

E-LEARNING IN LIBRARY OF JAMIA HAMDARD UNIVERSITY

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ABSTRACT

The paper is study of E-learning system in Jamia Hamdard University, Hamdard Nagar Delhi. The objectives of the library are to provide excess to information to the faculty, post graduate students, under graduate students and research workers of various universities. The library has maximized usage of computers and also built up networks for E- Learning.

Keywords: Jamia Hamdard University(JHU),HMSCL Hakeem Mohammed Said Central Library, Library service.

INTRODUCTION

The history of Jamia Hamdard begins with the establishment of a small Unani clinic in the year 1906 by Hakeem Hafiz Abdul Majeed, one of the well-known practitioners of Unani System of Medicine of his time. Hakeem Hafiz Abdul Majeed had a vision of making the practice of Unani Medicine into a scientific discipline so that Unani medicines could be dispensed in a more efficacious manner to patients. He gave the name “*Hamdard*” to his venture which means “sympathy for all and sharing of pain”. His illustrious son, Hakeem Abdul Hameed, carried forward the philosophy and objectives of Hamdard in independent India. Even at the time of partition of India in 1947, Hakeem Abdul Hameed was dreaming of setting up a complex of educational institutions which would concentrate on highlighting the contribution of Islam and Islamic culture to Indian civilization and development of Unani medicine for curing diseases.

HAKEEM MOHAMMED SAID CENTRAL LIBRARY

University Library is one of the oldest institutions of Jamia Hamdard. It was established in 1960 with a small beginning as a library attached to Hamdard Dawakhana(Wakf). The Library was moved to new campus of the erstwhile Institute of History of Medicine and Medical Research. The Library of Indian Institute of Islamic Studies was shifted in 1977. After the establishment of the Hamdard University in 1989, all collections were merged to constitute the Central Library of the university.

University Library system consists of six faculty libraries and one Central Library. The Central Library is named as Hakim Mohammad Said (HMS) Central Library. It is located in erstwhile Institute of Islamic Studies building. Five faculty libraries- F/o Science library, F/o Medicine library, F/o Nursing library, F/o Pharmacy library and F/o Medical & Allied Health Sciences library are located in their respective buildings. F/o Islamic Studies library is located on the first Floor of Central Library building. There are eight faculties in Jamia Hamdard. Each faculty has its own faculty library, except Faculty of Management Studies and Information Technology(MSIT),and Faculty of Inter-Disciplinary Studies.

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Presently, the Central Library fulfils the requirements of these two faculties.

The library has more than 1.75 lakhs items including 30,000 rare books, and 18,500 back sets of journals. Library subscribes to foreign and Indian journals. It has acquired quite a large number of CDs, micro-films, micro-fiche and more than 4000 manuscripts in Urdu, Arabic and Persian languages. The Library system has been automated and networked. It has installed computer terminals on all the floors of the Central Library. All the teaching and non-teaching staff and students of the university are issued barcoded membership cards. They are now borrowing/returning books on automated mode. For accessing **Online Public Access Catalogue(OPAC)** computer terminals have been installed on all the floors. Students are using this facility and are being benefitted immensely.

Scope of the study: The present study is limited to the users of JHU, and its E- Resources library and other computerized library and information services provided to its users.

Methodology: The following two methodologies have been adopted to analyze the project report :

- Questionnaire
- Personal Interview Method

LIBRARY RULES

1. WORKING HOURS

- The Library remain open on all working days from 9.00 am to 5pm.
- The Text Book Section of the Central Library normally remain open till 12 midnight during academic session. Timings for Saturday, Sunday and holidays are be 9am to 5pm.,which may be extended as per directive of the competent authority.
- The Loan Counter is closed half an hour before the closing of the Library.

2. MEMBERSHIP

The following are entitled to enroll themselves as members:

- Students of the University;
- Teaching, non-teaching , academic and library staff of the university;
- Special members.

