

The Sharda University (SU) Library System consists of a central Library called *Swami Vivekananda Library* and various school libraries including Medical, Law, Architecture, and Dental etc. The SU Library System serves its academic community (students, faculty, and research scholars of different academic programs offered by the University) and SU Alumni. Our academic community shows keen interest in utilizing the physical and electronic resources on regular basis.

All school libraries at Sharda University are automated since 2013. Establishment of Central Library, namely, “Swami Vivekananda Library” has been completed in November 2020. ICT – enabled services such as KOHA, RFID Technologies, Electro-Magnetic Tapes, Online Public Access Catalogue, Self- Service Check Out System etc. have been put in place and consequently the Central Library became the favorite academic destination for the University Students.

Details of Library Automation:

The Integrated Library Management System (ILMS), namely KOHA, is an open source software, developed by Katipo Communications, New Zealand. It is a web-based system, with a SQL database and has been integrated with the University ERP, and PeopleSoft. This ILMS has modules for Acquisition, Circulation, Cataloging, Serials Management, Authority File Generation, Flexible Reporting, Label Printing, Multi-Format Notices, Offline Circulation Facility when there is Internet outage. Central Library, and all Council based departments are having their libraries as well.

Various modules of KOHA such as; Administration, OPAC circulation, Patrons, Advanced search, List, authorities, Cataloging, Acquisition, Serials, Reports, Tools, etc., are being used extensively for providing automated library and information services to library users. It has become possible to automate the collection development and retrieval of the available physical collection of books such as; textbooks, reference, and ancient books, journals including CDs/DVDs. It is possible to design the user interface (Using KOHA) that is adaptable with functioning of the library such as; cataloguing, searching, patron management, acquisition and circulation of books, Management of Library Fines, etc.

Physical Infrastructure: The SU Libraries are stocked with over 1.43 lakh books, 205535 e-books and 28396 titles of print and e-journals. Subscription of magazines, periodicals, national and international journals, covering all aspects of academic studies and research materials has been made. 26790 e-journals are available under the subscribed e-resources of the University. Swami Vivekananda Library, the Central Library, is having an area of 3262 sq. meters at two

floors. The overall seating capacity is 650 at a time with a cloak room facility, ten discussion rooms, Board Room, and 24x7 Reading Room. The four computer laboratories facilitate access its e-resources with all in-one i5 Systems. The library is fully automated; Wi-Fi enabled, Flap Barriers Gate System for ID verification, library RFID management system for self-issue and return of books, security and intelligence. Using ICT, the Library has introduced High Impact Practices (HIP) to enhance library access by faculty, students and other learners.

Online Resources: All library users have access to various e-resources and online databases such as EBSCO Host, Emerald Case Studies, ProQuest, SCC Online with Hein Online Platinum, JSTOR, CMIE, DVL, IEEE, Springer, Indian Journal.com etc. Access to e-journals, databases, etc. is provided through University Library Webpage. All e-resources are accessible locally as well as remotely for our library users. In addition to the subscribed Databases, Millions of electronic documents are available on the Library website under the Open Access Resources category.

The Library has digitization facility for printing, scanning materials of lasting value such as, rare and out of print books, Ph.D. theses and PG dissertations. The publications of the faculty and other in-house publications have also been digitized. The Library has also soft copies of the question papers of previous years of all Schools which can be accessed through institutional repository.

Reference books and rare books: The University Library has a collection of rare books, both in soft and hard form, dating back to 1901. Most of the rare books are in Sanskrit and English. Some of the titles are Plato, Sankshipt Mahabharat, Prachin Charittrakosh, Maharashtriya Dynankosh, Hindu Dharma Shikshan, and Epigraphia Indica. The Central Library also has Rare books covering subjects such as Mathematics, Astronomy, Siddha, Ayurveda, Unani, Veda, Agama, Architecture, Music, Sculpture, Fine Arts, History, Grammar, Literature etc. The Library also has an extensive collection of reference sources like Encyclopedia Britannica, Dictionaries, Biographies, and Atlas etc. In addition, the Library has encyclopedia and dictionaries like Itihas Shastra Kosh, Manasshastra Kosh, Arthashastra Kosh, Aitihasic ShabdKosh, Sarita Kosh, etc.

Quick Facts

- 1.43 lakh Print volumes(Books)
- 2,05,535 e-books
- 28,396 e- Journals
- 18 Electronic Databases

- One Institutional Membership
- More than 1.5 Lakh physical visits of the library system annually (all school libraries)
- Approximately one million online access of E-Resources via. Library website
- Regular interaction between library team and student community
- Programs and events for inculcating reading habits