

Director's Report

2025-26



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I INTRODUCTION

The year 2025-26 has been a year of intensification, innovation and impact in Library Networking for DELNET, fostering new collaborations, enhancing quality content and service excellence to its member-institutions. The year has witnessed significant strides in strengthening our programmes, expanding partnerships, embracing innovation and creating greater opportunities to the libraries and the users' community. Through our new initiatives and active engagement with member-institutions, we continued to build a more connected, responsive and vibrant library, information and knowledge ecosystem. We have embraced emerging opportunities with great enthusiasm while remaining firmly committed to our core values and the esteemed member-institutions we serve. "The Users First" approach with user-centred services, enabling discovery and creating impact remains the driving force for DELNET throughout the year.

We are extremely honoured to inform members that the year has also helped DELNET in expanding further its wings of library networking, with the wider coverage of the content availability, meeting the ever growing demands of the users' community and providing robust support through its head office and state offices. There has been an expansion of DELNET offices with the new office being inaugurated at Vadodara and also the soon to be made operational office at Bhopal which was added during the year.

DELNET in its 33rd year of library networking journey, also continued its impeccable efforts for manpower training which remains a highly integral work of DELNET since its very inception. We remained consistently focused on providing future-ready skillsets and knowledge enrichment to the LIS professionals, faculty members, researchers and scholars through its most popular webinars and other programmes which are attended by a large number of participants from India and outside.

II MEMBERSHIP

The year 2025-26 has helped DELNET in further ascending the ladder for reaching the pinnacle of library networking by enrolling 810 institutions as its new member-institutions. These new members joined from across the country. The states from where the maximum number of members joined included Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, etc. We would like to share that DELNET has crossed the enrolment of more than 800 new members for the second consecutive year. The growing trust and confidence supplemented with the popularity of DELNET's resources and services are all made possible owing to the unwavering support and cooperation from the esteemed member-institutions. DELNET remains highly committed to contribute towards building an inclusive, well-informed, borderless knowledge society, transcending geographical boundaries to make networked library services and knowledge accessible to all.

DELNET's ideology of reaching the last mile of library users, addressing the gap areas and strong advocacy for "No One to be Left Behind - Connecting Every Library, Empowering Every User", remains most inspiring for undertaking its library networking work in a missionary and visionary mode.

DELNET continued with its dedicated efforts and attempts to increase its membership base by approaching various universities, colleges and specialised institutions in India. Besides the New Delhi office, the state offices also helped in the membership drive by approaching the institutions in their respective states/regions. The detailed breakup of DELNET membership is mentioned in Appendix I.

III FINANCE

DELNET during 2025-26 remained engrossed and focused on building self-resilience, nurturing growth and securing the future with self-sustenance, continuing the Institution's efforts to be expansive in our reach and enduring in our impact. DELNET remained committed to 5As of library networking including affordability, accessibility, authenticity, agility and adaptability of its resources and services offered to its member-institutions. With the meagre finances generated through the only source of income, i.e. the membership fee which has not been increased for more than two decades (GST applicable since July 1, 2017), DELNET is able to consistently expand its library networking horizons, benefiting its member-libraries.

IV DELNET BUILDING

4.1 Hostel Block/Guest House at New Delhi

During the year 2025-26, the DELNET hostel block/ guest house facilities at New Delhi were used regularly by institutions from across the country for accommodation, organising meetings, interviews, seminars, workshops, etc. It is most popular among the institutions (both members and non-members). These facilities, services and support offered by DELNET were greatly admired by the institutions. Many renowned institutions located across the country availed themselves of the facilities at DELNET.

We would like to inform our members that the DELNET Guest House has 15 rooms, two suites, three committee rooms, lounge and multipurpose/dining hall. The rooms are air-conditioned with attached bath facility and are equipped with high quality furniture and fixtures to offer comfort to our guests. Some of the leading institutions who have regularly used the DELNET Guest House facilities during 2025-26 included AIC - Jyothy Institute of Technology Foundation, Bengaluru; All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi; All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi; All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Rishikesh, Uttarakhand; Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti, Ministry of Education, Government of India, New Delhi; Central University of Jammu, Dist. Samba, Jammu & Kashmir; Central University of Kashmir, Dist. Ganderbal, Jammu & Kashmir; Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysuru, Karnataka; CIIRC - Centre For Incubation, Innovation, Research and Consultancy, Agara, Karnataka; Centre for Multi Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, Karnataka; Central University of Andhra Pradesh, Ananthapuramu, Andhra Pradesh; Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dist. Kangra, Himachal Pradesh; Dr. M.G.R. Educational and

Research Institute University, Chennai, Tamil Nadu; Department of Science & Technology (DST), New Delhi; The Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed to be University), Dindigul Dist., Tamil Nadu; Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology (IASST), Ministry of Science & Technology, Guwahati, Assam; International Centre for Genetic Engineering & Biotechnology, New Delhi; Indian Institute of Information Technology Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh; Indian Institute of Management Bodh Gaya, Bihar; Indian Institute of Management Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir; Indian Institute of Management Nagpur, Maharashtra; Indian Institute of Management, Shillong, Meghalaya; Indian Institute of Management Sirmaur, Himachal Pradesh; Indian Institute of Management Udaipur, Rajasthan; Indian Institute of Management Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh; Indian Institute of Science Education & Research (IISER) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh; Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala; Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, Maharashtra; Indian Institute of Technology Delhi; Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, Uttarakhand; Indian Institute of Carpet Technology, Bhadohi, Uttar Pradesh; Islamic University of Science & Technology (IUST), Pulwama, Jammu & Kashmir; Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi; Jharkhand Rai University, Ranchi, Jharkhand; Jagan Institute of Management Studies (JIMS), Rohini, New Delhi; Kalinga University, Naya Raipur, Chhattisgarh; Medicaps University, Indore, Madhya Pradesh; Mizoram University, Aizawl, Mizoram; Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh; National Agri-Food Biotechnology Institute, Mohali, Punjab; National Institute of Personnel Management, Kolkata, West Bengal; The National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Ahmedabad, Gujarat; The National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Hyderabad, Telangana; The National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Kolkata, West Bengal; National Institute of Rural Development, Hyderabad, Telangana; Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh; Reva University, Bengaluru, Karnataka; Seacom Skills University, Birbhum District, West Bengal; Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh; University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi; University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala and Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore, Tamil Nadu, etc.

4.2 Inauguration of DELNET Vadodara Office

We are pleased to inform our members that a fully furnished DELNET Vadodara office (1668 sq. ft.) located at Office Nos. 309, 310, 311, 312, Third Floor, Neptune Edge, Sarabhai Campus, Near Genda Circle, Vadiwadi, Vadodara-390023, Gujarat was inaugurated on October 4, 2025 by Shri K. Jayakumar, President, DELNET. Dr. P. R. Goswami, Treasurer, DELNET, a number of institutional administrators, librarians and library professionals from various parts of Gujarat attended the programme in-person. The DELNET Vadodara office also started its operations from the new premises which have significantly been contributing in strengthening the DELNET activities in the state of Gujarat.

The gracious words of encouragement from the distinguished officials of DELNET present at the Inauguration Day function are mentioned below:

“A most joyful day for DELNET. We are in Baroda in our new office. A happy, blessed moment full of promises and opportunities. May God’s grace be with us always”.

Shri K. Jayakumar, President, DELNET.

“Very pleased to see the new office acquired by DELNET at Vadodara. A perfect place for library professionals to discuss and learn new technologies, new methods and to explore. The visibility and competence of the profession can be enhanced”.

Dr P. R. Goswami, Treasurer, DELNET.

4.3 Purchase of DELNET Bhopal Office Space

We are glad to inform the member-institutions that DELNET has purchased an office space measuring 53.12 sq.mt. area (571.7 sq.ft.) having Unit No. 501, Fifth Floor, Sage Milestone, Phase IC, Village Samardha Kaliyasoat, Hoshangabad Road, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh for providing effective networked library services and support to member-institutions in the State of Madhya Pradesh. The interior work will commence in a few months’ time and we hope to start the operations by early next year.

