

Nalanda University Library				
Details of Floorwise Plan for Nalanda University Library				
S. No.	Floor No.	Quadrant	Details of the Library space allocation	Remarks
1	Ground Floor	Q4	Entrance- Help Desk for 2 in Arc shape, Newspaper & Magazine for Visitors & Guests (Provide acoustic partitioning to contain noise), Reading and Seating area, Digital Display LED Screen (above the Help desk), showing Floor maps and Live library updates, Library Model display (Left side), Reading area, Temporary exhibition space on left side(e.g- hosting travelling exhibitions), Right side Permanent Exhibition (A live account of burning Nalanda-what we lost), Coffee Vending Area	VIP entry right side (Corridor of Q4 & Q1) RFID & Atrium- Free Zone for Public
		Q3	Collection of 17 Partner Countries (enclosed in glass-front display bays with bilingual labels), Diplomats Corner, Translation studies section, Librarian's Office, Deputy Librarian, Personal Assistant, Seating area, Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) Kiosk machine, Install the RFID enabled Modular Counters, The RFID Corridor system should integrate with Central Visitor logs and analytics, Smart shelf (Right side), New Arrivals (Right side)	RFID @ Corridor of Q4 & Q3 Zone for all users
		Q2	Reading area: Use ergonomic seating with adjustable lighting and charging ports, Comfortable Seating area, Newspapers/Magazines for users, add One Sound proof Group discussion Pod	
		Q1	Nalanda Gallery (Left side) - include a digital heritage wall narrating the legacy of Nalanda's ancient library, Self Drop Box (Entrance-Left) ensure climate and security monitoring, OPAC (Machine) - Right side, Signage for Specially Challenged People - Brailee etc.) and Library staff, Property Counter	
2	1st Floor (Mezanine floor)	Q4	Book Launch Zone, Permanent Book Exhibition: Provide flexible mobile shelving, AV equipments and hybrid events streaming set up, Special Book Corner, Faculty publications, Laptop Reading & Seating area	RFID & Atrium- Free Zone for Public
		Q3	Collection of 17 Partner Countries: Organised by Region or Theme: Prefer compact shelving for uniformity, Diplomats Corner, Translation studies section, Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) Kiosk machine	
		Q2	Reading zone: Provide Individual charging stations, wifi boosters and device lockers, add standing desks or high reading counters for posture varoiations, Library staff, Work station, Competitive examination section, Career development section, Special Book Corner, Book Museum	
		Q1	Research Room for Scholars - Carrels, Seating area for Guests, Dining room, Assistant Librarian(s) and Library Staff	
3	2nd Floor	Q4	Book Shelves (stacking area), Reading area, Assistant Librarian(s) and Library Staff, Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) Kiosk machine	
		Q3	Book Shelves (stacking area), Reading area, Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) Kiosk machine, Library staff	
		Q2	Book Shelves (stacking area), Reading area, Research Corridor, Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) Kiosk machine	
		Q1	Book Shelves (stacking area), Reading area, Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) Self Kiosk machine, Lecture hall (2nos), Library staff	Self Kiosk at Corridor
4	3rd Floor	Q4	Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) Kiosk machine, Assistant Librarian(s) and Library Staff	
		Q3	Digital Library, Research and Reading area, Nalanda Book section, Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) Kiosk machine	
		Q2	Book Shelves (stacking area), Reading area, Library Staff, Coffee table book corner, Self-Check-out (Kiosk), Audio & Video Section, Recording studio (Green room): Lighting effect and Sound proof,	Self Kiosk at Corridor
		Q1	Conference Rom / Lecture hall 2 nos. (Soundproof), Group discussion Room 2 nos. (Sound proof), Library Staff	
5	4th Floor	Q4	Manuscripts & Rare book collections, Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) Kiosk machine, Library staff	
		Q3	Storage of Original manuscripts, Microfilms and Digital collections, Research Reading on Manuscripts	
		Q2	CARC Dissemination room, Discussion Room (1)	

		Q1	Maintenance section, Conservation section, Preservation, Digitization of CARC materials and Archival System, Setting up of Laboratory		
6	5th Floor	Q4	CARC Store room		
		Q3	Library Office and Stores		
		Q2	Library Staff		
		Q1	Research Corner, Discussion Room (Researchers)		
Important Points to be noted as follows:					
			(a) Facilities can be provided for the disabled persons		
			(b) Preferably furniture for books racks may be made up of wooden or partially wooden and steel		
			(c) Requirements of Staircase with good design for Q4, Q3, Q2 and Q1 - (Left & Right sides) of the Ground Floor		
			(d) Lift doors can be of glass to give a different look and feel		
			(e) Maintain temperature and humidity control for preservation control wherever library materials are stored.		
			(f) RFID entry signage and floor directions to be clearly marked for all the quadrants and floor-wise		
General Recommendations:					
	(i) Wayfinding: Implement colour-coded quadrant maps and digital directories. (ii) Accessibility: Ensure compliance with universal design (ramps, lifts, tactile flooring). (iii) Furniture: Use modular, neutral-toned designs for flexible reconfiguration. (iv) Technology: Centralized RFID system, self-check kiosks, and occupancy sensors. Gaming Zone with Nalanda heritage-related library resources, related content embedded in it, AR and VR facilities, etc. (v) Aesthetics: Integrate Nalanda-inspired architectural motifs (brick texture, lotus patterns). (vi) Sustainability: Adopt LED lighting, natural ventilation, and eco-wood furnishings.				