Profiles of Some Sports Libraries

The libraries and information centres play a vital role to satisfy the information needs of users. In the field of Physical Education and Sports Sciences these are also very important to cater the information needs of sports persons and sports scientists. Therefore, for providing glimpses of these libraries, their profiles have been given below:

BHAI GURDAS LIBRARY, GURU NANAK DEV UNIVERSITY, AMRITSAR, PUNJAB

The University

Guru Nanak Dev University was established at Amritsar on November 24, 1969 to mark the 500th birth anniversary of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji. The motto of the University as engraved on its emblem Guru’s wisdom illumines all speaks of the vision and idealism for which the University stands. Spread over a stretch of 500 acres, towards the west of the City, on the G.T. Road, leading to the Pakistan border, Guru Nanak Dev University presents a picture of modern architecture. The University today boasts of various academic departments, regional centres, university colleges and a score of support service departments besides several administrative offices.

To promote research among its faculty, almost all the Departments have been provided with independent computer facilities, Internet connectivity and departmental libraries. In addition to the academics, the University has also created necessary facilities for recreation and all round development of students and faculty in the form of Department of Youth Services, National Service Scheme, all purpose auditorium with capacity of 900 seats, half a dozen seminar and conference halls, a modern hi-tech sports complex, sports hostel, outdoor and indoor stadia, faculty club, students’ centre, health centre, day care centre, two separate holiday homes at Dalhousie for teachers and students, working women hostel, Baba Buddha College Bhawan along with on campus residential facilities for a large number of students, teachers and administrative staff.
The University takes pride in the fact that its community over the years has developed a great participative work culture. The University has won Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy for 22 times\(^1\), and inter-varsity youth festival championship for four times consecutively. **UGC has granted the University with Centre for Excellence in Sports Sciences.** National Assessment and Accreditation Council accredited the University at the “Five Star Level.” It is new UGC graded university with potential for excellence.

Also being an affiliating University, it also performs the parenting role of directing and monitoring the academic programmes of more than 100 colleges located in the five districts of Amritsar, Jalandhar, Kapurthala, Nawanshehar and Gurdaspur, some of which have a long and creditable history of imparting higher education since late nineteenth century. Over the years, the University has built up an excellent academic infrastructure in the form of a well stocked automated library and state-of-the-art laboratories etc.\(^2\)

**Library Profile**

The University Library has been named after the great Sikh Scholar Bhai Gurdas who had the privilege of taking dictation from the reverend fifth Sikh Guru, Guru Arjan Dev Ji for the compilation of the holy scripture of the Sikhs, the ADI GRANTH. Bhai Gurdas Library was established in March 1970. The five storeyed library building in an inverted pyramid shape is a marvel and a masterpiece of architecture. Dewey Decimal Classification scheme is used for classification of documents. Free Internet facility is also provided to library users, and 27 computers have been installed in the library’s Internet Lab.

**Library Timings**

The library remains open on all the days of the year except on two National Holidays i.e. 26th January and 15th August.

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**Library Collection:** The library has a more than 4,70,000 documents including book and non-book material.

**Library Staff:** The library has 64 staff members. It comprises one librarian, 11 assistant librarians, 1 system manager, 11 professional assistants, 14 restorers, 3 technicians, 4 clerks, rest of the staff is non-professional.

**Library Budget:** The library has a total budget of Rs. 6,89,89,000 for session 2013-14. Out of which amount of Rs.16,80,000 is for purchasing new books and Rs. 83,00,000 has been allocated for current periodicals.

**Library Services**

Bhai Gurdas Library provides Bibliographic, Indexing/Abstracting, Current awareness, Newspapers, Inter Library Loan, Reference, Referral, Microfilming, Photocopying, Internet and Computerised catalogue services to its users.

**Printed and E-journals**

Bhai Gurdas Library is subscribing 94 Foreign and 180 Indian print journals. In addition to it, library is also receiving about 150 journals as gift.

The library is a member of INFLIBNET UGC-Infonet e-journals Consortium Programme which is providing access to 7500+ e-journals and some databases. Almost all the disciplines are covered in the e-journals. Bhai Gurdas Library is also subscribing more than 233 Journals through INDEST.

**Delnet**

Bhai Gurdas Library is a member of DELNET (Developing Library Network). This will help the faculty and researchers to procure those books, articles and documents from other educational Institutions through DELNET which are not available in our University.

**Computer Section**

The library has its own computer section. All library operations such as house keeping, bibliographic services, cataloguing of new books, preparation of data base of books with complete bibliographical details of all books and serial control are carried...
out by computer section. Bar-coding of books is being done at a rapid speed in order to make the circulation work fully computerized. It has prepared a number of databases of books, periodicals, manuscripts etc.