4.4 Completion of Interior Work at DELNET Lucknow Office

The interior work at the DELNET Lucknow Office was completed and the furniture items from Godrej were ordered which will be supplied soon. The DELNET Lucknow office located at Unit 804, Shalimar Iridium, Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow will be inaugurated in April 2026. DELNET is also in the process of appointing new staff.

We would also like to mention that DELNET’s own state offices at Bengaluru, Pune and Vadodara are functioning well.

4.5 Property Tax Payments

The property tax for the financial year 2025-26 for DELNET, New Delhi was paid to the MCD, New Delhi. Also the property tax for DELNET Bengaluru, Lucknow, Pune and Vadodara offices were paid to the respective State Municipal Corporations.

V NETWORK OPERATIONS

DELNET Online Services and Digital Network Infrastructure

During the year 2025-26, DELNET offered seamless access to its resources and services 24/7 to the users of its member-institutions. The access is made by the users through static/remote IPs as well as Login/Password. It is worth mentioning that access to DELNET is made across varied times though the peak utilisation is witnessed during the day but users also access it at night/ early hours. The high availability of online resources and services remain the priority for DELNET.

The two Internet links, i.e. 2 Mbps leased line of DELNET-NIC and 20 Mbps Airtel connectivity worked effectively during the year.

The Internet facilities at Bengaluru, Pune and Vadodara also worked well. DELNET will soon be upgrading the Airtel link from 20 Mbps to 50 Mbps at its New Delhi office.

VI DELNET DISCOVERY PORTAL

6.1 We are glad to inform our members that the wide spectrum of resources including bibliographic records of Books for Resource Sharing, Literature Survey, Research, Reference, etc. and Full-text E-resources comprising, E-books, E-journals, E-articles, video lectures, etc. are extensively used by the member-institutions. The member-institutions used the DELNET discovery portal for accessing more than 4.5 crore resources of various member-libraries. It is of immense help for faculty, researchers and scholars for their academic, research and scholarly needs.

It is really astonishing to note that in the era of digital content revolution, the reliability and dependability on print material grows since all the published material are neither born digitally nor be converted into digitised version due to copyright and IPR restrictions. The Inter Library and Document Delivery (ILL) and Document Delivery Services continues to be the most sought-after services of DELNET.

It is worth mentioning that there is great utilisation of DELNET E-resources by member-institutions and DELNET continues its efforts to increase the coverage of the resources.

We request our members institutions to kindly contribute their library books records for merging in DELNET discovery portal for strengthening resource sharing and resource discovery. It also help the libraries to use DELNET portal as a WebOPAC for their own resources. DELNET offers special Certificate of Appreciation to member-libraries for participating in DELNET Best Practices-Data Sharing and Accessibility initiative.

6.2 Knowledge Gainer Portal

During the year 2025-26, the Knowledge Gainer Portal provided an access to more than 1.6 crore full-text E-books, E-journals, E-articles, etc. which were used extensively by member-libraries during the year.

6.3 DELNET also provided access to the following online resources which were regularly updated and used continuously by members:

1. E-BOOKS
 - i. Autobiographies and Biographies
 - ii. E-Books: Read and Download them online
 - iii. Full-Text Medical Books

- iv. Audio Books
- v. Ayurveda E-books
- 2. E-JOURNALS (Full-Text)
 - i. Aerospace Sciences
 - ii. Agriculture and Horticulture Science
 - iii. Architecture
 - iv. Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning
 - v. Arts and Commerce
 - vi. Ayurveda
 - vii. Dental
 - viii. Divyangjan (Persons with Special Needs)
 - ix. Education
 - x. Engineering and Technology
 - xi. Fashion Technology
 - xii. Food Technology
 - xiii. Homoeopathy
 - xiv. Hotel Management
 - xv. Law
 - xvi. Library and Information Technology
 - xvii. Management
 - xviii. Mass Media
 - xix. Medical Sciences
 - xx. Nursing
 - xxi. Paramedical Sciences
 - xxii. Pharmacy
 - xxiii. Physiotherapy
 - xxiv. Police Research
 - xxv. Science
 - xxvi. Skill and Entrepreneurship
 - xxvii. Social Sciences
 - xxviii. Startups, Innovation and Entrepreneurship
 - xxix. Unani
 - xxx. Women and Child Development
 - xxxi. Yoga

The E-journals are continuously updated by DELNET.

3. AI TOOLS AND TECHNOLOGIES FOR LIBRARIES AND RESEARCHERS

During the year 2025-26, DELNET added a new feature on “AI Tools and Technologies for Libraries and Researchers” which provides access to a sizeable number of emerging AI tools and technologies which are of great relevance to library professionals, researchers, scholars and students.

4. ACCESS JSTOR (Multidisciplinary)

DELNET provides access to JSTOR resources selectively including South Asia Open Archives, JSTOR and Artstor Collections. It is a highly important source for resource discovery by researchers and scholars.

5. DIVYANGJAN RESOURCES

DELNET has developed a special portal containing Divyangjan resources.

6. THESES/DISSERTATIONS

EBSCO Open Dissertation
Global Full-text Theses and Dissertations
Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations
Yale Medicine Thesis Digital Library

7. OTHER ONLINE DATABASES

- i. Directory of Open Access Repositories
- ii. india.gov.in-National Portal of India
- iii. MEDLINE and other databases of NLM
- iv. US Patents : Full Text
- v. Cambridge Dictionary Online
- vi. ODLIS : Online Dictionary for Lib & Inf. Science
- vii. Hobbies
- viii. Hindi E-resources
- ix. Sanskrit E-resources

8. LANGUAGE LEARNING Portal

The portal was used for improving the spoken and writing skills in English, Hindi and other foreign languages. The students from member-institutions used it extensively.

9. MANUSCRIPTS AND RARE BOOKS

DELNET provides access to full text manuscripts and rare books.

10. E-NEWSPAPERS

The DELNET “E-Newspapers” section in the Online Portal provided access to a substantial number of E-Newspapers published in Hindi, English and other regional languages. This resource was used greatly by the users.

11. DELNET DELDReSS Portal for Schools

DELNET has an exclusive DELDReSS portal for Schools. It contains vast resources of significance to students and teachers. A number of Schools are the members of DELNET.

VII INTER-LIBRARY LOAN (ILL) AND DOCUMENT DELIVERY SERVICES (DDS)

During the year 2025-26, DELNET continued to play a significant, proactive role in bridging libraries, connecting users to knowledge beyond their own collections through its well-recognised Inter-Library Loan and Document Delivery services. It enabled faculty, researchers, scholars and students to access resources beyond geographical and institutional boundaries. From one library to another, DELNET acts as a bridge, turning distributed collections into shared knowledge resources. The physical copies of books were arranged through Inter Library Loan and also the select journal articles. These timely services by DELNET are much appreciated by member-institutions.

It is heartening to inform our members that the DELNET, New Delhi office and also state offices at Bengaluru, Pune and Vadodara remains the epicentres of ILL/ DDS, connecting libraries to its users and users to their desired books. DELNET through its pioneering and dedicated efforts are fulfilling through its resources and services, the 5 Laws of Library Science, namely (1) Books are for Use (2) Every Reader His/Her Book (3) Every Book its Reader (4) Save the Time of the Reader and (5) The Library is a Growing Organism.

VIII SOFTWARE SUPPORT

8.1 During the year 2025-26, there was an upsurge in the demand for using Delplus software of DELNET which is provided free of charge for library automation. It is being widely used by member-institutions across the country. DELNET helps in migrating the existing records (from Access/Excel) in addition to generating Barcodes for the member-institutions. The software has user-friendly modules including Acquisition, Cataloguing, Circulation, OPAC, etc. adhering to library standards which are appreciated by the institutions. It helps in the automation and modernisation of libraries and the software is installed remotely. It has been noticed that there are a large number of libraries which are still functional in traditional/manual manner. DELNET is contributing towards bringing transformation in these libraries through library automation using its Delplus Software.

8.2 Support for Open Source Software for Member-Institutions

DELNET offered support for installation of open source software during the year 2025-26. The requests for installation of Koha and DSpace were received periodically from the member-institutions.

IX DELNET CONSORTIUM

During the year 2025-26, DELNET continued to offer the following E-journals/ E-books packages and Plagiarism Detection Software for Academic Integrity through the DELNET Consortium.

