

**APPLICATION OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FOR LIBRARY  
SECURITY AND LIBRARY AUTOMATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION  
SYSTEM IN INDIA IN NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY 2020: A STUDY****Mr. Machindra Wakchaure**

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**Abstract**

This study investigates the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in library security and automation within the higher education system in India, contextualized within the framework of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The research explores how AI technologies can enhance operational efficiency, streamline library management, and improve security measures in academic institutions. The study aims to identify the key challenges and benefits of incorporating AI into library systems and its alignment with the goals outlined in the NEP 2020. The research provides recommendations for future implementations to support the vision of digitalization in education.

**Keywords**

Artificial Intelligence, Library Security, Library Automation, Higher Education, National Education Policy 2020, India, Technology Integration, Academic Libraries, NEP 2020, Digital Libraries

**Introduction**

The role of libraries in higher education institutions has evolved significantly with the advancement of technology. Libraries are no longer limited to physical books and periodicals; they have become hubs for digital resources and services. With the introduction of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in India, the need for technological integration in education, including libraries, has grown. Artificial Intelligence (AI) has emerged as a transformative tool for enhancing library operations, improving security measures, and facilitating automation in library management. This study examines the application of AI in library systems within the context of Indian higher education institutions and its alignment with the NEP 2020 framework. The rapid evolution of technology over the past few decades has reshaped various sectors, including education. As we enter the digital age, the role of libraries within higher education institutions has drastically changed. Traditionally viewed as repositories for physical books, libraries today have expanded their functions and services, incorporating a vast range of digital resources and technologies to serve the evolving needs of students, faculty, and researchers. Libraries are increasingly becoming hubs for knowledge access, collaboration, and innovation. However, with these advancements come new challenges, particularly in managing large volumes of information and ensuring the security and accessibility of resources in an ever-expanding digital ecosystem.



The integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in library systems presents an exciting opportunity to address these challenges. AI, which involves the development of computer systems capable of performing tasks that typically require human intelligence, such as problem-solving, pattern recognition, and decision-making, has the potential to revolutionize how libraries operate. In the context of library automation, AI can streamline various operational tasks such as cataloging, circulation management, and resource allocation, enabling library staff to focus on more strategic and creative endeavors. Furthermore, AI can enhance library security through technologies like facial recognition, smart access control systems, and real-time surveillance, ensuring that resources are protected while providing a seamless user experience.

In India, the importance of AI in higher education has gained significant attention, especially with the introduction of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. This policy envisions transforming India's educational landscape through the integration of modern technologies. Among its key objectives is the promotion of digital education, the use of technology for enhancing teaching and learning, and improving the accessibility of learning resources. By aligning with the goals set out in the NEP 2020, libraries in higher education institutions can not only modernize their operations but also play a pivotal role in supporting the broader educational reforms advocated by the policy. AI, as a key enabler of digital transformation, could become a cornerstone of this shift, enhancing libraries' role in fostering a more efficient, inclusive, and dynamic educational ecosystem.

While the potential benefits of AI are immense, the implementation of AI technologies in libraries faces several challenges. These include financial constraints, lack of infrastructure, resistance to change from traditional library systems, and the need for specialized skills among library staff to manage and operate AI systems effectively. Additionally, concerns about data privacy, the ethics of surveillance, and the accessibility of AI technologies for all institutions, particularly in rural or underserved areas, need to be addressed as part of the policy and planning discussions.

This study aims to investigate the application of AI in library security and automation within the context of Indian higher education institutions, with a particular focus on how these applications align with the objectives outlined in the NEP 2020. By exploring the current state of AI integration in libraries, identifying its advantages and challenges, and offering insights into its future potential, the research seeks to contribute valuable knowledge to the ongoing discourse on transforming library services in the digital era. This study also intends to provide a detailed analysis of how AI can enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of library operations, improve resource management, and strengthen security measures, ultimately supporting the academic success and growth of students and faculty in India's higher education system.

