

## **About Osmania University Library**

The University library was established in 1918 along with the University. The Library was shifted to the present building, which was inaugurated by Dr.S.Radhakrishnan, the then President of India on 3rd August 1963. The building has a floor area of 62,000 sq. ft. It is a fitting symbol of the present decade of progress. The Library is divided into a number of Sections basing on the collection and services offered. They are Text Book Section, Periodical Section, Reference Section, Acquisition & Cataloguing Sections. Additionally, it has Vision of Osmania, Manuscript Section, Theses Section, CERL Section & U.N. Section, which are highlighted.

The Library has rich collection of rare books and manuscripts. It has nearly 50,000 rare books and 6825 manuscripts. Selection of materials according to the copy right act and the documents which are not comes under copy right act published 75 years before.

## **E-Resources at O.U. Library**

- E-Journals
  - Inlibnet-UGC-Infonet
  - Indianjournals.com
  - Sage Online Journals
- Databases - Offline - LISA, PSYINFO, ECONLIT, Keesings etc.
- - online - India Business Insight Database
- Digitized Documents
- Digitized Manuscripts
- Web - Online Public Access Catalogue (Web-OPAC)
- Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETDs)

## **E-JOURNALS**

### **UGC-Infonet Digital Library Consortium**

The UGC-Infonet Digital Library Consortium was formally launched in December, 2003 by Honorable Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam, the President of India soon after providing the Internet connectivity to the universities in the year 2003 under the UGC-Infonet programme. The Consortium proved to be a recipe to university libraries which have been discontinuing subscription of scholarly journals because of "Serials Crisis". The term "serials crisis" refers to exponential and continuing increase in subscription cost of scholarly journals. The crisis is a result of rise in cost of journals much faster than the rate of inflation, increase in number of journals and the paucity of funds available to the libraries

The Consortium provides current as well as archival access to more than 8500+ core and peer-reviewed journals and 10 bibliographic databases from 26 publishers and aggregators in different disciplines.

### List of journals subscribed for the year 2014

Sl. No.	Resource Name	Resource URL	No of Journals
1	American Chemical Society	<a href="http://pubs.acs.org/">http://pubs.acs.org/</a>	37
2	American Institute of Physics	<a href="http://journals.aip.org/">http://journals.aip.org/</a>	18
3	American Physical Society	<a href="http://publish.aps.org/browse.php">http://publish.aps.org/browse.php</a>	10
4	Annual Reviews	<a href="http://arjournals.annualreviews.org/">http://arjournals.annualreviews.org/</a>	33
5	Cambridge University Press	<a href="http://journals.cambridge.org/">http://journals.cambridge.org/</a>	224
6	Economic & Political Weekly	<a href="http://ebw.in/">http://ebw.in/</a>	1
7	Emerald	<a href="http://www.emeraldinsight.com/">http://www.emeraldinsight.com/</a>	29
8	Institute of Physics	<a href="http://iopscience.iop.org/journals">http://iopscience.iop.org/journals</a>	46
9	ISID	<a href="http://isid.org.in/">http://isid.org.in/</a>	Database
10	JCCC	<a href="http://www.jccc-ugcinfonet.in/">http://www.jccc-ugcinfonet.in/</a>	Database
11	JSTOR	<a href="http://www.jstor.org/">http://www.jstor.org/</a>	2000+
12	MathSciNet	<a href="http://www.ams.org/mathscinet/">http://www.ams.org/mathscinet/</a>	1 Database
13	Nature	<a href="http://nature.com/">http://nature.com/</a>	1
14	Oxford University Press	<a href="http://oxfordjournals.org/">http://oxfordjournals.org/</a>	198
15	Portland Press	<a href="http://protlandpress.com/">http://protlandpress.com/</a>	8
16	Project Euclid	<a href="http://projecteuclid.org/">http://projecteuclid.org/</a>	30
17	Project Muse	<a href="http://muse.jhu.edu/journals">http://muse.jhu.edu/journals</a>	500+
18	Royal Society of Chemistry	<a href="http://rsc.org/">http://rsc.org/</a>	29 + 6 Databases
19	ScienceDirect	<a href="http://sciencedirect.com/">http://sciencedirect.com/</a>	1036
20	SciFinder Scholar	<a href="http://cas.org/products/scifinder">http://cas.org/products/scifinder</a>	1 Database
21	SIAM	<a href="http://epubs.siam.org/">http://epubs.siam.org/</a>	14
22	Springer Link	<a href="http://link.springer.com/">http://link.springer.com/</a>	1389+
23	Taylor & Francis	<a href="http://tandfonline.com/">http://tandfonline.com/</a>	1079
24	Web of Science	<a href="http://apps.isiknowledge.com/">http://apps.isiknowledge.com/</a>	1 Database
25	Wiley-Blackwell	<a href="http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/">http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/</a>	908

### No. of Downloads in Osmania University through IP based connectivity (Year wise)

Sl. No.	Year	No. Of Articles downloaded
1	2005	27756
2	2006	21202
3	2007	24067
4	2008	46697
5	2009	91200
6	2010	145776
7	2011	127093
8	2012	187000
9	2013	245123
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>915914</b>
<b>* upto December 2013</b>		

## **Indian Online Journals**

Osmania University Library very recently subscribed 98 Indian online Journals through indianjournals.com covering various subjects in social sciences, Management, Commerce, Law and Education, which are accessible through IP based connectivity. Users are accessing the same through Osmania Universities IP address within the campus and also through constitute colleges.

