



Introduction

National Documentation Centre (NDC) was established in the National Institute of Health & Family Welfare (NIHFW) in 1977 by merging two existing libraries of NIHAIE and NIFP. The National Documentation Centre is located in its own building in the campus of The National Institute of Health and Family Welfare near Jawaharlal Nehru University, South Delhi.

The National Documentation Centre of NIHFW endeavors to acquire process, organize and disseminate global information to fulfill the information need of the administrators, planners, policy makers, researchers, teachers, trainers, programme personnel and public concerned with public health, population and family welfare throughout the country.

The enormous growth of information technology has brought a radical change in the way libraries have been imparting information services to the users. In order to ensure libraries are able to bridge the gap between the two tiered society of "knowledge haves" and "knowledge have-nots".

It is with this concern, the National Documentation Centre has been conducting training course to equip medical librarians with latest information technologies since the year 2000.



General Objective

The library professionals will be able to learn how to use smart technologies in health library services. Further, they will be able to evaluate the benefits, challenges, and ethical issues associated with implementing smart technologies in health libraries.

Specific Objectives

The specific Objectives of the course are;

- Understand the concept and role of smart technologies in modern health libraries.
- Identify emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI), RFID, Cloud Computing, Plagiarism, Copyright, RMT, issues related to copyright and mobile applications used in health information services.
- Apply smart technologies to improve library operations, resource management, and user services.
- Enhance information retrieval and evidence-based healthcare support through advanced digital technologies.
- Provide demo/hands on practice on library management software, digitization and plagiarism software.

Contents

- Understand the role of smart technologies in health libraries.
- Digital transformation in healthcare information services
- Manage digital health information resources effectively.
- Improve information retrieval using advanced technologies.
- Open Source Software & Resources
- Mobile Applications for Libraries
- Use of AI tools in Health Libraries
- RFID Security System in Health Libraries
- Library Networking and Consortia in Health Science
- Copyright and Licensing
- Plagiarism: issues and challenges

Methodology

Practical Demo By conducting and organizing lectures, group discussions, presentations, practical demonstrations, assignments and hands on practice.

Visit to some of the important libraries in Delhi may be arranged (proposed).

Duration and Number of Participants

One week (05-09 October 2026)

40-45 Participants

Nature of Participants

Librarians, Assistant Librarians, Documentation officers, Information Scientists, Information professionals' and staff handling the information resources/services and working in health science libraries.

Training Outcome

The participants would be able to apply smart technologies in health libraries by selecting appropriate digital tools for information organization and retrieval to provide innovative services in health libraries.

Road Map for Future

This training course will be covering the professionals from Medical Colleges, Sister Organizations and SIHFWs initially. Later on, trained library professionals may organize the similar type of course in their institutes or organization for which all technical support may be provided by NDC.

Remarks

The nominated officials will also present the status of their library activities.

"The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library."
Albert Einstein



About the Institute

The National Institute of Health and Family Welfare (NIHFW) is a premier autonomous Institute under the aegis of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. It has kept pace with the new thinking and substantially contributed to the health human resource development in the country.

NIHFW serves as an apex 'technical institute' as well as a 'think tank' to promote health and family welfare programmes in the country through education and training, research and evaluation, consultancy and advisory services, specialized projects, etc.

Course Coordinating Team

Course Coordinator : Mrs Shweta Dhingra
 Course Co-coordinators : Mr. Lavkush
 Course Associates : Mr. Puneet K. Pandey
 Mrs. Babita Singh

Location of the Institute

It is situated in South Delhi, near Jawaharlal Nehru University and Munirka DDA Flats. It is easily accessible from both the Indira Gandhi International

Airport and the New Delhi Railway Station, approximately 7 kms and 15 kms respectively. Pre-paid taxis/auto-rickshaws are available.

Accommodation

Moderate hostel accommodation on approved rates by the NIHFW authorities would be provided to the participants only within the Institute's campus. Delegates may indicate the request for accommodation in advance.

Course Fee

There is a course fee of Rs. 5000/- for each participant, to be borne by sponsoring organizations by online banking. This includes course materials, a working lunch, mineral water and morning & evening tea with snacks for each participant. Boarding lodging and TA/DA expenses must be borne by the sponsoring organizations/participants. The bank details are

Name of the Beneficiary: Director NIHFW
 Bank Name & Branch: SBI, NIHFW
 Account No.: 43901234540
 IFSC Code No.: SBIN0001624
 MICR Code No.: 110002056

Last Date for Receiving Nominations

11th September, 2026

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