**Website of Bhai Gurdas Library**

Bhai Gurdas Library has its own webpage. The address of this webpage is [http://library.gndu.ac.in](http://library.gndu.ac.in). This webpage can also be accessed from the Guru Nanak Dev University Website www.gndu.ac.in under the Library option of on campus.

It contains bibliographic detail of manuscripts in five volumes, department wise list of subscribed printed journals, subscribed e-journals and list of Ph.D. theses. Website is updated regularly in order to cater the needs of the users.

**OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue)**

Bhai Gurdas Library has prepared bibliographic Databases of books in English, Hindi and Punjabi Languages. As soon as new books are purchased and processed, their bibliographic description is added in the OPAC. Two terminals have been dedicated for the readers to use OPAC for their search of books. In addition to OPAC this facility is also available on INTRANET within University Campus to benefit the students/faculty members by giving access to catalogue at their respective departments.

**Digital Section**

Soft copies of M.Phil. dissertations and Ph.D. theses in the form of CDs are deposited in this section. CDs with books, census reports, gazetteers are also available in this section. Students, researchers and faculty members can have access to these CDs in this section. Free internet facility is also provided to libraries users in this section.

**Microfilming and Preservation of Manuscripts**

Microfilming facilities are available for academic and research purpose only. Microfilming of rare books and manuscripts is in process. So far microfilming of 600 manuscripts has been completed. Conservation as well as preservation of manuscripts is also being done in this section. Lamination of brittle manuscripts is such one technique. Fumigation chamber is available for chemical treatment of infected manuscripts.
Project Digitization

Bhai Gurdas Library has 1516 rare manuscripts relating to Punjab History, Culture, Sikh Religion and other faiths. These manuscripts have also information about present Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab and North West Frontier Province of Pakistan. These Manuscripts are in Punjabi (Gurmukhi Script), Hindi, Sanskrit, Urdu, Persian and Arabic languages. Bhai Gurdas Library has prepared the catalogues of Bibliographic description of Manuscripts. Its five volumes are available in print as well as CD/DVD form. In addition to manuscripts the library has more than 5500 rare books. Most of these books relate to Indian as well as Punjab History, Sikh religion and various movements.

Prof. Pritam Singh Collection

This section has more than 1050 manuscripts in Gurmukhi, Sanskrit, Urdu and Persian languages. It also has 9608 rare books, all donated by the family of Professor Pritam Singh. All the manuscripts have been digitized with the originals preserved with latest techniques.

Binding Section

The library has its own binding unit run by professionally trained binders. This section binds current newspapers, journals and books. All efforts are made to provide properly bound books to the students.

Current Awareness Service

Students, research scholars and faculty members are constantly kept aware of the latest books added to the library through display of selected books and book jackets in the new arrival corner. Thematic displays are also organised on various occasions. ‘Books of the month: bibliographical detail of the books’ is sent to all the departments from time to time in printed form as well as through e-mail. ‘Contents of the Journals’ is a fortnightly service.

Orientation Programme

Library Orientation Programme is arranged for the new students in the beginning of the session to familiarise them with various library services, sections of the library and their working.
Departmental Libraries

For the convenience of the students and teachers, 22 departmental libraries have been established in different departments.

BHAIKAHANSINGHNABHALIBRARY,PUNJABIUNIVERSITY,PATIALA

The University

The Punjabi University was established on April 30, 1962 in the erstwhile princely state of Patiala with the main objective of furthering the cause of Punjabi language, culture, art, and literature. Spread over 600 acres of land, its 500 teachers are imparting instructions and guidance to nearly 9,000 students in a multi-faceted, multi-pronged and multi-faculty environment comprising 65 teaching and research departments on its Campus, five regional centres, six neighbourhood campuses and 166 colleges affiliated to it.

Having published a record number of over 3,000 titles in Punjabi covering a wide range of areas and establishing a special Punjabi Reference Library, it has taken upon itself the responsibility of catering to the linguistic and cultural needs of the overseas Punjabis.

The Punjabi Reference Library has a rich collection of over 1,00,000 documents, of which around 58,000 have been donated by noted littérateurs and historians, add to the proud privilege of the Punjabi University. It also contains all Punjabi newspapers, magazines, books, diaries and rare manuscripts pertaining to the 19th and 20th centuries. More than 120 Punjabi newspapers and periodicals published anywhere in the world are available in this library.

