

REPORT: CENTRAL UNIVERSITY LIBRARY SYSTEM(UoD) ORIENTATION 2025

Venue :- Satyakam Bhawan – 19 (SB-19)

Date :- 07 November 2025

Respected Sir,

The Department of Statistics, University of Delhi, organized an informative session on the Central Science Library (CSL) and the working framework of the Delhi University Library System (DULS). The presentation aimed to familiarize postgraduate students, Ph.D. scholars, and faculty with the wide range of resources and digital services offered by the university libraries.

Officials from the Central Science Library conducted the session, explaining the structure of DULS, which includes the Central Library Complex, Central Science Library, Ratan Tata Library, South Campus Library, and various departmental libraries. Together, they form one of the largest academic library networks in India. The Central Science Library serves as the main hub for all science departments, catering to 13 departments and one research centre.

The Department efficiently coordinated and hosted the event, ensuring smooth communication with library officials and managing the technical and seating arrangements. The department's contribution was significant in creating a bridge between students and institutional resources, helping learners understand how to utilize the library effectively for research and academics.

The presentation covered the infrastructure and facilities of CSL, which include three reading spaces, around 40 computer systems, circulation counters for book issue and return, and an OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue) system to search and filter books across the entire DULS network. Members can also access the textbook, periodical, and new arrivals sections. The Inter-Library Loan service allows borrowing books not available locally from other DU libraries.

Membership procedures were explained in detail. Students and faculty can apply through the DULS website, fill out a digital form, and complete the registration. The system uses facial recognition for secure access. Membership cards are issued within two to three working days.

A key highlight was the demonstration of the DU e-Library, which compiles all e-resources—including databases, e-journals, e-books, and Press-Reader—on a single platform. Accessible through institutional email IDs, the platform can be used via DU Wi-Fi, VPN, or mobile applications. Attendees were shown how to conduct keyword and title searches and access full-text academic content online.

During the interactive session, students asked about library access after-hours and the integration of multiple libraries under the new Koha software system. Officials clarified that a single ID card will soon enable access to all DU libraries and that catalogue centralization is in progress.

The event proved extremely useful for M.Sc. students, serving as a hands-on introduction to research resources; for Ph.D. scholars and the Faculty of Department of statistics, as an update on evolving library technologies.

Overall, the presentation successfully deepened awareness of the university's library infrastructure and digital advancements. The Department aims to promoting a stronger connection between academic resources and the student community via these events.

(Pictures of the event are attached below.)

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