

MESSAGE



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I am pleased to learn that the Department of Libraries & Research is all set to launch its website in order to provide to the public an easy and quick access to its rich collection of books and manuscripts. Automation of public libraries in Jammu & Kashmir was the need of the hour. It is a matter of satisfaction that the Department has taken the call and made a significant headway in this direction. The launch of the prestigious Automation & Networking of Public Libraries Project coupled with the launch of the website would indeed revolutionize the public library scenario in the State. Access to public library information would be available to the interested people on the press of a button, wherever they are located.

The Department of Libraries & Research has recently taken several steps to improve the public library scenario in the State both in terms of infrastructure and collection. A state-of-art Central Library complex is under construction at Srinagar. Several modern library complexes at district and tehsils have been completed or taken up for construction in the past two years. The collection has been added up significantly. The automation and networking of public libraries and making the library information available online were only the corollary to the plan of up-gradation of library services in the State. It is indeed a moment of celebration for the reading community in J&K.

My congratulations to Director Libraries & Research for putting public libraries in J&K on the track of modernization. I hope that people in general and the stakeholders in the dissemination of the written word in particular would be greatly benefitted from the upgraded services.

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