The establishment of a Centre for Teaching of Punjabi as a Foreign Language (CTPFL) and an Advanced Centre for Technical Development of Punjabi Language, Literature and Culture (ACTDPLC) are the foremost instruments aimed at reaching out to the global community. English translation of Bhai Kahan Singh Nabha Encyclopedia of Punjabi, Punjabi translation of works of Nobel Laureates and starting of Punjabi folk youth festival for the revival and promotion of vanishing Punjabi folk art forms are certain concrete steps taken by Punjabi university to provide a fillip to the overall
development of Punjabi. The University added another feather to its cap in the direction of promotion of Punjabi language by launching its website in Punjabi in addition to its existing one, available at www.punjabiuniversity.ac.in.

Keeping the objective of wider deliverance of the divine message of Guru Granth Sahib, the University has now framed a design for the on-line teaching of Guru Granth Sahib in a simple and interactive manner by using multimedia tools and techniques. A separate and specialized department of Gurmat Sangeet has also been established.

The existing regional centres of the university include Guru Kashi Campus, Talwandi Sabo, Guru Kashi Regional Centre, Bathinda, Nawab Sher Mohammed Khan Institute of Advanced Studies, Malerkotla, Regional Centre for Information Technology and Management, Mohali, and Dr. Balbir Singh Sahitya Kendra, Dehradun. The Computer Centre of the University provides internet services to all its departments through LAN. The University's Department of Physiotherapy and Sports Sciences has started specialised courses in sports physiotherapy, cardiopulmonary physiotherapy and neurological physiotherapy. With this, the University is destined to earn the rare distinction of becoming the first University in the region to impart instruction in these specialisations.

The Library

The Library has been named after a great Sikh scholar Bhai Kahan singh Nabha in 1962. The total area of the library building is 56721 Sq. Feet. The working hours of this fully computerised library are 8:15 am to 8:15 pm.

Library Collection

It stocks more than 5, 20,000 volumes, 50,000 bound volumes of printed journals and subscribes to more than 600 current periodicals. It also has 1500 CDs, 617 microfilms and access to 4850 E- journals. It has a majestic air conditioned reading hall with the capacity of 400 seats for readers to consult various types of source material. The other features of this library constitute Online Public access Catalogue, database of 2, 00,000 documents. The University also has libraries at its campuses at Mohali,
Dehradun, Malerkotla, Bathinda and Talwandi Sabo. Dr Balbir Singh Sahitya Kendra, Dehradun stands out containing valuable collection of manuscripts, rare books, tracts and memoirs.

Library Staff

The size of library staff is 87. It comprises 42 professionals and 45 other supporting staff members.

Library Budget

The library has a total budget of Rs. 6,02,46,100 for the financial year 2013-14. It includes Rs. 16,00,000 for purchasing new books and Rs. 45,00,000 for current periodicals.

Library Services

Bhai Kahan Singh Nabha Library provides all the important services to its users like Bibliographic, Indexing/Abstracting, Current awareness, Newspapers, Document Delivery service, Inter Library Loan, Reference, Referral, Microfilming, Reprographic, Internet and Computerised catalogue services to its users. RFID technology is being used. Fire alert system has been installed. The library is fully air conditioned and CCTV facility for vigilance has been provided. The library is Wi-Fi enabled. The library is participating in library and information networks like, DELNET, ERNET, INFLIBNET and INDEST.

A.C. JOSHI LIBRARY, PANJAB UNIVERSITY, CHANDIGARH

The University

The Panjab University has a long tradition of pursuing excellence in teaching and research. The glorious traditions of the University established during the period of more than a hundred and thirty years of its long service to the nation since its inception in 1882 at Lahore (now in Pakistan), are a source of inspiration for the present generation of faculty members and students.

After the partition in 1947, the University was constrained to function for almost a decade without a campus of its own. The administrative office was located at Solan
and the teaching departments functioned from Hoshiarpur, Jalandhar, Delhi and Amritsar. In 1956, it was relocated at Chandigarh. Pierre Jeanerette designed the red sandstone University campus under the general guidance of the legendary Le Corbusier. Till the re-organisation of Punjab in 1966, the University had its regional centres at Rohtak, Shimla and Jalandhar and its affiliated colleges were located in the States of Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh and the Union territory of Chandigarh. With the re-organisation of Punjab, the university became an Inter-State Body Corporate catering to the newly organised states of Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Punjab and the union territory of Chandigarh. Gradually, the colleges of Himachal and Haryana were affiliated to the Universities in the respective states and the Panjab University was left with the affiliated colleges in the union territory of Chandigarh and some parts of Punjab.

