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**Academic Libraries in Transition: Current Trends and Future of D. P. Bhosale College Library****Mr. Shingade Dnyaneshwar Ishwar**

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**Abstract:**

Academic libraries are in transition because of changes in the context of higher education. Changes in the world of information are even more radical: the displacement of paper, the primacy of the search engine, the emergence of the digital lifestyle, and innovative patterns of scholarly communication. Decreasing reliance on local collections is transforming the library as a physical destination. Traditional measures of library success have begun to be replaced. Given the superiority of other information professionals' data management skills, the role of academic librarians will shift toward the enablement of learning. This environment of upheaval will pose both opportunities and challenges for academic librarians.

**Keywords:** Academic Libraries, Current trends future of Academic library, transition Innovative Services, Best Practices, Discovery Tools, RFID,.

**About the College:** Our D. P. Bhosale College, Koregaon is an educational institute imparting education in rural area affiliated to Shivaji University, Kolhapur. It was established in 1968 with Arts, Science, Commerce, BCA and B. Voc. faculties in the initial stage at the graduation. The inspiration for inception of this college came from Hon. Y. B. Chavan former, Chief Minister of Maharashtra and Deputy Prime Minister of India, Hon. Dadasaheb Jagtap and Hon. Dhondoji Patloji Bhosale. The college is renamed after D. P. Bhosale who was generous and donated a large amount of money for the all the students. For further development this college was handed over to Rayat Shikshan Sanstha's, Satara. In last few years, this college has grown up with various new academic courses including post graduation. The college has strong infrastructure like academic wing, Science wing, Library building, indoor Sports Complex, ladies Hostel, Support service building, Canteen and spacious play ground with standard 400 meter running track. The college has a very good tradition of organization of zonal and inter-Zonal sports competitions and university level events. Website of College: <http://dpbck.in/index.jsp>

**About Library:** Our Library is establishment in June 1968; our library has become the "heart of the campus". The library aims to fulfill all kinds of educational, informational and recreational needs of the students, teachers, researchers and other users by providing them with variety of services. It has wide range of books, journals, audio-visual aids and e-resources.

The library has a collection of 53,125 reference books and text books. Apart from these the library has a collection of projects, theses, reports etc. It subscribes about 40 National and International journals, magazines of various disciplines and 08 daily newspapers of state and national level both in Marathi and English. The library provides 31, 35,000+ e-books, and 6,000+ e-journals through N-LIST INFLIBNET. It provides individual user name and its password for making use of e-resources on N-LIST INFLIBNET. There is a Library Advisory Committee. It reviews the requirements of the users and gives proper suggestions to run the library smoothly. The college has undertaken computerization of library with the help of NIC's e-Granthalaya: A Digital Agenda for Library Automation and Networking is an Integrated Library Management Software from National Informatics Centre (NIC). The OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue) is available in the library to browse the books. Library is using the user tracking system software for the counting of the users.

Due to the impact of Information and Communication Technology (ICT), there has been a paradigm shift in the library services and the roles of information professionals. Librarians' role has been changed from information provider to facilitator of information, transition from print to

electronic media; users have become 'Active Users' than 'Passive Users'. Emphasis in the libraries has been on 'access' instead of 'acquisition', 'team work' rather than 'individual contribution', solitary environment to networked environment. Hence, the present study attempts to highlight the current developments in academic libraries in order to tune with the changing information industry and requirements of the user community. Academic libraries are among the best developed libraries, and they can play a great role in services for the users.

#### **BEST PRACTICES TO PROVIDE INNOVATIVE SERVICES:**

The library is always taking initiatives to give services to users.

- ✚ **Needy Students:** Library giving extra books to needy students as per their needs.
- ✚ **Best Library User Award:** Best Library User award is given to the user, who uses library resources rigorously. The awardees are selected by Library Advisory Committee.
- ✚ **Library consultancy and guidance:** The Library staff gives guidance and consultancy to use library resources as per demand of faculty and students.
- ✚ **Theme based Book Display:** The books are displayed to create awareness among the users about the collection based on the themes on important occasions/days of the year.
- ✚ **Alumni/Individuals Membership:** The Alumni/Individuals can become library member and avail services and facilities.
- ✚ **Book Exhibitions:** Book exhibition is organized on different occasions to display the valuable collection in the library.



- ✚ **DPBC Library Users' Tracking System:** This system is implemented in library. The Main functionality of this system is to verify the users tracking when they arrive in or exit from library. It provides accurate data analysis of user's attendance in various forms.



