



### BEST PRACTICES IN ACADEMIC LIBRARIES WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO RAJARSHI SHAHU MAHAVIDYALAYA, LATUR

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## ABSTRACT

*Libraries are the sources of information and libraries play an important role in dissemination of information and libraries play an important role in dissemination of information and knowledge. This is an era where changes are taking place. So rapidly in all spheres of life, with the advent of new technologies in the field of information technology and telecommunication considerable changes have also taken in education and so every field with the development of ICT and other technology the concept of library changed. Now a day's libraries are acquiring processing and disseminating information in electronic and digital forms. Library is known as electronic library, Digital library, Virtual library. Polymedia libraries, knowledge resource centre etc. it has drastically influenced their functions and services.*

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### INTRODUCTION

There is a vast difference between the today's education system and ancient education system. Today most of the students are taking education only for fulfilling their basic needs as motion by Prof. Abraham Maslow. Some students also learn for the other needs stated by Abraham Maslow. Like safety needs security needs and self esteem needs and rare students are learning for self actualization needs most of the higher education spend most of their time behind theoretical teaching and they neglect the practical aspects of teaching and learning.

The university grants commission established in November 1956 as a statutory body of the government of India. Through an Act of parliament has the unique distinction being the only grant giving agency in the country. Which has main two responsibilities that providing Funds

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and that of co-ordination, determination and maintenance of standards in institutions of higher education. To Monitor standards of the higher educational institutions, the U.G.C. has established the National Assessment and Accreditation council (NAAC) has been instilling a momentum of quality consciousness. Amongst higher educational institutions for contagious improvement recognizing the importance of quality improvement U.G.C. directed establish IQAC cell.

Library traditionally know as a building for keeping collection of reading materials, now emerging technologies have opened up logical ways of creating organizing, storing and providing information, libraries are trying to prove their existence in better way. The development of sophisticated online catalogue (OPAC) with radio frequency Technology. (RFID) with Radio Frequency Technology (RFID) allow users to find out exact location of document and whether or not a book has been issued and if document is unavailable in libraries. To deliver information faster to its clients with their specific subject fields, libraries are now developing databases of their users and their users needs with their availability of information in their stock. When now arrivals come in the library stock user use to match the information need with information availability and forwarded to user.

### **How libraries change it natures in Information & Communication Technology Era**

1. Libraries can serve better for serious information and knowledge seeker where every piece of information can be gained from Google.
2. Libraries can serve themselves as a place for enhancements of qualitative research and learning process, not for replacement, when increasingly it is happening in a virtual real that researchers accessing resources outside the library.
3. Libraries can provide effective relevents archival services of both digital and physical collection.

### **Social Web Tools in library service**

Libraries are fundamentally a social institutions, social networking services has become a major issue. Within libraries, libraries are becoming social cyberspace where wer can acceses, share, tweet, like resources on the social environment. This is because the modern library of the 21 the century is characterized with collective knowledge creation and interactive technologies. The two way communicational interactive environment enables users to use blogs, wikis, RSS, aggregator feed to provide feedback and comments. Social networking services for collaboration aspects which deals with collaborative partnerships. The partners in library collaboration and the types of work. A number of librarian have suggested that facebook could be a feasible way to deliver library services.



### **Rajarshi Shahu College, Library.**

The library is fully automated by using the interated library management system soul (Software for University Library.) All Library operations, which include generation of register, stock maintenance, exchange of books, barcoding, user records of library resources etc. are done through items.

With the help of OPAC user can retrieveve books by author, title, publisher, accessories No. books by author, title, publisher, Accession No, Call No., free text search and books operator and can also generate user data.

### **E-Granthalay :**

In addition to SOUL, E-Granthlaya open source software is being used for house keeping records of books which are transferred to department library.

### **IT Infrastructure :**

The IT infrastructure for library for library includes two server, 20 desk top computer, scanner, printers, color printers, bar coding machine, internet connectivity having 2 mbps band with Wi-fi, CCTV, cameras and digital notice board.

### **Physical Facilities in college Library :**

Library has a separate three stored building having a total built-up area 13500 sa feet. Ground floor includes librarian's office, server room, Main Stock, processing unit, circulation section with OPAC, the first floor consist of reading room for girls which can accommodated 150 a time, circulation section, references section, reading room for teachers and research scholars. Computer lab, the second floor consist of reading hall for boys which can accommodated 350 students at a time. The library remains open from 8.00 am to 11.00 pm in all the days.

The library facilities include RO drinking water, UPS, generator, inverter, five extinguisher, first aid box etc.

The library has 2,30,086 books including text books, reference books, rave books, manuscripts, Audio books, and Brail books, etc. subscribed 156 periodicals and journals membership of N-List and delnet for E-books and E-journals .



### ICT Application in Library :

- Library has 2 servers and 31 nodes.
- Well equipped computer lab with broadband internet facility.
- Bar-code technology
- Closed Circuit T.V. with DVR.
- OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue)
- Biometric Attendance System for students and faculty
- DELNET
- N – List
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
- Preservation and Security System :
- Thirty magazines for competitive examination
- Book Exhibition.
- Suggestion Box.
- First Aid Box.
- Drink water and toilet facility in library building.
- Students demand register
- User orientation and staff training programme.
- Career employment information guidance.
- Inclusion of adequate information about library in college prospectus.
- Extra power backup ups, inverter and generator
- Individual user ID and password for online information sources
- Special membership for external students for various competitive exams.
- Membership for retired staff and institutional members.

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