The Panjab University, with its 75 teaching and research departments besides 15 centers/chairs for the teaching and research on the main campus at Chandigarh, has more than 192 affiliated/constituent colleges spread over Punjab and Chandigarh besides regional centres at Muktsar, Ludhiana, Hoshiarpur and Kauni. In addition, there is the Vishveshawaranand Vishva Bandhu Institute of Sanskrit and Indological Studies (VVBIS&IS) at Hoshiarpur.

The Campus

The Panjab University is located in Sector 14, with a newly developed South Campus in Sector 25. The total land area is almost 550 acres. The South Campus of the Panjab University in Sector 25 encompasses an area measuring approximately 175 acres.

Centres of Excellence

Acknowledging excellence in teaching and research, the University Grants Commission (UGC) and more recently the Department of Science and Technology (DST) have recognised a large number of Departments under various Programmes such as the Special Assistance Programme/Departmental Research Support (SAP/DRS) and the Centre for Advanced Study (CAS), Funds for Improvement of Science and Technology (FIST) and Department of Special Assistance (DSA).
Information Technology Facility

The Computer Centre of the University has established Gigabit technology to provide high speed connectivity to various departments through the National Knowledge Network (NKN) and the National Mission of Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT) network. Almost all the departments are connected through optical fibre.

Computer and Internet Access and Training to Teachers and Students

Access to internet and an optimal use of Information Technology by all the faculty members and students has been initiated by providing more than 2000 nodes/internet connection points (excluding Wi-Fi points) in various departments and the University Library.

Website

The University has its Website to host date-sheets, results, examination forms and online entrance and admission forms for the convenience of students/public.

Centre for Industry Institute Partnership Programme

The Centre for Industry Institute Partnership Programme (CIIPP) has been active in promoting formal and effective academic-industry interface. The University has developed its own local area network in the campus. Having been identified by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, as one of the six centers in the country, the University has set up super-computing facilities to meet the needs of the laboratories and industry in northwest India.

Energy Research Centre

The Energy Research Centre was established in 1983 to promote research, development and extension activities in the emerging field of renewable energy.

Participation in National and International Collaborative Research

The University is participating in the prestigious International High Energy Research Programmes at Fermilab (USA), KEK (Japan) and CERN (Switzerland). At present University is involved in a big way in CMS and ALICE Experiments at CERN
(European Organisation for Nuclear Research) Switzerland and Neutrino Programme at Fermilab, USA. The CMS (Compact Muon Solenoid) project at Large Hadron Collider is for the discovery of Higgs boson and other new particles.

**International Exchange Programmes**

The University shares an international exchange programme with Sweden under the auspices of the European Law Students’ Association (ELSA) and an exchange programme with the British Council in the field of Public Administration. There exists an ongoing international exchange programme with the Universities of Manitoba and Kyrgyzstan as well as Simon Fraser University, Canada. The Dean of International Students looks after the academic affairs of overseas students from over fifteen countries.

**Bhai Ghanaiya Ji Institute of Health**

Bhai Ghanaiya Ji Institute of Health caters to the medical needs of about 40,000 employees and their dependents, students of all Departments, all boys and girls residing in hostels, daily wagers, contractual employees, mess and canteen workers, University conferences, seminars, Syndicate/Senate meetings, sports events and many other health related activities including medical examination of students and employees. Free medical checkups and investigation camps, seminars, lectures, etc. are organised on a regular basis.

**Sports**

The University has been awarded the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) trophy fourteen times for excellence in games and sports at the all India Inter-University level.

**Promotion of Research and Education**

1. A Research Promotion Cell has been established.
2. MoUs have been signed with the Post-Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, CSIO, IMTECH, University of Western Australia, University of Salzburg, Austria; Oxford Brookes University and the ONGC.
3. The Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, has selected the Panjab University for the PURSE (Promotion of University Research and Scientific Excellence) award which includes a grant of Rs. 10 crore per annum for three years.

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The Library

The Panjab University Library, named officially as "A. C. Joshi Library", after the name of an illustrious Vice-Chancellor of this University, was established in the U.S. Club, Shimla in the year 1947 after the partition of the country. The Panjab University started shifting its offices to Chandigarh, the new Capital of Punjab, in 1955-56. The foundation stone of the new Library building was laid in 1958 by Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, the then Vice-President of India. The Library in its new premises was formally inaugurated in 1963 by Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India. This computerised library has a total area of 90,150 sq. Feet. A separate computer centre is provided in the library. Newark system and computers are used in circulation of documents. Techlib Plus software is used in the library. The library is also member of DELNET, ERNET and INFLIBNET. User education programmes are conducted by the library.

Library Budget

The library has allocated a budget of Rs. 18,00,000 for purchasing new books and Rs.1,00,000,00 for current periodicals for the financial year 2013-14.

