

# GUJARAT ARTS & SCIENCE COLLEGE

## VEER SHAHID VINOD KINARIWALA LIBRARY

### ANNUAL REPORT – 2024-25

#### 1. About Veer Shahid Vinod Kinariwala Library

Library plays a vital role in the collection development and dissemination of scientific information. Dwelling on new digital initiatives the Veer Shahid Vinod Kinariwala Library caters to the academic interests of the student and faculty community at the Gujarat Arts and Science College. The library claims to possess the richest collection of the world's best publication of academic importance comprising a treasure of more than 30,000 rare books. We are constantly in a process of increasing our collection of books further. 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 3.0 software. The software facilitates issue -return of books, a web-based 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: 92202

Periodicals: 35

Online Journals: 13136 + (ONOS)

Bound Volume: 450

Electronic Media: 20

Audio Books: 282

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.

**Books and Periodicals Added – with Expenditure (2024-25)**

	<b>Total No.</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>
<b>Books</b>	1525	364649.50
<b>Gratis Books</b>	124	-
<b>SL Books</b>	312	-
<b>Periodicals</b>	34	30856
<b>N-LIST</b>	13136 +	-
<b>News Paper</b>	6	10260

**4. Library Services:**

Library is currently providing the below mentioned services:

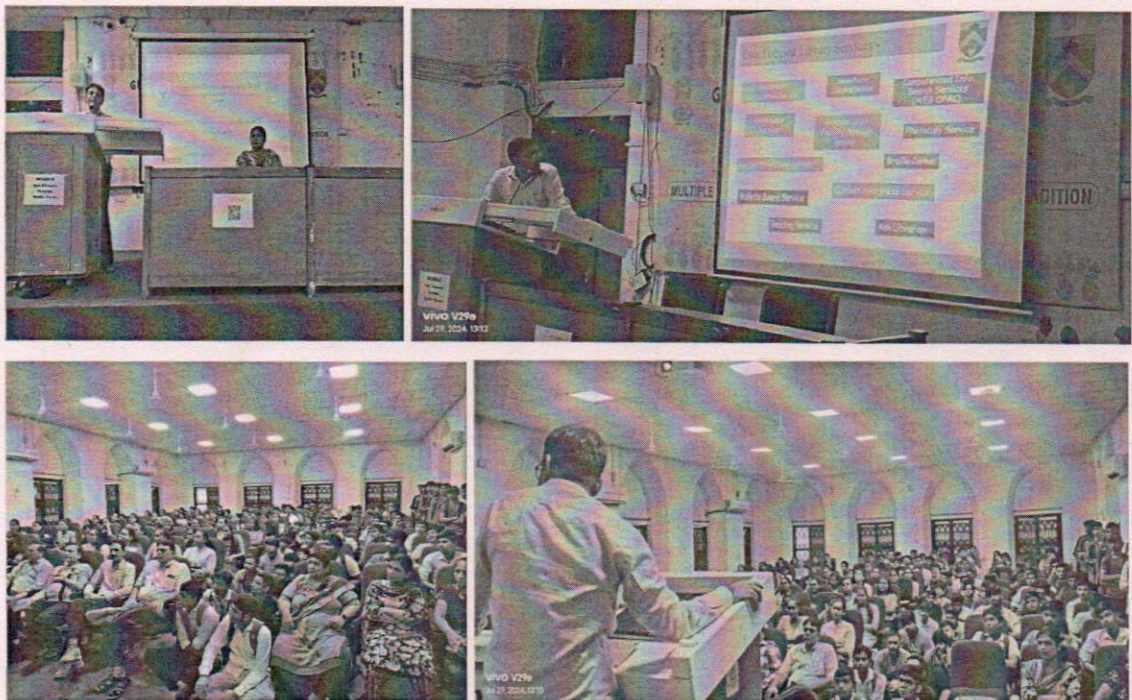
- Document Circulation Service
- Reference Service
- Inter Library Loan Service
- Current Awareness Service
- Computerized Information Search Service
- News Paper Clipping Service
- Document Delivery Service
- Bulletin Board Service
- Reading Service
- Photocopy Service
- Referral Service
- User Orientation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

**5. Library Orientation :**

On July 29, 2024, Veer Shahid Vinod Kinariwala Pustakalay of Gujarat Arts and Science College organized a Library Orientation Program for newly admitted first-year B.Sc. students. The event took place in the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Hall, M-5, Main



Building. Dr. Sandip Patel, the Librarian, began the session with a warm welcome and an overview of the library's resources, services, and the crucial role it plays in supporting academic success. Students were then guided through a virtual tour of the library's key areas including the Reference Section, Reading Room, E-Library, Stock Area, Web-OPAC, and the Circulation Desk. The session also introduced the students to the library catalog system and online databases, explaining how to locate and access academic materials. A Q&A segment encouraged student interaction and clarified their doubts. After the presentation, students visited the library for a hands-on experience, where staff members assisted them in exploring various sections. The program effectively familiarized students with the library and its offerings, preparing them to make the best use of its resources.

