

BEST PRACTICE: READER APPROACHABLE DIGITIZED LIBRARY

1 Title of the Practice: READER APPROACHABLE DIGITIZED LIBRARY

2. The context that require the initiation of the Practice

It is rightly said, "Toady a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader". The future of any Nation is in the hands young generation. Youth without reading habit is like body without soul. It is inevitable need for today's students to update themselves for knowledge, information, current affairs and global news. Library plays a pivotal role in imparting people with reliable content. A library is a very useful platform that brings together people willing to acquire knowledge. It helps the students in expanding their knowledge in all spears of academic fields. The students can develop their reading habits from a library and satisfy the thirst and curiosity for enhancing knowledge. This helps in the personal growth of students too. Additionally, good readers can inspire others for reading habits.

3. Objective of the practice.

- To develop the reading culture amongst the students
- To provide authentic and reliable content for knowledge enhancement
- To offer employment opportunities
- To encourage and promote of expanding information
- To train students for brainstorming reading practices

4. The Practice:

By inculcating the above mentioned objectives, the institution offers the students one of the richest central library facilities with fully computerized, digitized and easy access system. It has capacity of common air-conditioned with Wi-Fi reading hall containing 100 seats and separate cubicles. Apart from a big common reading-hall, the library also houses 10 cubicles for special studies; these cubicles are provided with desk for study of reference books and proceedings required for project work and home assignments. The following are the measures of **READER APPROACHABLE DIGITIZED LIBRARY**:

1) Online Catalogue Search- Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC):

For easy book access, the library has own online catalogue named as **Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC)**. Any students can search available and issued book from the online catalogue. Along with, students can review the Book Cover page and Book index form the online catalogue.

2) Document Delivery Services (DDS):

The librarian helps the students to issue the books online thorough Document Delivery Services. While searching the Books with **OPAC**, interested students can keep Book issue demand online and librarian will make available to the respective students.

3) Manage My Library Account:

Every Library user can access their library account Online. Library users can renew their account as well can renew the borrowed books. Every library user can calculate their library usage online.

4) INFLIBNET N-LIST (National Library and Information Services infrastructure for scholarly content): This is specially provided to all the students for accessing e-resources online from all colleges in India.

5) Institutional Digital Repository :

The college library provides online source for Previous Internal and External examination papers as well study material also. The students can easily download the same and utilize for preparation reference.

6) Open Access Resources:

All Open Access Resources like Courseware and learning resources, virtual laboratories, open access e-books, open access E-journal are linked on Online Library Homepage for user friendly approach.

7) New Arrivals:

New Arrivals for Books, Magazines and Journals are made by displaying on Online Library Homepage. This helps students to have keen interest for reading.

8) Declaration for Best Library Users of the Month/Year:

At the end of every Month, the library declares the best 5 reader on the Home page of Online and physical library with minute reading details for the users. Moreover, the College awards the Best Library Raeder Award. This keeps motivating other students for inclination towards usages of Library

9) Library Orientation Programme for New Admitted students:

Every year, Librarian organizes a Library orientation Programme at beginning of the new Academic year for new admitted students. The students are acquainted for all kinds of Online and Physical library resources.

5. Obstacles faced if any and strategies adopted to overcome them (150-200 words)

Obstacles faced:

- 1) Difficulties for promoting library habits
- 2) Challenges for promoting the progress of the knowledge
- 3) Inadequacy of the student develop multidisciplinary reading approach

Strategies adopted to overcome Difficulties:

- 1) **Difficulties for promoting library habits-** The College Library analyses and declares the 5 Best Library users at every Month end on Library Homepage. This practice helps students to utilize library more.
- 2) **Challenges for promoting the progress of the knowledge-** Along with Syllabus oriented Books and Material, The College library uploads Study materials, Internal and Exam papers on Online Library. This provides assistance to the students for enhancing their academic progress.
- 3) **Inadequacy of the student develops multidisciplinary reading approach-** commonly, Students, while vising the library, read their syllabus oriented references. To develop multidisciplinary reading approach amongst the students, the college library displays “New Arrival” on online college library which may attract students to read further literature too.

6. Impact of the Practice (100-120 words)

The College digitalized library and user friendly library stimulated the decent reading culture amongst library users. The following are the noteworthy Impact of the continual practice:

- 1) The Automated Library impart motivation to the library users for satisfying reading thrust
- 2) The concept of Digitized library provided instant access of educational content promptly to all students. Digital library is accessible anywhere and at any moment using a simple technological device, such as a PC, a tablet or even a smartphone. This means students can issue and review online books, magazines and journals.
- 3) The library users' started to access their account online. It helps to save their time and energy. It provides easier information retrieval.
- 4) Best library user declaration motivates other student to use library more.
- 5) A digital library provides the students with the convenience of learning at their own comfort and time.

7. Resources Available:

1. **Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) Online Catalogue**
2. **INFLIBNET N-LIST (National Library and Information Services infrastructure for scholarly content)**
3. **Wi-Fi and Air-conditioned Reading Hall**
4. **Document Delivery Services (DDS):**
5. **Online Manage My Library Account facility**
6. **Open Access Resources**
7. **New Arrivals display**
8. **Institutional Digital Repository**
9. **Rare Section**