

## **NORTH GAUHATI COLLEGE LIBRARY: A PROFILE**

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#### **Introduction:**

A library is an integral part of an institution without which college education is unthinkable. So greater emphasis is laid on a library, well equipped with books and periodicals to open up vistas of ever-widening domain of knowledge in different spheres to the students. The North Gauhati College Library is no different from other college libraries. Its mission and objectives are to inspire the students to enter into the storehouse of knowledge and wisdom, which is provided books and other resources on different topics. The college library aims to provide mainly books and journals related to their courses, reference books on Science and Arts informative books for diffusing knowledge on rapidly advancing world to enable the students to keep abreast of fast changing world. Another aim of the library as visualized is to cater to the interested scholars and researchers rare preserved books to delve into the sea of further knowledge.



### A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE LIBRARY

The College was started in 1962 by a handful of visionary young people with the help and co-operation of the people in general and North Gauhati in particular. It was the culminating effect of aspirations of the people for development of higher education in the locality. In 1962, the College set up with public donations and needless to say with about five thousand books donated by generous public, the College library, the essential part of college education was established.

Since then from its humble beginning the library is growing to its present stage. At present more than 24000 books on diverse subject, a good number of periodicals and many more e- resources. The books, Periodicals and E-resources in which the library is housed was possible thanks to the generous help of Dr. Sri Mon Mohan Singh – A Rajya Sabha M. P. From Assam and the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India who donated from M.P's fund about 10 lakh of rupees for the construction of the building.



ANTRANCE OF THE LIBRARY

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Name of Central Library : North Gauhati College Library
2. Library built up area : 134.36 sqmtr.

Stack area : 38 X 23 = 874 sq.feet

Reading room area : 38 X 27 = 1026 sq.feet

Academic discussion room area : 23 X 14=322 sq.feet (1<sup>st</sup>. Floor)

Reference & back vol. area : 23 X 14=322 sq.feet (1<sup>st</sup>. Floor)

3. Working hours : 9 A.M. to 4.30 P.M.
4. Total Number of Books :24188 (as on 14-06-2024)

Text Books : 17447

Reference Books : 6741

5. Periodicals subscribed : 08
6. Newspaper subscribed : 05
7. Total number of Back volume : 200+
8. Total number of Manuscript : 11
9. Total number of Braille books : 20
10. Total number of Rare books : 50





SPECIAL COLLECTIONS



For specially abled readers

## SUBJECTWISE LIBRARY COLLECTIONS

### 1. Subject wise list of Books: (as on 14-06-2024)

Sl. No.	Subject/Department	Number of Books Subjectwise
01	Assamese	6345
02	Anthropology	1192
03	Botany	813
04	Chemistry	830
05	Economics	1648
06	Education	1780
07	Electronics	265
08	English	2118
09	EVS	73
10	Geography	1412
11	History	1657
12	Mathematics	1610
13	Political Science	2163
14	Physics	1134
15	Zoology	1135
<b>Total</b>		<b>24172</b>

## LIBRARY COLLECTION (Last Five Years)

Sl No.	Financial Year	Number of Books
01	Upto 2018	19850
02	2018 - 2019	1678
03	2019 - 2020	640
04	2020 - 2021	1553
05	2021 - 2022	318
06	2022 - 2023	133

2. Total Number of Newspaper subscribed: 05

3. Total Number of Periodicals subscribed : 08



**Expenditure of Books, Periodicals and Infrastructure development during last 5 years:**

**LIBRARY FINANCIAL EXPENDITURE**

For

Books, News Paper, Periodicals, E-Resources and Infrastructure development (Last Five Years)

<b>Sl No.</b>	<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Amount (In Rupees)</b>
01	2018 - 2019	95,173
02	2019 - 2020	3,00,536
03	2020 - 2021	1,73,421
04	2021 - 2022	7,773
05	2022 - 2023	1,95,382

**MANAGEMENT:**

The library has an Advisory Committee consisting of teachers from different streams. The composition of the library committee is :

- i. Principal : Chairperson
- ii. Librarian : Member Secretary
- iii. One member from Science Stream
- iv. One member from Arts Stream

**SERVICE OFFERED BY LIBRARY:**

- Circulation Service
  - Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) Service
  - Orientation programme for fresher's
  - Reference Service
  - Current Awareness Service
  - Inter Library Loan Service
  - Reservation of Book Service
  - Reprographic Service
  - Internet/WiFi Service
  - Assistance in Searching in Library Database.
4. Library Stock: Stock book
  5. Issue-Return of books:
    - Issued per day : 40
    - Return per day :28
  6. Area of Library Automation: At present following modules are available –
    - Catalogue module

- OPAC module
- Circulation module

7. Membership of Library Networks:

The Central library is active member of INFLIBNET (Information and Library Network) Centre, Ahmedabad. Through INFLIBNET students and faculty members of college can access N-LIST consortium. Use NDLI Platform.