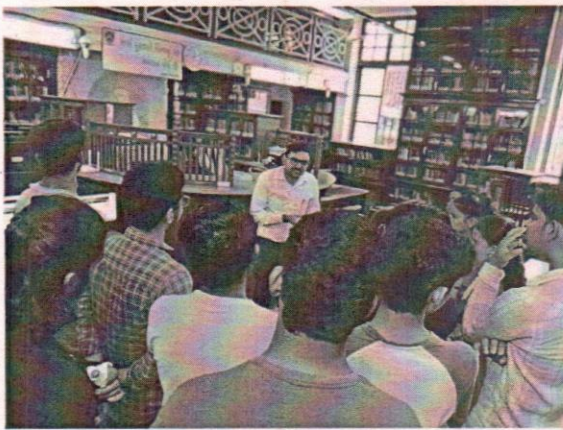


Orientation towards Library was conducted for newly admitted students on 1st August, 2024 for B.A. at main building, sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Hall , Gujarat arts and science college. Library Orientation for the Batch 2024, make them Introduce with Library Resources, Services, Activities & Basic Library & search Skill. It helps them to familiarize with the Library and make their stay more Comfortable, Enjoyable and Informative within the premises.





On September 3, 2024, Veer Shahid Vinod Kinariwala Pustakalay organized a Library Orientation Program for first-year Drama students. Dr. Sandip Patel, Librarian, introduced the library's key resources and services, followed by a virtual tour and hands-on visit to familiarize students with sections like the Reference Area, Reading Room, and E-Library. The session helped students understand how to effectively use library facilities for their academic needs.



#### 6. Stock Verification

Physical verification of the library books has been made in the year 2024-25 from 15/03/2025 to 28/03/2025. The list of the written off books which is not found, entered in the discard register Sr. No. 9583 to 9588.



Particular	No. of Books	Amount
Missing Library Books	03	259.00
Unusable due to age, termite damage, and moisture	03	28.70
<b>Total</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>287.70</b>


## 7. Usage Statistics


The below mentioned are the User (foot print), Issue (Circulation) statistics of 2024-2025.

Month	USER STATISTICS			ISSUE STATISTICS		
	Total Users	Working Day	Daily Users	Total Issue /Return	Working Day	Daily Issue/ Return
Apr-24	750	23	33	2364	23	103
May-24	Election Strong Room					
Jun-24	120	17	7	395	17	23
Jul-24	1784	26	69	2434	26	94
Aug-24	2480	24	103	2599	24	108
Sep-24	3320	23	144	2444	23	106
Oct-24	2800	23	122	1863	23	81
Nov-24	760	12	63	758	12	63
Dec-24	1560	24	65	1676	24	70
Jan-25	2181	26	84	2348	26	90
Feb-25	2091	23	91	1887	23	82
Mar-25	2344	25	94	2262	25	90
<b>Total</b>	<b>20190</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>21030</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>2524</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>2103</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>83</b>

## 8. Library Automation and WEB OPAC:

The automation of all newly purchased and gratis books in the Veer Shahid Vinod Kinariwala Pustakalay during the year 2024-25 was completed in SOUL 3.0 software and all 100% of the books and journals available in the library were kept in the computerized bibliographic database in SOUL software. During the academic 2024-25, all available

  
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books and resource information in the library were disseminated through the Web OPAC service by the librarian. This service is accessible on the library's website, gasclibrary.in, as well as within the college library premises via LAN.

#### 9. Celebration of Premchand Jayanti – 09<sup>th</sup> August 2024

On July 31, 2024, Veer Shahid Vinod Kinariwala Library, in collaboration with the Department of Hindi, organized a special event to celebrate the birth anniversary of the legendary writer Munshi Premchand. The event featured an exhibition of books showcasing his life and literary works, offering readers an opportunity to connect with his rich literary heritage. Additionally, a telefilm based on his classic novel "*Godaan*" and a documentary on his life were screened, highlighting the social and cultural relevance of his writings. The celebration inspired a renewed appreciation and respect for Premchand among literature enthusiasts.



