, Coochbehar	2014-15	86.98	79.73
Total				8671.01	6716.56

Status of Assistance towards Ministry of Culture Libraries

(Amount in lakhs)			
Sl. No.	Name of Library	Total Sanctioned	Total Released
1	National Library (NL)	724.2	142.78
2	Central Secretariat Library (CSL)	277.09	126.27
3	Delhi Public Library (DPL)	443.89	274.19
4	Khuda Bakhsh Oriental Public Library (KBOPL)	344.20	30.26
5	Thanjavur Maharaja Serfoji's Sarasvathi Mahal Library (TMSSML)	715.2	667.48

This information was given by Union Minister for Culture and Tourism Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat in a written reply in Lok Sabha today

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