9.1 DELNET Gale Cengage Consortium

DELNET had introduced new E-journals packages also during the year 2025-26. They were offered for subscription in addition to already existing packages of Gale. Some of the DELNET member-institutions subscribe to them.

1. InfoTrac Engineering, Science & Technology Collection (IESTC)
2. InfoTrac Medical Collection (IMedC)
3. InfoTrac Business & Management Collection (IBMC)
4. InfoTrac Pharmacy Collection (IPC)
5. InfoTrac Dental Collection (IDC)
6. InfoTrac Architecture Collection (IAC)
7. InfoTrac Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences Collection
8. Gale Onefile Nursing & Allied Health
9. Business Insights: Global (BIG)
10. Gale OneFile: News
11. Gale in Context: Environmental Studies (GREENR)
12. Gale One: Hospitality and Tourism (HTC) and Gale One: Culinary Arts (CAC)
13. InfoTrac Science Collection (ISC)
14. InfoTrac Commerce Collection (ICC)
15. InfoTrac Humanities & Social Sciences Collection (IHSSC)

9.2 DELNET ProQuest E-journals Consortium

This is to inform members that DELNET had to discontinue the E-journals Consortium arrangement with Proquest since Proquest had proposed an exorbitant increase (about 35%) in their subscription charges and also the vast categorisation of the institutions for subscription, which was not acceptable to us.

9.3 DELNET Consortium for eBooks

1. World eBook Library through IGroup

A number of member-institutions subscribe to the WEL package.

9.4 DrillBit: Plagiarism Detection Software for Academic Integrity

During the year 2025-26, DELNET continued to offer the DrillBit software to its member-libraries for plagiarism detection for an annual subscription of Rs 50,000 (including GST) for 300 documents checking and Rs. 84,960 (including GST) for checking 500 documents. The subscription for a higher number of documents were also offered as per the specific demand of the member-institutions.

X ONLINE PORTALS

10.1 DELNET'S ViSiOn Portal of Video Lectures

During the year 2025-26, we are pleased to inform members that ViSiOn (Video Sites Online) Portal gained popularity in its access by the users of the member-institutions as it contains a number of enriching video lectures delivered by the Subject Matter Experts (SMEs), Faculty Members, etc. in varied fields of knowledge. About 25605 video lectures are currently available through the ViSiOn portal. We urge members to continuously contribute towards the portal as we are unable to obtain video lectures of faculty members from member-institutions in a consistent and considerable manner.

We would like to mention that DELNET offers special Certificate of Admiration to Member-Institutions for contributing Video lectures of their Faculty and for Adopting Best Practices for Enhancing Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) Knowledge Sharing for Enhancing Student's Learning Experience, Inspiring Innovation & Critical Thinking and Promoting Knowledge Collaborations.

10.2 DELNET Online Courses Portal (COnCour)

We are pleased to mention that the COnCour Portal (COnCour - Continue with Online Courses to Conquer Your Future Now) which provides details of more than 4800 online courses in various disciplines provided through various institutions (both national and international) was used by the students, faculty and also LIS professionals. The courses can be searched through Subject, Certificate Granting Institution, Title of the Course, Country, etc. Also, the portal was effectively used by students and other users of member-libraries and generated interest among the students' community.

10.3 GRIP (Global Research & Innovation Portal)®

We are glad to inform members that the "GRIP - Global Research and Innovation Portal"® contains the metadata of more than 16,200 Research Reports of Indian Research organisations (NIRF ranked). The portal helps in discovering the research projects being undertaken. It is hoped that in future the full-text of these research projects and resources will be made available. It will strengthen the research and innovation ecosystem in the institutions and also lead to enhancing research collaborations

and knowledge sharing among researchers and institutions. DELNET requests its members to contribute their research reports to the portal.

10.4 Portal on Museums and Archives - SMARAK

DELNET has been developing a comprehensive Portal “SMARAK (System for Museums & Archives for Research and Access to Knowledge)” highlighting the Museums and Archives located in India and other countries. The work was in progress. It is hoped that the portal will be made accessible by early next year.

10.5 DESIRE Portal for Building IRs (soon to be launched)

We are pleased to inform members that DELNET will soon be launching in the next few months the DESIRE (Digital Exclusive and Selective Institutional Repository for Everyone) Portal for creating Institutional Repositories (IRs) wherein member-institutions can upload their own copyrighted material at DELNET’s Centralised Institutional Repository. There are two Interfaces (1) an Institutional Repository Interface and (2) a Centralised Repository Interface. The DESIRE portal is Unicode enabled for handling multilingual content.

XI DELNET STATE OFFICES

We are extremely happy to inform members that DELNET through its state offices located at Bangalore, Pune and Vadodara are taking library networking closer to member-institutions and serves as a catalyst for strengthening connections, collaborations and coordination for knowledge sharing through DELNET. We look forward to the inauguration of DELNET Lucknow office in April 2026 and to start its operations.

These state offices are coordinating well for various activities including Inter Library Loan, conducting training sessions, the data collection, follow-up for membership renewals, new membership, etc. from the region.

XII NATIONAL INITIATIVES

12.1 NACLIN 2025

We are pleased to inform members that the 28th *National Convention on Knowledge, Library and Information Networking* (NACLIN 2025) was organised by DELNET in association with Yashaswi Education Society’s International Institute of Management Studies (IIMS), Pune and All India Shri Shivaji Memorial Society’s College of Engineering (AISSMS COE), Pune from December 3-5, 2025 at Hotel Lemon Tree Premier, Pune. It was inaugurated by Dr. Parag Kalkar, Hon’ble Pro Vice-Chancellor, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune in the distinguished presence of Shri K. Jayakumar, IAS, President, DELNET & Former Jt. Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India and Chief Secretary, Govt. of Kerala; Dr. P. R. Goswami, Former Director (Libraries), Ministry of Culture, Government of India, New Delhi; Mr. Vishwesh Kulkarni, Chairman, Yashaswi Group, Pune and Dr. Dattatraya S. Bormane, Principal,

AISSMS College of Engineering, Pune. The theme of NACLIN 2025 was “Forging New Frontiers for Libraries : Fostering Exploration, Innovation, Evolution and Transformation”. The convention deliberated on various aspects including New Technological Frontiers for Libraries and AI in Libraries; Disaster Management for Libraries and Archives; IKS, Building Knowledge Resources and Transforming Libraries into Hubs of Research & Innovation; Open Mantra for Libraries; Reimagining Public Libraries and Nurturing Reading Culture in the Digital Age and Empowering Library Workforce. The tutorial on the topic “AI Tools and Technologies for Libraries” and “Awareness Workshop on Cyber Security and Cyber Hygiene” were also conducted. A number of eminent experts were invited including Mr. Kanwaljeet Singh Arora, AI & Blockchain Consultant and Trainer, Gurugram, Haryana; Major Vineet Kumar, Founder & Global President, Cyber Peace Foundation; Dr. Nabi Hasan, Head Librarian (Central Library), Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, New Delhi; Dr. Padmaja Joshi, Scientist ‘G’ and Head (Products, Services and Outreach), Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Mumbai; Dr. Neeta Verma, Former Director General, National Informatics Centre (NIC), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), New Delhi & Former Chief Advisor (Information Technology), Election Commission of India; Ms. Sari Sasaki, Foreign Associate – Fellow, Conservation Division, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi; Dr. Usha Mujoo Munshi, Chief Librarian, India International Centre, New Delhi; Dr. Vrushali Dandawate, Librarian/Head (Central Library), AISSMS College of Engineering, Pune, Maharashtra; Prof. (Dr.) Amitav Banerjee, Professor Emeritus, Dr. D.Y. Patil Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre and Editor in Chief, Medical Journal of Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune, Maharashtra; Dr. Shamkant B. Deore, Director, Rajya Marathi Vikas Sanstha, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai; Prof. Milind Sudhakar Marathe, Chairman, National Book Trust (NBT), New Delhi; Dr. P. R. Goswami, Former Director (Libraries), Ministry of Culture, Government of India, New Delhi; Prof. Shubhada Nagarkar, Professor & Head, Department of Library and Information Science, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune, Maharashtra and Dr. Vivek Patkar, Independent Researcher, Mumbai. Nearly 250 participants attended the conference from different parts of India. An exhibition was also organised wherein a number of leading IT companies and publishers participated and exhibited their products. NACLIN 2025 pre-conference proceeding edited by Dr. Sangeeta Kaul, Mr. Pavan Shrikishan Sharma and Dr. Vrushali Dandawate and also the NACLIN 2025 souvenir were published by DELNET. DELNET is most grateful to Dr. Dattatraya S. Bormane, Principal, AISSMS College of Engineering, Pune, Mr. Pavan Shrikishan Sharma, Librarian Yashaswi Education Society’s International Institute of Management Science, Pune and their other officials for their tremendous support in organising NACLIN 2025.

