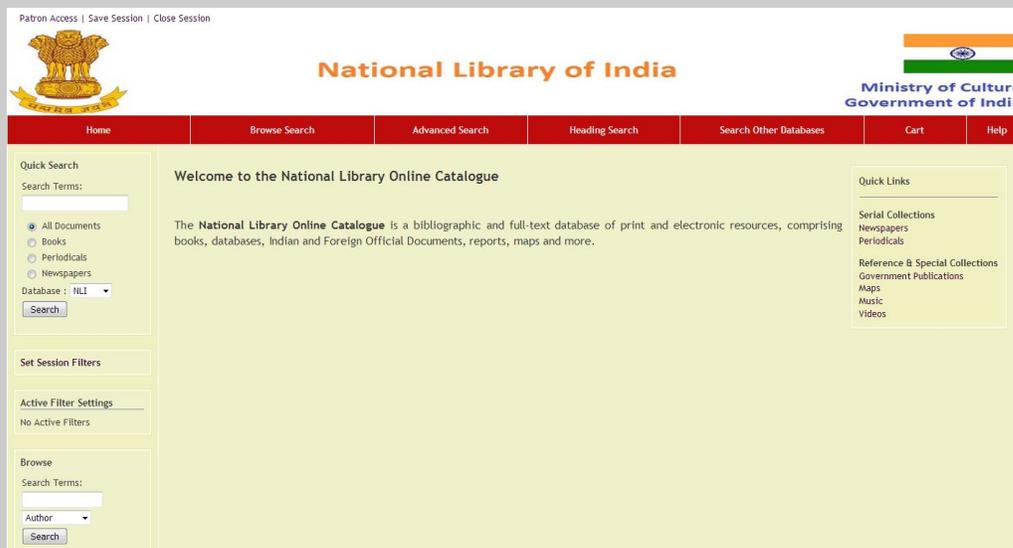


Home Page



Logo



URL

<http://opac.nationallibrary.gov.in/cgi-bin/gw/chameleon?sessionid=2017040411341325700&skin=nl&lng=en&inst=consortium&timedout=1>

Subject

National Library of India--Catalogs

Accessibility

Partially free

Language

English

Publisher

National Library of India, the Department of Culture, Ministry of Tourism & Culture, Government of India

Scope and Coverage

The National Library of India is the country's largest library and the library of public record. The library "operates under the national government's Department of

Culture and is designated to collect, disseminate, and preserve all printed material produced in India, and all foreign works published about the country—where ‘every work about India...can be seen and read’” (Murray, 2009). The National Library is a result of the merging of the public library with the Imperial Library—several government libraries. The National Library Online Catalogue is a bibliographic and full-text database of print and electronic resources, comprising books, databases, Indian and Foreign Official Documents, reports, maps and more. The library contains over 2,270,000 books; over 86,000 maps; over 3,200 manuscripts.

### ***Kind of Information***

In the home page of library online catalog there are following search options:

- Quick Search;
- Browse Search;
- Advanced Search;
- Heading Search;
- Search Other Databases

### **Quick Search**

By quick search option, users can access bibliographic details about all documents from whole database of the library.



Quick Search

Search Terms:

All Documents  
 Books  
 Periodicals  
 Newspapers

Database : NLI

Search

Users can restrict the search results by mentioning material types (books, periodicals, newspapers).

### **Browse Search**

In **Browse Search** option users are able to choose fields like Author, Title, Subject, Publisher, Call Number, and Journal Title.



Words: Author

Search Type:

Database: NLI

### **Advanced Search**

In Advanced Search process, there is option to add bibliographic fields (following screen shot) by Boolean operators.

The screenshot shows an advanced search interface with the following elements:

- Words:** Three input fields for search terms.
- Search Type:** A dropdown menu currently set to "Author". A dropdown menu is open, showing options: Author (highlighted), Title, Subject, ISBN, ISSN, LCCN, Anywhere, and Language.
- Database:** A dropdown menu set to "NLI".
- Buttons:** "Search" and "Reset" buttons.
- Boolean Operators:** "AND" operators between the search terms.
- Link:** "Set Session Filters" link.

## Heading Search

In this kind of search process users can choose heading type from title, subject heading, LC Subject Heading, and author. There is an option to refine search result by mentioning data formats (in all words, phrase or in exact match).

The screenshot shows a heading search interface with the following elements:

- Search Heading Type:** A dropdown menu set to "Title".
- Words:** Three input fields for search terms.
- Data Format:** A dropdown menu set to "All Words".
- Database:** A dropdown menu set to "NLI".
- Buttons:** "Search" and "Reset" buttons.
- Boolean Operators:** "AND" operators between the search terms.

## Search Other Databases

There is another search process; users can search for collection from library database.

The screenshot shows a search interface for other databases with the following elements:

- Words:** Three input fields for search terms.
- Search Type:** A dropdown menu set to "Author".
- Database Selection:** Checkboxes for "NLI" and "RCCC".
- Buttons:** "Search", "Reset", and "Check All" buttons.
- Boolean Operators:** "AND" operators between the search terms.

Using these above search processes, one can search for titles on a specific subject or titles of a work of specific author, etc. The search process produces the following bibliographic details:

Records 1 through 10 of 6703

Save to Cart Check 1-10 Clear All

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Select to add Title Delimitation of parliamentary and assembly constituencies order, 1961  
record to cart  
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Material v : charts ; 24 cm.

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### Special Features

- In home page there is quick links to Serial Collections (Newspapers, Periodicals) and Reference & Special Collections (Government Publications, Maps, Music, Videos).
- By the heading “Help” the website guides users in searching its collection.

### Remarks

The **National Library** on the Belvedere Estate in Alipore, Kolkata, is the largest library in India by volume and India's library of public record.

### Comparable Tools

- Explore The British Library  
([http://explore.bl.uk/primo\\_library/libweb/action/search.do?vid=BLVU1](http://explore.bl.uk/primo_library/libweb/action/search.do?vid=BLVU1))
- National Library of Australia Catalogs  
(<http://catalogue.nla.gov.au/Record/251985>)
- U.S. National Library of Medicine Library Catalogs & Services  
(<https://www.nlm.nih.gov/libserv.html>)
- National Library of Australia Catalogs  
(<http://catalogue.nla.gov.au/Record/251985>)

- NLS: That All May Read: Online Catalog Quick Search  
([https://www.loc.gov/cgi-bin/zgate.nls?ACTION=INIT&FORM\\_HOST\\_PORT=/prod/www/data/nls/catalog/index.html,z3950.loc.gov,7490&CI=072321](https://www.loc.gov/cgi-bin/zgate.nls?ACTION=INIT&FORM_HOST_PORT=/prod/www/data/nls/catalog/index.html,z3950.loc.gov,7490&CI=072321))
- NDL-OPAC: National Diet Library Online Public Access Catalog  
(<http://iss.ndl.go.jp/?locale=en>)
- OPAC - National Library of Sri Lanka (<http://www.natlib.lk/>)

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