Abstract: Digital Library of India is a digital library of books, which is free-to-read, searchable, predominantly in India languages, available to everyone over the Internet. Very soon it is expected that this portal would provide a gateway to Indian Digital Libraries in Science, Arts, Culture, Music, Movies, Traditional Medicine, Palm Leaves and many more. This project is collaboration between Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, Universities and Carnegie Mellon University under MILLION BOOK UNIVERSAL DIGITAL LIBRARY PROJECT.

1. Introduction:

The first time in history, all the significant literary, artistic, and scientific works of mankind can be digitally preserved and made freely available, in every corner of the world, for education, study, and appreciation and that of all future generations.

2. Mission:

This mission is to create a portal for the Digital Library of India, which will foster creativity and free access to all human knowledge. As a first step in realizing this mission, it is proposed to create the digital library with a free-to-read, searchable collection of one million books, predominantly in Indian languages, available to everyone over the Internet.

3. Goal:

The primary long-term objective is to capture all books in digital format. it is believed that such a task is impossible and it could not complete hundreds of years. The first step planning to demonstrate the feasibility by undertaking to digitize One Million books less than 1% of all books in all languages ever published by 2005.

4. Benefits:

The principal benefit of this project will be to supplement the formal education system by making knowledge to anyone who can read and access.
## A) Million Books Universal Digital Library Projects In India

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<td>Make collaborative arrangement between institutions in India and US to digitize around a million books</td>
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9. Scanning Center in University of Goa, Goa
   Digitization/OCR of rare books in Portuguese, Marathi and Konkani in the Digital forms and make available to public and also on the web.
   Project Ongoing.

10. Scanning Center in University of Hyderabad, A.P.
    Digitization/OCR of rare books in Telugu, Sanskrit, Hindi and English and Indian History, etc.
    Project Ongoing.

11. Scanning Center in Bharatiya Gyanpeeth, New Delhi
    Digitization/OCR of rare books and Manuscripts etc. of Jain Heritage culture in the digital forms and make available to public and also on the web.
    Project is Completed: The scanned data web enabled at http://www.new.dli.ernet.in/

12. Scanning Center in University of Pune, Pune
    Conversion of rare books of Common interest in Marathi and Sanskrit in Digital form and make it available on the web.
    Project is Completed: The scanned data web enabled at http://www.new.dli.ernet.in/

    To create a free-to-read, searchable collection of data in the form of images in the first phase and then conversion of data into text format in English and Indian Languages by scanning the books and indexing the images through keywords.
    Project is Completed: The scanned data web enabled at http://www.new.dli.ernet.in/

B) Indian Digital Library Initiatives

1. Vidyanidhi (Electronic Theses and Dissertation)
2. Archives of Indian Labour (V. V. Giri National Labour Institute), New Delhi
3. Centre for Study of Culture and Media Society Archive
4. Digital Library of Ayurvedic Medicine, Uttarakhand State Govt. by C-DAC
5. Mobile Digital Library by C-DAC, Noida
6. Digital Library of Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode
7. Digital Library of Indigenous Knowledge, New Delhi (SAARC)
9. GYNDOOT, Madhya Pradesh Govt. Bhopal
11. Muktabodha Digital Library and Archive Project
12. Nalanda Digital Library, National Institute of Technology, Calicut
13. National Resource centre for Women (Virtual Resource Centre for Women), Govt. of India.
14. Periyar University Digital Library (with the help of UGC and ERNET)
15. Physical Research Laboratory Digital Initiative, Ahmedabad
16. TIFR Digital Library Initiative
17. Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL), etc.

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