XIII NACLIN 2026

We are glad to inform members that the 29th National Convention on Knowledge, Library and Information Networking (NACLIN 2026) will be organised by DELNET at Hyderabad during November/December 2026. The venue and other details will soon be finalised.

It was decided by the DELNET Governing Board to hold the annual NACLIN Conference for the two days period instead of three days. This has been done in order to reduce the DELNET expenditure in organising the NACLIN Conference, which is fully financially supported by DELNET.

XIV Cyber Peace Foundation and DELNET's Cyber First Responder

During the year 2025-26, the Cyber Peace Foundation (CPF) in collaboration with DELNET had launched *Cyber First Responder Initiative* for Fostering Cybersecurity Culture among institutions. This path-breaking initiative was supported by Google.org. It was a national level drive designed to nurture digital responsibility and strengthen India's cybersecurity ecosystem. The leading accreditation bodies in India including AICTE, UGC/NAAC strongly advocated raising awareness and capacity building in cybersecurity in institutions. A number of DELNET member-institutions participated in the initiative.

XV INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS AND INITIATIVES

15.1 Visit to IFLA 2025 Conference and Poster Paper Presentation

We wish to inform members that the most prestigious IFLA World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) 2025 was held from August 18-22, 2025 at Astana, Kazakhstan, attended by nearly 1,600 delegates from more than 110 countries. Dr. Sangeeta Kaul, Director, DELNET, New Delhi and Mr. Deepak Yadav, Assistant Network Manager, DELNET, New Delhi attended the Conference and presented their poster paper entitled "Harnessing the Power of Library Networking through DELNET: From Building Collections to Strengthening Connections and Collaborations" which highlighted DELNET's pioneering efforts as the largest resource-sharing library network in South Asia. It was also a great opportunity for them to interact with professionals from across the globe and to explore the possibilities for collaborations.

We are also pleased to inform members that on August 22, 2025 they were invited by Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (SVCC), Embassy of India, Astana since the National Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Almaty is a member-institution of DELNET and their membership charges were supported by the Embassy of India at Astana. The interactions were held with Mrs. Nalini Singhal, Director, Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre for exploring avenues for collaborative projects and conferences.

15.2 DELNET Online Programmes with International Experts

During the year 2025-26, DELNET organised a number of online Programmes/ Webinars with distinguished Invited speakers from many countries and it contributed in strengthening global collaborations and knowledge sharing activities.

XVI LECTURES, WEBINARS, WORKSHOPS AND PROGRAMMES

The following in-person/online programmes were organised by DELNET during 2025-26. DELNET uses the Goto Webinar platform (USA) for conducting online sessions which functions very well.

16.1 Dr. H. K. Kaul Memorial Lecture

Dr. H. K. Kaul Memorial Lecture 2025 on “Libraries in the Age of AI and Big Data” was delivered by Dr. Neeta Verma, Chief Advisor (IT), Election Commission of India and former Director-General, NIC, MeitY, Government of India on July 1, 2025 at DELNET, New Delhi. It was attended online by 1060 participants from India and abroad besides an appreciable number of in-person participants at DELNET, New Delhi.

16.2 DELNET Workshops/Seminars/Programmes (In-person)

During the year 2025-26, DELNET had organised the following one-day workshops in-person at the following institutions which was attended by a sizeable of library professionals, faculty, etc. from various institutions.

April 12, 2025	DELNET One-Day Workshop on “Transforming and Empowering Libraries, LIS Professional and Users: Emerging Trends”, was held in collaboration with Uttaranchal University, Dehradun at Uttaranchal University, Dehradun.
May 3, 2025	DELNET One-Day Workshop on “Transforming and Empowering Libraries, LIS Professional and Users: Emerging Trends”, was held in collaboration with Development Management Institute (DMI), Patna at the Development Management Institute (DMI), Patna.
July 31, 2025	DELNET One-Day Workshop on “Transforming and Empowering Libraries, LIS Professional and Users: Emerging Trends”, was held in collaboration with I. K. Gujral Punjab Technical University, Kapurthala, Punjab at IKGPTU, Kapurthala.
August 12, 2025	DELNET and Cyber Peace Foundation One-Day Seminar on “Cyber Resilience and AI Safety” supported by Google.org at DELNET, New Delhi. The seminar was held in hybrid mode.
August 30, 2025	DELNET One-Day Workshop on “Transforming and Empowering Libraries, LIS Professional and Users: Emerging Trends”, was held in collaboration with Kalinga University, Raipur, Chhattisgarh at Kalinga University, Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
February 10, 2026	Pre-Summit Event of the India AI Impact Summit 2026 ChangeInkk and DELNET organised the programme on “AI for Inclusive Education”, an Official Pre-Summit Event of the India AI Impact Summit 2026 at DELNET, New Delhi. It was

attended in-person by about 150 participants and 247 attended it online.

February 23-24, 2026 “DELNET Training Workshop on Generative AI Tools for Productivity and Innovation in Institutions and Libraries” from February 23-24, 2026 at DELNET, New Delhi. Mr. Kanwaljeet Singh Arora, AI and Blockchain Consultant and Trainer, Gurugram, Haryana was the resource person. The participants from various parts of India attended the two-day workshop.

16.3 Webinars/Programmes on Special Professional Topics [Online]

April 5, 2025 DELNET Webinar on “Open Research Knowledge Graph: Find the Research You are Actually Looking For” by Dr. Vinodh Ilangoan, Curation Coordinator, ORKG, TIB, Hannover, Germany. It was attended by 472 participants from India and abroad.

April 30, 2025 DELNET-Amity University Haryana Webinar on “Transforming Your Leadership and Management Skills” by Prof. (Dr.) Vikas Madhukar, Pro VC, Amity University Haryana, Gurugram. It was attended by 561 participants from India and abroad.

May 30, 2025 DELNET Webinar on “Truth in AI Systems” by Prof. Naveen Kumar, Sr. Professor, Department of Computer Science, University of Delhi. It was attended by 961 participants from India and abroad.

June 5, 2025 DELNET Online Programme on “Celebrating World Environment Day: On a Finite Earth, Can We Afford Ever-Growing Consumption?” by Prof. Chetan Singh Solanki, Founder, Energy Swaraj Foundation. It was attended by 516 participants from India and abroad.

July 15, 2025 DELNET and CyberPeace Foundation Webinar on “AI Skills for Enhanced Cybersecurity and Resilience” to Celebrate World Youth Skills Day with sessions by Major Vineet Kumar, Founder and Global President, CPF and Dr. Shruti Mantri, Associate Director, Institute of Data Sciences, Indian School of Business, Hyderabad. It was attended by 733 participants from India and abroad.

July 15, 2025 DELNET and World Skill Centre, Bhubaneswar, Odisha Webinar on “Celebrating World Youth Skills Day: Youth Empowerment Through AI and Digital Skills” by Prof. T. Thambyrajah, Principal, World Skill Centre, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India. It was attended by 546 participants from India and abroad.

- September 5, 2025 DELNET-NITTTR Chennai Webinar on “The Changing Paradigm of Teaching Strategies” to Celebrate Teachers’ Day by Dr. Shoba K.N. Associate Professor, Department of Education, NITTTR, Chennai. It was attended by 759 participants from India and abroad. Dr. Usha Nateshan, Director, NITTTR, Chennai delivered the inaugural address.
- November 18, 2025 DELNET-DataCite Webinar session on “Open Dialogue on Establishing DELNET-DataCite Consortium for South Asia: Opportunities and Benefits” by Mr. Mohamad Mostafa, Datacite Regional Engagement Specialist for the Middle East and Asia. It was attended by 383 participants from India and abroad.