Library Collection

The Library has a collection of over 7,38,790 volumes. It includes books, 1.25 lakh bound volumes of printed journals, theses/dissertations, more than 2000 CDs, rare books, reports, government documents, back files of newspapers, and a prized collection of 1490 manuscripts.

The Library building is centrally air-conditioned and equipped with computer and communication network and has a seating accommodation of 500 readers. Besides the two main reading halls there are reading rooms in the periodicals and special collections sections, and an outer reading hall for studying personal books. There is a provision of 24 research carrels for teachers engaged in serious research work, and 90 lockers for research scholars. The Library is now fully computerised with an integrated system connected to the Campus Network providing Internet and e-mail facility to the University community. The reference collection of the library is continuously updated,
and augmented with the acquisition of CD-ROM databases and access to on-line databases on Internet. On-line Public Access Catalogue facility is available at the Reference Desk on the First Floor of the Library. OPAC can also be accessed through any terminal on the Campus Network. Library collection can also be searched through Web OPAC.

The Library subscribes to about 600 current periodicals. Its holdings of back volumes of periodicals go back to nineteenth century. Library subscribes to MathSciNet online comprising of current mathematical publications and mathematical reviews, and has access to 225 Online fulltext journals as a part of print journals subscription. Also access to approximately 5000 online fulltext journals, is available through INDEST-Consortium and UGC- INFONET.

Library Staff

A.C. Joshi library has a staff of 75 members. It includes 24 professionals, 8 semi-professionals, 37 non-professionals, 5 computer professionals and 1 other staff members.

Library Services

A.C. Joshi library provides Bibliographic, Indexing/Abstracting, Current awareness, Newspapers, Document Delivery service, Inter Library Loan, Reference, Photocopy, Internet access and Computerised catalogue services to its users.

SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA NETAJI SUBHASH NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SPORTS, PATIALA, PUNJAB AND LIBRARY

The Institute

Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports, Patiala which is Asia's largest Sports Institute is housed in the palatial monumental building and sprawling lawns built by the erstwhile Maharaja of Patiala whose descendants dedicated this complex to the people of India for the promotion of sports.

This Institute is popularly known as the “Mecca” of Indian Sports and has produced Coaches of high caliber and significantly contributed in rendering their
expertise and assistance in the preparation of the national teams for various
International competitions. Housed in the erstwhile Palace of Maharaja of Patiala
(Punjab), National Institute of Sports, which is now the Academic Wing of the Sports
Authority of India, was established by the Government of India on 7th May, 1961 with
the objective of developing sports in the country on scientific lines and to train the
Coaches in different sports disciplines. The Institute was renamed as Netaji Subhas

The Institute is housed in an area of 268 acres. The Institute has enormous
facilities for academic programmes and sports training and 4 hostels for the comfortable
stay of the students, national players and coaches. The Institute is having 115 rooms
which house the office, library, museum, class rooms and staff club. One Guest House
with lounge and conference hall is situated in the Institute’s green belt. The Department
of Sports Medicine is providing all medical assistance to the players, students and staff.
The sports training facilities are of international standard comprising of Gymnasium,
Swimming Pool, Indoor Halls, Cycling Velodrome, Squash Courts, Conditioning Units,
Hockey Fields (Grass & synthetic), Athletic Track (Cinder & synthetic) and Out Door
Courts. For the recovery of players well maintained Sauna Bath, Steam Bath and
Hydrotherapy facilities are available.

The Library

The library was established in 1961 and housed in its independent building with
a size of 3000 sq. feet. Dewey Decimal Classification scheme is used for classification
of documents and ledger system is used for circulation of the books. In this open access
library SOUL library software has been used. The Library has a rich Reference Section
which provides back volumes as well as current volumes of technical journals received
from all parts of the world. The library receives journals from International Sports
Federations/Sports Associations. Library also is a member of INFLIBNET.

Library Collection

Library which has a total collection of nearly 20,000 books provides a rich
technical know how to sports scientists, coaches, trainees and other readers etc. The
Library is considered as the backbone of teaching and science faculties and serves as a
nucleus center for sports information to research scholars from the different universities and colleges who visit this Library for various references etc. in pursuit of their higher studies and research in sports.

The Library procures latest best selected sports literature at the Institute from the sports developed countries.

