

## **Indira Gandhi Memorial Library Environment Water And Sanitation Amenities: A Proposal**

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**Abstract:** Libraries are the store house of knowledge. A library is the medicine of the mind so to make the users utilize this medicine proper amenities should be provided, to make the users visit library regularly. The present study focuses on the learning environment like reading hall, laptop zone, Wi-Fi, news papers, seating arrangement in garden, wheel chair amenity, information technology amenities in Indira Gandhi Memorial Library, Hyderabad Central University. It also discusses about the water duties to provide water to the users and staff. It also focuses on the sanitation facilities available in the library which are very much essential for the users.

**Key words:-** Reading hall, Laptop zone, Wi-Fi, Information technology, Sanitation

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### **I. INTRODUCTION**

Amenities are the little things in life that make life more pleasant or comfortable.

#### **Scope and objectives of library amenities**

Library is a growing organism. The basic objectives of a university Library are:-

1. To provide an attractive atmosphere for the users to make use of its resources and to exchange their ideas and information and to promote good reading habits.
2. It should be attractive and convenient for the users
- 3.

#### **UNIVERSITY OF HYDERABAD:**

The university of Hyderabad is one of the major institutions of higher Education in India was established by an Act of Parliament [Act no.39 of 1974] on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 1974 as a central University, wholly financed by the UGC. The University is largely devoted to post graduate studies and is widely known for its excellence in research and for its distinguished faculty.

The University has 12 schools of study

Mathematics and statistics

Physics

Chemistry

Life sciences

Humanities

Social sciences

Management studies

Sarojini Naidu school of Arts and communication

Engineering sciences and Technology

Medical sciences

Economics

Computer information sciences.

While some schools are single-discipline schools, others have Departments and centers attached to them. There has been a special emphasis on promoting interschool and inter disciplinary teaching and research in the University

### **II. INDIRA GANDHI MEMORIAL LIBRARY, UNIVERSITY OF HYDERABAD**

The IGML is the Central facility to cater to the information needs of the teachers, research scholars and students of the University. This library is 1<sup>st</sup> fully automated library among the Universities in the country way back in 1995. The main objective of the library is to provide the most effective learning resources to the teachers, research scholars and the students of the University.

The library has created electronic learning environment by establishing online public Access catalogue [OPAC], subscribing printed and online databases, internet facilities, Laptop zone with Wi-Fi facility without power interruption- Library is maintaining Anti-plagiarism software for screening and report generation of documents particularly thesis, Dissertations, project Reports, other documents etc.

Library switched over to VTLS (Visionary Technology Library Solution) software package for Library Automation and Digital Library activities during the year 2001. This Library become model digital library with special funding from the UGC and in collaboration with M/s. VTLS Inc., the third largest digital library software firm in the USA.

**VTLS** (Visionary Technology Library Solution) - **LIBRARY MANAGEMENT / DIGITAL LIBRARY SOFTWARE:** It is integrated Library Automation and Digital Library Software. This software supports MARC-21, ISO 2709, UNIMARC, CATMARC and SWEMARC standards and linking provision form multimedia and full-text document resources. Library has also setup Digital Repository with DSPACE Digital Library Software.

Library will be closed only for 3 National holidays and 2 festivals. Except these days library is providing services to the users even till mid – night.

**Organization of reading materials in Indira Gandhi Memorial Library:**

There are two wings Right and left wings



**Facilities for the users:**

- 1. Parking facilities:-** Adequate parking facilities for cycles, two- wheelers and cars are available under a shelter outside the library.
- 2. Landscape garden:-** Indira Gandhi memorial Library has a beautiful garden in and around the building with desirable sitting arrangement and adequate lighting facility which make the students to read in open –air during summer [morning time] and night time.
- 3. Property counter:-** IGML has a property counter for the users to store their personal materials.
- 4. Entry and exit gate of IGML:-** Library has one large main entrance/exit in the ground floor.
- 5. News paper section:-** Daily 23 New papers are available for the readers. In this section we can not only find newspapers & magazines but old years of newspapers are also available.
- 6. Systems for visually handicapped students:-** To serve the visually “the library has provided 2 computers with internet browsing facility with jaws software [reading the screen].
- 7. Reading hall:-** In the reading hall big tables and chairs are arranged in the center of the hall and towards windows small tables and chairs are arranged which are very much useful for the laptop users. The ventilation facility is very good. The students can view natural environment outside the window which relax their mind while reading. The hall is full of lights and fans. Few systems are also provided in this hall which makes the students to spend more time in the library.