16.4 New Webinar Series

a. Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS)

During the year 2025-26, DELNET had started a new Webinar series on Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS). The eminent experts shared their vast knowledge in various fields concerning IKS.

- August 7, 2025 DELNET Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) Webinar on “Indian Contributions to the World of Mathematics and Astronomy” by Dr. Venketeswara Pai R., Associate Professor, Dept. of Humanities and Social Sciences, IISER, Pune. It was attended by 528 participants from India and abroad.

- January 31, 2026 DELNET Indian Knowledge Systems(IKS) Webinar on “Indian Contributions to the World of Ayurveda” by Dr. P. Rammanohar, Research Director, Amrita Centre for Advanced Research in Ayurveda (ACARA), School of Ayurveda, Kerala. It was attended by 387 participants from India and abroad.

b. Libraries Around the World

During the year 2025-26, DELNET had launched an engaging webinar series entitled ”Libraries Around the World”. This series aims to take library professionals on a virtual journey across continents, exploring diverse library systems, unique collections, innovative services and best practices adopted globally.

Each webinar session will feature insights from distinguished librarians, professionals, and library leaders who will share inspiring stories and experiences from their countries. The series aspires to broaden perspectives, encourage knowledge exchange and foster collaboration among library professionals.

Under the series the following Webinar Session was held:

September 25, 2025 Webinar on “Libraries Around the World: South Asian Materials at Library of Congress (LOC), USA” by Dr. Jonathan Loar and Dr. Charlotte Giles, South Asian References Specialists at Asian Division, Library of Congress, Washington D.C., USA. It was attended by 403 participants from India and abroad.

16.5 Webinars on “DELNET Resource and Services” for Member-Institutions

April 2, 2025 DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Srinath College of Pharmacy, Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar. It was attended by 332 participants.

April 9, 2025 DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for St. Joseph University, Dimapur, Nagaland. It was attended by 139 participants.

April 17, 2025 DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for Karpagam Institute of Technology, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. It was attended by 83 participants.

April 21, 2025 DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and Services” organised for All India Institute of Ayurveda, Dhargal, Goa. It was attended by 50 participants.

May 5, 2025 Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised with Makhanlal Chaturvedi National University of Journalism and Communication, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. It was attended by 34 participants.

May 14, 2025 Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Swami Devi Dyal Institute of Engineering & Technology, Panchkula, Haryana. It was attended by 52 participants.

May 20, 2025 Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur. It was attended by 198 participants.

June 2, 2025 Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Gyan Prakash College of Education, Chiraila, District Gaya, Bihar.

June 24, 2025 Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Ratan Tata Maharashtra State Skills University Campuses. It was attended by 38 participants.

June 24, 2025 Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for International School of Management, Danapur, Patna. It was attended by 40 participants.

July 4, 2025	Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for SES’s Sridora Caculo College of Commerce and Management Studies, Goa. It was attended by 9 participants.
July 5, 2025	Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for St. Joseph Vaz College, Goa. It was attended by 332 participants.
July 11, 2025	Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Sandip University, Madhubani, Bihar. It was attended by 79 participants.
July 25, 2025	Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Vasantprabha College of Physiotherapy, Buldana, Maharashtra. It was attended by 47 participants.
August 2, 2025	Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Annasaheb Vartak College of Arts, Kedarnath Malhotra College of Commerce, E. S. Andrades College of Science, Palghar. It was attended by 80 participants.
August 5, 2025	Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Symbiosis Skills and Professional University, Pune, Maharashtra. It was attended by 191 participants.
August 13, 2025	Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Swasthyadaraan Pratishthan’s Shantiniketan College of Pharmacy, Ahmednagar. It was attended by 112 participants.
August 18, 2025	Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Easa College of Engineering and Technology, Coimbatore. It was attended by 165 participants.
August 21, 2025	Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Vidya Pratishthan’s Arts, Science and Commerce College, Baramati, Maharashtra. It was attended by 280 participants.
August 25, 2025	Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for St. Ann’s College for Women, Hyderabad, Telangana. It was attended by 579 participants.
September 9, 2025	Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Satyam College of Education, Noida. It was attended by 153 participants.
September 11, 2025	Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for R. B. Narayanrao Borawake College, Ahmednagar. It was attended by 227 participants.

September 15, 2025	Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for GIBS Business School, Bangalore. It was attended by 123 participants.
September 17, 2025	Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for College of Education, Barshi, Solapur. It was attended by 94 participants.
September 22, 2025	Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Hind Seva Parishad’s Public Night Degree College, Mumbai. It was attended by 36 participants.
September 23, 2025	Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for D. Y. Patil University School of Pharmacy, Navi Mumbai. It was attended by 62 participants.
September 29, 2025	Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Ratan Tata Maharashtra State Skills University, Maharashtra. It was attended by 37 participants.
October 6, 2025	Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Mansi Bharat Gada Degree College of Commerce, Dist. Thane. It was attended by 52 participants.
October 7, 2025	Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Marengo Asia Hospital, Faridabad. It was attended by 24 participants.
October 13, 2025	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Royal Thimpu College, Bhutan. It was attended by 9 participants.
November 1, 2025	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services & DrillBit–Plagiarism Detection Software” jointly organised for St. Anthony’s College, Shillong. It was attended by 85 participants.
November 4, 2025	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Bhaikaka University, Anand, Gujarat. It was attended by 30 participants.
November 11, 2025	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Sunbeam College for Women, Varanasi. It was attended by 23 participants.
November 12, 2025	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for IILM University, Gurugram. It was attended by 45 participants.

November 14, 2025	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Gitarattan International Business School, Delhi. It was attended by 55 participants.
December 17, 2025	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Siddhi Vinayak Nursing Institute, Dakor, Gujarat. It was attended by 71 participants.
December 18, 2025	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Ahmedabad Institute of Technology, Ahmedabad, Gujarat. It was attended by 112 participants.
December 24, 2025	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Srinath College of Pharmacy, Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar, Maharashtra. It was attended by 152 participants.
January 16, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Narayana Business School, Ahmedabad, Gujarat. It was attended by 20 participants.
January 17, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Technical Education and Research Centre, Navsari, Gujarat. It was attended by 46 participants.
January 22, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Laxminarayan Dev College of Pharmacy, Bharuch, Gujarat. It was attended by 134 participants.
January 23, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for St. Andrew’s College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Bandra, Mumbai. It was attended by 54 participants.
January 27, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for T. S. Srinivasan Centre for Polytechnic College and Advanced Training, Chennai, Tamil Nadu. It was attended by 37 participants.
January 28, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for St. Dominic’s College of Law, Kanjirappally, Kerala. It was attended by 85 participants.
February 9, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Jaipuria Institute of Management, Indore, Madhya Pradesh. It was attended by 73 participants.
February 16, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Hazaribag College of Dental Sciences and Hospital, Hazaribagh, Jharkhand. It was attended by 70 participants.

February 17, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for ITM (SLS) University, Vadodara, Gujarat. It was attended by 76 participants.
February 19, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Rai University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat. It was attended by 45 participants.
February 21, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for MOP Vaishnav College for Women (Autonomous), Chennai, Tamil Nadu on February 21, 2026. It was attended by 54 participants.
February 25, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for MES Vasant Joshi College of Arts and Commerce, Goa. It was attended by 60 participants.
February 26, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Baroda Homeopathic Medical College, Vadodara, Gujarat. It was attended by 411 participants.
February 27, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Auro University, Surat Gujarat. It was attended by 63 participants.
March 7, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for RNG Patel Institute of Technology, Bardoli, Gujarat. It was attended by 100 participants.
March 10, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for the National Council of Hotel Management and Catering Technology, Noida, Uttar Pradesh. It was attended by 17 participants.
March 11, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Nagarjuna Degree College, Bengaluru, Karnataka. It was attended by 89 participants.
March 13, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Fuel College, Pune, Maharashtra. It was attended by 123 participants.
March 16, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Shri Pancham Khemraj Mahavidyalaya, Sindhudurg, Maharashtra. It was attended by 73 participants.
March 17, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Suryadatta College of Management Information Research and Technology (SCMIRT), Pune, Maharashtra. It was attended by 19 participants.