Once the person places the card in front of the Barcode Reader it reads the data and verifies it with the data present in the system and if it matches then it displays a message as valid entry and allows accessing the device or else displays invalid and denies the access/attendance.



- ✚ **Smart Identity Cards:** Library is providing the smart ID Card for the All Years student who admitted in the college. This card is used for college Identity card as well as Library borrow card.



- ✚ **Library Orientation Program:** Library orientation program for the first year level students. Librarian take the lecture information about the library in form of the students and library visit.





### LIBRARY SERVICES AND FACILITIES:

The library has a key role in supporting the academic activities of the institution by establishing, maintaining and promoting learning and research.

- 1. Reference Service:** Reference Service is an important service offered by the library. It also maintains a collection of reference books consisting of encyclopedias, dictionaries, directories, handbooks, CD-ROMs, Audio and Video cassettes etc.
- 2. Referral Service:** This service is the referral to the users.
- 3. Open Access:** It provides access to all library users. They can browse, read any references in the reference section. It helps users to utilize the resources available in the library.
- 4. Book Lending Service:** This service is offered to all library users. The resources borrowed from the library shall be returned on or before the due date during library working hours. Its terms and conditions are mentioned in Library Rule and Regulations.
- 5. Periodical Service:** The magazines and journals are made available to library users. The back dated issues can be borrowed by users.
- 6. Inter Library Loan (ILL) Scheme:** This service is provided for academic and research purpose to the faculty, research scholars, students and staff who are members of the library. Library arranges to borrow documents that are not available in its collection, on Inter Library Loan from other libraries. The service is available in the following libraries:
  - Yashwantrao Chavan Institute of Science, Satara.
    - Chhatrapati Shivaji College, Satara.
    - Dhananjayrao Gadgil College of Commerce, Satara.
    - Dahiwadi College, Dahiwadi.
    - Sahakar Maharshi Shankarrao Mohite Patil College, Rahimatpur.
    - Arts and Commerce College, Pusegaon.
    - Prof. Sambhajirao Kadam College, Deur.
  - 7. E-journals and e-book Service:** The library provides individual user ID and its password to users for making use of e-resources on N-LIST INFLIBNET. The users can access the e-database even from anywhere. Web Site: <http://nlist.inflibnet.ac.in/>  
Library is a member of the *Barr. Balasaheb Khardekar* Knowledge Resource Centre, Shivaji University, Kolhapur. Web site: <https://idp.unishivaji.ac.in/>
  - 8. Library OPAC:** The resources of the library have been computerized by Integrated Library Management Software – e-Granthalaya. Two computers are installed at the entrance to locate library resources. Users can search the resources by Title, author, subject, key words etc.
  - 9. Current Awareness Service:** Newly arrived books are displayed on the showcase at the entrance of the library and being displayed for a week. It will be issued only after a week of display.



10. **Newspaper Clipping Service:** The news of daily programmes, activities of the college which are published in various newspapers are kept up to date. Family doctor supplement also kept in weekly for the health purpose.
11. **Reprographic Facility:** The reprography facility is provided to the members of the library. It is located at the entrance of the library.
12. **Wi-Fi Facility:** The entire library is Wi-Fi enabled; members can use their laptops to access electronic resources subscribed by the library.
13. **Book Bank Facility:** Library is providing the book bank facility for the needy students. This facility is run for the all-faculty Students. 4 to 6 books regarding syllabus are issued to students for the whole Semester and taken back before the semester examination.
14. **Library Website:** a single point to connect users with all its content. Website: <http://dpbck.in/index.jsp>

#### Special Services:

- Library Collection is organized through Dewey Decimal Classification Scheme (DDC).
- Library user's orientation or information literacy to new arrival student and faculty.
- Special Reading facilities for faculty & students.
- Library is a fully automated.
- Library provides Braille books to the blind users.
- New arrival facility for the users.

#### Resources And Services In E-Learning Environment:

In order to support access to crucial electronic resources, libraries organize online tools to provide metadata for online materials, link online index entries to individual journal articles and provide mechanisms for requesting printed articles. Some of the areas, which libraries can provide access to and initiate measure to important the same are:

