



## DEPT. OF LIBRARY & RESEARCH DOCUMENTATION

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### **Padma Bhushan Fr Gabriel Central Library** **Amala Institute of Medical Sciences, Thrissur** **Annual Report June 2024 – August 2025**

#### **Introduction**

The Padma Bhushan Fr. Gabriel Central Library continues to serve as a cornerstone of academic excellence and intellectual growth at Amala Institute of Medical Sciences. In the academic year 2024–2025, the library expanded its resources, enhanced digital access, and deepened its commitment to supporting medical education, research, and clinical practice.

The Dept. of Library & Research Documentation consisting of a Central Library (Padma Bhushan Father Gabriel Central - Library) in Amala Institute of Medical Sciences; and Libraries in Cancer Research Centre, College of Nursing, School of Nursing, and Paramedical, Ayurveda and Homeo Divisions of Amala.

The Central Library is housed in 20,000 Square Feet Area in Two Floors of the St. Joseph Block.

The Central Library itself has about 33,000 documents in print and electronic journals, bound volumes, reports and databases. About 150 Lacks Rupees per year are spending for Books, Journals, Digital Resources and Databases. Digital Library, Computer Centre, High Speed Internet, WiFi Connectivity, Print, Scan, Copy Facilities, Air Conditioning, Mini Conference and Discussion Halls, etc. are available in the Library.

#### **Collection Development**

#### **Infrastructure**

- Space Area: 20,000 square feet, Centrally Air Conditioned.
- Seating capacity: 260 Nos.
- Wi-Fi-enabled reading halls and discussion rooms
- Dedicated computer lab with 48 terminals for e-resource access and stand alone computers, printers, scanners, etc. for individual access and use.

#### **Print Resources**

- Total number of Print books : 15,325 Titles





- Total number of Print booked added : 1,195 Titles
- Amount Spent for Books : Rs. 23,97,869/-
- Total Journals subscribed : 124 national and international print journals
- Amount Spent for Journals : Rs. 1,25,00,000/-
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**Literature and General Collection:-** The Library has started a Literature Collection and providing Book Loan Service to all Amala Students and Staff.

### Digital Resources

- E-journals: Online digital journals: 37 nos.
- Hundreds of peer-reviewed journals through DELNET and PubMed Central
- UptoDate E-Resource
- Institutional repository:
  - Theses and dissertations archived : 425 nos.
  - Research Papers : 73 nos.

### Services and Facilities

#### User Services

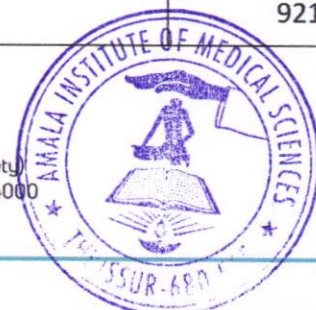
- Reference and research assistance provided to 1,850 users
- Literature search support for 120 postgraduate and faculty research projects
- Inter Library Loan Services Provided: 229 Documents

#### Major Services:-

1. **Library Membership:-** Membership of the Central Library is open to all regular students, teachers and other staff members of Amala. Medical Subject Books will be issued for home reading only for students and teachers of AIMS. Literature and General Books will be issued to all members. Outside users can avail the Library Facilities and Services with specific permission from the Librarian/Principal/Director as per rules.

Details of Library Membership during the period June 2024 – August 2025 is given below:

Students	Medical UG Students	384
	Medical PG/Super Speciality Students	88
	Other students	149
Faculty Members and PhD Scholars		153
Other Staff		147
Total		921





2. **Library Foot Fall:-** The details of Library Foot fall during the period June 2024 – August 2025 are given below:

Amala Staff and Students : 21,094 nos.  
Outside visitors : 137 nos.

