Mahatma Gandhi Central Library – An Introduction to Resources Available

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Little History

- **Oldest Technical Library in the country**
- **1848 College Library established**
- **1856 Ganges Canal Library collection merged**
- **1862 Name Central Library was given**
- **1864 Addiscombe College, London Collection was merged**
- **1873 Two big halls in the Main Building and two small rooms**

- **1949 Foundation Stone of an independent Library building was laid on 25th November**
- **1960 Building occupied**
- **1980s Renovation**
- **2003 New building proposal**
- **2004 Foundation Stone on 19th June**
- **2007 Completion in June**
- **2007 Started functioning on 12th July**

SALIENT FEATURES

- Total covered area 85,000 sq. ft. in four floors
- Main consideration in design: natural light
- Reading capacity: 500 nos.
- Open reading room capacity: 80 nos.
- Stacking Capacity: 3,00,000 documents
- Air conditioners: 2 x 250 TN
- Standby power: 250 KVA generator
- Power for computers: 2 x 60 KVA UPS system

Floor Plan (Lower Ground Floor)

- Conference Room

- Theses & Dissertations

- Pre-1970 Journals

- Cyber Room

- Imaging Centre

- Server Room

- I/C automation
- I/C Archives
- Training Room
- A/C plant
- UPS Room
- Archives
- Text Books

Ground Floor

- Return Counter
- Reference Collection
- Reserved and Overnight Issue Collection
- Office / Superintendent
- Librarian
- Current Periodicals
- I/C Periodicals

- **Periodical Section**
- **Online Catalogue/ E-resource Terminals**
- **Xerox**
- **Issue Counter**
- **Property boxes**
- **Notice Boards**
- **Open Reading Room (Entry from outside)**

First Floor

- I/C Technical Processing & Book stacks
- Binding Unit
- Book Stacks
- I/C Acquisition
- Acquisition section
- Technical Processing section

Second Floor

- Bound Periodicals (1970-)

- News Papers

- Periodical Binding Unit

Cabling

- Internal cabling for
  - Telephones (42 jacks)
  - Internet – 150 I/Os
  - Eight, 24 port switches
  - Cat 6 – cables
  - wired for desktop
  - wireless for laptops

SOME STATISTICS ABOUT LIBRARY

- **Budget approx 60mn INR/1.5mn US$**
- **Document holding: 4,00,000 +**
  - **Books: 2,00,000+**
  - **Theses & dissertations: 15,000+**
  - **Archival collection: 10,000+**
  - **Books in Text Book Section: 50,000+**
  - **Bound volumes of periodicals: 60,000**
  - **Books in Departmental Libraries: 50,000**

- **Subscription (print journals): 900+**
- **E-journals: 15000+**
- **E-books: 35000+**
- **Number of members : 7000+**
- **Staff: 25**
- **75 user terminals**
- **30 terminals for office use**
- **7 servers**

OPENING HOURS

- Week days: 8.30 a.m. – 10.00 mid-night
- Week days: 8.30 a.m. – 12.00 mid-night(during Exam)
- Week ends/Holidays: 9.45 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.
- Remains closed on **nine** holidays

How to access Library Resources

- Go to http://mgcl.iitr.ac.in/
- Go to http://shodhbhagirathi.iitr.ac.in/drupal/
- Go to http://shodhbhagirathi.iitr.ac.in:8081/jspui

Thanks