## **Automation Scenario in Academic Libraries of Bihar and Jharkhand**

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## **ABSTRACT**

The history of education and the scholars produced by Bihar is well known to the world. The patliputra was the ancient capital of India during Ashoka Dynasty. The well-known libraries, i.e. Nalanda and Vikramshila were in this state. Our education started from paperless society and we are moving towards paperless society. The difference is, in ancient time paper was not invented but now the advent of IT, we are moving towards paperless society. In the context of Information Technology the article, tries to explain the existing scenario of automation especially in Academic Libraries. The paper will include the libraries of Jharkhand too. The Jharkhand is a bifurcated part of Bihar. It came into existence on 15 November 02. At present, there are 14 universities catering the needs for higher education in the state. The Patna University in richest university in terms of collection, infrastructure facilities, established in 1917. In 1992, according to State University act five new Universities were established. All the Universities are having well equipped Libraries with modern architecture. So far as Library automation is concerned it is joint responsibility of state authority and UGC/INFLIBNET to make full automated.

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