3. **Research Documentation, Literature Search, Review of Literature, and Literature Research:-** Library provides this collaborative service to other Departments, Teachers, Scientists, Research Scholars and PG Students. Those who are interested in study, innovation, research, product development, patenting, or related activities, the Library will offers research documentation, technical support and guidance.

4. **Full Text Document Delivery and Inter Library Services:-** The Library is providing full text document delivery service from anywhere in the world through library collaboration and subscription of DELNET, NDLI Access, NDLI Club, Inflibnet, other universities, colleges, etc.

The Library has provided 229 documents from other libraries on Inter Library Service basis.

5. **Plagiarism Checking and Advisory Services:-** The Library is providing Similarity/Plagiarism Checking and Advisory Services to teachers, scientists, librarians, research scholars, PG students who are venturing into publishing books, articles, reports, theses, etc. by using International Similarity Checking Tool like Turnitin/iThenticate and related databases and tools. This service is free to all Amala students and staff. A nominal charge of Rs. 300/- is charged to the external users.

6. **Research Design, Implementation and Publishing Service:-** The Library also provides support service to design the research projects, its implementation and publishing High Impact Publications. An officer specialized and experienced in these matters has been appointed in the library. Teachers, Scientists, Research Scholars and PG Students can avail this service.

7. **Book Publishing:-** The library provides guidance, support and facilitation service for publishing text and reference books. We have published 03 books with ISBN in this Academic year and 02 books are in the process of editing and printing. The Imprint is, "Amala Academic Publications"

8. **Writing External Research Proposals:-** The library also provides guidance, support and facilitation service for preparing Project Proposals for Research and Development.

9. **Amala Institutional Repository:-** Development of Amala Institutional Repository of Theses, Reports, Research Publications, Photographs and other documents started. Website profiling and monitoring also will be used to collect documents to the Repository. Major documents presently uploaded are theses: 425 nos.

10. **Book Loan System:-** Amala Library System is issuing subject books to all categories of Students, teachers and technical staff. Details of Books loaned out during the period are given below:



June 2024	116
June 2024	152
August 2024	127
Sept. 2024	121
Oct. 2024	100
Nov. 2024	231
Dec. 2024	269
January 2025	293
February 2025	227
March 2025	264
April 2025	168
May 2025	321
June 2025	331
June 2025	356
August 2025	273
<b>Total</b>	<b>3349</b>

11. **Library Advisory Committee:-** The Library Advisory Committee (LAC) is consisting of the representatives of Teachers, UG Students and PG/PhD Students. It will frame policies on library resources, facilities and services. The following were the members of the LAC during the period June 2024 – August 2025:

- i. Dr. Betsy Thomas, Principal; Chairman
- ii. Rev. Fr. Antony Mannummel, CMI, Father I/C. , Library; Member
- iii. Dr. Lola Das, Professor & HoD, Anatomy; Member
- iv. Dr. Menon Narayanan Kutty Sunilkumar, professor, Paediatrics; Member
- v. Dr. Reshma V.P., PG 2022 Batch; Member
- vi. Ms. Nayanendu Anand, MBBS 22 Batch; Member
- vii. Prof. Dr. A.T. Francis, Professor & Chief Librarian; Member Secretary

12. **Book Festivals:-** Book Festivals intended to introduced books to the users and libraries for developing library and personal collections. The Library is conducting National Book Festival every year. Over and above the topical book exhibitions, we have conducted the following National Book Festivals.

2023: April 24-25 2023 (Two Days)

2024: February 15-16 2024 (Two Days)



2025: January 30-31 & Feb 01 2025 (Three Days)

Literary Competitions, Competitions for School Students, Visit to the Library and Anatomy Museum, Best School Library Award, Seminar for School Librarian, etc. were organized during the Book Festival.

### 13. Reading Week and Seminar

Reading Week Celebrations intended to attract the users and non-users to the library collection and resources. The Library is conducting National Library Week and Reading Day, June 19<sup>th</sup> with several programmes like seminars, literary events and competitions, demonstrations and the like.

