The new Nehru Centre library

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The new Nehru Centre library, inaugurated yesterday by Union minister for agriculture Sharad Pawar, hosts more than 25,000 books on a range of subjects and includes encyclopedias and special collections of the writings of Pandit Jawharlal Nehru and Mahatma Gandhi. This is the latest addition to the upgrades that have taken place since 1977, when the library began with a modest collection of 2,500 books on Indology meant for researchers. Today the library offers a range of up-to-date services in addition to books – a cyber centre, audio visual archives, documentation services, daily indexed articles, scientific journals and of course, magazines and periodicals. The picture shows (from left) Bakul Patel, joint secretary, Nehru Centre, with Sharad Pawar.