

Library Report 2013-14

A Library is the soul of any educational institution. The curriculum and teaching methods in Pragati College of Arts & Commerce require both intensive and extensive use of the materials in the library. Keeping in view its essential role, the library is being constantly enriched by the acquisition of latest books and journals. This helps the library to keep in pace with changing times and to further the advancement of the academic endeavors of the college.

At present the library has more than 28680 books & 71 Journals/Magazines and 11 Newspapers. Besides books & Journals the library has 186 CDs/DVDs & Charts. During this academic year the total collection of the library books reached to 28687. This year 3104 books of worth more than Rs. 6, 00,000/- are added from all the sections including Undergraduate, PG & Junior College. Apart from this there are 10 PCs for Students & 1 PC for teaching staff with internet connection got added in the library.

The Library has renewed the membership of INFLIBNET's N-LIST Program & British Council Library (BCL), Mumbai. Library now also has registered for Institutional Membership of Insurance Institute of India, Mumbai. Under privilege we get access to premium collection of books includes publications of International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Bank, Witherby Publishers, Lloyds of London & Publications of eminent International Institute such as Chartered Insurance Institute (CII) London, American Institute for Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters (AICPCU), etc.

During this year due to failure of Library Software – Libsuite library has switched over to new library management software – SLIM 21 developed by Algorithm Consultancy, Pune. Under privilege students & staff are facilitate with WebOPAC.

In this academic year Library has arranged many programs such as Book exhibition & Photo display of life-journey of Mahatma Gandhiji & Lal Bahadur Shastriji then Poster display on RTI(Right to Information Act) , Display of Reference Books etc. The Library has also started the 'Centre for Competitive Examinations'. Under which students are facilitate with books on various competitive exams such as UPSC, MPSC, Banking Exams, Railway Exams etc. This facility is extended to our current as well as Ex-students also.

The library has initiated own 'Library Blog' which showcases the happenings in the library. The Librarian has developed Information Portal for students which contain web addresses of important websites, Govt. & Professional bodies, etc. Library blog & Information Portal both are linked on College website.

On 6th – 8th February, 2014 college has undergone NAAC Re-accreditation in which library got positive feedback & appreciation from NAAC Peer Team. For this success I extend my deepest gratitude to Management, Principal Sir, all my teaching & non-teachings colleague to their co-operation & constant motivation.

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