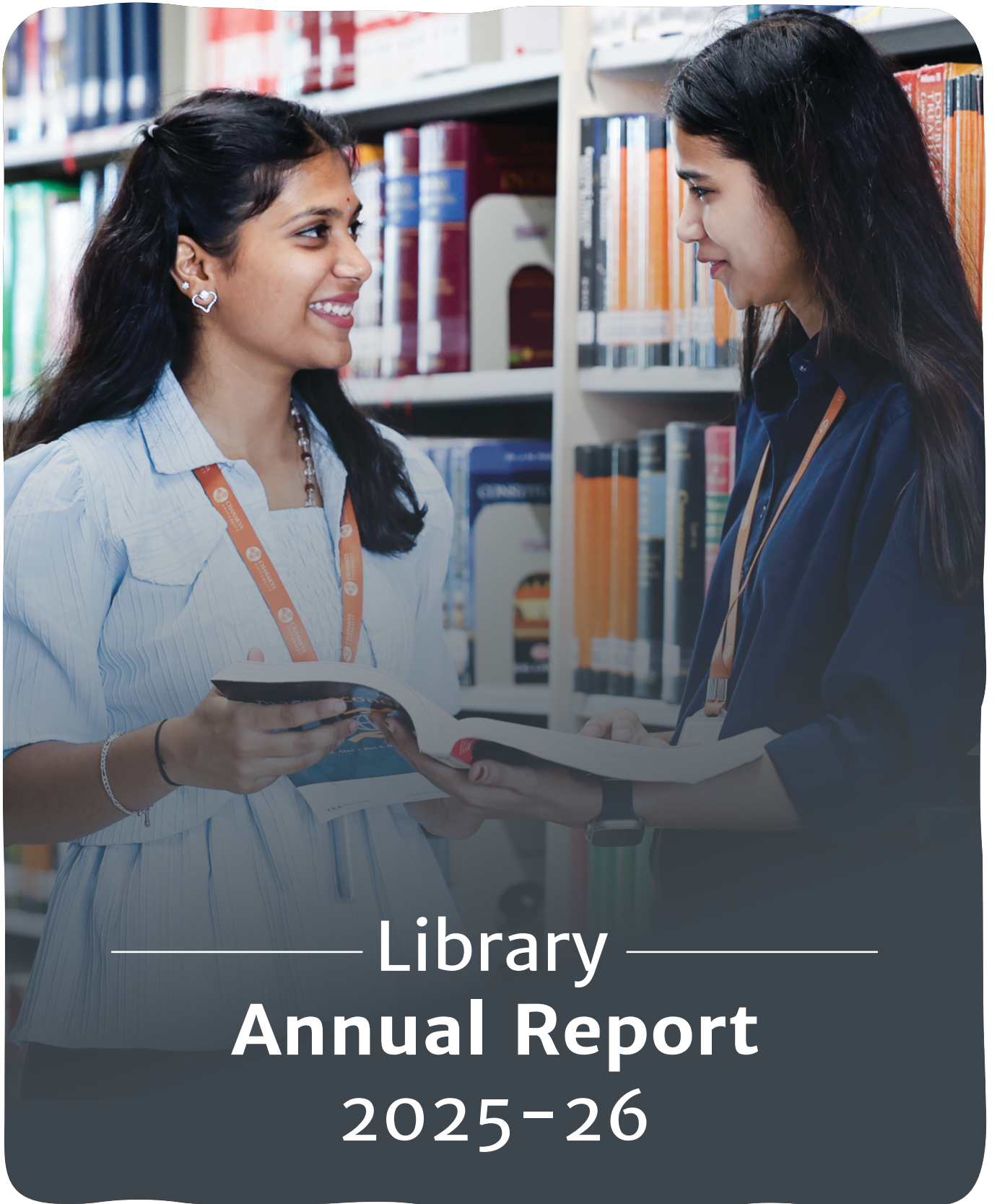




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Library
Annual Report
2025-26

A Beginning of Responsibility

The library is strategically located on the ground floor of the main building with easy access, ample natural light and greenery all around. The library is spread across two floors with a floor area of 17,000 sq. ft. Currently, only upper ground is functional with a capacity of 200 seats and collection of 15000+ volumes. Being a hybrid library, it offers an intelligent mix of both print and electronic resources. All e-resources can be accessed by all members of the Chanakya community from both within the campus as well as remotely from anywhere and anytime.

The library utilizes advanced technologies such as RFID tags, Integrated Library Management System (ILMS), self-check-in / check-out systems, RFID gates, OPAC, Remote Access, etc to enhance user experience and streamline access to its diverse resources.