#### 10. Exhibition on the Birth Anniversary of National Poet Zaverchand Meghani – 04<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

On September 4, 2024, Veer Shahid Vinod Kinariwala Library organized a special book exhibition to mark the birth anniversary of the "National Poet" Shri Zaverchand Meghani. The exhibition featured books written by and about Meghani, celebrating his literary contributions. Students from the Gujarati Department, along with faculty members,



students from other departments, and college staff enthusiastically participated in the event, honoring the legacy of this eminent literary figure.



#### 11. Workshop on Library Automation & Digitization – 17th to 21st September 2024.

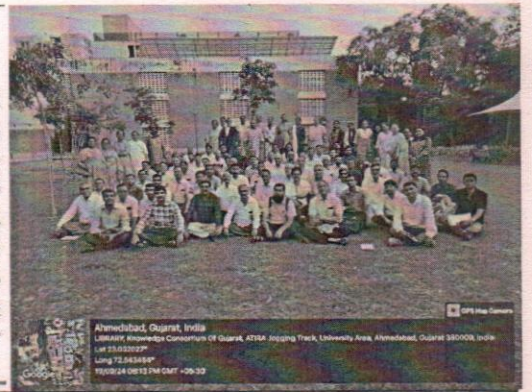
From 17th to 21st September 2024, the Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat (KCG) organized a five-day workshop on “Library Automation & Digitization” at its Pragna Puram campus in Ahmedabad. The workshop aimed to enhance the skills of library professionals by introducing them to modern technologies, automation tools, and digitization processes that are crucial for improving the efficiency and user experience in libraries today. The sessions covered a wide range of topics including Integrated Library Management Systems (ILMS), digital libraries, open-source software for library automation, metadata standards, digitization practices, artificial intelligence, cloud computing, and legal aspects related to Intellectual Property Rights (IPR). Eminent experts such as Dr. Chintan Pandya (MICA), Dr. Yogesh Parekh (Gujarat University), and Dr. Avik Roy (Derozio Memorial College) served as resource persons and shared their knowledge and experiences. Participants received hands-on training during practical sessions, engaged in interactive discussions, and explored real-life case studies showcasing successful library automation initiatives. The workshop was coordinated by **Dr. Sandip Patel, Librarian, Gujarat Arts and Science College, Ahmedabad**, whose effective planning and leadership ensured the smooth execution of the event. With enthusiastic participation from more than 100 library professionals, the workshop proved to be a valuable learning platform. It empowered attendees with practical insights and tools to implement innovative solutions in their respective libraries.



## લાઈબ્રેરી ઓટોમેશન એન્ડ ડિજિટલાઈઝેશન વિષય પર વર્કશોપ

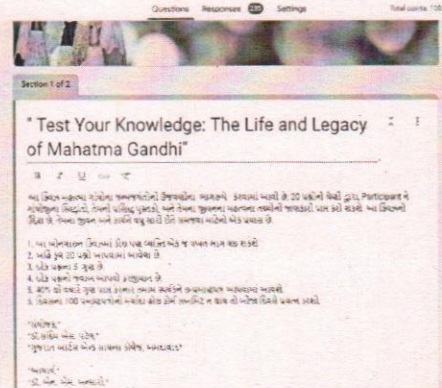


કેસીજી દ્વારા લાઈબ્રેરી ઓટોમેશન એન્ડ ડિજિટલાઈઝેશન વિષય પર એક સપ્તાહના વર્કશોપનું આયોજન કરાયું હતું, જેમાં સરકારી અને પ્રાન્ટ ઈન એઈડ કોલેજના ૧૦૦થી વધુ ગ્રંથપાલ જોડાયા હતા. વર્કશોપમાં લાઈબ્રેરીમાં રહેલા પુસ્તકોનું ડિજિટલાઈઝેશન કરીને વધુ લોકો સુધી તેનો લાભ મળે તે માટેની ચર્ચા કરવામાં આવી હતી.



## 12. Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti Celebration – 01<sup>st</sup> October 2024.

On the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti, Veer Shahid Vinod Kinariwala Library organized a book exhibition and a quiz competition on October 1, 2024. The event focused on various aspects of Gandhiji's life, philosophy, and his efforts toward social reform. College faculty, students, and staff actively participated in the program. Notably, 235 students took part in the quiz, reflecting strong engagement and interest in Gandhian values and teachings.



## 13. Author Talk and Book Review Session – 4<sup>th</sup> January 2025



On 4th January 2025, Veer Shahid Vinod Kinariwala Library hosted a special literary and educational program at Gujarat Arts and Science College. The first session featured a detailed discussion on the study book "*Microbes and You*" by Mr. Chaitanya Zha, Professor of Microbiology. In the second session, renowned author and Professor Mr. Nisarg Ahir shared insights into his novel "*Kaya*", discussing its themes, character development, and social issues. The program was attended by **Principal Pankajkumar B. Solanki** and over **100 faculty members, staff, and students**. The event was anchored by **Prof. Sonya Patel**, ensuring its smooth flow, and a light tea and snacks were served afterward. The Library Committee Chairperson expressed gratitude to all participants, making the event a great success.