National Reading Week Celebration and Seminar 2024 in 22-06-2025; Famous Writer Benyamin inaugurated the Programmes. Rev. Fr. Julius Arakkal CMI presided and Dr. Roopesh George, Cardiologist presented the seminar paper on "Reading and Health"

### 14. ICSSR Sponsored National Library Seminar 2025

Every year, the Library was conducting at least one National Seminar/Workshop. This year, we have conducted a Two-Day National Seminar on "Empowering Communities through Libraries for Sustainable Social Change" Sponsored by Govt. of India, Ministry of Education, ICSSR In Collaboration with Academic Library Association (ALA) and Kerala Medical Librarians Association (KMLA) on 2025 February 28 and March 01. The ICSSR has allotted Rs. 2.00 Lakhs rupees for the same.

The seminar concluded to one sentence that that "Knowledge is the Core of Social Sustainability". Creative engagement of people is an ideal solution to curb anti-social elements from the society and reading is a most creative habit that needs to be developed among the people, Prof. Dr. K.S. Anil, Hon. Vice Chancellor, Kerala Veterinary University opined while inaugurating the National Library Seminar in Amala Institute of Medical Sciences, here at Thrissur, Kerala.



Dr. Kannan CS Warriar, Director, Kerala Forest Research Institute, Peechi



added the importance of reading, writing and involvement in arts to strengthen the scientific and social fabric of the society.

Fr. Julious Arakkal CMI, Director, AIMS presided over the inaugural function.

Mr. K. P. Sadasivan, Former Head, Knowledge Management Division, RRL-CSIR, Thiruvananthapuram and Mr. Wilson Cherukulath, Scientist "G" (Library) and Group Director, Naval Physical & Oceanographic Lab. (NPOL), DRDO, Govt. of India, Kochi jointly released the seminar volume, "Role of Libraries in Sustainable Development ICSSR – 2025" with ISBN: ISBN: 978-81-985708-9-5. The Seminar Volume is containing the Extended Abstracts of 63 Papers contributed by 101 authors and accepted to the seminar, edited by Prof. Dr. A.T. Francis, Fr. Dr. John Neelankavil CMI, Dr. P.P. Binitha and Dr. S. Humayoon Kabir. The Printed Seminar Volume distributed to all participants of the Seminar.

Mr. K.P. Sadasivan depicted the importance of Right Knowledge in the development process of a society and Mr. Wilson Cherukulath highlighted the digital navigation process through the libraries and technical information centres of DRDO Labs. in India. The following 24 experts served as the Invited Speakers in the Seminar:

Mr.	Abdul Razak C., Former University Librarian, Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur/Palakkad
Mr.	Ajithan K. R., Former Chief Librarian, Govt. Victoria College, Palakkad, Kerala
Dr.	Ambika C., Professor, College of Nursing, AIMS, Thrissur
Dr.	Aravind S, Librarian & Head, LIS, Govt. College, Dindigul, Tamil Nadu
Dr.	Dhanavandan S., Deputy Librarian, Central University of Tamil Nadu
Dr.	Humayoon Kabir S, Former Professor & Head, DILS, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
Dr.	Fr. John Neelankavil, Librarian & Faculty, DVK, Bengaluru
Dr.	Sr. Jolly Varghese U., Librarian, Thrissur
Dr.	Kunjumammed V S, Librarian, KUFOS, Fisheries University, Kochi
Dr.	Mercy Lydia D., Librarian, Karunya University, Coimbatore
Dr.	Mohanlal E. K., Asst. Librarian, KVASU, Veterinary University, Mannuthy, Thrissur
Mr.	Mujib Rahiman, Librarian, PM Shri. Kendriya Vidyalaya, Kanjikode, Palakkad
Dr.	Muthumari P., Librarian & Research Guide, Alagappa University, Tamil Nadu
Dr.	Nitin Shantaram Joshi, Deputy Librarian, MIT ADT University, Pune, Maharashtra
Mr.	Sadasivan K P, Former Head, Knowledge Management Centre, RRL, CSIR, Tiruvananthapuram
Dr.	Shaji B., Chief Librarian, Sahrdhaya College, Kodakara, Kodakara
Dr.	Smitha C. Elayadom, Librarian, U.C. College, Aluva, Ernakulam
Mr.	Sreekumaran S., University Librarian, Kerala Agricultural University, Vellanikkara
Dr.	Sudhier K G., Asst. Professor, Central University of Tamil Nadu
Dr.	Vijayakumar A., St. Xavier's University, Kolkata. (Online)
Dr.	Vimal Kumar V, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam
Mr.	Wilson K. Cherukulath, Naval Physical and Oceanographic Lab., DRDO, Kochi