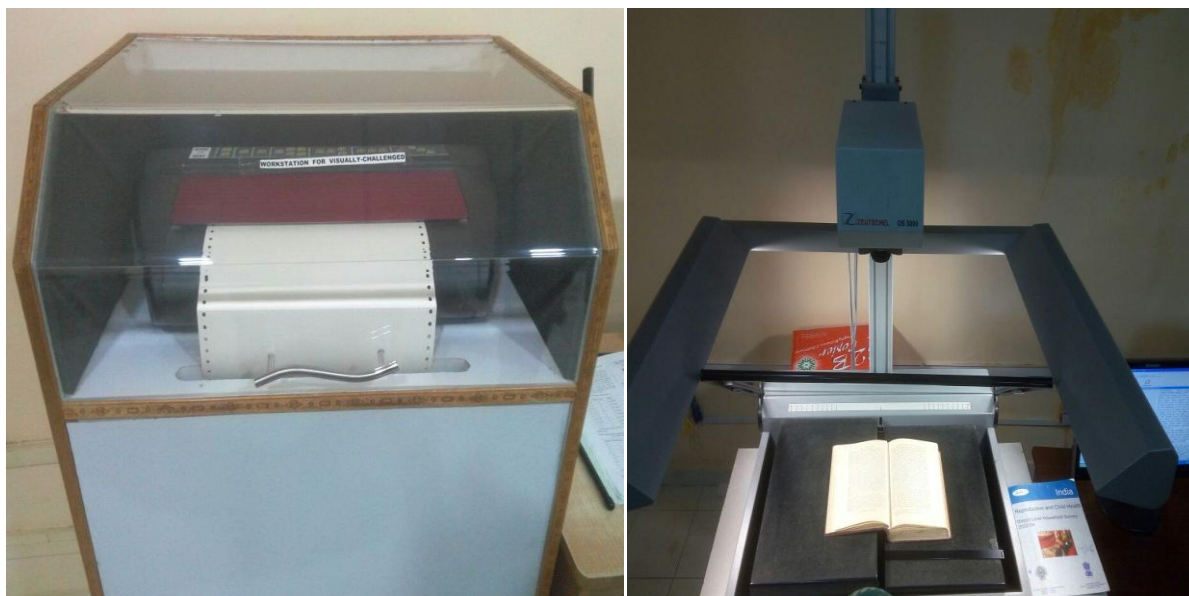
**8. Braille books:-** These books are useful for visually handicapped users which are arranged in the ground floor for their convenience.

**9. Information Technology Section:** In order to maintain standard & quality in researches and other publications, Turnitin - Anti - Plagiarism software is used for screening and report generation.

**Scanners:** There are different types of scanners available in the I.T. section for scanning books or for digitization.

**Flat bed Scanner:** It is used for scanning and reading printed materials.

**Braille Printer:** It is useful to print Braille Books.



**10. Wheel Chair:** Wheel Chair facility is available for the physically handicapped user.

**11. Lift:** Lift facility is also available in the library.

**12. Xerox:** Xerox center is available in the ground floor.

**13. Air Cooler:** In Summer season air coolers are also provided in the reading hall or whenever necessary for the users and for the staff.

**14. Fire Extinguishers:** Fire Extinguishers are installed at appropriate locations to prevent any untoward incident.

**15. Water Facility:** There are safe drinking water coolers at suitable location for the use of the readers and the library staff on ground floor. Adequate water supply lines are provided to supply water in washrooms and other places. Water duties are allocated to the staff to take care of the supply of water.

**16. Sanitation Facilities:** There are enough number of toilets for both ladies and gents on ground and first floor at convenient place away from the user/work areas. Toilets have provision for wash basins, mirrors and dustbins. Every toilet has an exhaust system to drive away foul smell. Indian and Western both sanitation facilities are available in the library.

### III. CONCLUSION:

There are drastic changes occurs in the field of Library Science and Libraries due to the development and adaptation of technology by the library staff and the users. Library plays an important role in the society for promotion of education and reading. Modern day users prefer proper sitting arrangement, good ventilation, Wi-Fi and other amenities for their research and reading purpose. The University library should grow and develop according to the user needs.

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