#### 14. Book Exhibition on the Occasion of Swami Vivekananda Jayanti – 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025

On the occasion of the 162nd birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, Veer Shahid Vinod Kinariwala Library organized a book exhibition on 13th January 2025 at Gujarat Arts and Science College. The exhibition showcased books based on the life, teachings, and philosophy of Swami Vivekananda. Students, faculty members, and staff participated in the event with great enthusiasm, making it a meaningful tribute to the great spiritual leader.





#### 15. N-LIST Workshop for Faculty Members on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024

On 1st January 2025, the Government of India launched the **One Nation One Subscription (ONOS)** scheme, making over 30 reputed international publishers' research journals accessible to students, faculty, and researchers in centrally and state-funded higher education institutions. The initiative is coordinated by **INFLIBNET**. Under this scheme, **Gujarat Arts and Science College** has been granted access to more than **13,136 e-journals**. The library department created user IDs and passwords for all faculty members and students. Library staff also provided hands-on **training sessions** to students on accessing and utilizing ONOS resources effectively.

#### 16. Visit of Hon'ble Minister Dr. Dhan Singh Rawat – [6<sup>th</sup> March 2025]

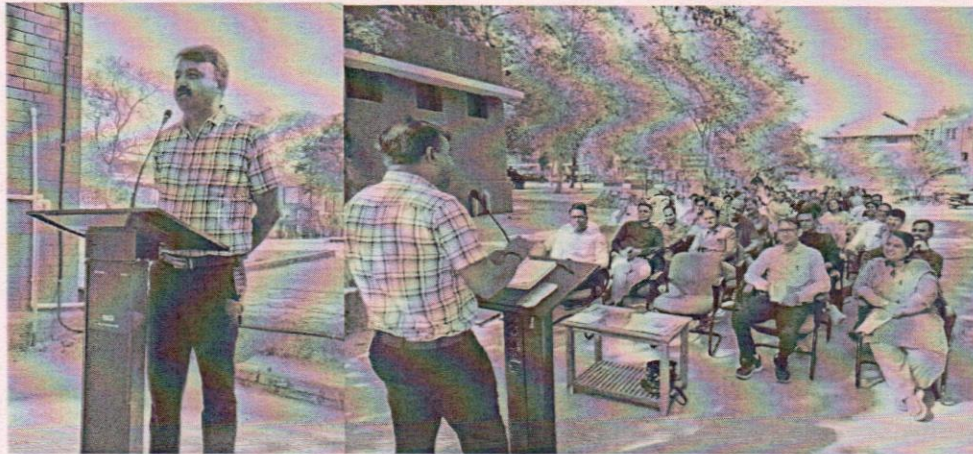
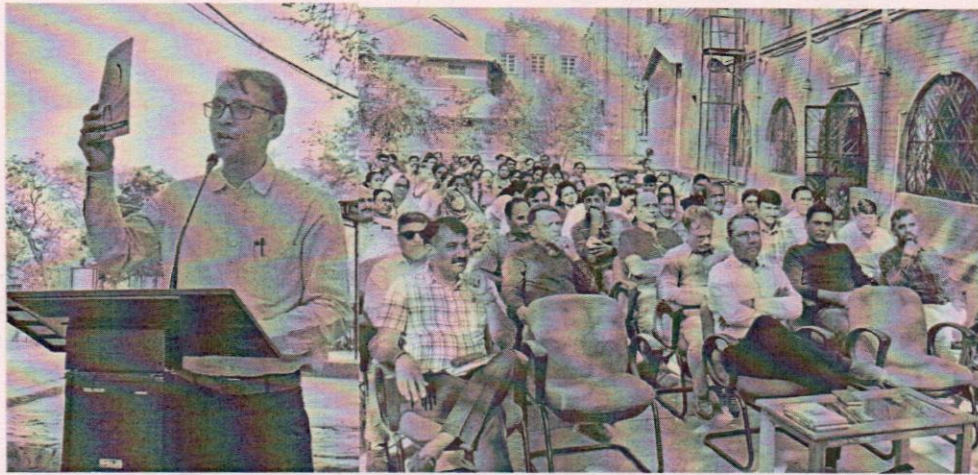
Dr. Dhan Singh Rawat, Hon'ble Minister of Education and Health, Government of Uttarakhand, visited Gujarat Arts and Science College and explored various parts of the campus, including the library, museum, and botanical garden. He appreciated the institution's rich academic and cultural heritage. His insightful discussions on education were both inspiring and encouraging. The college is grateful for his valuable time and visionary inputs.



