



SA to RM unveiling the inauguration stone of the building. Shri SS Murthy Director, DESIDOC, is also seen in the picture.

## DESIDOC MOVES INTO NEW BUILDING

DESIDOC—a self-accounting and independent establishment of DRDO since July 1970 — was partially housed in the monumental building known as Metcalfe House. Uptil now, some technical and administrative divisions of DESIDOC were located in different hutments spread all over the sprawling Metcalfe House campus.

The new building of DESIDOC is located in the campus and has three wings. B-Wing, a single storeyed block, was occupied in April 1986 by the Printing Division and is equipped with phototypesetter and photo-offset machines. Wing-A, a five storeyed structure, houses the Director's office, Computer and Information Processing, Documentation Projects, Training, Translation, Technical Coordination & Works, Reprography, Publications, Stores Management, and

Administration divisions. One and a half floors in A-Wing are occupied by the Institute of Systems Studies and Analyses.

DESIDOC Library, popularly known as Defence Science Library, spread over four floors of B-wing. It has provision for movement of documents and readers from one floor to others within the Library through a 'book-cum-reader lift' in addition to the main lift connecting all the floors of Wings A&B. There is a single entrance-cum-exit gate from the second floor and a helical stair-case from the first floor to the top floor. The Library has separate stacks for books, periodicals, reports, standards and specifications, microforms and display of current periodicals and reference material. Facilities for storage of material in non-conventional media, such as microfiche.

floppies, CD-ROM etc., and microfilm reader/printer facilities are available in the Library. Facilities for viewing video films on science and technology are available in the Library. Provision has been made on selective basis for central air-conditioning for ensuring long life of documents and for the convenience of readers. Xeroxing facilities already exist in the reference and periodicals sections for the convenience of the readers to get copies of the documents

instantaneously. Computer is being used for library functions, such as circulation control, catalogue updating and answering readers' queries. A separate Hindi section within the Library will be operational soon for those interested in reading Hindi literature.

The fifth floor of B-Wing will house video and projection facilities equipped with the latest video and audio equipment.

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Knowledge is proud that he has learned so much ; wisdom is humble that he knows no more.

— William Cowper

Books are good enough in their one way but they are a mighty bloodless substitute for life.

— RL Stevenson