March 17, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Swarnnim startup & Innovation University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat. It was attended by 21 participants.
March 18, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Subhash Teachers’ Training College, Giridih, Jharkhand. It was attended by 114 participants.
March 18, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Pioneer Homoeopathic Medical College & Hospital, Vadodara, Gujarat. It was attended by 114 participants.
March 20, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for SSBES’s Institute of Technology and Management, Nanded, Maharashtra. It was attended by 43 participants.
March 23, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Teachers Training College, Ramgarh, Jharkhand. It was attended by 55 participants.
March 28, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for SNBP College of Arts Commerce Science and Management Studies, Pune, Maharashtra. It was attended by 56 participants.
March 30, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Pt. Sundarlal Sharma (Open) University, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh. It was attended by 73 participants.
March 30, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for VVM’s Shree Damodar College of Commerce and Economics, Margao, Goa. It was attended by 38 participants.

16.6 Celebrating Library Networking Day: Commemorating the 84th Birth Anniversary of Dr. H. K. Kaul, Founder Director, DELNET

December 19, 2025	International Webinar on “Information Integrity: Libraries as Defenders of Truth” by Dr. Jonathan Hernandez Perez, Chair, IFLA FAIFE was organised. It was attended online by 294 participants from India and abroad. The webinar was organised to Celebrate Library Networking Day 2025, to mark the 84 th Birth Anniversary of Dr. H.K. Kaul. The Library Networking Day is observed on December 21 every year. This day was a holiday and hence it was preponed and arranged on December 19, 2025.
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XVII DELNET ANNUAL LECTURE 2025

The DELNET Annual Lecture 2025 on “Openness as a Design Principle for AI as Infrastructure” was delivered online on October 8, 2025 by the distinguished global AI expert - Prof. G. Sayeed Choudhury, Associate Dean for Digital Infrastructure and Director of the Open Source Programmes Office (OSPO) at Carnegie Mellon Libraries, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA and an affiliated Faculty Member of the Block Centre for Technology and Society as well as the Executive Director of the Open Forum for AI on October 8, 2025. The session was attended by 387 participants from India and many other countries.

XVIII DELNET’s YOUTUBE CHANNEL

The video recordings of all the webinars/selective in-person programmes of DELNET are uploaded on DELNET’s Youtube channel “Webview” available at <https://www.youtube.com/@delnetwebview6284> and are viewed by professionals periodically. It also helps in digitally archiving the session deliberations for future use. Currently there were 1840 subscribers (free subscription) and 122 videos available.

XIX EDUCATIONAL VISITS TO DELNET, NEW DELHI

- 19.1 The Students and Faculty of the Dept. of Library and Information Science, Sikkim University, Gangtok, Sikkim visited DELNET, New Delhi on May 13, 2025.
- 19.2 The Students of MLISc, Dept. of Library and Information Science, Mizoram University, Aizawl, Mizoram visited DELNET on February 27, 2026.

XX PARTICIPATION OF DELNET IN THE NATIONAL EDUCATION CONCLAVE 2025

DELNET participated as an Exhibitor at the National Education Conclave 2025 which was held at Thyagaraj Stadium, New Delhi from August 6-7, 2025. It provided an opportunity to network with educational administrators, policy makers, etc. of various Institutions and Schools.

XXI PUBLICATIONS

1. Proceedings of the 28th National Convention on Knowledge, Library and Information Networking : NACLIN 2025 / edited by Dr. Sangeeta Kaul, Mr. Pavan Shrikisha Sharma and Dr. Vrushali Dandawate. New Delhi: DELNET, 2025. 168 p. ISBN: 978-93-82735-18-2
2. DELNET Newsletter 2025.

XXII STAFF CONTRIBUTIONS

22.1 Dr. Sangeeta Kaul, Director

Membership of Panels/Committee, etc.

Member, Board of Studies, Department of Library and Information Science, School of Mathematics, Computers and Information Science, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh.

Member, Editorial Board, International Quarterly Journal, Department of Library and Information Science, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery, Kerala.

Member, Editorial Advisory Board, Trends in Information Management published by the Dept. of Library and Information Science, University of Kashmir, Srinagar.

Member, Advisory Board, FIIB Knowledge Centre, New Delhi.

Member, International Advisory Committee, I-LIPS 2025 held from December 12-14, 2025 at JECRC, Jaipur.

Member, Editorial Board of “Gyankosh: The Journal of Library and Information Management” published by INMANTEC, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.

22.2 Dr. Sangeeta Kaul, Director

Lectures Delivered/Panelist (In-Person)

April 12, 2025	Lectures delivered on “DELNET Networked Resources and Services” and “Ways to Enhance Users’ Satisfaction in Libraries” during DELNET’s One-Day Workshop on “Transforming and Empowering Libraries, LIS Professionals and Users: Emerging Trends”, which was held in collaboration with Uttaranchal University, Dehradun at Uttaranchal University, Dehradun.
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December 12, 2025	Delivered “Guest of Honour Address” at the 13 th International Library and Information Summit (I-LIPS 2025) on the theme “Emerging Technologies for Smart Libraries: AI, IOT and Empowerment” held from December 12-14, 2025 at JECRC University, Jaipur
January 20, 2026	Delivered lectures on “Transforming Users Satisfaction to Users Delight: Innovative Ways for Enhancing User Experiences in Libraries” and “DELNET Resources and Services: Empowering Libraries and Library Users” during the two-day National Workshop on “Smart Tools, Smarter Services: Hands on Workshop for Libraries” organised by Swami Vivekanand Vidyaprasarak Mandal’s College of Commerce, Shirshirem, Borim, Ponda, Goa, organised in association with Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Goa held at Department of Art and Culture, Panjim, Goa from January 19-20, 2026.

22.3 Dr. Sangeeta Kaul, Director

Poster Paper Presentation at IFLA 2025

Presented a Poster Paper at IFLA 2025 entitled “Harnessing the Power of Library Networking Through DELNET: From Building Collections to Strengthening Connections and Collaborations” which highlighted DELNET’s pioneering efforts as the largest resource-sharing library network in South Asia at IFLA World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) 2025 which was held from August 18-22, 2025 at Astana, Kazakhstan, attended by nearly 1,600 delegates from more than 110 countries. The Poster Paper was presented jointly with Mr. Deepak Yadav, Assistant Network Manager, DELNET, New Delhi.

22.4 Dr. Sangeeta Kaul, Director

Online Lectures Delivered

April 17, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET Resources and
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	Services” organised for Karpagam Institute of Technology, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.
April 19, 2025	Lecture on “DELNET: Empowering and Transforming Libraries and Users’ Community” delivered online during UGC-MMTTC, University of Kashmir, 91 st Guru Dakshta Faculty Induction Programme. The participants were from various Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs), including Universities, Colleges, NITs, IITs and Agricultural Universities from within and outside J&K.
May 6, 2025	Lecture on “Harnessing the Power of Library Networking Through DELNET for Empowering Teaching and Research” delivered online during NEP Orientation and Sensitisation Programme organised by Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTC), University of Kashmir.
May 20, 2025	Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur.
June 20, 2025	Lecture on “DELNET: Digital Library Resources and Services” delivered during Faculty Development Programme “Empowering Educators for Excellence in Academic and Research” organised by Shiva Institute of Pharmacy, Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh.
June 24, 2025	Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Ratan Tata Maharashtra State Skills University Campuses.
July 9, 2025	Delivered the Valedictory Address at Online Refresher Course on “Smart Libraries: Leveraging AI-based Technologies” organised by MMTC, Doctor Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh.
July 11, 2025	Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Sandip University, Madhubani, Bihar.
October 13, 2025	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Royal Thimpu College, Bhutan.
January 8, 2026	Lecture on “DELNET: a Boon for Academic Research” delivered online during the NEP Orientation and Sensitisation Programme organised by UGC-MMTTC, University of Kashmir held from January 5-13, 2026.
February 16, 2026	Delivered a lecture on “Users Satisfaction to Users Delight in Libraries”, during the Refresher Programme of Department of Library and Information Science, Mizoram University, Aizawl, Mizoram.

