

National Digital Library of India

July 26, 2019

Source: Press Information Bureau

Who initiated?

Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) under its **National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT)** has initiated the National Digital Library of India (NDL India) pilot project

Objective

To collect and collate metadata and provide full-text index from several national and international digital libraries, as well as other relevant sources

Key Highlights

- **It was initiated by the MHRD to develop a framework of virtual repository of learning resources with a single-window search facility.**
- It was launched in 2016 and dedicated to the nation in 2018
- Filtered and federated searching is employed to facilitate focused searching so that learners can find out the right resource with least effort and in minimum time.
- **Content of any language:** NDL India is designed to **hold content of any language and provides interface support for leading Indian languages.**

- **All academics:** It is being arranged to provide support for all academic levels including researchers and life-long learners, all disciplines, all popular form of access devices and differently-abled learners.
- **Helpful to students:** It is being developed **to help students to prepare for entrance and competitive examination**, to enable people to learn and prepare from best practices from all over the world and to facilitate researchers to perform inter-linked exploration from multiple sources.
- It is a digital repository containing textbooks, articles, videos, audio-books, lectures, simulations, fiction and all other kinds of learning media.
- The NDLI provides free of cost access to many books in English and the Indian languages.
- The pilot project is devising a framework that is being scaled up with respect to content volume and diversity to serve all levels and disciplines of learners.
- It is being **developed at Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur**