



Library.in is an online portal cum standing library that operates from Sector 7

## Wanted: Public libraries in Dwarka

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That old book smell, pages with vintage illustrations, first edition copies—even better when signed by the author, antique world maps... such is the romance with books. Even in times when most services are online, nothing beats the atmosphere of a library.

Many societies like Nav Sansad Vihar in Sector 22, Air Force and Naval societies in Sector 7 have their own in-house libraries. "But there is no variety in the collections. Who wants to read the same books all over again?" rues Rejimon CK of Nav Sansad Vihar.

### Online/offline

But there is something to cheer about. Thanks to library.in in Sector 7,

readers in Dwarka can breathe a sigh of relief. Library.in is an online portal cum library that operates from Sector 7 at Ramphal Chowk. Subscribers can pick a book or order online from the website and the book will be delivered at the doorstep.

Membership is available at the nominal fee of Rs 99 per month, which is by far the cheapest plan. The library caters to a demographic of ages 4 and above and boasts of 15,000 plus titles in 31 plus categories. Books ranging from IT, Science, Fiction and Non-fiction draws readers here.

"There has been rise in the number of members. Readers can take any plan according to their reading habit. Unlike

other libraries we have no due dates for the subscribers and issue upto three books in a month," says Shishir Miglani, co-founder of the library.in

### Members only

However, Dwarkaites from other sectors are devoid of the feeling of sitting in a library flipping through pages of books or sitting out one having a steaming hot discussion on various topics. A library is a must in dwarka. "Dwarka children lack literary taste which hampers their intellectual growth. They don't believe in research work for their projects or assignments." said a resident.

Centre for Cultural Resources and Training in Sector 7 is opening a

So far, Dwarka only has Library.in, an online portal cum standing library in Sector 7, and CCRT's upcoming members-only library with a focus on arts and culture

public library soon, albeit only for its members alone. "Membership will depend on some defined criteria. Membership will be given to those who can help in maintaining and enriching the atmosphere at CCRT," said Girish Joshi of CCRT. Their library will have books mainly on art and culture.

Despite residents appeal for a public library, there has been no effort on the part of authorities.