#### 17. Author Talk and Book Review Session – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2025



Veer Shaheed Vinod Kinariwala Library of Gujarat Arts and Science College, Ahmedabad, organized an engaging Author Talk and Book Review session on 22nd March 2025. The keynote speaker, **Prof. Mahesh Patel** from the Department of Sanskrit and author of *Sanskrit Laukik-Nyaya*, delivered a compelling talk on the fundamentals of Nyaya (logic) and discussed 25 significant Laukik Nyayas in detail. **Prof. K. M. Chavda** presented a thoughtful review of the book, offering valuable academic insights. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from **more than 90 library users**, including students and faculty. The session was held under the leadership of **Principal Dr. Pankaj Solanki**, guided by **Dr. Sandip Patel**, Chairman of the Library Committee, and supported by its members. **Prof. Urmila Bhalsod** anchored the session effectively.



#### 18. Best Library User Award (2024-25):

At Veer Shaheed Vinod Kinariwala Library, the **Best Library User Award** was continued in the academic year 2024–25 to recognize and encourage students who made the most effective use of library resources. Students from both the Arts and Science faculties were selected based on their regular and meaningful engagement with the



library. The awardees were felicitated on **24th April 2025** with **certificates, books, and a shield** as a token of appreciation for their academic dedication and consistent library usage. The award winners were:

- **Krushnkant Jayantibhai Vankar**, T.Y. B.Sc., Roll No. 190
- **Parth Bharatkumar Raval**, T.Y. Drama, Roll No. 11

This initiative continues to inspire students to cultivate regular reading habits and make the most of library resources for academic success.



#### 19. Internship Training at Veer Shaheed Vinod Kinariwala Library

As part of professional development and field exposure, the Veer Shaheed Vinod Kinariwala Library provided **internship training** to students of Bachelor and Master of Library and Information Science during the academic year 2024–25. The following students successfully completed their internship at the library:

- **Ms. Amin Hinal D.**, M.L.I.Sc. Student, Gujarat Vidyapith (9th January 2025 to 18th January 2025)
- **Desai Harsh Chelabhai**, B.L.I.Sc. Student, Gujarat University (1st May 2024 to 31st May 2024)
- **Ms. Ravat Divyakumari Shri Hirasingh**, B.L.I.Sc. Student, Gujarat University (18th May 2024 to 17th June 2024)
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#### 20. Web OPAC and Website Updates

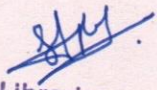
During the academic year 2024–25, the Veer Shaheed Vinod Kinariwala Library made information about all available books and resources accessible through **Web OPAC**, which is available on the library's official website [www.gasclibrary.in](http://www.gasclibrary.in) as well as




through the college's **Local Area Network (LAN)**. In addition, the **library department** updated both the college website ([gasc.gujarat.gov.in](http://gasc.gujarat.gov.in)) and the library website ([gasclibrary.in](http://gasclibrary.in)) to ensure users receive accurate, useful, and up-to-date information in a more modern and user-friendly format.

#### **Library Staff:**

- From 17th to 21st September 2024, a workshop on “Library Automation & Digitization” at KCG, Ahmedabad, was successfully coordinated by Dr. Sandip Patel, Librarian, Gujarat Arts and Science College. His leadership ensured smooth and impactful execution of the event.
- Dr. Sandip Patel has contributed his services as a committee member in the Divyang Bharti Samiti, constituted by the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education, Gujarat. His involvement reflects his commitment to inclusive education and institutional development.
- During the academic year 2024–25, Dr. Sandip Patel made significant contributions to various administrative and academic activities of the college. He actively participated in college administration, admission processes, university examinations, and co-curricular initiatives. Additionally, he rendered his services in multiple institutional committees including the Library Committee, RUSA, Finishing School, NAAC, Karmyogi, Divyang Setu, Equal Opportunity Cell (EOC), and COGENT-ETRP, while also serving as the Student Liaison Officer.
- Throughout the year, under the guidance of the Principal, Dr. Patel diligently followed up on official college emails, ensuring timely communication and coordination with college staff and committees. He also played a pivotal role in supporting the Principal in providing timely data and reports to government authorities. Furthermore, Dr. Patel efficiently handled tasks related to the COGENT Principal Module and served as the NPS Admin Account Operator for the college, discharging all responsibilities to satisfaction.

  
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