

Cultural Inheritance
and
Sustainable Development
of the National Library of Bangladesh



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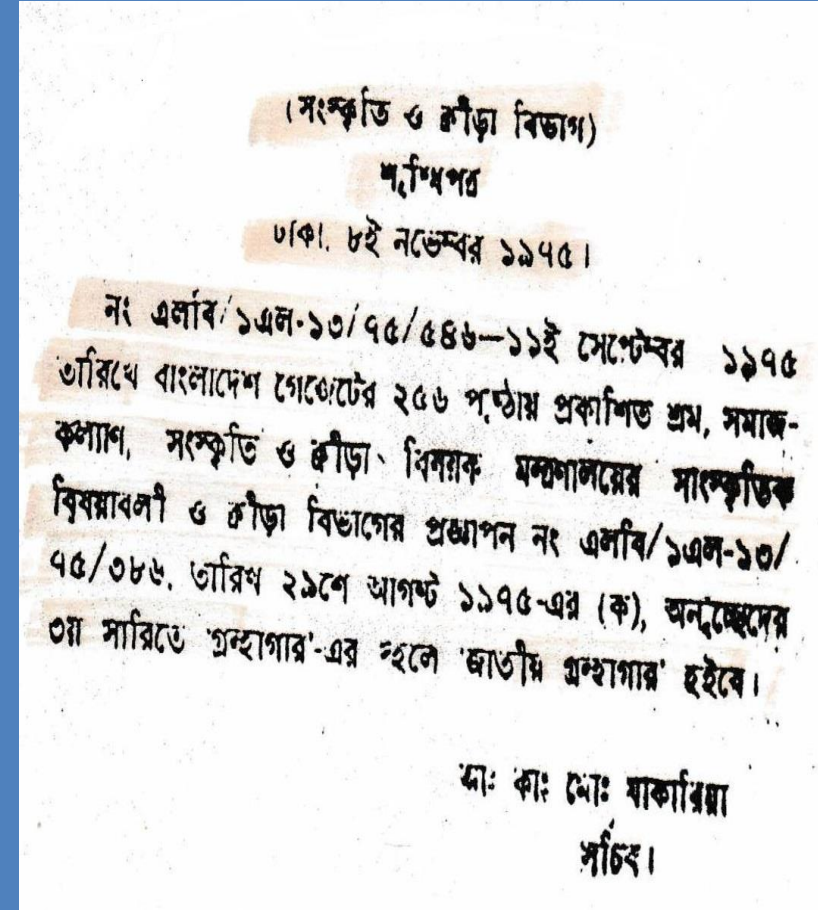


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Introduction of the National Library

- ❑ The National Library was established in November 1973. It has been under the Ministry of Education since its inception. Subsequently, it came under the Ministry of Cultural Affairs.
- ❑ Acts as the legal depository of all printed materials in Bangladesh.
- ❑ Preserves the cultural and intellectual heritage of the nation.





Front view of the National Library Building

The largest “fresco art” in Bangladesh.



Mission, Vision and Values of NLB

Our Mission

- To preserve history and heritage
- To preserve literacy
- To preserve political documents
- To enhance knowledge for future generation

Our Vision

The heart of learning Excellence and Development for the Archival Services Bangladesh

Our Values

People: Value them
Integrity: Upholding the truth
Excellence: Soaring Beyond

Major Part of NLB

Sl. No.	Particulars	Space
1	Area of Land	2.36 Acre
2	Building Space	1,04,880 Sqft
3	Stack Block space (6 th floor)	48,223 Sqft
4	Reading Room (3)	8,000 Sqft
5	Exhibition Gallery	3,200 Sqft
6	Number of Collected Books	0.5 Million
7	Auditorium Capacity	300 Seats

Existing Manpower of the NLB (50)

SN	Title	No. post
1.	Director General	1
2.	Director	1
3.	Chief Bibliographer/Deputy Director	1
4.	Bibliographer	3
5.	Assistant Director	1
6.	Programming Officer	1
7.	Microfilm Officer	1
8.	Assistant Programmer	1
9.	ISBN Officer	1
10.	Documentation Officer	1
11.	Compilation Officer	1
12.	3 rd and 4 th Grade Staff	37

Cultural Inheritance through the NLB

- Preserving rare manuscripts, books, and documents under the National Archives Act.
- Archiving all national publications under the Copyright Act.
- Supports Bengali language and regional dialect preservation.

Public Access and Knowledge Sharing

- Provides researchers and the public access to cultural resources.
- Supports literary and historical research.
- Promotes national identity through literature and documents.

Contribution to Sustainable Development

- SDG 4 – Quality Education: Offers educational resources and support from NLB.
- SDG 11 – Sustainable Cities: Promotes cultural heritage access through the Ministry of Cultural Affairs.
- SDG 9 – Innovation: Advances in digital preservation and access through the digitisation project (Budget 26224.39 Lacs) of NLB

Digital Transformation

- Digitization of rare books and manuscripts.
- Online access to historical and cultural materials.
- Collaboration with digital libraries for global reach.

Challenges Faced by the NLB

- Limited funding and outdated infrastructure.
- Slow progress in digitization and cataloguing.
- Low public engagement and awareness.

Opportunities for Growth

- Partnering with global digital library initiatives.
- Modernizing facilities and staff training.
- Increasing public-private partnerships and awareness campaigns.

Future Vision

- Developing advanced digital infrastructure.
- Promoting a reading culture nationwide.
- Becoming a hub for research and cultural exchange.

Conclusion

- The NLB is key to preserving national culture and history.
- It supports education, research, and cultural identity.
- Sustainable development ensures it remains relevant for future generations.

A large, multi-story building constructed from red brick, featuring a series of vertical pillars and rectangular windows. The building is set against a clear blue sky. In the foreground, there is a paved walkway, a landscaped area with several trees, and a low brick wall. The text "National Library of Bangladesh" is visible on the upper part of the building's facade.

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Traditional System of Preservation in NLB



Preservation of Books from 1947 in the stack block



Preservation of Gazettes from 1801



Digital Preservation in NLB



Digitization of documents using Automatic Book Scanner



Digitisation of Binding Newspaper



Digitization of Maps by HD Flatbed Scanner



Magazine at the China Book Corner



Books (From CICG) at the China Book Corner of NLB

Unveiling Ceremony Date: 2025.05.11



Du Zhanyuan, President of CICG & Yao Wen, Ambassador



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