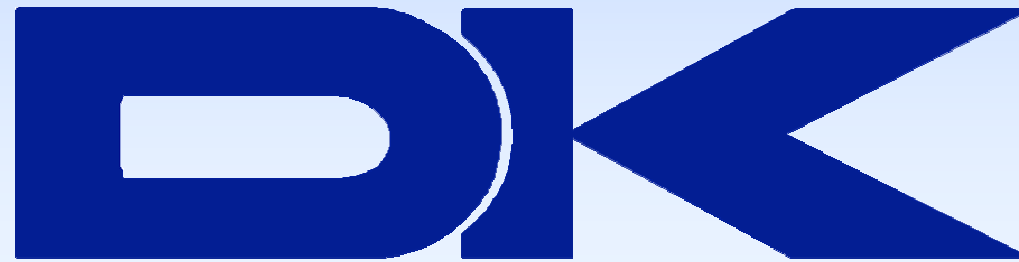


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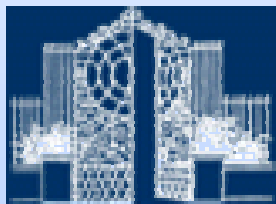
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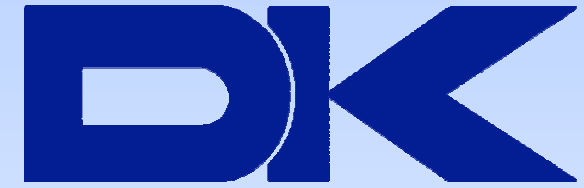
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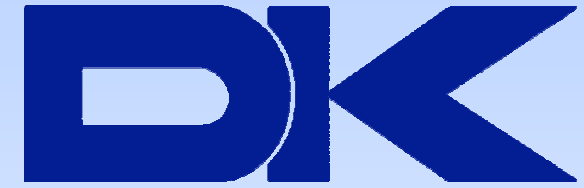
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# Countries of South Asia and their Major Languages



- **Bangladesh** Bengali, English
- **Bhutan** Dzongkha, English, Tibetan
- **India** Assamese, Bengali, English, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Kashmiri, Malayalam, Marathi, Nepali, Oriya, Panjabi, Sanskrit, Sindhi, Tamil, Telugu, Tibetan, Urdu
- **Maldives** Dhivchi (Maldivian), English
- **Nepal** English, Hindi, Nepali, Newari
- **Pakistan** English, Sindhi, Urdu (Arabic, Persian also)
- **Sri Lanka** English, Sinhalese, Tamil

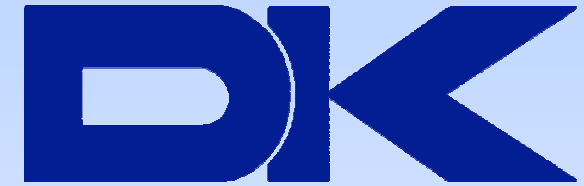
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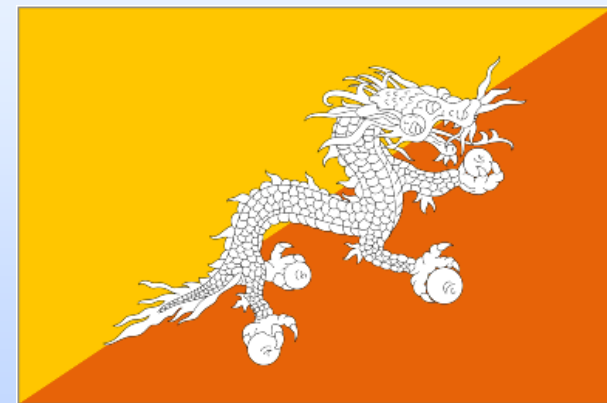
- **National Library of Bangladesh (Estd. 1973)**
- **Bibliographic record of legal deposit books appears irregularly**
- **Books in print 2005 by National Book Centre**
- **No National Library website**



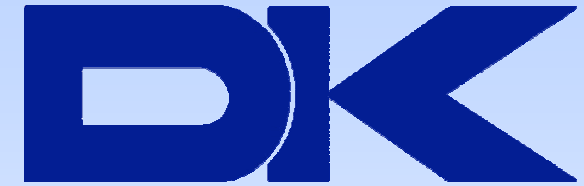
# Bhutan



- **The National Library of Bhutan (Estd. 1967)**
- **Publishes RIGTER newsletter  
(Twice in a year since 2000)**
- **No searchable database**



