

(PREVIEW)

Indian Standard
**PRACTICE FOR LAYOUT OF
LIBRARY CATALOGUE CODE**

FOREWORD

0.1 This Indian Standard (First Revision) was adopted by the Indian Standards Institution on 4 December 1967, after the draft finalized by the Documentation Sectional Committee had been approved by the Executive Committee.

0.2 Library catalogue is an essential tool for locating documents in a library. Generally, the library catalogue has to be in the language of the locality. There is a great need in India for establishing catalogue codes for the different Indian languages. With the development of library movement, other Asian countries are also on the eve of a similar situation. A general agreement on normative principles, style, and layout would be helpful. Even at the international level, thought is being turned on a comparative study of catalogue codes for arriving at some uniform practice. In this context, the Sectional Committee considered a revision necessary and useful.

0.3 The elements to be included in a catalogue code may be considered to fall into the following five categories:

- a) Essential elements, such as terminology and rendering of names to be included in all codes;
- b) Basic rules applicable to all kinds of documents;
- c) Supplementary rules to cover the more complex kinds of documents, such as a composite book, a multi-volumed book and a periodical publication;
- d) Modification of the basic rules, additional rules or both necessary in preparing lists, such as a union catalogue of books, a union catalogue of periodical publications, a national bibliography, and an abstracting or indexing periodical; and
- e) Supplementary rules to cover documents other than those mentioned above.

1. SCOPE

1.1 This standard specifies the essential elements to be covered by a library catalogue code and recommends a helpful sequence in which they should be given.