1. Library Resources

(As on 31st March 2026)

Print	
Books	15522
Magazines	20
Print Newspapers	13
Bound Volumes	788
Digital	
e-books	2.4 lakhs
e-journals	19000+
e-databases	10



2. Library Services

The library is committed to supporting academic excellence and research by providing a wide range of user-centric services. Services offered include:

Self-Check in/Checkout System: The self-check-in and check-out service enhances library operations by providing a faster, more efficient, and user-friendly way for patrons to borrow and return materials. It reduces waiting time, minimizes the need for staff intervention and allows users to access services independently—even during extended or unstaffed hours.

New Arrival Service: The New Arrivals service keeps library users informed about the latest additions of the week through emails and the display of new books.

Books by Faculty: New books authored or edited by faculty members are exclusively displayed for the benefit of users and to recognize, promote the University's intellectual content.

Special Day / Events Books Display: The Special Day Display service features a curated selection of books related to specific events/celebrations such as Teachers Day, Women's Day, Earth Day, etc., that enables users to borrow them, promote theme-based reading, and enhances library engagement.

User Orientation Programmes: The Library User Orientation Programme is designed to help users understand how to effectively utilize the library's resources, services, and facilities.

Plagiarism Check Service: Provides plagiarism detection for academic work by comparing submissions against extensive databases, ensuring originality and academic integrity. To facilitate this service, the library has access to two different plagiarism detection software Turnitin and Drill bit.

Remote Access Service: The seamless off-campus access to subscribed online resources is facilitated to the Chanakya community using MyLOFT software. It is a single sign-on authentication that allows only authorized members to access licensed digital resources.

JGATE Access Service: The library provides access to J-Gate, a comprehensive e-journal discovery platform that allows users to search and access metadata, abstracts, and, where available, full-text scholarly articles across a wide range of disciplines. It supports research by enabling efficient discovery of academic literature.



2.1 New Services Introduced

The library has initiated following user-oriented services

Thematic Book Display: In this initiative, the library team chooses general themes such as motivation, women, entrepreneurship, crime, self-help, personal development, and communication skills etc. and curate's books that were not being borrowed under the selected theme. These books are then promoted via email and digital displays using attractive templates and catchy titles to attract users.

Grab Your Copy and Build Your Personal Collection!

The library introduced a new initiative titled “Grab Your Copy and Build Your Personal Collection” to encourage faculty members to develop their personal collections. Under this service, multiple copies of selected books, generously donated by Mr. Mohandas Pai and others are distributed to faculty members. This service aims to promote reading habits, support teaching and research activities, and enhance access to quality learning resources beyond the library.

Chanakya University Institutional Repository (CUIR): The library has established an Institutional Digital Repository to archive and showcase the scholarly output of the University.

This platform enables systematic storage, preservation, and access to academic and research contributions, including publications, theses, and other intellectual works produced by the University.

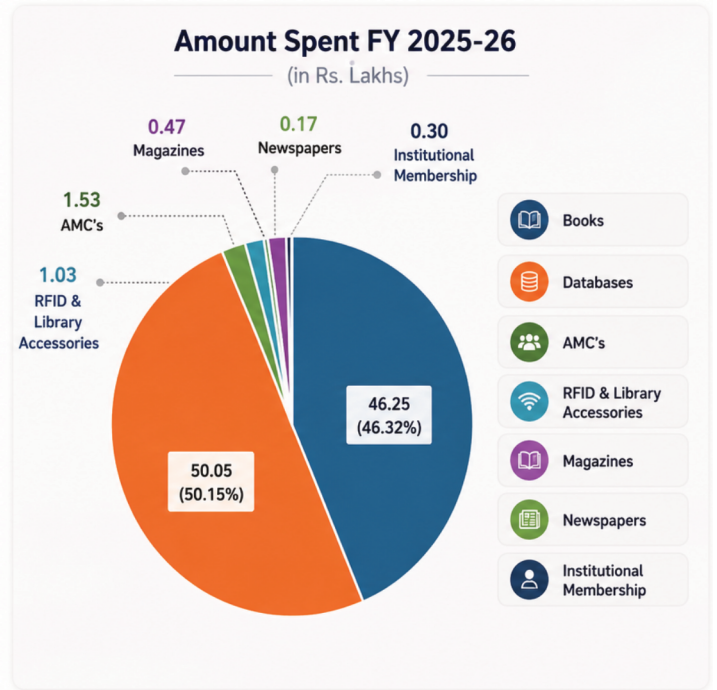
Document Delivery Service (DDS): This service supports users in accessing required digital materials that are not available in the library's subscribed databases. Through this service, the library makes efforts to source such materials for users via its institutional and professional network.



