Gujarat Arts & Science College Sydenham Library Annual Report - 2016-17

1. About Sydenham Library:

The Sydenham Library was established in 1917 and successfully completed hundred years by 2017. Library plays a vital role in the collection development and dissemination of scientific information. Dwelling on new digital initiatives the Sydenham Library caters to the academic interests of the student and faculty community at the Gujarat Arts and Science College. Sydenham Library provides extensive access to leading Indian and international research journals in electronic as well as printed formats. Library has provided E-Resources through NLIST, INFLIBNET Centre. The library is fully automated with SOUL software. The software facilitates issue -return of books, a webbased catalogue to access the books (OPAC) and reservation of books. Bar-coding system is used to computerize the bibliographic details of the books. The web-based inquiry module of software has been installed so the resource collection can be viewed from outside the campus.

2. Resources

Books: 78298 Periodicals: 33 Online Journals: 6000 E-Books: 96000 Bound Volume: 450 Electronic Media: 20 Audio Books: 200 Newspapers: 06

3. Collection Development and Management:

The books are procured through recommendation by faculty members, and students that are to be approved by HOD and then by Principal. The procured books are accessed using SOUL software. The books are classified, catalogued and shelved (arranged subject wise according to DDC (Dewey Decimal Classification) and alphabetical order is followed. Shelf guides are provided for easy identification of the books from racks. The damaged books due to wear and tear usage are sent for binding as per the requirement.

Further, more damaged books can be written-off following the Weed-out Policy of Government of Gujarat.

	Total No.	Total Expenditure	
Books	289	79193.00	
Periodicals	33	17855.00	

Books and Periodicals Added - with Expenditure (2016-17)

4. Infrastructure:

- 2 steel cupboard, 1 printer, 2 audio system and 200 audio books were added from RUSA Grant.
- Received two new computers, Vacuum cleaner and Braille Printer.
- Sixteen CCTV cameras were installed.

5. Library Services:

In the year 2016-2017 Sydenham Library has started following new services.

• **Braille Corner:** Braille corner facility is introduced for visually challenged students and faculties with 200 audio books, 2 audio systems, Headphone and a Braille printer with computer connectivity.



• Competitive Exam Corner: with the objective to prepare students for various competitive exams like GPSC, UPSC, and many other Govt. exams GASC library has started competitive exam corner with more than 300 books.



Library is currently providing the below mentioned services:

- Document Circulation Service
- Reference Service
- Inter Library Loan Service
- Current Awareness Service
- Computerized Information Search Service
- News Paper Clipping Service
- Document Delivery Service
- Bulletin Board Service
- Reading Service
- Photocopy Service
- Referral Service
- User Orientation and Education
- Remote Login Facility through iproxy
- Ask Librarian

6. Significant initiatives taken by Library :

- Best Library User Award: The Best library user award is started for encouraging student for maximum library usage by awarding arts and science students. In the year 2016-17 at annual price distribution day the following students were awarded with certificate and trophy.
 - 1. Bathvar Vipul Premjibhai (F.Y.BSc, Roll No. 201)
 - 2. Domada Vishnubhai Mandanbhai (T.Y. B.A., Roll No. 60)



7. Library Orientation :

Orientation towards Library Resource Centre was conducted to newly admitted students of B.Sc (First Year) and B.A (First Year) on 30th August, 2016, at Gandhi Hall, Gujarat Arts & Science College to make them introduce with Library Resources, Services, and Activities. It helps them to familiarize with the Library and make their stay more Comfortable, Enjoyable and Informative within the premises.

8. Usage Statistics

The below mentioned are the User (foot print), Issue (Circulation) statistics of 2016-17.

	USER STATISTICS			ISSUE STATISTICS		
Month	Total Users	Working Day	Daily Users	Total Issue/Return	Working Day	Daily Issue/Return
Apr-16	715	22	33	1160	22	53
May-16	64	26	2	560	26	22
Jun-16	307	26	12	1493	26	57
Jul-16	960	25	38	2569	25	103
Aug-16	1820	24	76	2379	24	99
Sep-16	4350	24	181	2214	24	92
Oct-16	2850	23	124	1752	23	76
Nov-16	878	23	38	1066	23	46
Dec-16	1055	25	42	2061	25	82
Jan-17	2160	24	90	1549	24	65
Feb-17	3148	23	137	1748	23	76
Mar-17	2829	25	113	1816	25	73

Total	21136	290	887	20367	290	844
Average	1761	24	74	1697	24	70

9. Other Activities (Extension Activities)

Apart from the above mentioned activities, Sydenham Library had conducted following extension actives for the users. The book display events got a good response from Students, faculty members and staff members.

- Workshop on N-LIST Database for PG Student on 31st May 2016
- Book Display on Hindi Literature, 14th September 2016 (Hindi Divas)
- Books Display on Bhagavad Gita 10th December 2016 (Gita Jayanti)
- Books Display on Swami Vivekananda Jayanti (Happy National Youth Day), 12th January 2017
- Author Interaction Session (Mr. Rahul Shukla) on 22nd February 2017
- Book Display on International Women's Day on 8th March 2017

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