4.2 Library as a Learning Resource

4.2.1 Library is automated using Integrated Library Management System (ILMS), Subscription to e-resources, amount spent on purchase of books, journals and per day usage of library

Response:

The library is the heart of the college. The Library situated on the 4th and 5th floor of the building, it has 16000 sq. ft. area. The library has a separate Property Counter, OPAC, Circulation Section, Book Bank Section, Processing Section, Newspaper and Periodicals Section, Reference Room, AV Hall, Internet Room, Book Bank Archives, Teachers Reading Room, Reading Hall, etc.

The College library established in 1971 and it has a rich collection of books and periodicals. The library has collection of 118825 books. The book collection includes Encyclopaedias, Sanskrit Kosh, Dictionaries, Competitive Exam Books, Textbooks, Year Book, Marathi, Hindi, English Literature books, Subject wise reference books, self-motivational books, etc. 104 braille lipi books that includes oxford dictionary volumes are available in the library for visually impaired students. Library has N-List (National Library and Information Services Infrastructure for Scholarly Content) database which is developed by INFLIBNET. Links of N-List are available on the library portal of the college.

The library is automated through integrated Library Management System Soul Software Version 3.0 developed by INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar. Soul LMS has 6 modules these are Acquisition, Catalogue, Circulation, Serial Control, OPAC, and Administration. This software has the following features: UNICODE-based multilingual support for Indian and foreign languages; Client-server based architecture, user-friendly interface that does not require extensive training; Supports multi-platform for a bibliographic database such as My SQL, MS-SQL, or any other RDBMS; Provides the freedom to users for generating reports of their choice and format along with the template and query parameters, etc. OPAC & Web OPAC facility is available in the LMS for the status of a book such as available, issue, location, accession number, title, author, etc. Circulation modules available in the software are used for issue, renewal, and overdue books. Bar code labels are generated through this software using accession register data of books and circulation of books done through the Barcode system.

Library Portal is a simple website that has advanced into digital platforms that support individuals in and academic institutions access information. A library portal is designed by the librarian (library.avc.ac.in) to act as an one stop solution for different services for the user. Information about various services provided by the library is given on the library portal such as Automated Circulation, Article Indexing Service, New Arrivals, Online WebOPAC, Institutional Repository, Reference Service, Periodicals, Newspapers, Internet Service, Online Public Access Catalog (offline), SAF/BC Book Bank, E-Journals Service (NLIST), E-Books Service (NLIST), Braille Books Reading Service (Extension Service), External User Services, and External User Reading Facility. QR codes are also being provided at the notice board so that students can get direct access to information sources and services provided by the library.

The annual college magazine of 'Vartakite' has been available in digital form on the library portal from the academic year 1974-75 to 2018-19. The librarian has developed a mobile app named 'AVCLAP' for Android smartphone users. Through this app, users can search for books and journals, download old exam question papers, and access e-books and e-journals directly from their data-enabled mobiles. The library is equipped with a 12 Mbps broadband internet connection, Wi-Fi, and power backup facilities.

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