3. Library Expenditure

The library has spent a total of 99.80 lakhs for collection development. The table below shows the amount spent for various types of resources.

LIBRARY EXPENDITURE	
Budget Heads	Amount Spent (in Rs. Lakhs)
Books	46.25
Databases	50.05
AMC's	1.53
RFID & Library Accessories	1.03
Magazines	0.47
Newspapers	0.17
Institutional Membership	0.30
TOTAL	99.80 Lakhs



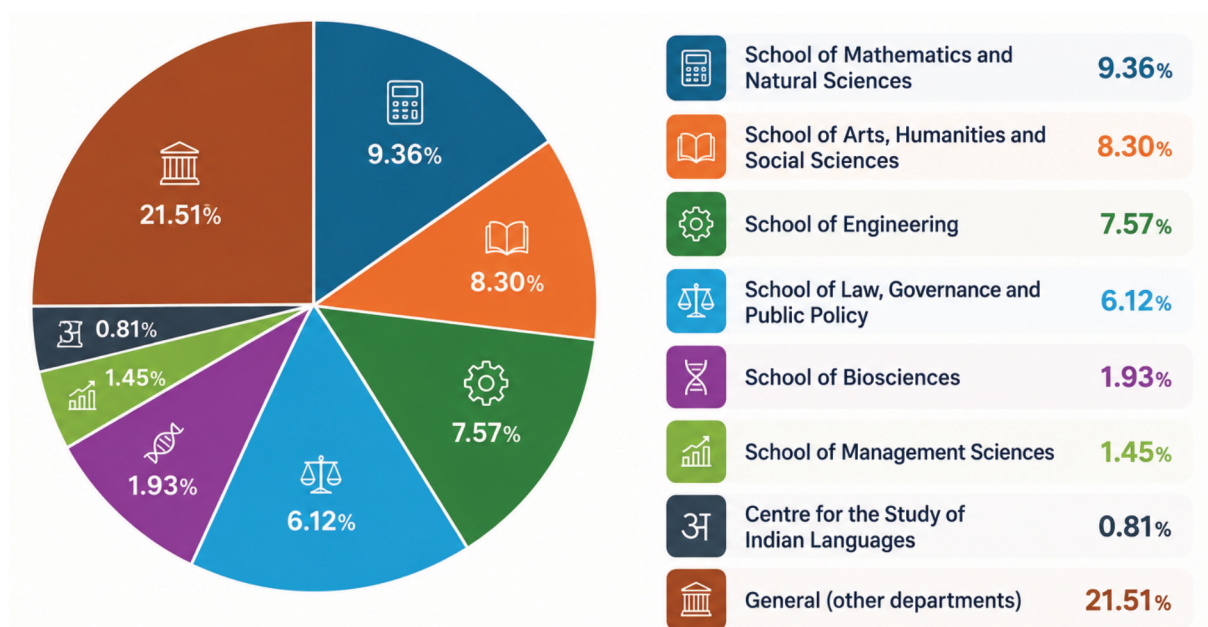
3.1 Library expenditures in last two years

There is an upward shift of about 8% towards digital resources as per global trends. The overall library expenditure has increased by 6%.

Budget Heads	Amount Spent FY 2024-25 (in Rs. Lakhs)	In Percentage (%)	Amount Spent FY 2025-26 (in Rs. Lakhs)	In Percentage (%)
Books	49.77	53.10%	46.25	46.34%
Databases	39.68	42.34%	50.05	50.15%
AMC's	1.95	2.08%	1.53	1.53%
RFID & Library Accessories	1.57	1.68%	1.03	1.03%
Magazines	0.30	0.32%	0.47	0.47%
Newspapers	0.22	0.23%	0.17	0.17%
Institutional Membership	0.23	0.25%	0.30	0.30%
TOTAL	93.72 Lakhs	100%	99.80 Lakhs	100%

3.2. School –wise Expenditure on Books

The library has utilized 46.25 lakhs for books procurement in the year 2025-26. The table below shows the amount utilized for each school.



4. Subscribed Databases

As part of its commitment to providing high-quality academic resources, the library has invested in a range of scholarly databases (given below) to support research, teaching, and learning activities.

EBSCO: The EBSCO multidisciplinary eBook database provides access to 2,46,000+ academic and professional eBooks across a wide range of subjects, including arts and humanities, social sciences, business, education, health, and technology.

