

Competition Cosmos

Libraries in India

Library Name	Location	Established Year	Details
THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF INDIA	KOLKATA	1836	It is the largest library in the country by volume and India's library of public record. It is spread in an area of 30-acres. It houses 26,41,615 books along with other periodicals, maps, manuscripts etc. The history of the National Library began with the formation of the Calcutta Public Library in 1836. It was opened to public on February 1, 1953
DELHI PUBLIC LIBRARY	NEW DELHI	1951	It is the busiest Public Library in South Asia. It has a collection of about 18 lakh books in Hindi, English, Urdu, Punjabi & other Indian Languages- almost all subjects are represented in its collection. The Library is also the 4th recipient library under the provision of Delivery of Books & Newspaper (Public Libraries) Act 1954

<p>SARASWATHI MAHAL LIBRARY OR TANJORE MAHARAJA SERFOJI'S SARASVATI MAHAL LIBRARY</p>	<p>TAMIL NADU</p>	<p>1918</p>	<p>It is housed within the campus of Thanjavur Palace and had started as a royal library for the Nayak Kings of Thanjavur. It has a rare collection of palm leaf manuscript in various regional languages of India. In the year 1998, the library installed computers to computerise library activities.</p>
<p>ANNA CENTENARY LIBRARY, CHENNAI</p>	<p>TAMIL NADU</p>	<p>2010</p>	<p>The total built up area of this centralised air-conditioned library is 3.75 lakh sq. ft., which encompasses ground and eight floors and has a collection of 5 lakh books. It also has a Braille section to cater to the needs of the blind readers. It also has a Braille section to cater to the needs of the blind readers. It has a huge Conference Hall that can facilitate 150 members</p>
<p>KRISHNADAS SHAMA CENTRAL LIBRARY</p>	<p>GOA</p>	<p>1832</p>	<p>It was established on September 15, 1832 by Vice Roy Dom Manuel de Portugal e Castro as 'Publica Livraria.' The status of Library was raised to that of a National Library on February 15, 1897. It has more than 1.8 lakh books in different languages. The total pre-liberation collection is over 40,000 volumes</p>

ALLAHABAD PUBLIC LIBRARY, ALLAHABAD	UTTAR PRADESH	1864	It has a collection of about 1.25 lakh books on various subjects. It has rare Arabic manuscripts along with papers of Parliament
SMT. HANSA MEHTA LIBRARY, BARODA	GUJARAT	1950	The total built up area of the Library is 80,025 sq. ft. It has a single largest Reading Room of 10,600 sq. ft. which can accommodate about 1100 readers at a time. It has an impressive collection of rare books that include books as old as those dated back to sixteenth century.
CONNEMARA PUBLIC LIBRARY, CHENNAI	TAMIL NADU	1896	It is one of the four National Depository Libraries, which receive a copy of all books, newspapers and periodicals published in India. It serves as a depository library for the UN
STATE CENTRAL LIBRARY, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	KERALA	1829	It has a total collection of 3,67,243 documents in different languages such as English, Malayalam, Hindi, Tamil, Sanskrit in various disciplines. The library subscribes to 27 dailies and 215 journals including foreign journals
STATE CENTRAL LIBRARY	HYDERABAD	1829	It has an impressive collection of 5,01,861 books. It also has a collection of about 17,000 rare and valuable manuscripts dating back to 5th and 6th centuries