- A. **E- Resources:** Electronic recourses are available in various forms such as database, journals, books, working papers, etc. some of these are priced but many of them are available free of cost on the internet. Libraries have to devise a mechanism to identifying the resource required for their user and provide access to them through their website to portal on Internet. This will enable users to access these resources remotely from their offices or homes, which is a preferred mode of users in the present e-learning environment. This will also enable distant learners to get benefit of such services.
- B. **Content Management:** In today's Internet era content management has become absolute necessity. Managing the scattered online information recourses, which is growing at phenomenal rate, has now become vital. The user desires to have all information in electronic form a single point of access. The access point is usually a library website, which provides access to all types of local and remote electronic resources. Hence, libraries have to gear up and establish content management system using open sources or commercial software such as My Library or Plone customized services to the users.
- C. **Institutional Repository:** The Internet era has caused proliferation of institutions to bring out their publications in electronic format for wider publicity and distribution. The number of such documents has been increasing steadily at a phenomenal rate thus casing problem if managing these resources. Libraries can develop such digital library systems using any open sources software such as Greenstone, D-Space, etc.
- D. **Courseware:** Enhancement of classroom activities, beyond the four walls, with electronic document resulted in rise of course management systems either developed within the institute or by an outside agency. Libraries can offer access to courseware from their website or portal.
- E. **Digital/ Virtual Reference Service:** A digital / virtual reference service is a service requested and provided over the Internet usually through e-mail and instant messaging by

the library staff responsible for providing reference service to the users. This service is a new way of answering user's reference queries without them visiting the library. This enables libraries to meet user expectations in the web-centric environment without wasting their valuable time.

- F. Electronic Discussion Forums:** Electronic Discussion Forums is a special usage of e-mail that allows for widespread distribution of information to Internet users on a given topic. Various web service providers such as Google, Yahoo and MSN provide this service free of cost to members in the form of groups. In the present environment, it acts as an important tool to keep library members informed about new library collection, services, updates, and upcoming events.
- G. Federate Search:** It is a search for information using software designed to query multiple networked information resources or databases through a single search interface. Federated search has gained a momentum in the e-learning environment as library users are no longer interested in searching information from multiple sources.
- H. Education and Training:** Role of libraries does not end by simple providing access to the traditional or electronic recourses. They have to provide an orientation to the users in the use of such resources either by classroom teaching or through online tutorials. In the e-learning environment, to reach the remotest users, libraries have to develop online tutorials for using various electronic recourses and services and make these available from their website. (Pujar, S. M. & Kamat, R. K., 2009)

#### **What's New In Library Technology?**

Now that maker programs are in most public **libraries**, patrons are getting used to being exposed to **new technologies** like 3D printers, design software, virtual reality platforms, and audio and video editing.

Libraries are universally recognized as important social institutions and no community is considered complete without a library system. However, libraries are facing change due to impact of ICT, changing patron needs, changing information environment or Web/Google that is trying to replace Reference Librarians. Use of Disruptive technologies is resulting in transition from Print to Digital, Changes takes place from Forms to Formats, Delivery systems, and it is inevitable.

There is a transformation in the need of library users and due to ICT, there is a change in the resources, services and products of the libraries. Every institution is now trying to compete in the national and international rankings and with the changed roles and services; the libraries and librarians are playing key role.

So the purpose of this ARPIT course is to impart knowledge regarding emerging trends and technologies in library and information services like Library Automation, Digitalization, Institutional Repository and Digital Library Services, Consortia based Services, QR Code, EM and RFID implementation, Open Access, Outreach programs, Reference Management, Open Science, Virtual/Digital Reference Services, Ask the Librarian, Content Management, CAS/SDI services, Profiling System, Discovery Services, Web 2.0 and 3.0 based Services, Use of Social Media, Green Library Concept, to help in Ranking/Accreditation, Remote Login, Cloud computing, Mobile based Library Services, Use of Expert Systems and Robotics, Internet of Things, Augmented Reality Tools and Virtual Reality Tools, Semantics, Artificial Intelligence and Machine learning and How to be a Smart Librarian by Smart Involvements etc.

#### **How Libraries Are Changing?**

Academic libraries are changing in response to changes in the learning and research environment and changes in the behavior of library users. The changes are evolutionary. Libraries are adding new, digital resources and services while maintaining most of the old, traditional resources and services.

**how technology is changing the future of libraries?**

One of the major changes we expect to see in academic libraries is the use of new innovating technologies. These innovations could also “help libraries to more effectively preserve and mine their collections online”, thereby improving and redefining access for researchers.

