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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 2006–07 has been as under:

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| 1. Dr. S.D. Sharma | Chairman |
| 2. Dr. V.K. Gupta | Member |
| 3. Dr. H.V.L. Bathla | Member & BOS Member |
| 4. Dr. V.K. Sharma | Member |
| 5. Dr. P.K. Malhotra | Member |
| 6. Dr. Ranjana Agrawal | Member |
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| 10. Dr. Krishan Lal | BOS Member |
| 11. Sh. A.K. Chaturvedi | Member |
| 12. Capt. Mehar Singh | Member |
| 13. Sh. K.K. Hamza | Member |
| 14. Sh. D.C. Mishra | Student Rep. |
| 15. Dr. P. Visakhi | Member Secretary |

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

During the year the Library provided following services to its users through its website: <http://lib.iasri.res.in>

- Reprographic Service (Manual)
- Computerized Services
 1. Computerized Circulation
 2. Bibliographical Database
 3. Archival Database - 2
 4. On-line Journals - 46 (through Internet)
 5. On-line Database - 8 (through Internet)
 6. CD-ROM Database (both on-line and off-line) -15



Home page of library information system

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
12. On-line User Profile Service

Library was renovated with new copper electrical wiring. All newly purchased racks and shelves were signaged with Subject Heading and Call Number for easy location of publications on a particular subject. Subjects of publications holding in each rack (shelf list) has been signaged in bilingual. Again each shelf has been highlighted with shelf number and call number. After searching a document through OPAC any user can have enough knowledge in locating document through above mapping.

The following Computer Activities were done:

- Server and two old computers were upgraded.
- All resources added in the library were barcoded and updated in the bibliographical database.
- All library users were given training on the use of library computerised services/resources.
- All bonafide members were issued electronic, bilingual and barcoded cards with photo.
- 46 e-journals were 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>)
 - Current Index to the Statistics (<http://www.statindex.org/CIS/query/>)
 - Developing Library Network (<http://delnet.nic.in/>)
 - Indian Harvest (<http://www.cmie.com>)
 - Economic Intelligence Service (<http://www.cmie.com>)
 - Regional Monitoring Service (<http://www.cmie.com>)
 - J-gate Custom Content
- Library added/renewed the following CD-ROM databases during the period
 - AGRIS (1975 onwards)
 - Maths Science Disk (1940 Onwards)
 - AGRICOLA (1970 Onwards)
 - Annual Survey of Industries 1973–74 to 1997–98
 - Districtwise Agriculture Database of Maharashtra 1960–61 to 1997–98
 - Economic and Political Weekly 2003 to 2005

Statistics Relating to the Library

S.No.	Item	Number
1.	Number of books added (English)	247
2.	Number of books added (Hindi)	312
3.	Number of grey literature added	227
4.	Number of Indian journals subscribed	54
5.	Number of Foreign journals subscribed	57
6.	Number of On-line journals subscribed (Indian and Foreign)	46
7.	Number of electronic and printed thesis added	14
8.	Number of publication issued from the library	11,512
9.	Number of users visited library website	30,156
10.	Number of articles (E+P) received from DELNET	81
11.	Number of books received on Inter-library loan through DELNET	17
12.	Number of outside users accessed e-services in library premises (NARS)	1,389
13.	Number of publication lent out on inter-library loan	58
14.	Number of readers visited and consulted the library	11,516
15.	Number of scientific and technical papers reprographed (pages)	16,960
16.	Number of CD-ROM databases added	6
17.	Number of CD-ROM added	67
18.	Internet/databases access searches	50,873