

LIBRARY REPORT



Librarian: Mr. Santosh Patil

“Those who judge will never understand and those who understand will never judge.” -Gautama Buddha

The college library has been the resource center for students, teachers, and researchers. It plays a vital role in teaching, learning, and research. Nowadays we witness that information technology has transformed the packaging, processing, storing, and dissemination of information. It has made a great influence on the information-seeking patterns of students and teachers. Every user wants information at a click of a button. No library can afford to lag behind in such a rapidly changing educational environment.

To meet the changing needs of readers, our college library expanded its efforts to bring in a cybernetic setup to provide access to its readers by subscribing to major online databases and online peer-reviewed journals to keep pace with changing environment and concomitant demand for quick access to information sources by users. We produced library holdings metadata and provided online reference services. The college library began digitizing in-house materials such as question papers, faculty research publications, and newspaper clippings, among other things. The database is accessible via the college's website, <http://rapodar.ac.in/library.php>, under the headline 'Podar Digital Archive.'

New additions during the year: This year, the college library added 856 books and subscribed to 54 (National and International) Journals and 05 online databases.

Library also renewed its subscription to INFLIBNET's NLIST to support research in the college.

Total Collection of the Library

Books	76222	Thesis	14
Periodicals	54	CDs	1600
Online Journals	12000	Audio Cassettes	61
Online Databases	04	Video Tapes	45
N-LIST e-books	5,,99,000	Maps	211

Library Services: Along with the Book Bank facility, the College library also renders other services like Home reading, Reference, Documentation, Photocopying, Bibliography, Interlibrary Loan, Current Awareness Service, and Internet surfing. The library also conducted training for teachers and students for hands-on Practice on online Databases, e-Journals, Online Public Access Catalogue, etc.

Upgradation of Library Racks under RUSA Grants: This year College library has purchased 42 steel racks with sliding doors under the RUSA (Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan) Grants sanctioned for 'Enhancing quality and infrastructure of select autonomous colleges. The total cost of the racks is Rs 13 lakhs. These closed-door racks will help us to protect the rare collection of the library as these volumes are out of print and a very important source of information.

Upgradation of SLIM21 to iSLIM under RUSA Grants: This year college library has upgraded its existing library s/w SLIM21 with iSLIM which is a completely online cloud-based interface. This online portal would benefit library users with 24 x 7 days of free access to the library's holding. The College library has been using the present library software for more than 19 years. The library has already been fully computerised with all major modules namely Acquisition, Cataloguing, Circulation, and Serial Control. OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue). OPAC is available online. Almost all transactions are made through computerised operations.

Creation of Video Conferencing Room under RUSA Grants: We have created a Video Conferencing Room after following the due course of procedure under the financial support of RUSA under component 8. This facility has been created to enable our teachers and students to create digital content and arrange for online meetings and other activities. The total cost for the same comes to Rs 15 lakhs.

Book Bank Scheme: The sets of books are given under both the schemes, the University of Mumbai Book bank Scheme, and the College Book Bank scheme.

Best Reader Award: The 'Best Reader of the Year' 2021-22 was given to the following two students, who were selected by the Library Advisory Committee members in its meeting on January 23, 2023.

1. **Ms. Tanaya Vikas Kambli** : T.Y.B.M.S. – 1st Prize

2. **Ms. Mukti Mahesh Satra** : S. Y. J. C. .– 2nd Prize

Library Advisory Committee:

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| 1. | Dr. (Mrs.) Shobhana Vasudevan (Principal) | : President |
| 2. | Mrs. Manjusha Sawant | : Chairperson |
| 3. | Mr. Santosh Patil (Librarian) | : Secretary |
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| 8. | Mrs. Sudarshana Saikia | : Member |
| 9. | Mrs. Divya Lalwani (SFP Coordinator) | : Member |

“Knowledge speaks, but wisdom listens.”