ProQuest: It is one of the largest multidisciplinary journal databases, offering comprehensive access to a wide range of scholarly resources. It serves as a valuable platform for researchers, faculty, and students by covering diverse subject areas such as business, health, social sciences, education, technology, and more. The database includes:

- 16000+ Scholarly Journals
- 4,400+ Magazines & Trade Journals
- 2,100+ Newspapers
- 600,000+ Market & Industry Reports
- 200,000+ Working Papers
- 300,000+ Dissertations
- 130,000+ Case Studies
- 16,000+ Videos

Indiastat: It is a premier statistical database that provides comprehensive, authoritative, and up-to-date socio-economic data about India. It covers a wide range of sectors including agriculture, health, education, economy, industry, demographics, crime, infrastructure, and more. It is widely used by researchers, policymakers, academicians, and students for data analysis, academic projects, policy planning, and evidence-based research.

JSTOR: It is a digital library that provides access to more than 12 million journal articles, books, images, and primary sources in 75 disciplines.

J-Gate: J-Gate is an electronic gateway to global e-journal literature, providing access to many academic and research journals. It acts as a platform for searching and accessing scholarly content from various disciplines, including science, technology, medicine, social sciences, and more.

SCC Online (Supreme Court Cases Online): SCC Online is a legal research platform that provides access to a vast collection of legal materials, including case law, statutes, regulations, legal commentary, and other legal research resources. It is widely used by legal professionals, researchers, and students to access and analyse judgments from various courts, including the Supreme Court of India

Hein Online: Hein Online is a premier online research platform that specializes in providing access to legal research materials and government documents. It offers a comprehensive collection of law journals, historical legal documents, government publications, and other legal resources, making it a valuable tool for legal research.

Traxcn: It is a comprehensive market intelligence platform that provides data and software solutions for the global private markets, and deep dives into company business models, financial performance, valuation, cap table, and employee data.

Lexis Advance India: It provides comprehensive access to Indian and International legal resources, authoritative commentaries and real-time legal updates.

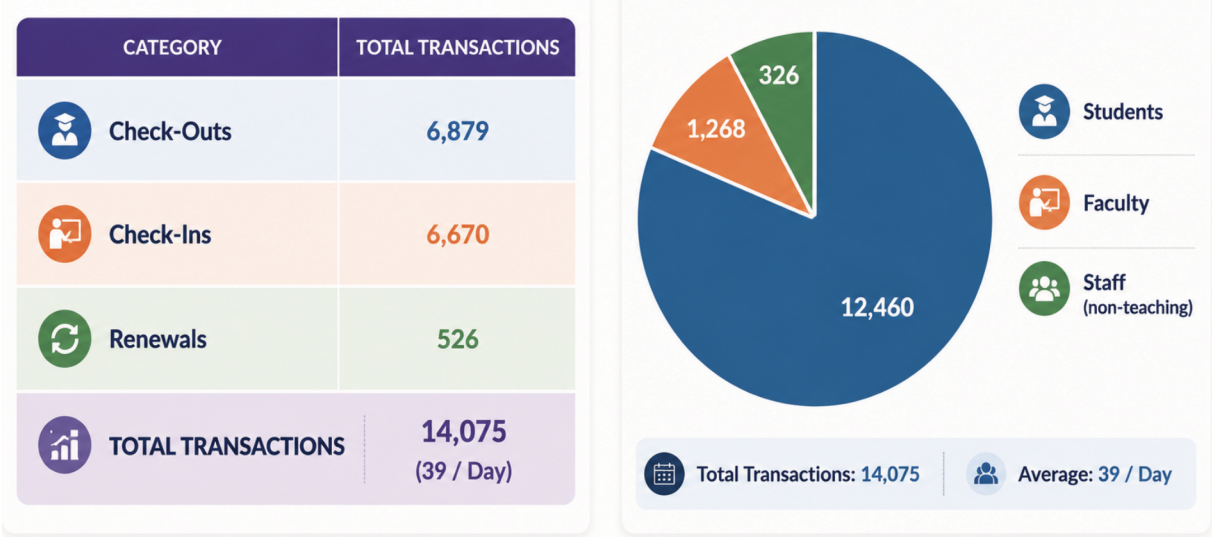
Magzter (Newspapers & Magazines): Magzter provides access to more than 10,000+ e-resources including 2,081 magazines, 978 newspapers, 4,628 and academic-related titles in 45+ languages.



