DELMET also offers technical advice to Member-Institutions in the selection of hardware, software, communications links, etc. and solves technical problems faced by Member-Libraries from time to time.

10. Database Creation
DELMET advises participating libraries on the creation of bibliographic databases, as we consider that for effective networking, standard bibliographic data should be available in machine-readable form with the libraries. Periodic meetings are organized to discuss the problems being faced by Librarians.

PUBLICATIONS
1. NACUN Proceedings
The proceedings of the National Convention on Knowledge, Library and Information Networking (NACUN) are published every year since 1998. The volumes are available on sale. Twenty per cent discount is given to Libraries.

2. DELMET Newsletter
The DELMET Newsletter is published to spread the message of library networking and increase the awareness about latest developments in this field. The Newsletter is also a forum for communication on the advances, achievements and needs of the modern-day libraries and their services.

3. Director’s Report
Director’s Report is published every year since 1993.

4. Other Publications
Important publications based on seminars and research are published periodically.

RESEARCH
DELMET conducts research in the following areas:

1. Use of International Standards
DELMET was the first to introduce in India the use of MARC 21 standards among the libraries. Special training programmes are organized from time to time in the use of MARC 21 Standard.

2. Open Source Software
DELMET gives training in the use of Koha – an Open Source Integrated Library System and DSpace for building Digital Libraries. DELMET also offers consultancy to libraries in implementing these Open Source Software.

DELMET INITIATIVES
1. Networking of AICTE Approved Institutions
DELMET signed an MOU with the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) in 2001 to modernise and network through DELMET all libraries of the technical institutions approved by AICTE in the country.

2. National Bibliographic Database
DELMET undertook the compilation of the National Bibliographic Database as a pilot project with the support of the Department of Culture, Government of India in 1998. Records were created in Tamil, Punjabi, Telugu, Sanskrit, Bengali and English.

3. Knowledge Centres
DELMET promotes the establishment of Knowledge Centres and offers consultancy for setting up Knowledge Centres.

DELMET MEMBERSHIP
1. Membership Statistics
DELMET at present has 6269 libraries as its members. The following is a brief geographical break-up:

   - India (in 33 States and centrally administered areas): 6244
   - Bhutan: 1
   - Nepal: 3
   - Oman: 4
   - Pakistan: 1
   - Philippines: 1
   - Sri Lanka: 8
   - United Arab Emirates: 3
   - United States: 4

   Total: 6269

2. Who Can Join
Any Institution/Library interested in using DELMET resources for research, reference, and having any number of books in its library can join as an institutional member of DELMET.

3. Membership Forms
The application and MOU forms are available at the following Web Address:
http://www.delnet.nic.in/membership-form.htm
Libraries interested in joining DELMET should apply on a prescribed form. The fees for membership are kept very low. As present the rates are as follows:

4. Membership Rates
India and other SAARC Countries
- Admission Fee (one-time) Rs. 5,000 + 18% GST
- Institutional Membership Fee Rs. 1,150 per annum + 18% GST

Non-SAARC Countries
- Admission Fee (one-time) US $ 100 + 18% GST
- Institutional Membership Fee US $ 500 per annum + 18% GST

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For a new membership, the payment of Rs. 1,470/- may kindly be sent through a DD to be drawn in favour of “DELMET” and payable at New Delhi. Please note that the DELMET membership is valid for 365 days from the date of activation and needs to be renewed annually by making a payment of Rs. 1350 to DELMET.
DELNET is celebrating its Silver Jubilee year. DELNET is devoted to the modernisation & networking of libraries since 1988. DELNET is a major resource sharing library network in India. Started in 1988 at the India International Centre, New Delhi, it was registered as a society in 1992. It is located in Jawaharlal Nehru University Campus, New Delhi.

The main objectives of DELNET are to promote resource sharing among the Member-Libraries by collecting, storing and disseminating information and by offering networking services to users; to undertake scientific research in the area of information science and technology, create new systems in the field, apply the results of research; offer technical guidance to Member-Libraries on collecting, storing, sharing and disseminating information; coordinate efforts for suitable collection development and reduce unnecessary duplication wherever possible; facilitate and promote delivery of documents manually or mechanically etc. DELNET has launched Discovery Services. The new portal has sophisticated features for advance knowledge discovery. It is a simple, single window discovery layer which encourages the users to explore the networked library resources offered through DELNET in a feature-rich environment. "Networking Libraries, Spreading Knowledge" remains the prime objective of DELNET.