Through this exploration, the study will present a comprehensive overview of the key AI technologies that are reshaping library systems, analyze the barriers to their



adoption, and propose recommendations for overcoming these challenges. In doing so, it aims to contribute to the broader goal of leveraging technology to transform higher education in India, in alignment with the NEP 2020's vision of a technologically advanced and inclusive education system.

## Definitions

- **Artificial Intelligence (AI):** The simulation of human intelligence processes by machines, especially computer systems, to perform tasks that typically require human intervention.
- **Library Automation:** The use of technology to manage library operations, such as cataloging, circulation, and information retrieval.
- **Library Security:** The methods and technologies employed to protect library resources and ensure the safety of students, faculty, and staff.
- **National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020):** A policy framework aimed at transforming the Indian education system, with a focus on digital education, access to learning resources, and technological integration in all aspects of education.

## Need

With increasing student populations, expanding resources, and the growing complexity of managing digital content, there is an urgent need to integrate AI in library systems. AI can address critical issues like inventory management, personalized user experiences, and enhanced security. Furthermore, the NEP 2020 advocates for innovative and technology-driven educational practices that can enhance the quality of higher education in India.

## Aims

- To evaluate the current application of AI in library security and automation within Indian higher education.
- To assess the effectiveness of AI technologies in enhancing library management systems.
- To explore how AI aligns with the objectives of the NEP 2020 in the context of library services.
- To provide recommendations for future improvements and technological integration in library systems.

## Objectives

1. To identify the key AI technologies used in library security and automation.
2. To analyze the implementation of AI in libraries of higher education institutions in India.
3. To assess the impact of AI on library operational efficiency and user satisfaction.



4. To explore the relationship between AI adoption and the National Education Policy 2020.
5. To propose a framework for the integration of AI in Indian libraries based on current trends.

## Hypothesis

The integration of Artificial Intelligence in library security and automation systems within Indian higher education institutions will lead to improved operational efficiency, better resource management, and enhanced security, while also supporting the objectives outlined in the National Education Policy 2020.

## Literature Search

A comprehensive review of existing literature is essential to understand the current state of AI adoption in libraries. Key areas of focus include:

- Use of AI for library security (e.g., surveillance, access control).
- Automation of library services (e.g., cataloging, circulation).
- AI's role in enhancing student and faculty engagement with library resources.
- Implementation challenges and benefits in the context of Indian institutions.

## Research Methodology

This study uses a mixed-method approach:

- **Quantitative:** Surveys and questionnaires administered to library staff and students in higher education institutions in India.
- **Qualitative:** Interviews with library managers and technology experts to understand the practical implications of AI adoption in libraries.
- **Case Study Analysis:** Analyzing institutions that have already implemented AI-driven library systems.
- **Data Analysis:** Statistical tools and software to analyze the survey data and derive insights.

## Strong Points

- **Technological Advancements:** AI offers innovative solutions that can streamline library operations and improve security measures.
- **Alignment with NEP 2020:** The research supports the objectives of the National Education Policy 2020, which emphasizes the integration of digital technologies in education.
- **Comprehensive Analysis:** The study combines both qualitative and quantitative methods, providing a holistic view of AI's impact on library systems.



## Weak Points

- **Limited Implementation:** AI adoption in libraries, particularly in India, is still in its early stages, and many institutions face challenges such as budget constraints and lack of skilled personnel.
- **Resistance to Change:** Traditional libraries may exhibit resistance to adopting new technologies, which can delay the integration process.

## Current Trends

- **Smart Libraries:** The rise of AI-powered smart libraries that use facial recognition, smart cards, and IoT-based tracking systems for enhanced security.
- **Chatbots and Virtual Assistants:** AI-based chatbots are becoming common for providing customer service, answering student queries, and assisting with resource discovery.
- **Predictive Analytics:** AI tools that help predict student needs and suggest resources based on previous usage patterns.

## History

The integration of technology in library systems began with simple computerization of cataloging and circulation. With the rise of digital libraries and the internet, the need for more sophisticated systems grew, leading to the adoption of AI for automating tasks and improving user experience. The National Education Policy 2020 further catalyzed this transformation by emphasizing the importance of digital education in India. The history of library automation and the eventual integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in library systems has evolved significantly over the past several decades. Initially, libraries operated in a manual, paper-based environment, relying on traditional cataloging, card catalogs, and manual inventory systems. However, as educational institutions began to grow in size and complexity, there emerged a need for more efficient methods to manage vast amounts of information. This led to the gradual transformation of libraries from traditional, physical spaces into sophisticated digital and automated systems. The rise of technology and the increasing availability of digital resources have played a pivotal role in shaping the landscape of modern libraries, particularly in higher education.

### Early Beginnings: Manual Libraries and Card Catalogs

Before the digital revolution, libraries relied heavily on manual processes for managing collections and ensuring the availability of resources to their users. Library systems were predominantly organized using card catalogs, which involved manually recording each book, its author, publisher, and subject in handwritten or printed cards, stored in drawers for easy retrieval. This process was labor-intensive and prone to human errors, making the management of large libraries both time-consuming and inefficient.

In the 1960s and 1970s, the rise of computers and the advent of early computing technologies provided a significant breakthrough for libraries. The application of





computer technology to cataloging and information retrieval marked the beginning of library automation. Early systems were primarily designed to automate specific tasks like cataloging and circulation, replacing the need for manual record-keeping and card indexing. However, these systems were expensive and difficult to implement, often reserved for larger institutions with the necessary resources.

### **The Emergence of Library Automation: 1980s-1990s**

In the 1980s, library automation began to gain traction in developed countries, driven by advances in computing technology. The introduction of library management software allowed libraries to automate key functions such as cataloging, circulation management, and acquisitions. These systems helped streamline operations, reduce manual work, and improve the accuracy and efficiency of library management.

During this period, the development of the Integrated Library System (ILS) revolutionized library operations. An ILS provided a unified platform to manage multiple library functions, including the catalog, circulation, and user services. By automating these tasks, libraries were able to improve their efficiency, reduce errors, and offer better services to users.

One of the most significant milestones during this era was the introduction of **Online Public Access Catalogs (OPACs)** in the early 1990s. OPACs allowed library users to search for and access cataloged materials from their own devices, a stark contrast to the traditional card catalog. This development laid the foundation for the future of library technology by making information retrieval more user-friendly and accessible.

### **Digital Libraries and the Internet Age: Late 1990s-2000s**

With the rapid growth of the internet and the rise of digital technologies in the late 1990s and 2000s, libraries began to embrace digital resources on a larger scale. The digitization of books, journals, and other educational resources allowed libraries to extend their collections beyond physical boundaries and offer users access to online databases, e-books, and multimedia content. This period saw the emergence of digital libraries—repositories that store, preserve, and provide access to digitized content.

At the same time, the development of technologies such as **Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs)** and **metadata standards** helped libraries manage and organize their growing digital collections. As universities and research institutions across the world increasingly relied on digital formats for scholarly communication, libraries adapted to offer digital access to academic journals, e-books, and other scholarly resources.

### **The Introduction of Artificial Intelligence: 2010s and Beyond**

As AI technologies began to mature in the 2010s, the possibilities for their integration into libraries became more apparent. AI offers the ability to process large datasets, recognize patterns, and automate complex decision-making processes. These capabilities provided new avenues for improving library security, management, and user interaction.

The integration of AI into library systems began with the development of technologies such as **Natural Language Processing (NLP)**, **machine learning algorithms**, and **chatbots**. NLP allowed libraries to enhance their search engines, making them more intuitive and capable of understanding and interpreting user queries in natural



language. Machine learning enabled libraries to predict user behavior, recommend books based on reading patterns, and optimize resource allocation.

One of the key areas where AI has made a significant impact is in **library security**. With the increasing availability of AI-driven surveillance systems, libraries can now implement real-time video monitoring, facial recognition, and anomaly detection to enhance security. AI-powered systems can track and monitor the movement of library users, identify potential thefts, and alert staff about suspicious activities.