## **Sage Online Journals**

Library is also purchasing almost 550 print journals in various subjects, almost 66 journals published by Sage Publishers which they are also providing print and as well as online access to the journals through IP based connectivity.

## **E-BOOKS**

### **About Digitization Project at Osmania University Library**

This project was started in the year 2004 with the help of Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh under Digital Library of India project. Almost 45,000 documents digitized covering different languages like: English, Telugu, Urdu, Arabic, Persian, Tamil, Kannada, Marathi etc. and all the documents uploaded into Internet for the benefit of users. They can access all the documents through Internet with under mentioned link. (Table showing around 39,717 documents and rest are under process).

#### **Total No. of Rare Books digitized**

<b>Language</b>	<b>Books</b>	<b>Tiffs</b>
English	24462	8422281
Arabic	3025	1130141
Hindi	4854	1263308
Kannada	2357	489280
Marathi	2299	532049
Persian	1512	494147
Sanskrit	633	223862
Tamil	264	73819
Telugu	1285	255487
Urdu	4026	1238645
<b>Total</b>	<b>44717</b>	<b>14123019</b>

After Proof reading the scanned image which are in English and Foreign Language by using Optical Character Recognition software, these images were converted into different formats like

TIFF	–	Tagged Information File Format
HTML	–	Hyper Text Markup language
PDF	–	Portable Document Format
RTF	–	Rich Text Format
TXT	–	Text file

Scanned images of the Indian Languages are converted in to TIFF as well as PDF only.

## **E-MANUSCRIPTS**

### **Digitization of Manuscripts**

The University Library has 6825 manuscripts including Palm-Leaf manuscripts, in Arabic, Hebrew, Hindi, Kannada, Marathi, Persian, Sanskrit, Tamil, Telugu, Turkish and cover a variety of subjects. This collection is rare and valuable for study and research.



Juma Al Majid Centre for Culture & Heritage, Dubai, UAE, had undertaken this digitization of rare/valuable manuscripts by setting up a full fledged unit at OUL. In this direction Juma Al Majid Center for Culture and Heritage has signed a MOU with OU on 15-1-2006 for digitization of manuscripts of all the languages available in O.U.Library. Digitization of all the Manuscripts are completed and placed on server at O.U.Library.

### **Offline Databases**

University Library once purchased CD-ROM abstracting databases in various subjects like: Psynfo, LISA, Social Science Abstracts, Econlit, Political Science Abstracts, Management Abstracts, Supreme Court Cases online etc. which also covering archival information, but stopped the same in the year 2004 as Osmania University concentrated on online resources since then users are accessing subscribed and consortia online resources through our website.

### **WebOPAC**

Osmania University library is fully automated its entire collection by using NewGenLib library software and it was started in the year 2003. Collection also includes more than 2 lakhs languages books which are transliterated into English. Entire collection of 5.3 lakhs of documents are automated and simultaneously barcoded the collection and by using barcodes circulation also going on in automated way. Users are accessing these information through OPAC in the library and also through WebOPAC which is connected to Server with Public IP connectivity. Which supports web 2.0 application. Users also check their status, borrowing history and they can also reserve the existing resources through WebOPAC.

## **E-THESES and DISSERTATIONS**

### **Digitization of Theses and Dissertations**

Osmania University recently enter into MoU with INFLIBNET Shodhganga project, under this project University has to digitize their entire collection of Theses and Dissertations and also follow the latest Norms (UGC Norms 2009) under these norms University has to accept new theses in softcopy from the Research Scholars those are going to submit their thesis, which will be uploaded to centrally located server of Shodhganga project.

Since 1940s Osmania University acquiring Theses & Dissertations from the scholars in various languages, other than this the University Library also holds Project reports of LLM, MLISc, and Medical Dissertations once submitted to Osmania University. These are available to access manually.

The Library acquires, processes and makes available to research scholars/ Faculty members of Osmania University and also provides these material to the persons who comes from various organizations even from Foreign Countries for their research purpose. These are processed and made available for reference within the Library. The Library has so far acquired the following Theses & Dissertations and Project Reports.

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Total</b>
1	Ph.D. Theses	7752
2	M.Phil. Dissertations	2559
3	PG Dissertations	2000
4	LLM Project Reports	300
5	Medical Reports	1500
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14111</b>

Since September 2013 University started accepting thesis in Hardcopy as well as Softcopy, almost 150 theses were uploaded on Shodhganga website. Users can also access all these theses through shodhganga.inflibnet.ac.in. Rest of the theses which are in hard bound volumes will be digitized very shortly as UGC sanctioned amount for the same.

Osmania University providing different e-resources through its IP based connectivity and also through Internet. Electronic Journals are accessed by research scholars, faculty members etc. And day-by-day accessibility is increasing for these e-journals, digitized documents, WebOPAC etc. Users are benefiting more with these e-Resources.

After providing several awareness programmes through User Awareness Programmes Research Scholars, faculty members etc. Are increasingly accessing theses e-Resources and especially e-Journal articles. Regular Awareness Programmes are necessary to improve the accessibility and awareness.

Osmania University also providing digitized books through University website and regularly it was updated with some more digitized documents, which can be accessed through Internet from anywhere.

Osmania University Library database is completely available through its WebOPAC 24X7. Students are also can participate and reserve the items and check their borrowing status online. In future Osmania University is planning to purchase e-books which can be accessed only through IP based connectivity.

Osmania University entered an MOU with INFLIBNET regarding digitization of theses and Dissertation, under this project UGC also sanctioned amount for the same. Some of the recently awarded theses are uploaded in their server for open access.