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4.2 Library as a Learning Resource

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

Response:

Library as a Learning Resource

The library boasts an extensive collection of books, journals, magazines, and periodicals, serving as a central hub for knowledge resources. Students and faculty frequently use the library's in-house software to search for books by title, author, and other criteria. A dedicated reading room is available for both teachers and students, providing a quiet space for study. Additionally, the library offers an online platform, providing access to e-books and e-journal subscriptions for remote users. The library is a large, comprehensive resource that supports the learning process with 24/7 internet access for both students and employees. It offers a collection of over 11,900 textbooks, reference books, national (13) and international journals (6), magazines (2), periodicals, and other reading materials, all accessible online. The library utilizes an Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) system, allowing users to easily search for resources. Additionally, all books are barcoded, and data entry is maintained to ensure easy tracking and accessibility for users. The library is equipped with advanced library software to help students easily request and return books, ensuring smooth and efficient service. This system is designed to enhance students' access to up-to-date information. With seating for over 100 students, the library also offers 8 computer terminals with the latest software packages and high-speed internet access. Students can take advantage of free internet and download services. Additionally, a book-bank facility is available for students, and the National Digital Library (NDL) provides access to over 388 online journals and other e-resources through library subscriptions. Students also enjoy free access to The library spans 202.86 square meters and is designed with separate sections for issue returns, reading, reference, and e-books. Students have free access to select books for study or reference purposes, and to assist with GPAT preparation, each student is allowed to borrow a maximum of two books. The library also encourages donations of old, used books from employees, students, and alumni, promoting a spirit of giving within the community.




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To ensure smooth operations, an Integrated Library Management System (ILMS) is in place for tasks such as accessioning, issue returns, data production, and stock verification. The library also has a committee that operates based on yearly suggestions to improve its functioning. Over 51 lakh rupees have been invested by the institute in books and journals for the library's collection.

To better understand user needs, footfall analysis is employed, helping determine if there is a demand for extended hours, new books, or additional services. Security features, including CCTV cameras, fire extinguishers, and notice boards, ensure the safety and well-being of users. This proactive approach helps maintain a high-quality, efficient library experience for all users.




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