Moreover, **AI-powered library assistants**—such as virtual assistants and chatbots—have become a common feature in many academic libraries. These tools can assist users in locating resources, answering queries, and providing recommendations for further research. Chatbots, powered by AI, are capable of interacting with users 24/7, making library services more accessible and responsive.

### **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the Shift to Digital Education in India**

In 2020, the Indian government introduced the **National Education Policy (NEP 2020)**, a transformative policy aimed at overhauling the country's educational system. Among its many goals, the NEP emphasized the importance of leveraging technology to enhance teaching, learning, and access to educational resources. The policy recognizes the potential of digital technologies to support the country's educational needs and addresses the growing demand for digital infrastructure in schools, colleges, and universities.

The NEP 2020 highlights the role of libraries in fostering knowledge, research, and academic success. As a part of its vision, the policy advocates for the modernization of library systems in higher education through the adoption of digital technologies, including AI. The policy envisions libraries as dynamic centers that use AI and other digital tools to enhance resource management, improve security, and provide personalized learning experiences for students.

### **Current Trends in AI Integration in Indian Libraries**

In India, the integration of AI into libraries is still in its early stages, but progress is being made. Several higher education institutions have begun implementing AI-based systems for library automation and security. Universities such as the **Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs)** and the **Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs)** have pioneered the use of AI in their library systems. These institutions are implementing AI for resource discovery, chatbots for user engagement, and AI-driven security systems for resource protection.

However, the widespread adoption of AI in libraries across the country remains limited, mainly due to factors such as lack of infrastructure, inadequate funding, and insufficient training for library staff. Nevertheless, the growing interest in AI, coupled with the goals of the NEP 2020, suggests that AI will play an increasingly important role in the future of Indian higher education libraries.

### **Looking Ahead: The Future of AI in Indian Libraries**

As technology continues to advance, AI will play an even greater role in shaping the future of library services in India and worldwide. The next few years are likely to witness an expansion in the application of AI technologies in areas such as predictive



analytics, AI-based recommendation systems, personalized learning experiences, and more sophisticated security protocols. The combination of AI and big data will allow libraries to offer more personalized and efficient services, further transforming the way students and faculty interact with library resources.

The future of libraries in India is intertwined with the ongoing transformation of the education sector, as outlined by the NEP 2020. The vision of a digitally integrated educational ecosystem, with AI as a central enabler, will drive the evolution of library systems, making them more efficient, accessible, and responsive to the needs of users.

## Discussion

The integration of AI in libraries offers numerous advantages such as improved resource management, enhanced security, and the ability to personalize library services. However, the implementation process faces several challenges, including infrastructure limitations, budget constraints, and the need for skilled personnel. Moreover, the alignment of AI with the NEP 2020 is crucial for ensuring that libraries contribute to the broader goals of educational transformation in India.

## Results

The study finds that AI can significantly improve library operations in Indian higher education institutions. AI-enabled systems improve inventory management, streamline book circulation, and enhance security protocols. However, institutions must overcome challenges related to infrastructure and training.

## Conclusion

AI holds substantial potential for transforming library systems in India's higher education institutions. The research underscores the need for a strategic approach to integrating AI technologies that align with the objectives of the National Education Policy 2020. With adequate investment and training, AI can help create more efficient, secure, and user-friendly library environments.

## Suggestions and Recommendations

- **Government Support:** The government should provide funding and resources to support the integration of AI in libraries.
- **Training Programs:** Institutions should focus on training library staff and faculty on AI technologies and their applications.
- **Collaboration with Tech Companies:** Universities should collaborate with technology firms to ensure that AI solutions are tailored to the specific needs of their libraries.

## Future Scope

Future research could focus on:

- The long-term impact of AI integration on library services.





- Exploring advanced AI technologies such as machine learning and natural language processing in library automation.
- Expanding the study to include libraries in other regions or countries to compare global trends.

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