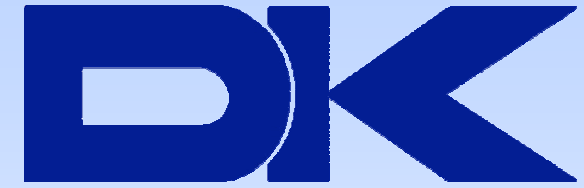
# India



- **The National Library, India  
(Formerly: The Imperial Library - Estd. 1891)**
- **Indian National Bibliography started in Oct. 1957**
- **Issues for several years in between never/not yet appeared**
- **At present monthly issues for 2004 being published**



## India (contd...)

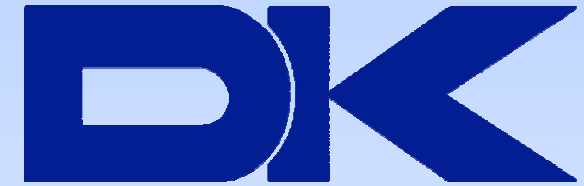


- **No searchable database for the National Library**
- **Regional Library Networks like ...**

**ADINET, BALNET,  
BONET, CALIBNET,  
DELNET, INFLIBNET,  
MALIBNET, MYLIBNET,  
PUNET, etc.**



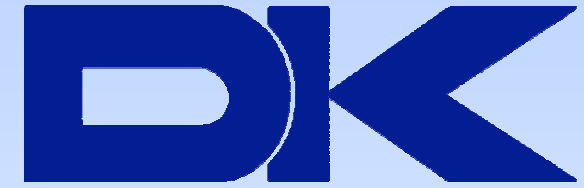
# Maldives



- **National Library of the Maldives  
(Formerly: State Library - Estd. 1945)**
- **National Bibliography yet to be published**
- **No National Library website**



# Nepal

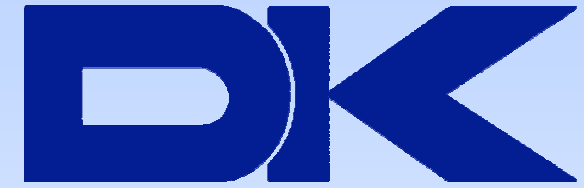


- **Nepal National Library (Estd. 1957)**
- **An irregular National Bibliography so far**
- **Nepalese National Bibliography now from the Tribhuvan University Central Library (TUCL)**
- **TUCL offers searchable database**

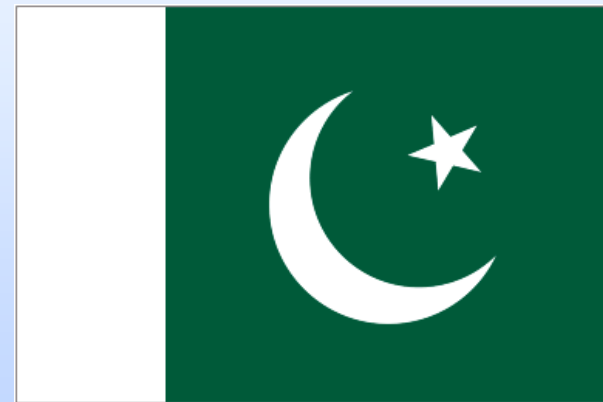




# Pakistan



- **National Library of Pakistan (Estd. 1993)**
- **Brought out a consolidated National Bibliography from 1947 to 1996 in 29 volumes covering 51000 entries**
- **Annual volumes thereafter**
- **Offer a searchable database**



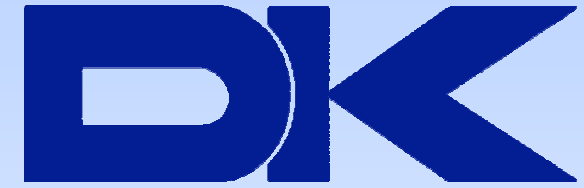
# Sri Lanka



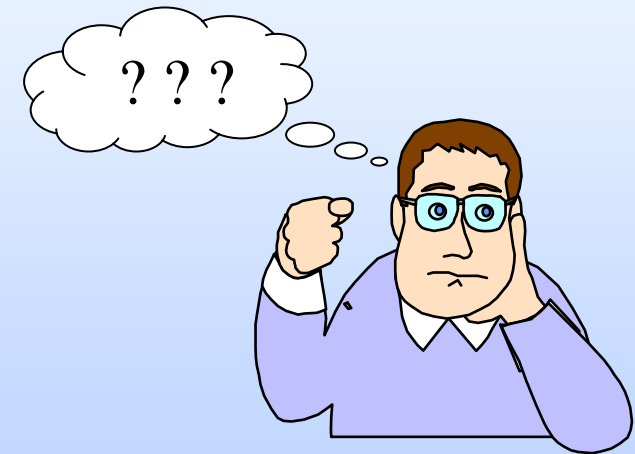
- **The National Library and Documentation Centre  
(Formerly: National Library of Sri Lanka)**
- **Sri Lanka National Bibliography  
(Formerly: Ceylon National Bibliography –  
Started 1963)**
- **Appears Monthly**
- **Offer a searchable  
database**



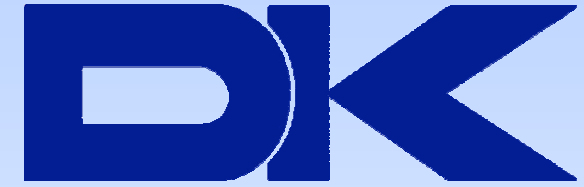
# Problems Faced by Libraries & Vendors



- **Complete publishing data not available**
- **Overseas libraries expect International cataloging standards**
- **Multiple languages, scripts and their transliterations**
- **Lack of Authority Controls**
- **Many books without the ISBN**



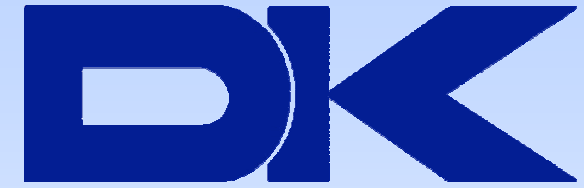
# Complete Publishing Data Not Available



- **Problems**
  - Need info on non-commercially published works
  - Depend on publishers' or other distributors' databases / catalogs
- **Solutions at DK**
  - Selections from newspapers, bibliographies
  - Conference/Events from news items
  - Book buying representatives visit different places
  - Selection teams to National / Regional Book fairs



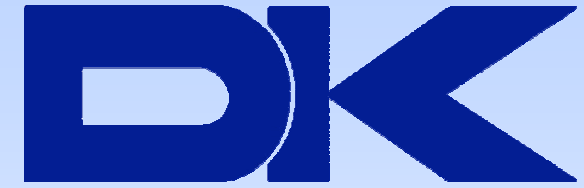
# Overseas Libraries Expect International Cataloging...



- **Problem**
- **Copying of catalog records from a national database not possible**
- **Solutions at DK**
- **MARC 21 records created using**
  - **AACR-II R**
  - **LC Subject Headings**
  - **Dewey Decimal Classification**
- **Records supplied to libraries electronically**
- **Cataloguing since 1973 (incl. Unpriced books). Over 220,000 English Language records.**



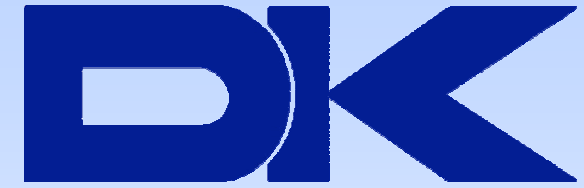
# Multiple Languages / Scripts / Transliterations



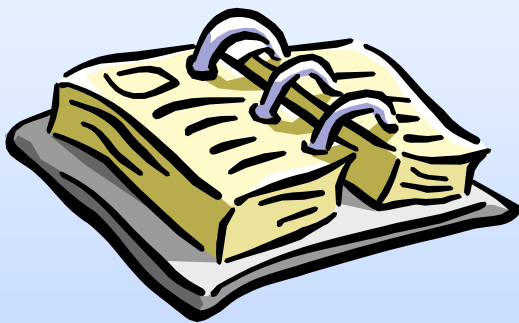
- **Problem**
- **Solutions at DK**
- Knowledge of various languages, scripts and their standard transliteration methods
- Have professionally qualified librarians knowing major languages (trained at DK)
- Create MARC 21 records
- Use ALA-LC Romanization Tables
- Minimum Bibliographic Information sticker on title page
- Non-English books catalogued since 1999. Over 51,000 records



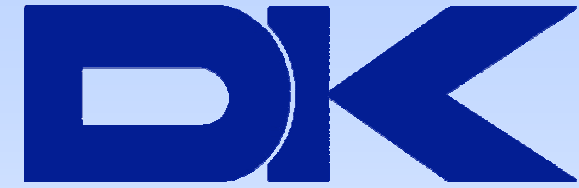
# Lack of Authority Controls



- **Problem**
- **Some standardization essential to identify an author / series.**
- **Solutions at DK**
- **Have developed internal authority databases for**
  - **Personal Names**
  - **Corporate Names**
  - **Event Names**
  - **Uniform Titles**
  - **Series**
  - **Publishers**



# Lack of Authority Controls (contd...)



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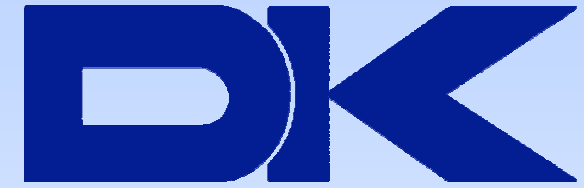
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## Solutions at DK: Author Details Form

Normally sent to authors along with 'business reply' envelope. If address not available, we then send the same to publisher



# Many Books Without the ISBN

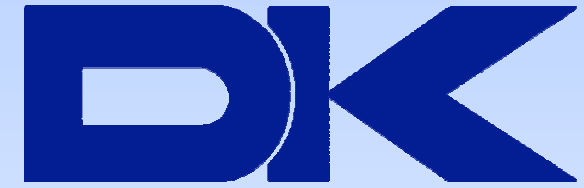


- **Problem**
- **No automatic system of identifying / ordering a title.**
- **Solutions at DK**
- **Developed software allowing multiple field searches**
- **DK Number – Allocated uniquely to each title**
- **Libraries now order by DK Number**
- **Support Copy ID based book transactions**



# What Have We Accomplished ?

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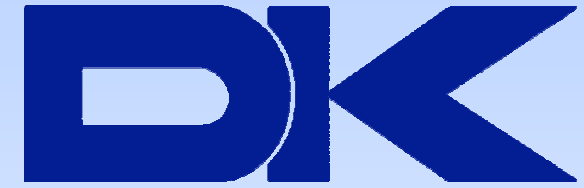


- **Top ranking Indian book house serving global clientele**
- **Highest quality catalog records from South Asia (OCLC confirmed error level to 0%)**
- **Largest database / web database for Indian books**
- **Now added books from other South Asian countries**

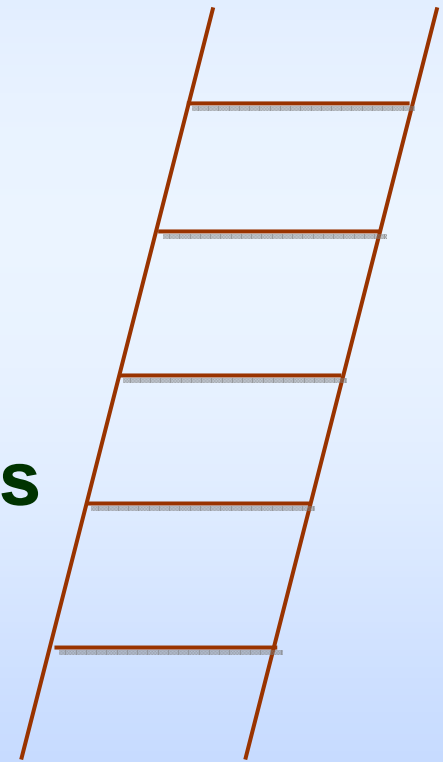


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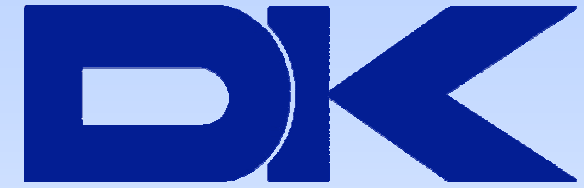
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- **Most comprehensive and detailed book catalogs – appreciated by libraries**
- **Can generate bibliographies on any topic / subject**
- **Blanket Order / Approval Plans – Handled by qualified/trained librarians**
- **RETRO–CON (Retrospective Conversion to MARC 21) service**



# DK in Australia



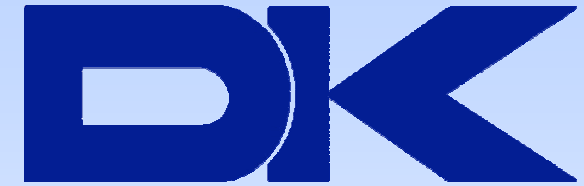
- **First library customer from Australia (now of course in 80 countries)**



- **DK catalogues acknowledged as the “de-facto National Bibliography of India” (APSIG Newsletter June 1997)**

<http://www.nla.gov.au/southasia/wiles.html>

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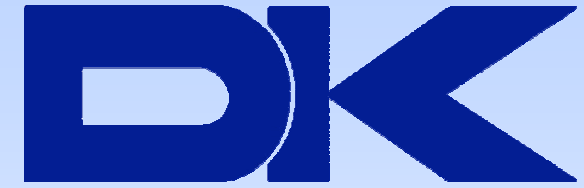
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