GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

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STATUS OF NATIONAL VIRTUAL LIBRARY OF INDIA

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Will the **Minister of CULTURE** be pleased to state:

a) the current status of the National Virtual Library of India (NVLI) project;

b) the details of funds allocated and utilised towards the NVLI project;

c) the steps taken by the Ministry to increase the amount of knowledge resources available on the National Virtual Library and to promote the usage of the NVLI in various educational institutions around the country;

d) whether the Ministry has any plan of integrating NVLI with physical libraries in the country; and

e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM and
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(G. KISHAN REDDY)

a) National Virtual Library of India has been developed and launched as Indian Culture Portal (ICP) on 10.12.2019 by the then Hon'ble Culture Minister, to showcase all forms of tangible and intangible cultural heritage of India. The URL is https://indianculture.gov.in which is available on public domain. The current status of the portal is summarized below: -

• It has a total of about 3.04 lakh digital artefacts, with metadata. It also has more than 34.91 lakh bibliographic entries.

• The content is presented in 18 curated categories, such as Rare Books, E-Books, Archives, Paintings, and Union Catalogues etc.

• It also has 12 categories of created content, such as Stories, Snippets, Historical Cities, Fort, Ajanta Caves and The North- East Archive etc.

• The portal is currently available in English and Hindi.

- The portal can be accessed through an App called Indian Culture, available on both Android phones and iPhone.

(b) The details of funds towards the NVLI: -

Year	Grant release to NVLI (in crore)	Expenditure incurred (in crore)
2015-16	7.50	--
2016-17	23.50	9.94
2017-18	15.42	24.90
2018-19	25.37	16.95
2019-20	--	7.26
2020-21	--	6.93
2021-22	--	5.17
2022-23	5.63	2.27 (Till 21.07.2022)
TOTAL	**77.42**	**73.42 (as on 21.7.2022)**

(c) The Ministry ensures that all Organisations handover both bibliographical and digital resources to the National Virtual Library of India for integration on the Indian Culture Portal on a regular basis.

An Outreach team under the National Virtual Library of India has been constituted for promotion of Indian Culture Portal at various Educational Institutions. Various Presentations, Events etc. are organised on a daily basis at various Educational Institutions for promotion of Indian Culture Portal (NVLI project).

(d) No Sir. However, the content related to the following physical libraries under Ministry of Culture is already available in the Indian Culture Portal as on 26.07.2022: -

Organization	Biblio Data	Digital Data
CRL, Kolkata	327,028	0
CSL, New Delhi	314,143	9,304
KBOPL, Patna	0	1,394
NL, Kolkata	1,494,868	17,428
RRRLF, Kolkata	35,270	0
RRL, Rampur	0	11

(e) Library is a State subject and physical libraries function under the administrative control of the respective State/Union Territory authority.

Presently the data related to organisations under administrative control of Ministry of Culture only are collected and uploaded.