The Library has valuable collection of the books pertaining to Olympic games and Asian games since its inception. These books are of very rare nature, which has detailed information about the conduct of these games.5

Library Services

The library provides Bibliographic, Indexing/Abstracting, Current awareness, Newspapers, Document Delivery Service, Physical Education and Sports Sciences Databases, Reference, Photocopy, and Computerised catalogue services to its users. The Documentation Service which is a ‘bi-monthly’ Publication of NIS canners to 18 sports disciplines viz: Archery, Boxing, Cycling, Athletics, Gymnastics, Swimming, Judo, Weightlifting, Wrestling, Basketball, Hockey, Volleyball, Cricket, Football, Handball, Badminton, Lawn Tennis and Table Tennis which is published in English and Hindi. The Sports Documentation has an important role to play. The regular ‘Bi-monthly’ service is well received by the Sports Lovers all over India and some Asian Countries like Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Mauritius etc. The Library aims to provide a comprehensive multi-media sports information service to sports experts and to those who participate in the national and international programme. The unique service offered by the library serves as national resource center for sports information.

Research scholars from all over the country get feedback from NIS Library on receipt of reference queries relating to their research programme in sports. Inter-Library loan facilities are honoured on request, whenever possible through arranging Xerox copies.

Library Timings

Library remains open from Monday to Friday i.e. 09:30 am to 06:00 pm.

Library Budget

The library has a total budget of Rs. 3.50 Lakhs for the session 2013-14.
Library Staff

There are two professional and two non-professional staff members in the library.

INDIRA GANDHI INSTITUTE OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS SCIENCES (IGIPESS), NEW DELHI AND LIBRARY

The Institute

Indira Gandhi Institute of Physical Education and Sports Sciences (IGIPESS) is one of the leading institutions that also houses the Department of Physical Education and Sports Sciences under the Faculty of Inter-Disciplinary and Applied Sciences, University of Delhi offering all the categories of teacher training courses in physical education. The institute was established on 3rd August, 1987 by the Delhi Administration under the auspices of the University of Delhi.

The institute is named after Late Mrs. Indira Gandhi, the first lady Prime Minister of India. At the instance of University Grants Commission and based on professional advice of institutions like Lakshmibai National Institute of Physical Education (Gwalior), Netaji Subhash Institute of Sports (Patiala), and Central Health Education Bureau (Delhi), a three year degree course viz. B.Sc. (Physical Education, Health Education and Sports) was started in the institute in 1987. It also now offers B.P.Ed. (Bachelor of Physical Education, One year) and M.P.Ed. (Master of Physical Education, Two year) courses recognised by National Council of Teacher Education (N.C.T.E.).

The Library

The library of Indira Gandhi Institute of Physical education and Sports Sciences was established in 1987. The total area of library is 1500 square feet and computer centre is also available in the library. For classification of documents Dewey Decimal Classification Scheme is used and for wide search of documents ‘open access system’ is followed by the library. Function of books circulation is performed by using computers. VIDYA library software is used. Twenty computers have been installed in the library.
Library Collection

The library has a collection of 6913 books, 893 printed journals (bound volumes) and 40 CDs. Library receives 48 current periodicals.

Library Staff

There are five staff members in the library. It comprises three professionals and two non-professionals staff members.

Library Budget

The library has a budget of Rs.107211 for purchase of new books, Rs.44158 for journals and an amount of Rs.11358 for library equipment.

Library Services

The library of Indira Gandhi Institute of Physical education and Sports Sciences offers following services to its user community.

Bibliographic, Indexing/Abstracting, Newspapers, Inter library loan, Reference, Internet and Computerised Catalogue Services etc.

GOVERNMENT ARTS AND SPORTS COLLEGE, JALANDHAR, PUNJAB AND LIBRARY

The Institute

Government Arts and Sports College, Jalandhar was founded in 1961 as State College of Sports at the initiative of S. Pratap Singh Kairon, the then Chief Minister of Punjab. The objective in setting up this institution was to produce sportsmen who would fly high the Indian tri-colour at the World Olympics and International sports meets, and also of giving them regular university education so as to enable them to find respectable placements in society. It was the only college of its kind in the whole of Asia. The sports persons who were admitted were given free boarding, lodging and education with excellent coaching facilities in various sports. On the academic side they studied arts as well as science subjects from B.A./B.Sc. degree. This system continued till 1977. Admission to science subjects was then discontinued and system of admitting day scholars was introduced along with 140 sports scholars who continued to be given all previous facilities. Due to the change in academic curriculum, the name of the college was changed to Government Arts and Sports College, Jalandhar.
This institution has produced at least 100 players of national and international repute which includes five Arjuna Awardees.

In June 2002, college was converted into a general co-education college to cater to the needs of all the economically weaker, and other general students of the city and surrounding areas. This was done to help young girls to have access to quality higher education at affordable terms, as this is the only Government College in the city. Presently, the institution is looking forward to add a ‘girls sports wing’.