**Conclusion:**

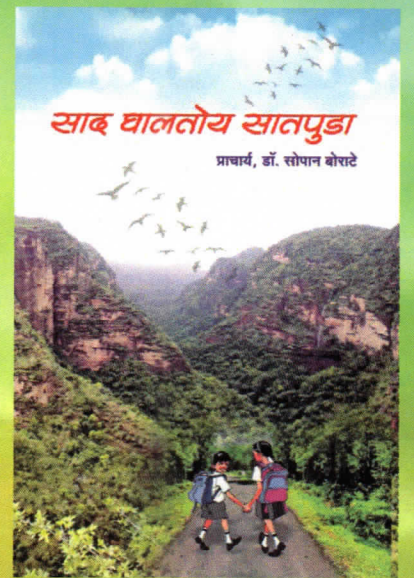
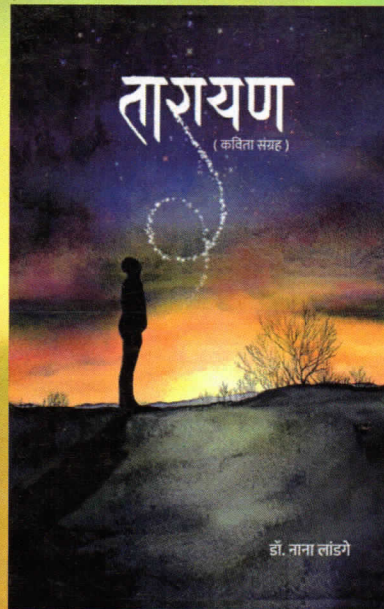
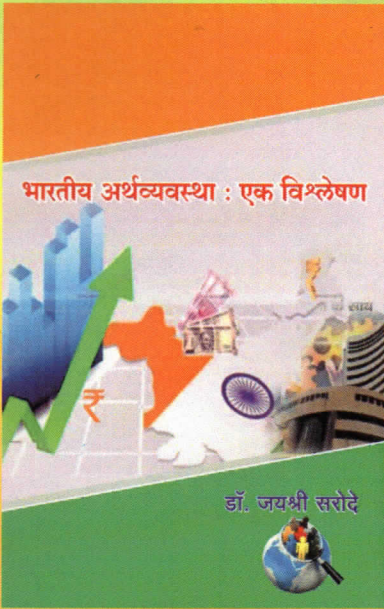
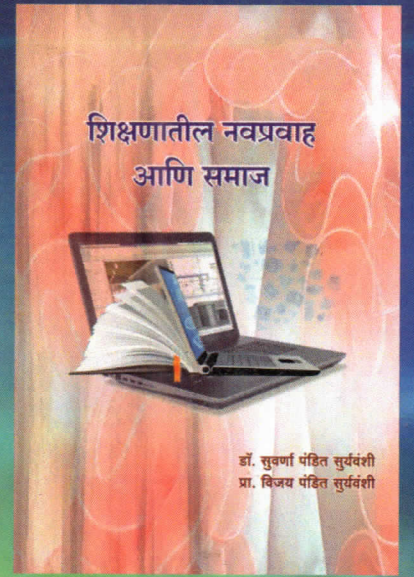
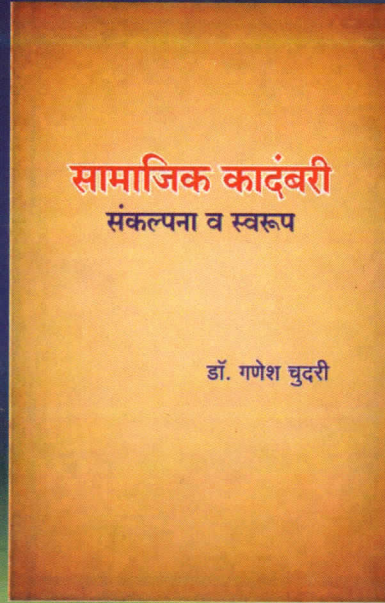
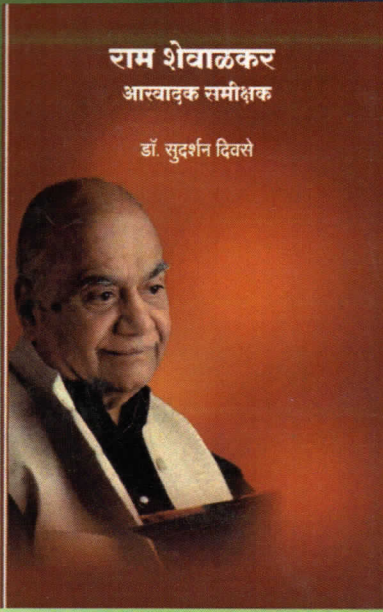
- Library Professionals need to keep abreast of the latest developments in the field.
- Need to team up with other associated professionals to develop new technologies required for the libraries.
- Librarians must make themselves more pertinent in this Digital Age.

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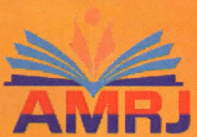
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