

# SHIVAJI SHIKSHAN SANSTHA, MUMBAI

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Library is automated with digital facilities using Integrated Library Management System (ILMS), adequate subscriptions to e-resources and journals are made. The library is optimally used by the faculty and students.

#### Response:

Our library, located in room 303 on the 3rd floor, spans an area of 629 square feet and serves as a vital resource centre for both faculty and students. It is equipped with an Integrated Library Management System (ILMS), which automates many library functions to enhance operational efficiency and user experience. This system facilitates various tasks such as cataloging, circulation, and inventory management, making it easier for users to access and manage library resources.

Despite these advancements, the library faces certain limitations due to its operating hours. The college library transactions of books are done only for 4.00 hours i.e. 5.30 pm to 8.30pm in the evening, which restricts the library's availability and affects the feasibility of offering extensive online services. During these limited hours, the library's physical resources and services are crucial, as there is no provision for an automated online system to extend its reach beyond these times.

To address these operational constraints and optimize library usage, the college has established several committees, including the Library Advisory Committee. This committee, comprising the Principal, the librarian, faculty members, and student representatives, plays a crucial role in overseeing library operations and making strategic decisions. The inclusion of diverse stakeholders ensures that the library's resources and services are tailored to meet the needs of its users effectively.

The Library Advisory Committee is instrumental in addressing challenges and making recommendations for improvements. It evaluates the adequacy of current resources, assesses the integration of new technologies, and helps in formulating policies that enhance the library's functionality. This collaborative approach ensures that the library remains a dynamic and responsive resource centre despite the constraints imposed by limited operating hours.

The library's physical space is also equipped with two computers for student use, each connected to the internet with a high-speed connection of 100 Mbps. These computers provide essential access to online resources, enabling students to conduct research and complete assignments efficiently during the library's operational hours.

Furthermore, the library's collection includes a total of 5,029 books, categorized into 4,074 textbooks from various authors, 153 reference books, and 150 magazines. Additionally, the library subscribes to two daily newspapers, Competitive exams periodicals providing users with access to current events and broader general knowledge.

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In summary, while the library benefits from modern automation through the ILMS and a well-curated collection of digital and print resources, its limited operating hours present challenges to maximizing its reach. The proactive role of the Library Advisory Committee and the availability of internet-connected computers are key factors in ensuring that the library continues to serve the academic community effectively. Through these efforts, the library remains a vital resource for both faculty and students, supporting their educational and research needs.