8. Digital Library Initiative:

- E-mail/Internet browsing facility.
- Purchased one high resolution Scanner for digitization of documents.
- Initiated the process of scanning of documents, specially rare publication & Question paper.

9. Process of searching books:

- Open Access
- OPAC

10. Number of library Staff :

- Permanent : 03

11. Qualification of library staff:

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Qualification</b>	<b>Phone No.</b>
Permanent	Dr. Gajendra Ballav Devchoudhury	Librarian	M.L.I.Sc., M.Phil., Ph. D.	9707725873
	Mr. Suka Mani Deka	Library Assistant	H. S. L. C.	7576835052
	Mr. Uzzal Boro	Library Bearer	H. S. S. L. C.	9101769763

12. Publication by Librarian :

Article published : 18

Workshop/Seminar attended : 38 (National)

Workshop/Seminar attended : 04 (International)

Orientation course attended : 01

Refresher Course : 02

Short Term Course :01

North Gauhati College library is automated with the software SOUL 30. Certain task like cataloging, circulation, OPAC managed digitally. A few still be in the initial stages of automation.

Common Modules: Where automation exists, it often includes –

- Cataloging: Digital cataloging using MARC standards for efficient searching.
- Circulation: automated check-in/check-out, renewals, and overdue notices.
- Acquisitions: Streamlined ordering and receiving of new materials.
- OPAC (Online Public Access Catalog): Allowing users to search the library collection online.
- Digital Resource Management: Platforms for managing e-books, e-journals, and databases.

### **Library's Resources:**

Print Resources:

- **Books:** A core collection supporting the college's academic programs.
- **Journals and Periodicals:** Subscription to academic journals, Magazines, Newspapers (Both local & national), both current and back volumes.
- **Reference Materials:** Encyclopedias, dictionaries, handbooks, and other resources for quick information retrieval.
- **Rare Books and Special Collections:** Special collections for blind students and rare books are available.

Digital Resources:

- **E-Books:** Library participate in consortia like UGC-INFLIBNET's N-List and ONOS.
- **E-Journals:** Subscriptions to online databases providing access to a wide range of scholarly articles (e.g. JSTOR, Science Direct, Web of Science)
- **Databases:** Subject-specific databases for research, often covering abstracts, indexes, and full-text articles.
- **Institutional Repositories:** Theses, dissertations, publications are providing access to readers.
- **CDs/DVDs:** Multimedia resources, although their importance might be decreasing with the rise of online streaming.

Physical Spaces:

- **Reading Areas:** Designated spaces for quiet study.
- **Discussion Rooms/Group Study Areas:** Spaces for collaborative work.

- **E-Resource Access Centre:** Providing access to computers and the internet for research.
- **Stack Areas:** Shelving for the physical book collection.
- **Digital Resource Centres:** Dedicated spaces with support for using electronic resources.

### **Utilisation of Library by Students and Faculties:**

#### **Purpose of Use:**

- **Students:** Primarily for course related work (assignments, projects, exam preparation), accessing study materials (textbooks, references). Some also use it as a study space and for accessing the internet.
- **Faculty:** For research, preparing lectures, accessing scholarly articles, and sometimes for recommending resources for courses.

#### **Frequency of Use:** Utilization rates can vary depending on factors like –

- Awareness of Resources:
- Accessibility:
- Relevance of Collection
- Study Habits:
- Availability of Alternatives:

#### **Trends:** studies suggest that –

- The library as a study space remains important.
- Students might prefer print materials for core textbooks but rely on digital resources for research articles.
- Faculty use online journals and databases for their research
- Effective library orientation and information literacy programs can positively impact utilization.

Internet and Wi-Fi access facilities are available.

**Conclusion:** A library is said as the nucleus of an Institution. Today, we are living the technologically changing world, where library is not an untouched entity. So, to move step by step towards its development all possible infrastructural facilities must be provided to the library. Cleanliness must be given priority in the library. Library is not only a storehouse of books and other documents but it is knowledge creator, knowledge disseminator and the temple of learning. We must create reading habits among students, researchers and teachers.