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Library and Documentation

The Library of the Institute is a Regional Library under National Agricultural Research System of the country. It plays a vital role in meeting the information needs of the In-house users as well as users from the NARS. It provides library, documentation and information services to the Scientists, Staff, Students and Researchers of the Institute as well as users from ICAR Institutes and State Agricultural Universities.

The Library Advisory Committee plays an important role in the Management of the Library and clears proposals relating to enrichment of resources of the Library such as books, journals, CD-ROMs as well as Infrastructural Development etc. The Library Advisory Committee for the year 2005-06 has been as under:

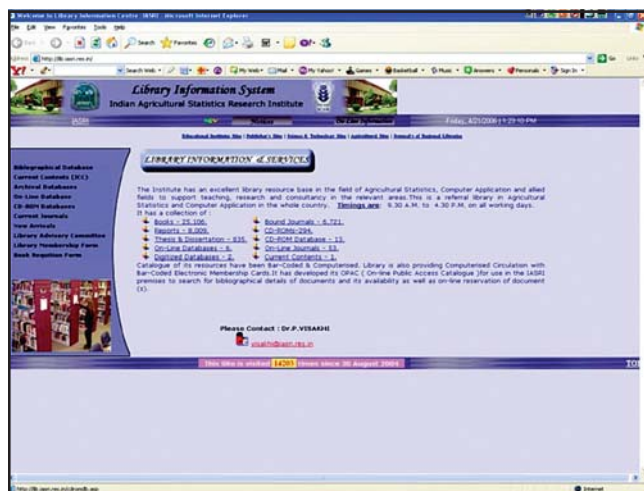
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| 1. Dr. S.D. Sharma | Chairman |
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| 3. Dr. H.V.L. Bathla | Member |
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| 5. Dr. P.K. Malhotra | Member |

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| 7. Dr. V.T. Prabhakaran | Member (Upto Feb., 2006) |
| 8. Dr. Prajneshu | Member (Since Feb., 2006) |
| 9. Dr. S.S. Kutaula | Member |
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| 11. Dr. Rajender Parsad | National Fellow, Invitee |
| 12. Dr. A.K. Paul | BOS Member |
| 13. Capt. Mehar Singh | Member |
| 14. Sh. K.K. Hamza | Member |
| 15. Sh. Ananta Sarkar | Student Rep. (Upto Feb., 2006) |
| 16. Sh. Sushil Sarkar | Student Rep. (Since Feb., 2006) |
| 17. Dr. P. Visakhi | Member Secretary |

The internal administration and organisation of the library and documentation is supervised by Dr. P. Visakhi.

During the year the Library provided following services to its users:

- Reprographic Service (Manual)



Home page of library information system

- Computerized Services
 1. Computerized Circulation
 2. Bibliographical Database
 3. Archival Database - 2
 4. On-line Journals - 53 (through Internet)
 5. On-line Database - 6 (through Internet)
 6. CD-Rom Database (both on-line as well as off-line) - 13
 7. Current Content Service (JCC) - 1
 8. Internet Search
 9. On-line Enquiry (OPAC)
 10. Current Awareness Service (New Arrivals)
 11. On-line Reservation of Documentation

During the year, the Library Reading Room has been air conditioned. To avoid dust and heat, double windows with anti glare glass have been fixed in the library. For easy search and location of a document, the arrangement of publications holding by each stacks in the library has been signaged in bilingual by showing main subject heading with call number and shelf number as a "Shelf panel" on respective racks. Each shelf has been highlighted with shelf number and signaged with call number so that this arrangement can be reflected on OPAC of Library to retrieve.

The following Computer Activities were done in the Library:

1. All resources added in the library have been bar-coded and updated in the bibliographical database.

- All library users were given Hands-on training on the use of library computerised services/ resources.
- All bonafide members have been issued electronic, bilingual and barcoded membership cards with photo.
- 51 e-Journals have been subscribed for on-line access in the Institute.
- All trainees of the Institute were given lectures and Hands-on-Training on "On-line Library Information System."
- Library subscribed the following on-line Bibliographical, Statistical, Abstracting on-line and CD-ROM Databases:
 - MathSciNet (<http://www.ams.org/mathscinet.com>)
 - Ingenta (<http://www.gateway.ingenta.com>)
 - Indiastat.com (<http://indiastat.com>)
 - Indian Harvest (<http://www.cmie.com>)
 - J-gate Custom Content
 - MathSci. Disc on CD-Rom
 - National Accounts Statistics (1950-51 to 2002-03) on CD-Rom

The Library Physical Stock Verification 2004 was conducted and reported by the committee and further necessary action was initiated by the library during the year.

Brief statistics relating to the library is as under:

S.No.	Item	Number
1.	Books added (English)	181
2.	Books added (Hindi)	334
3.	Grey literature added	290
4.	Indian and foreign periodicals subscribed	122
5.	Publication issued from the library	10500
6.	Publication borrowed or lent out on Inter-Library-Loan	52
7.	Readers visited and consulted the library	14200
8.	Scientific and technical papers reprographed (Pages)	21000
9.	CD-ROM Databases acquired	02
10.	Internet/Databases Access, Searches	1850
11.	Number of computers added	02
12.	Number of book racks and shelves added	16