

DSC 1

Library and Information Society

60 Hours
(45hrs Lect. & + 15hrs Tut.)

Course Title & Code	Credits	Credit Distribution of the Course			Eligibility Criteria	Pre-Requisite of the Course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
DSC 1: Library and Information Society	4	3	1	0	-	-

Course Objectives

To orient and train students regarding fundamentals and philosophy of librarianship; core concepts of data, information and knowledge; types of libraries and their role, functions and services; role and activities of library associations and organizations, library legislation need and provisions with special reference to Indian states; professional ethics, knowledge society and current trends of libraries and librarianship.

Learning Outcomes

After completing this course, students will be able to:

- ☞ Understand the historical development of libraries; laws of library science and contribution of international and national organizations in library development.
- ☞ Learn about types of libraries and their functions and services; role and activities of international and national professional associations.
- ☞ Comprehend the concept and features of library legislation with special reference to India.
- ☞ Profound knowledge of skills and competencies required for library and information science professionals; communication channels; ethical standards; plagiarism and.

UNIT I: Fundamentals of Librarianship

12 Hours

- ☞ Role of Library as a Social Institution
- ☞ Historical Development of Libraries in India
- ☞ Five Laws of Library Science and its implications
- ☞ Role and Contribution of International and National Organizations: UNESCO, IFLA, RRRLF, National Mission on Libraries (NML), National Education Policy 2020 – Role of Library in Education, Community Development and Life Long Learning

UNIT II: Types of Libraries, Professional Associations and Organizations

11 Hours

- ☞ Types of Libraries: Definition, Objectives, Functions and Services: National, Academic, Public, Special, Digital and Green
- ☞ Role and Activities of International Professional Associations: ALA, CILIP, SLA
- ☞ Role and Activities of National Professional Associations: ILA, IATLIS and IASLIC

UNIT III: Library Legislation & Laws Relating to Library & Information Centres

11 Hours

- ☞ Library Legislation: Need, Purpose, Objectives and Model Library Act,
- ☞ Library Legislation in Indian States: Structure and its Salient Features
- ☞ Delivery of Books and Newspapers (Public Libraries) Act, Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 Right to Information Act, IT Act and IPR (Latest)
- ☞ The Press and Registration of Periodicals Act, 2023

UNIT IV: Information Communication and Professional Competencies

11 Hours

- ☞ Data, Information, Knowledge, Wisdom in Knowledge Society
- ☞ Communication Types, Channels, Models and Barriers
- ☞ Professional Skills and Competencies in Digital Environment
- ☞ Professional Ethics, Plagiarism
- ☞ Fake News detection.

Essential Reading

- ☞ AHUJA (VK) and BAISHYA (K). Ed. Research and Publication Ethics. National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam. 2024.
- ☞ AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. <https://www.ala.org/>
- ☞ BHATT (RK). History and Development of Libraries in India. Mittal Publications, Delhi. 1995.
- ☞ BROPHY (P). The Academic Library. Library Association, London. 2000.
- ☞ RANGANATHAN (SR). Five Laws of Library Science. Ed. 2. Sarada Ranganathan Endowment for Library Science, Bangalore. 1989.
- ☞ SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION. <https://sla.org/>
- ☞ VENKATAPPAIAH (V) and MADHUSUDHAN (M). Public Library Legislation in the New Millennium. Bookwell, New Delhi. 2006.

Suggested Readings

- ☞ CHOWDHURY (GG) and Others. Librarianship: An Introduction. Facet Publishing, London. 2008.
- ☞ KUMAR (PSG). Information and Communication: Kumar's Curriculum Series in Library and Information Science. B.R. Publishing Corporation, Delhi. 2004.
- ☞ McMURRY (JH). The Etiquette Advantage: Personal Skills for Social Success. Stellar Publications, Wilmington, NC. 2002.
- ☞ SINGH (KP) and Others. Flying Colours of Platinum Jubilee Celebrations: A Treatise of Anthology of Tested Knowledge. AKS Publishing House, New Delhi. 2021.
- ☞ SINGH (SP) and KRISHAN KUMAR. Special Libraries in the Electronic Environment. Bookwell Publications, New Delhi. 2005.