Following Tables provide the details of membership, category-wise and the resource material available with the Library:

Table 1: Total Library Staff (2012-2013)

Post	Number
Librarian	1
Asst.Librarian	2
Sr. Prof. Asst.	8
Jr.Prof.Asst.	5
Library Attendent	12
Book Binder	1
Others	2
<i>Total</i>	31

Table 2: Total Collections (2012-2013)

Item	Number
Books	1190796
Journals	135
PhD. Thesis	400
CD-ROM	23

Table3 : Annual Budget (2012-2013)

Item	Amount (in Lakh Rs.)
Books	2
Journals	40
Non Book Material	20
Equipments/Contingencies and Others	20

Table 4: Membership (2012-2013)

Category	Number
Faculty	400
Research Scholars	800
P.G & U.G Students	32,800
Administrative Staff	600
Supporting Staff	100
<i>Total</i>	34,700

Software Using : LIBSYS 4

Storage Medium being used by the users: CD-ROM, Pen drive, DVD

Library Services provided for E-Learning:

Reference Service, Referral Service, Bibliographic Index, Reprography, Seminar /Workshop, Display Programmer, Lecture Programmer, Newspaper Clipping and A/V Services.

Details of E-Resources:

E-Database/E-Journal/OnlineAccess/E-Mail/24-Hours

Internet/Instant/Messaging/OPAC/CD-ROM/Microform/ILL.

Digital Information Centre:

Library Communicates following resources to its users:

- **Online Reference sources:** General Encyclopedia, Technical Encyclopedia, Encyclopedia Britannica, Scholarpedia, MathWorld, Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, Webster's Online Dictionary, Dictionary. Com, Online Dictionary of Nanotechnology, Computer Dictionary, Medical Dictionary, Dictionary of Medical Abbreviations, Dictionary of Geographical Abbreviations and Acronyms, Open Directory , Acronym Finder, General Thesaurus, Roget's Thesaurus, World Atlas, Maps of India, Weather, Earth Calendar, The Almanac, Dictionary of Quotations

- **Online Print Journals subscribed.**
- **Online Databases subscribed (DELNET Databases).**
- **UGC – Infonet E- Journals Database.**
- **Online Open Source Journals for Faculties of Jamia Hamdard.**
- **Free Databases for all users.**
- **Access to Resources of Digital Libraries in India.**
- **Nanotechnology Infomine**
- **Online Journals and books on Medical Sciences and Allied fields:** Free E-journals, Free E- Medical Journals, Free Medical E-Books.

LIBRARY SERVICES

Quality of library depends upon its services. It does not depend on its huge resources, big building and large number of employees. In order to provide maximum possible services with the present infra-structure, Jamia Hamdard library has planned its services in two modes:

- Conventional mode;
- Online mode.

Conventional services

Under conventional mode, library is providing following services:

- Circulation service
- Reference service
- Reprographic service
- Bibliographic service on demand
- Inter-library loan
- Press Clipping service
- Art and Calligraphic service
- Binding service, etc.

Library Services Online

Under online mode, library is providing following facilities:

- INTERNET Access facility
- Access to UGC-INFONET E-Journal Databases
- CD-ROM Search facility
- Catalogue databases of books, journals and theses/dissertations search services, etc.

Jamia Hamdard Library provides access to online journals, which are free against subscriptions. Any user in the Campus, who are connected with Campus Network having internet facility can access these online journals.

Hamdard University Library has been a member of **DELNET**(Developing Library Network) since 2004. All the teaching staff, research scholars, students and others are making use of the services rendered by DELNET.

The complete database of the library is available world wide on the INTERNET through Web OPAC . Any user from any part of the world may access our database by visiting the university Website : <http://www.jamiahamdard.ac.in> and <http://www.jamiahamdard.edu>

PRESS CLIPPING SERVICE

A unique feature of the Central Library is its 'Press Clipping Service'. The founder of Jamia Hamdard, Abdul Hameed started building up of a collection of Press Clippings from the days of partition of India relating to the fields of Unani Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing, Education, Religion, etc. Research Scholars, academicians and many administrators use this collection. Today, this collection has grown to about 1 lakh.

MANUSCRIPT

The Central Library has about 4000 manuscripts, having great research value. They are mostly in Urdu, Arabic and Persian languages dealing with almost all important areas in the field of Islamic Studies, Medicine and different branches of sciences. Most of these manuscripts are handwritten by the authors. Printed catalogues of manuscripts of different libraries in India are also available for consultation in the section.

CONCLUSION

There is no separate budget for E- Learning. No extra staff is engaged for E- Learning work. LIBSYS 4 software are used by HMSCL. Storing devices like CD- ROM, Pen drive and DVD are used by the library users. E- Journals are used frequently by library users. The E-learning services have provided access to unimpeded flow of the global knowledge pool.

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