

## **NLSIU Library**

The NLSIU library built in 2005, is located roughly in the geographical centre of the site. As with most campus developments, the library is an integral part of daily student life. The NLSIU library and its adjunct open green space, away from the present academic block, also form a hub of social life on campus beyond the academic hours.

In keeping with the expansion plans of the campus and increase in the student intake, the library needs to be re imagined in terms of its pedagogical and functional requirements. Change in function of a library over the years and digitisation warrants a change in the way a library is perceived as a functional entity as well as in the context of the master plan and campus at large. Traditionally a quiet zone, the library will need to be restructured as a collaborative work space along with the common areas for the entire campus. The interior spaces will need to be realigned along with newer requirements.

Opening up the library at the ground floor level to include the surrounding landscape as a part of the library design, will be critical to how the library functions for years to come.

VA has been appointed as architects for the Library renovation. As a part of the renovation proposal, the landscape areas adjoining the library built spaces are to be detailed as extensions to the library functions as well as independent entities that function beyond the library hours and are integrated with the others open spaces on campus.

## **Indoor Furniture**

The interiors are planned such that there is a clear separation of collaborative study and focused study areas. The lower ground floor is designed to host groups of casual crowds and encourage discussions. The floors above are such that they encourage private study and are more formal in nature, the first floor being the most formal zone of the three floors. The furniture's is as specified below:

- **Lower Ground Floor**

1. The bookshelves on lower ground floor are 750mm high with the intention of letting the users see the entire space without any obstructions and thus creating a collaborative zone.
2. The tables and seats are placed such that they have access to power points through raceways that run thru the floor and into the respective furniture.
3. The seats are arranged in clusters with a table at the center.
4. In cases where bookshelves are placed such that they touch the sofa, such shelves can be accessed through the other side.
5. On the stage, there are two bookshelves which are 1800mm high and placed with their back to the wall.
6. There are tables for 4 and 6 people with executive chairs around them and these table shall have power points.
7. The table in one of the 4PAX meeting rooms is to be designed such that it follows the angle of the wall.
8. Two T-02 type tables are placed beside each other to in the 15PAX meeting room.

- **Ground Floor**

1. All bookshelves are 1200mm high with the exception of Braille Room where bookshelves are 1800mm high and placed against a wall.
2. The tables and seats are placed such that they have access to power points through raceways that run thru the floor and into the respective furniture.
3. The main entrance has shelves which are 450Lx600Dx300H which act as temporary storage units for users to drop their belongings before entering the library zone.
4. The sofa SF-02 is designed such that when clustered up, forms a semi enclosed space and from the outside there is a bookshelf attached to it. The edges where these seats meet are to be covered.
5. Rectangular and circular center tables 450mm high. Discussion tables provided near the balcony doors are 750mm high.
6. In 8PAX meeting rooms, 02nos T-01 tables are to be placed beside each other.

- **First Floor**

1. All bookshelves are 1800mm high.
2. The tables and seats are placed such that they have access to power points through raceways that run thru the floor and into the respective furniture.
3. The tables on this floor have integrated task lighting with individual switch controls. T-05 and T-06 are to be placed beside each other to make electrical connection easy.
4. The quiet room is air conditioned and there are bookshelves placed against the wall.
5. There is a private seating area enclosed within cubicles. Each cubicle has a 2-seat capacity. Attached to the panel of cubicle is a bookshelf.
6. L-CH-01 highchairs are to be placed along the high table against the southeast wall.