



*UNIVERSITY LIBRARY WEBSITES IN
KERALA:
A Comparative Evaluation*



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OBJECTIVES

- To compare the University Library Websites of Kerala in terms of the quality and coverage of information content.
- To prepare a ranking order of university library websites in Kerala on the basis of the content awareness, updating policy etc.
- To draw suggestions to design, develop and maintain a user friendly library website.



METHODOLOGY

The seven university libraries, namely University of Kerala Library(KUL), Mahatma Gandhi University Library(MGUL), Cochin University Library(CUL), Kerala Agricultural University Library(KAUL), Sree Sankara Sanskrit University Library(SSUL), C H Mohammad Koya Library, University of Calicut(CHMKL) and Central University of Kerala Library(CUKL) have been included in this study.



CONT'D....

The principal tools used for collection and evaluation of data from the websites were check lists and rating scales. A wide range of evaluation criteria are available on the Net. Among them the one which appeared most comprehensive was selected. The Check list designed by A. Shukla and Aditya Tripathi for NISCAIR was used for this purpose.

This checklist has 40 check points with a maximum score of 108. The evaluation criteria has been made bias free by using 'Yes' or 'No' questions and scores were given between -2 and +2. The checklist used is available at <http://www.niscair.res.in/jinfo/ALIS>



CONT'D....

For the data collection, web addresses of universities have been collected from the website of University Grants Commission (India). University Library websites or links to library from the sites of universities were evaluated using the checklist and points were calculated. Overall Website Performance Calculation (OWPC) was done as follows.

$$\text{OWPC} = \frac{\text{Points scored by the University Library}}{108} \times 100$$

If a library has 44 points, then its OWPC will be
 $(44 \times 100) / 108 = 40.74$



WEB PRESENCE – UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES IN KERALA

Sl.No	Name of the University	Library URL
1	University of Kerala	http://www.kulib.in
2	Mahatma Gandhi University	http://www.mgu.ac.in/index.php
3	Cochin University of Science and Technology	http://www.library.cusat.ac.in
4	Kerala Agricultural University	http://www.kaucentrallibrary.org
5	Sree Sankara University of Sanskrit	http://www.ssus.ac.in/index.php
6	University of Calicut	http://www.universityofcalicut.info/index.php
7	Central University of Kerala	http://www.universitylibrarycuk.yolasite.com



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- » UGC-Infonet E-Journals
- » Library Guide Book
- » Library Rules

The Kerala University Library (KUL), established in 1942, is the oldest and biggest university library in Kerala and is situated adjacent to the University Senate Hall campus in the Thiruvananthapuram city. It stocks over 3,50,000 books (growing at 5000 titles annually) and subscribes to nearly 500 journals/ periodicals/ magazines. It also offers digital information services such as UGC Infonet. Among its special collections, the Kerala Studies is a unique one. The special collections also include Women's Studies, Government Publications, General Biographies, UN and World Bank Publications, bound volumes of newspapers and journals and rare books. It is the only library in Kerala which

Library Hours

8 AM to 8 PM on all working days.
2 PM to 8 PM on Sundays

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COCHIN UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying "library.cusat.ac.in". The main content area features a header with the text "UNIVERSITY LIBRARY COCHIN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY" and a date "July 10, 2011". A navigation menu on the left lists various services such as Home, OPAC, E-Gateway, Ask Librarian, and RSS Feeds. The main content area is divided into several sections: "ONLINE Journals" with a description of IP-enabled access; "News & E-journal Alerts" with a list of recent updates like "Access to Wiley 908 titles" and "Access to Science Direct - Engineering is activated"; "Attention Online Users: An important notice for you" with a list of new features and a search box; and "News & E-journal Alerts Archives" with a search field. At the bottom, there is a "Welcome to University Library !!!" message and a brief history of the library.

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- E -Gateway
- Ask Librarian
- New Additions *
- Open Access Resources
- Print Journals
- Print + Online Journals
- Services
- Knowledge Gateway
- Digital Repository
- Recommend a Book
- GOC
- Survey
- RSS Feeds * XML
- ShodhGanga

ONLINE Journals
CUSAT Library has IP enabled access to on line Journals under the UGC-INFONET - E-Journals Consortia and INDEST Consortia set up in the Campus Network. CUSAT library itself is also subscribing e-journals.
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- Access to Wiley 908 titles
- Access to Science Direct - Engineering is activated
- SciFinder is Online
- SCC Online - Free Trial Access
- List of Science Direct Journals
- Access to Science Direct 10 subjects collection (900+ journals titles)
- Trial Access to 19-engineering journals from emerald
- American Economic Association : 7 Titles Online
- CRISIL , India's leading Ratings, Research, Risk and Policy Advisory company is online now

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- Portal Home page

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- Search journals - Titlewise / Subjectwise / Publisherwise / All
- A-Z Title List.
- List of Publishers : Consortiumwise

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Established in 1977 University Library acts as a Central agency for meeting the information requirements of the academic community of the Cochin University of Science and Technology. It is located in a separate building opposite to the Administrative block of the Cochin University on its north east side. The functions of the Cochin University Library include collection, organization and dissemination of information.

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OVERALL WEBSITE PERFORMANCE CALCULATION

Sl.No	Library	Points	OWPC%
1	KUL	45	41.66
2	MGUL	24.5	22.68
3	CUL	44	40.74
4	SSUL	6	5.55
5	KAUL	41	37.96
6	CHMKUL	18	16.66
7	CUKL	27	25



RESULTS

Sl.No	Grades	Points	Libraries
1	Excellent	100-80	-
2	Very Good	79-60	-
3	Good	59-40	CUL,KUL
4	Average	39-20	KAUL, MGUL, CUKL
5	Unsatisfactory	19-0	CHMKUL, SSUL

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Suggestions

- University librarians and webmasters should take keen interest in creating a separate website for the library and to give a link to the university website
- **FAQs, Ask the Librarian** and **What's New** facilities will definitely help the users in effective use of the website
- Websites should be developed into a more **dynamic and interactive** compatible with Web 2.0 and Web 3.0 technologies
- **Web OPAC** should be made active
- Track the **usage analytics** and **update** the content / web site behavior accordingly (e.g, based on Google Analytics report)



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- There should be regular and continuous user-oriented evaluation of websites and modifications according to the requirements of the users
- Recent events like workshops, seminars and training programs should be posted on the website
- List of new arrivals, new databases subscribed etc should be included
- Mahatma Gandhi University Library had a good website launched in 2005 . It is now available only on the Intranet and inaccessible to the public. University Librarian and webmasters should take rigorous attempt to recover the site
- Web sites should be designed on an effective content management system so that decentralised content management is also possible.





Thank you

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