Dr.	Bindhu Nair, Chief Librarian, Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland University, Bahrain
Mr.	Gautham, Turnitin Plagiarism Checker Tool, USA

15. **Library Education and Extension Programmes:-** Programmes like Trainings, Workshops, Seminars, Reading Week Programmes, Library Day Celebrations, etc. are conducted for students, teachers, librarians, etc. for enhancing the use of library resources and facilities.
16. **Dept. Level Initiative to extend the Library Utilization:-** Dept. Level Initiatives to extend the Library Utilization for enhanced research and publications will be encouraged. Some departments have already initiated programmes like Dept. Level Reading Month, Monitoring of Library Use of Faculty Members and Students by the HoD, Focused Visit to Library and Extended Utilization, etc.
17. **Multi-Purpose Digital Library & Computer Centre:-** We have established a new Digital Education Centre in Library with 48 computers, Display and Sound System, Centrally Air Conditioned, Wired and WiFi Internet connectivity, with provision for Online Examinations, etc.
18. **Library Inclusive Education and Research:-** Measures have been taken to provide services to all staff and students of Amala:

#### Academic and Outreach Activities

- Hosted 3 workshops on “Evidence-Based Medicine,” “Research Methodology,” and “Plagiarism Awareness”
- Organized National Library Week celebrations with quiz competitions, book exhibitions, and user orientation sessions
- Collaborated with the Department of Community Medicine for a mobile library initiative in rural health centers

#### Innovations and Upgrades

- Launched RFID-based book tracking and self-checkout system
- Introduced AI-powered discovery tools for faster literature search, similarity and plagiarism control, etc.
- Upgraded Koha ILS for improved cataloging and circulation management
- Upgraded DSpace for Digital Library and Institutional Repository Development

#### Library Team

The following is the details of staff in the Library:

		Name	Qualifications	Designation
1	Prof. Dr.	Francis A.T.	MCom, MLISc, NET, PhD	Professor & Chief Librarian & Head





2	Fr. Dr.	John Neelankavil CMI	MLISc, MPhil, PhD	Associate Chief Librarian
3	Ms.	Litty VJ	BA, MLISc, MPhil	Sr. Librarian
4	Ms.	Gladis George C	BCom, MLISc, DLA	Sr. Librarian
5	Mr.	Jicco J. Kodankandath	BCom, MLISc	Deputy Librarian
6	Ms.	Deepa CG	BA, MLISc	Associate Librarian
7	Mr.	Davis	MA, BLISc	Assistant Librarian
8	Ms.	Vincy P.F.	BA, MLISc	Library Assistant Gr. I
9	Ms.	Syamala K.G.	SSLC, Type Writing	Library Attender
10	Ms.	Regi V.P.	SSLC, CCA (MS-Office)	Library Attender

### Future Plans

- Expand open access initiatives and integrate with national repositories like Shodhganga
- Digitize rare medical texts and archives for preservation and scholarly use
- Organise more seminars, workshops, trainings on Bibliometrics, Library Automation, Digital Libraries, HRD in Library and Information Services.

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*Betsy*

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