22.5 Mr. Deepak Yadav, Assistant Network Manager, DELNET, New Delhi

Poster Paper Presentation

Presented a Poster Paper at IFLA 2025 entitled “Harnessing the Power of Library Networking Through DELNET: From Building Collections to Strengthening Connections and Collaborations” which highlighted DELNET’s pioneering efforts as the largest resource-sharing library network in South Asia, presented along with Dr. Sangeeta Kaul, Director, DELNET at IFLA World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) 2025, held from August 18-22, 2025 at Astana, Kazakhstan. The conference was attended by nearly 1,600 delegates from more than 110 countries.

22.6 Mrs. Ranjana, Senior Network Assistant, DELNET, New Delhi

Lectures Delivered (In-Person)

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| September 8, 2025 | “DELNET: Resources and Services” at Delhi Technological University Delhi. |
| November 6, 2025 | “DELNET: Resources and Services” at National Institute of Unani Medicine, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh. |

22.7 Mrs. Ranjana, Senior Network Assistant, DELNET, New Delhi

Lectures Delivered (Online)

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| April 9, 2025 | DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” organised for St. Joseph University, Dimapur, Nagaland. |
| April 21, 2025 | DELNET Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” organised for the All India Institute of Ayurveda, Dhargal, Goa. |
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| June 24, 2025 | Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Ratan Tata Maharashtra State Skills University Campuses. |
| June 24, 2025 | Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for International School of Management, Danapur, Patna. |

July 4, 2025	Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for SES’s Sridora Caculo College of Commerce and Management Studies, Goa.
July 5, 2025	Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for St. Joseph Vaz College, Goa.
July 11, 2025	Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Sandip University, Madhubani, Bihar.
July 25, 2025.	Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Vasantprabha College of Physiotherapy, Buldana, Maharashtra.
August 5, 2025	Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Symbiosis Skills and Professional University, Pune, Maharashtra.
August 18, 2025	Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Easa College of Engineering and Technology, Coimbatore.
August 25, 2025	Webinar on “DELNET: Resources & Services” jointly organised for St. Ann’s College for Women, Hyderabad, Telangana.
September 9, 2025	Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Satyam College of Education, Noida.
September 15, 2025	Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for GIBS Business School, Bangalore
September 22, 2025	Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Hind Seva Parishad’s Public Night Degree College, Mumbai.
September 23, 2025	Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for D. Y. Patil University School of Pharmacy, Navi Mumbai.
September 29, 2025.	Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Ratan Tata Maharashtra State Skills University, Maharashtra.
October 6, 2025	Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Mansi Bharat Gada Degree College of Commerce, Thane.

October 7, 2025	Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Marengo Asia Hospital, Faridabad.
October 13, 2025	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Royal Thimpu College, Bhutan.
November 1, 2025.	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services & DrillBit - Plagiarism Detection Software” jointly organised for St. Anthony’s College, Shillong
November 4, 2025	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Bhaikaka University, Anand, Gujarat.
November 11, 2025	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Sunbeam College for Women, Varanasi.
November 12, 2025	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for IILM University, Gurugram.
November 14, 2025	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Gitarattan International Business School, Delhi.
December 17, 2025	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Siddhi Vinayak Nursing Institute, Dakor, Gujarat.
December 18, 2025	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Ahmedabad Institute of Technology, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
January 16, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Narayana Business School, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
January 17, 2026.	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Technical Education & Research Centre, Navsari, Gujarat
January 22, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Laxminarayan Dev College of Pharmacy, Bharuch, Gujarat.
January 23, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for St. Andrew’s College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Bandra, Mumbai.
January 27, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for T. S. Srinivasan Centre for Polytechnic College & Advanced Training, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

January 28, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for St. Dominic’s College of Law, Kanjirappally, Kerala.
February 9, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Jaipuria Institute of Management, Indore, Madhya Pradesh.
February 16, 2026.	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Hazaribag College of Dental Sciences & Hospital, Hazaribagh, Jharkhand
February 17, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for ITM (SLS) University, Vadodara, Gujarat.
February 19, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Rai University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
February 21, 2026.	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for MOP Vaishnav College for Women (Autonomous), Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
February 25, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for MES Vasant Joshi College of Arts and Commerce, Goa.
February 26, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Baroda Homeopathic Medical College, Vadodara, Gujarat.
February 27, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Auro University, Surat Gujarat.
March 7, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for RNG Patel Institute of Technology, Bardoli, Gujarat.
March 10, 2026.	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for National Council of Hotel Management and Catering Technology, Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
March 11, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Nagarjuna Degree College, Bengaluru, Karnataka.
March 13, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Fuel College, Pune, Maharashtra.

March 17, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Swarnim Startup and Innovation University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
March 18, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Subhash Teachers’ Training College, Giridih, Jharkhand.
March 23, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Teachers Training College, Ramgarh, Jharkhand.
March 28, 2026.	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for SNBP College of Arts Commerce Science and Management Studies, Pune, Maharashtra.
March 30, 2026	Webinar Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” jointly organised for VVM’s Shree Damodar College of Commerce and Economics, Margao, Goa.

22.8 Mr. Rohidas B. Rathod, Senior Network Assistant, DELNET Pune

Lectures Delivered In-Person

July 11, 2025	DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” organised for Arihant Institute of Business Management (AIBM), Pune.
July 26, 2025	DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” organised for Pimpri-Chinchwad College of Engineering, Pune.
July 29, 2025	DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” organised for Ramachandran International Institute of Management, Pune.
August 2, 2025	DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” organised for PVG’s College of Science and Commerce, Parvati, Pune.
August 12, 2025	DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” organised for Prof. Ramkrishna More Arts, Commerce & Science College, Pune.
August 22, 2025	DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” organised for Lotus Business School, Pune.
August 22, 2025	DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” organised for DY Patil PGDM Institute, Pune.

August 25, 2025	DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” organised for MES’s Abasaheb Garware College, Pune.
September 8, 2025	DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” organised for Symbiosis International (Deemed University), Pune.
September 10, 2025	DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” organised for Jai Ganesh College of Education (B. Ed), Pune.
September 15, 2025	DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” organised for SSMS’s Institute of Management and Research, Pune.
September 18, 2025	DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” organised for Marathwada Mitra Mandal’s Institute of Management Education Research and Training, Pune.
September 18, 2025	DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” organised for Smt. Hiraben Nanavati Institute of Management and Research for Women, Pune.
September 20, 2025	DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” organised for Hutatma Rajguru Mahavidyalaya, Rajgurunagar, Dist. Pune.
March 23, 2026	DELNET Orientation Session on “DELNET: Resources and Services” organised for Jayawantrao Sawant College of Commerce and Science, Hadpsar, Pune.

22.9 Mr. Rohidas B. Rathod, Senior Network Assistant, DELNET Pune

Lectures Delivered (Online)

April 1, 2025	DELNET Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” organised with Srinath College of Pharmacy, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.
June 26, 2025	DELNET Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” organised for Ratan Tata Maharashtra State Skills University Campuses (Maharashtra).
July 25, 2025	DELNET Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” organised for Vasantprabha College of Physiotherapy, Buldana, Maharashtra.