THE RESOURCES

1. Union Catalogues and Databases
   DELNET offers access to more than two crore and fifty lakh records of books, periodicals, articles, theses and dissertations, video-recordings, sound-recordings and other databases. These are accessible worldwide through the Web. Any registered user of DELNET can search these databases through their assigned login and password.
   a. Union Catalogue of Books
      DELNET maintains an online union catalogue of books available with its Member-Libraries. The union catalogue is continuously updated and is growing in size. It can be accessed by author, title, subject, conference, series, etc. and also Boolean Operators can be used. It contains about 2,65,93,612 bibliographic records at present. Inter-library loan requests for books are placed online. Requests are also received through e-mail.
   b. Union List of Current Periodicals
      DELNET has created union list of current periodicals in science and technology, social sciences and humanities. This database is available online. It lists 38,184 titles of periodicals, both national and international and is regularly updated. It is a major resource for Document Delivery Service for articles.
   c. Union Catalogue of Periodicals
      DELNET maintains an union catalogue of periodicals, which, besides bibliographic details, contains full holding data of the libraries. At present, the database contains 20,235 records.
   d. Database of Periodical Articles
      The database offers bibliographic details of articles which can be searched under title, author, compiler, name of the periodical and subject. The database is updated from time to time. It is extensively used by the researchers and scholars. At present the database contains 9,84,809 records. Also, articles not listed in this database are arranged as per the requests of Member-Libraries.
   e. CD-ROM Database
      A union list of CD-ROMs available with the Member-Libraries is also offered to users. It has 18,031 records.
   f. Union List of Video Recordings
      The Union List of video recordings available with Member-Libraries has about 6,000 records.
   g. Union List of Sound Recordings
      This union list consists of sound recording available with Member-Libraries. This database has 1,025 records.
   h. Theses and Dissertations
      The Union List of Theses and Dissertations submitted to the Indian Universities covering various subjects is also offered to users. This database has 1,25,400 records. Also additionally a number of e-diss. can be searched and downloaded.
   i. Profile of Member-Libraries
      A directory of member-libraries is made available for reference purpose.

2. DELNET also Provides Access to Full-Text E-journals in following Subjects:
   a. Agriculture Science
   b. Architecture
   c. Arts, Commerce and Science
   d. Dental
   e. Education
   f. Engineering and Technology
   g. Medical Science
   h. Hotel Management
   i. Library and Information Technology
   j. Management
   k. Nursing
   l. Pharmacy

3. Software
   DELNET offers software solutions to libraries for library management and retro-conversion purposes. These software are based on MARC 21, AACR II and LCSH standards. DELNET software products are created to enable libraries to automate their libraries. These software perform necessary and sufficient operations. DELNET provides DELPLUS Software free of charge to the member-libraries for Library Automation purposes. It has Acquisition, Cataloguing, Circulation, OPAC, Report Generation modules and can also be integrated with Bar Code solutions. Those libraries that are interested in using DELNET software products are advised to get in touch with us.

THE SERVICES

1. Access to Union Catalogues and Databases
   DELNET offers online access to the union catalogues and databases listed above. These union catalogues, union lists and databases are updated on a regular basis and so grow in size. DELNET has introduced an online facility for uploading the library databases to DELNET for merging in the centralised Union Catalogues.

2. Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery Services
   ILL Online/DDS
   DELNET offers Inter-Library Loan and Document Delivery Services to its member-libraries. ILL requests can be registered online for books. For the resources not available in the union catalogues and journal articles database, requests can be sent to DELNET through E-mail. DELNET has also prepared ILL guidelines for use by member-libraries. The ILL/DDSS services are quite popular among the member-libraries in and outside India.

3. DELNET Consortium for E-journals/E-books
   DELNET has a consortium of E-journals in the field of Engineering/Technology, Management, Pharmacy, Medical Science, etc. The E-journals packages of Gale Cengage Learning and Proquest are also available for subscription. Also the World E-book Library package and Elsevier E-books are available for annual subscription and one-time purchase respectively. The details are available at www.delnet.in.org

4. Retro-Conversion
   DELNET undertakes retro-conversion projects selectively.

5. Reference Services
   DELNET maintains a referral centre which provides reference facilities to member-libraries.

6. Training Programmes/Workshops/Lectures
   DELNET arranges tutorials, workshops, lectures, and training programmes every year from time to time. Professionals interested in getting training at DELNET can ask for the list of training programmes being currently organised at Delhi and other centres in India. The details about the forthcoming programmes are available at www.delnet.in.org/programmes.htm

7. National Convention on Knowledge, Library and Information Networking (NACLIN)
   The 21st National Convention on Knowledge, Library and Information Networking (NACLIN 2018) will be organised from October 4-6, 2018 at GIMT deemed to be University, Vaishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. The details will be available at www.delnet.in.org and www.naclin.org

8. DELNET Coordination Units
   DELNET has Coordination Units in Bangalore, Hyderabad and Pune to coordinate the Interlibrary loan services and also the visits to the members institutions in the nearby regions are made from time to time.

9. Technical Support
   DELNET adopts the latest dependable technologies in Information Science. This helps libraries to get advice from DELNET in order to adopt technologies that emerge periodically. It saves expenses and time of the Member-Institutions.