The Library

The library of Government Arts and Sports College, Jalandhar was established in 1961. The library has its own independent building with one hall and two rooms. There is no computer centre in the library. Dewey Decimal Classification scheme is used in the library for classification of books. Ledger system is in practice for circulation of books. Open access system is followed for providing open browsing to readers.

Library Timings

The library remains open from 09:15 am to 03:40 pm, from Monday to Saturday.

Library Collection

The library has a collection of 17058 books and 20 CDs. The library is subscribing to 15 current periodicals in sports.

Library Services

The library offers Bibliographic, Indexing/Abstracting, Current Awareness Service, Newspapers, Document Delivery Services, Inter Library Loan, Reference, Referral, Photocopy services to its users.

Library Budget

The library has a total budget of Rs. 1,80,000 for books and current periodicals.
The Institute

Located in the middle of the sports city Patiala, the Prof. G.S. Government College of Physical Education, to be hereinafter referred to as PGSGCPE, is spread over 25 acres of land and governed by State Government of Punjab (Department of Education). It was established at Lahore (Pakistan) in 1940, after partition it was shifted to Shimla (Taradevi) then in October 1952 to Ropar and finally in 1958 to Patiala. One of the government funded colleges, it is affiliated to Punjabi University, Patiala. Mission of the college is “Happy childhood, virile youth and capable citizen” also aims to produce competent and qualified teachers of physical education and educational empowerment to sports person. The Government College, Patiala is the first institution to start M.P.Ed. in India in 1963.

The Government College of Physical Education, Patiala is considered as a premier institution of the state and the students get admitted to the college are meritorious and successfully complete the course. The pass percentage is almost 100 per cent and the dropout rate is negligible. The admission is through a common entrance test. About 15% of the seats are reserved for students from other states. About 95% students of the college participate in Inter Collegiate Competitions, 70% in Inter University Tournaments, 15% in National Competitions and 5% in International Competitions.

The college Dispensary has a full-time doctor and paramedical staff. The regular medical check-up of the students are performed. The hospital pharmacy has sufficient medicines to meet the day to day requirements and first aid. The institution also has anatomy lab and psychology lab.

Courses

The College is offering following Courses.

1. M.P.Ed. (Two years course, after B.P.E. four years course/ B.P.Ed.)
2. B.P.Ed. (One-year course, old name D.P.Ed., One-year course, after graduation)
3. B.P.E. (Three-years course/ Four-years course, after +2)
4. D.P.Ed. (Two years course, old name C.P.Ed.)

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The Library

The library of PGSGCPE, Patiala is housed in its own independent building with one hall. All the library collection has been stored in computers and SOUL software is used. Dewey Decimal Classification scheme is used for classification of documents and open access system has been adopted. The library also provides user education programmes.

Library Timings

The library works for 270 days in a year and kept open for six days in a week and remains open from 9 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

Library Collection

Library has a total collection of 14762 books and they are catalogued and properly stacked. The library is fully computerised. It subscribes 16 journals/magazines and 6 newspapers. Number of reference books are 900, Encyclopedia 55, and M.Phil. Theses 71. It also has a photocopier, audio- video CDs and micro films.

Library Services

The library provides Bibliographic, Indexing/Abstracting, Current Awareness Service, Newspapers, Document Delivery Services, Physical and sports sciences databases, Inter Library Loan, Reference, Referral, Photocopy services and computerised catalogue to its users. The library has book bank facility.

Library Staff

There are only three staff members in the library. It comprises two professionals and one non-professional staff members.

SHAAHEED KASHI RAM MEMORIAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION, BHAGOO MAJRA, KHARAR, SAS NAGAR, PUNJAB AND LIBRARY

The Institute

Shaheed Kashi Ram Memorial College of Physical Education was established in 1976 at Bhagoo Majra, Kharar, district SAS Nagar, Punjab.

This college offers following courses in physical education and sports:
1. M.P.Ed. (Two years course, after B.P.E. four years course/B.P.Ed.)
2. B.P.Ed. (One-year course, old name D.P.Ed., one-year course, after graduation)
3. B.P.E. (Four-years course, after +2)
4. D.P.Ed. (Two years course, after +2)

The Library

The library of Shaheed Kashi Ram Memorial College was established in 1977. Library has its own building with a hall. Library is not computerised yet, therefore there is no separate computer centre available in the library. In this open and close access Library, Dewey Decimal Classification Scheme is used for classifying the documents. For circulation of books ledger system is followed. The Library provides user education to the library users annually.