August 2, 2025	DELNET Webinar on DELNET organised with Annasaheb Vartak College of Arts, Kedarnath Malhotra College of Commerce, ES Andrades College of Science College, Vasai, Palghar.
August 5, 2025	DELNET Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” organised with Symbiosis Skills and Professional University, Pune.
August 13, 2025	DELNET Webinar on DELNET organised with Swasthyadaraan Pratishthan’s Shantiniketan College of Pharmacy, Ahmednagar.
August 19, 2025	DELNET Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” organised with G. M. Vedak College of Science, Raigad.
August 20, 2025	DELNET Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” organised with Smt. Shantibai Otarmal Jain Ayurvedic Medical College & Hospital, Raigad.
August 21, 2025	DELNET Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” organised with Vidya Pratishthan’s Arts, Science and Commerce College, Baramati, Pune.
September 11, 2025	DELNET Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” organised with R. B. Narayanrao Borawake College, Ahmednagar.
September 17, 2025	DELNET Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” organised with College of Education, Barshi, Solapur.
September 22, 2025	DELNET Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” organised with Hind Seva Parishad’s Public Night Degree College, Mumbai.
September 23, 2025	DELNET Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” organised with D. Y. Patil University School of Pharmacy, Navi Mumbai.
September 29, 2025	DELNET Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” organised with Ratan Tata Maharashtra State Skills University, All Campuses (Maharashtra).
December 24, 2025	DELNET Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services” organised with Srinath College of Pharmacy, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.
January 23, 2026	DELNET Webinar on “DELNET: Resources and Services”

	organised with St. Andrew's College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Bandra.
March 13, 2026	DELNET Webinar on "DELNET: Resources and Services" organised with Fuel College, Pune, Maharashtra.
March 16, 2026	DELNET Webinar on "DELNET: Resources and Services" organised with Shri Pancham Khemraj Mahavidyalaya, Sindhudurg.
March 17, 2026	DELNET Webinar on "DELNET: Resources and Services" organised with SCMIRT, Pune, Maharashtra.
March 20, 2026	DELNET Webinar on "DELNET: Resources and Services" organised with SSBES's Institute of Technology and Management, Nanded, Maharashtra.
March 28, 2026	DELNET Webinar on "DELNET: Resources and Services" organised with SNBP College of Arts Commerce Science and Management Studies, Pune.

22.10 Dr. Banker Vipulkumar Pragjibhai, Sr. Network Assistant, DELNET

Vadodara Office, Vadodara

Lectures Delivered (Online)

March 18, 2026	DELNET Webinar on "DELNET: Resources and Services" organised with Pioneer Homoeopathic Medical College and Hospital, Vadodara.
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XXIII AUDITING OF DELNET ACCOUNTS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2024-25

The audit of DELNET accounts for the financial year 2024-25 was completed by the statutory auditor M/s S S Kothari Mehta & Co. LLP and the ITR for AY 2025-26 was also filed.

XXIV GST ANNUAL RETURN

The annual GST return for the financial year 2024-25 was filed.

XXV DELNET ELECTIONS FOR THE BIENNIAL TERM 2026-27 and 2027-28

During the year 2025-26, DELNET Elections Committee had overseen the DELNET Elections process for the Biennial term 2026-27 and 2027-28 which was in progress, for elections for three seats to the Governing Board out of the institutional

members for the biennial term. The call for nominations was made in January 2026 and the nomination of 12 representatives from member-institutions were found to be valid. The ballot papers were sent to the institutions. The last date for receiving them at DELNET was March 24, 2026. The counting of ballot papers was held on March 25, 2026 at DELNET, New Delhi and the results were announced.

The following three institutional members representatives were elected:

1. Mr. Pavan Shrikishan Sharma
Librarian
Yashaswi Education Society's International
Institute of Management Science (IM-6531)
Pune
Maharashtra
2. Dr. Mohan Laxman Jamdade
Librarian
Bharati Vidyapeeth Deemed University, New Law College
(IM-6438)
Erandawane
Pune
Maharashtra
3. Dr. M. Murugan
Principal
SRM Valliammai Engineering College (IM-6762)
SRM Nagar, Potheri
Kattankulathur, Chengalpeta District
Tamil Nadu

XXVI ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

My sincere thanks and profound gratitude are due to distinguished members of the Governing Board of DELNET for providing their tremendous support, guidance and advice including Shri K. Jayakumar, President; Dr. S. S. Murthy, Vice-President; Dr. P. R. Goswami, Treasurer. I also express my thanks to other esteemed members of the Governing Board including The Director-General, National Informatics Centre (NIC), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, New Delhi; Dr. Pratishtha Pandey, Head (FIST, PURSE and R&D Infra), Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, New Delhi; Prof. (Dr). Usha Natesan, Director, NITTTR Chennai and Former Advisor, AICTE, New Delhi; Dr. (Prof.) B. Srinivas (MD), Deputy Director-General, Medical Education and Director, National Medical Library, Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, New Delhi; Dr. Raj Nehru Former, Founding Vice Chancellor, Shri Vishwakarma Skill University, Haryana; Mr. Pavan Shrikishan Sharma, Librarian, Yashaswi Education Society's International Institute of Management

Science, Pune; Dr. Gopakumar V., Head, Knowledge Centre, Kerala University of Digital Sciences, Innovation and Technology, Trivandrum and Dr. Dattatraya S. Bormane, Principal, All India Shri Shivaji Memorial Society's College of Engineering, Pune.

My thanks are due to officials at NIC for their continued support and guidance on the communication link between DELNET and NIC.

Thanks are due to Mr. Amit Goel of M/s S S Kothari Mehta and Co. LLP for auditing the accounts of DELNET for the financial year 2024-25.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Mr. Rajesh Pandita, Consultant Engineer, DELNET for his support and advice during the year.

I would like to thank the expert speakers from India and outside of various in-person programmes/webinars of DELNET who have been very gracious in sharing their vast expertise and knowledge with professionals.

I would like to convey our sincere thanks, gratitude and appreciation to the Heads, Librarians, library staff, faculty, students, researchers and scholars of member-institutions for their unwavering support to DELNET. We would also like to thank them for using DELNET resources and services and also for their gracious support for ILL and Document Delivery Services and active participation in the activities. For organising webinars for the member-institutions, we received immense support from Heads, Librarians, library staff and other officials of various institutions, I would like to thank all of them for their support. We would also like to thank the collaborating institutions, officials, library staff, etc. with whom DELNET organised joint webinars and workshops during 2025-26.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the highly dedicated staff of DELNET at New Delhi and its state offices at Bengaluru, Pune and Vadodara for their tireless efforts in successfully managing the work in most effective and fulfilling ways. The committed staff of DELNET are the proud pillars of strength and support.

We have received assistance from various professionals, mentioning them individually may not be possible here. I thank all of them for their consistent help and support.

As DELNET concludes yet another year of purposeful engagement and meaningful progress, we remain committed to building a stronger, more connected and future-ready library network. The achievements highlighted in this report reflect not only our collective efforts but also the unwavering trust and engaging participation of our member-institutions. The journey ahead is full of opportunities, innovation and transformation. We look forward to leveraging technology, strengthening collaborations and expanding the reach of DELNET. Our endeavour will continue to be guided by a simple yet powerful commitment—to connect institutional libraries, empower users and make knowledge accessible to all, irrespective of geographical boundaries. Together,

we aspire to create a vibrant, inclusive and future-ready library network that contributes meaningfully to education, research and innovation. With a year of achievements behind us and new possibilities ahead, we reaffirm our commitment to connecting libraries, enabling access to knowledge and empowering the communities we serve. We look forward to strengthening collaborations, embracing innovation and extending the reach of our services, ensuring that no one is left behind in the journey towards seeking knowledge, learning and resource discovery. Looking ahead, we reaffirm our commitment to expanding access to knowledge, fostering collaborations, supporting academic and research excellence, and ensuring that the benefits of DELNET's library networking reach every learner, researcher and knowledge seeker. "Together We Are, Together We Can - Shaping the Future of Libraries with Boundless Possibilities".

March 31, 2026

Dr. Sangeeta Kaul
Director
DELNET, New Delhi

DELNET Members as on March 31, 2026 - 9901

Andaman and Nicobar Islands	2
Andhra Pradesh	586
Arunachal Pradesh	8
Assam	74
Bihar	104
Chandigarh	23
Chhattisgarh	150
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	2
Daman and Diu	2
Delhi	354
Goa	49
Gujarat	386
Haryana	449
Himachal Pradesh	79
Jammu & Kashmir	39
Jharkhand	86
Karnataka	418
Kerala	446
Ladakh	1
Madhya Pradesh	628
Maharashtra	1594
Manipur	13
Meghalaya	11
Mizoram	4
Nagaland	3
Odisha	202
Puducherry	39
Punjab	317
Rajasthan	445
Sikkim	14
Tamil Nadu	1229
Telangana	732
Tripura	12
Uttar Pradesh	1081
Uttarakhand	127
West Bengal	187
Bhutan	3
Nepal	1
Kazakhstan	1