Library Timings

The working hours of the Library are 10:00 am to 04:30 pm from Monday to Saturday.

Library Collection

Library has a collection of 3553 books, 5 bound journals in 20 volumes. Library subscribes to 10 current periodicals.

Library Staff

There are only three staff members in the library; it comprises two professionals and one non-professional staff members.

Library Services

The library of Shaheed Kashi Ram Memorial College provides Bibliographic, Current Awareness Service, Newspapers, Reference and Photocopy services to its users.

MOTILAL NEHRU SCHOOL OF SPORTS, RAI, SONIPAT, HARYANA AND LIBRARY

The Institute

The Motilal Nehru School of Sports, Rai was founded in July 1973 by the Government of Haryana with the prime objective to provide excellent education
facilities with extra emphasis on sports to deserving students. The school is organised on the Public School pattern and it is fully residential and co-educational. The School is a member of the Indian Public Schools Conference. The School is affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) for the Secondary and Senior Secondary Examinations. The objective of the institution is to help and guide the students in their vigorous pursuit of excellence in academics and sports.

The administration of the School is vested in a Special Board for the Haryana. The expenditure on academics and sports is heavily subsidised by the State Government.

**Campus**

Spread over about 300 acres of verdant splendour, the magnificent campus covers the school building, academics and administrative blocks, hostels, residential accommodation for staff, auditorium, athletics stadium, swimming pool, gymnasium, tennis courts, basketball and volleyball courts, equestrian lines, football and hockey fields, cricket field, squash court, school infirmary and miles of boulevards skirted by majestic avenues. The campus is a perfect setting and an ideal environment for intellectual, aesthetic and physical development.

**Staff**

The academic and administrative head of the School is the Principal and Director. He is assisted by the Incharge, Academics and Bursar (Administrative Officer). The teaching staff consists of fully qualified and trained teachers with the necessary attributes and aptitude to work in a residential school.

Coaches are drawn from three sources: own establishment, Sports Authority of India and Sports Department, Haryana. Each one of them, besides being a good sports person is a virtual expert in his/her discipline. The coaching they impart in various sports and games is modern and scientific.\(^\text{10}\)

**The Library**

MNSS Library was started in April 1973 by the then Principal and Director Lt. Col. Munindra Chandra. It was shifted in new library building on 26th January; 1982.
The total area of the library is 2500 sq.ft. and stacking area is of 2000 sq.ft. In this open access library 75 readers can use this at a time. For classification of books, twenty second edition of Dewey Decimal Classification Scheme is used and for circulation of books Newark method is used. The library is computerised and Local Area Network facility is provided. LIBGURU software is being used in the library. The library provides user education to its users monthly.

**Library Collection**

There are 32552 books, 35 Encyclopedias, 16 Atlases and 50 Directories on various subjects are available in the library. The library subscribes to 10 daily newspapers and 37 monthly magazines.

**Library Budget**

The library has a total annual budget of Rs. 2,50,000 for purchase of new books, journals and library equipment.

**Library Staff**

Library staff comprises one professional, two semi-professionals and two non-professionals members.

**Library Services**

The Motilal Nehru School of Sports Library provides Current Awareness Service, Newspapers, Selective Dissemination of information, Reference and Referral services to its user community.

**GOVERNMENT COLLEGE OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION, PATTI, TARNTARAN, PUNJAB AND LIBRARY**

This institute is situated at Patti, District Tarn Taran, Punjab. Now Government College of Patti, and Government College of Physical Education, Patti have been taken over by the Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar since 2012 and they have been named ‘Guru Nanak Dev University College, Patti.’ Presently following Courses are offered by the university college:

M.Sc. Economics, MA Punjabi, PGDCA, Post Graduate diploma in financial services.

The Library

The library was established in 2006, but library had not its own independent building. The working hours of the library were from 09:00am to 03:30 pm. The library had only one hall. This was a close access library where books were issued with ledger system by a non-professional staff member.

Library Collection

Only 400 books were in the library.

Funding Agency

Only state government was the funding agency of this library.

Library Services

Only Newspapers service was provided by the library.

CONCLUSION

Some libraries in the sports institutions are providing good services to their user community. Because of having deep pockets, they are able to serve them timely and effectively. But on the other side, some libraries are unable to provide state of the art facilities to their users. Some of the sports libraries are still not computerised, whereas few of them are in the process. Only a small number of libraries are providing IT services to their users. One thing is very important to mention here that Inter library loan service should be encouraged for resource sharing among sports libraries. A physical education and sports sciences consortium is badly required in the country for providing online scholarly information to sports community, so they can make best use of it.
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