5. Library Usage Sattistics

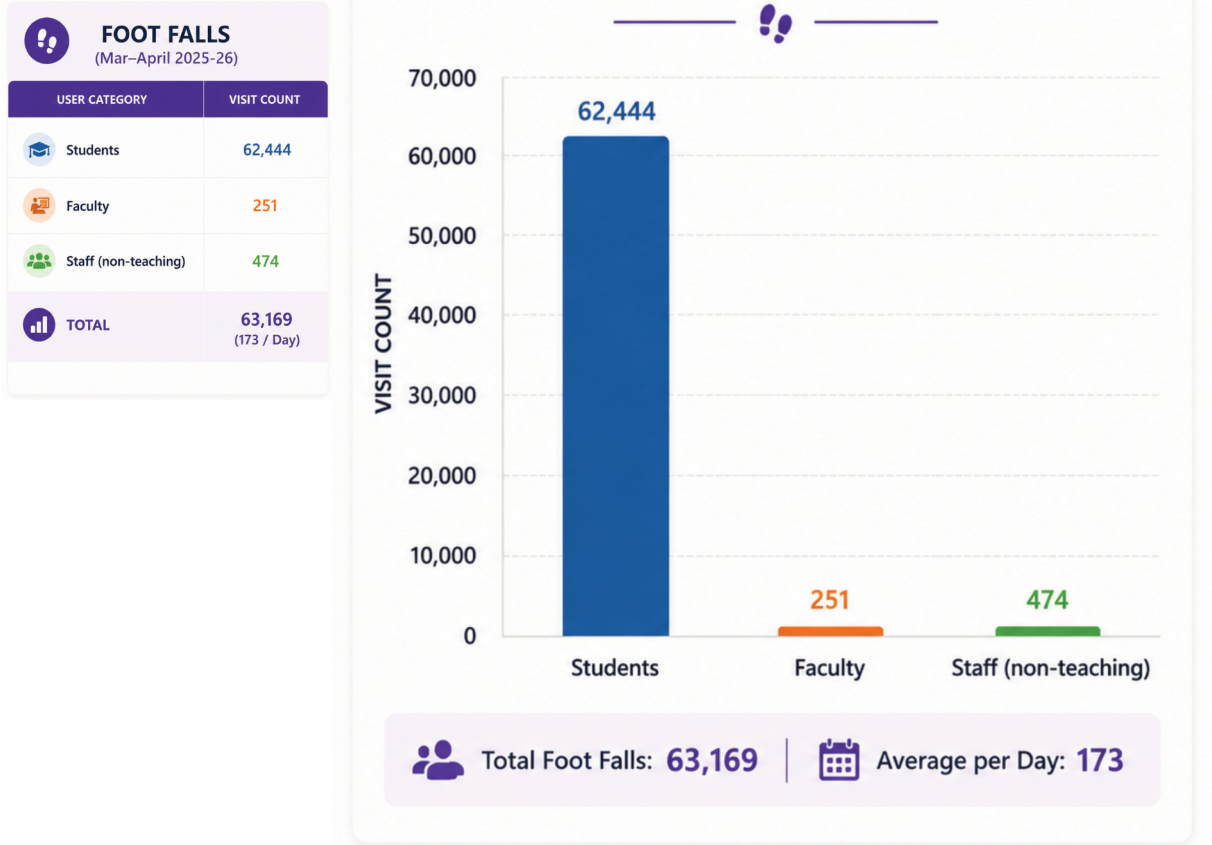
5.1. Document Transactions (April 2025 - March 2026)

The table below provides an overview of document transactions recorded over the year. The data reflects the library's circulation activity, including check-outs, check-ins, and renewals.



5.2. Foot Falls

The following table presents the recorded footfall in the library from 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026.



5.3. Frequently Borrowed Titles

The following table highlights the most frequently borrowed titles from the library.

 FREQUENTLY BORROWED TITLES		
SL. NO.	TITLE	NO. OF TIMES BORROWED
1	The Constitution of India	303
2	Basic electric and its applications	284
3	Law of Contract	259
4	Advanced Engineering Mathematics	247
5	Indian engineering materials	198

5.4 Top Borrowers

- B Bhavana (BA. EMB) & Ashwin Anand (BE. CS), were the top borrowers among students with 54 documents each.
- Heddari Ravikumar, Assistant Professor at SAHS, was the top borrower among staff members, with 45 documents.

6. Library User Survey

The library conducted the first ever user survey during Feb/March 2026 and here are the major findings.

- Out of 397 respondents, 325 (75.31%) have rated the library at 5(Excellent) or 4(Very Good) on a scale of 5.
- Among eight parameters, Library staff behaviour, Infrastructure and Circulation Service have scored the highest rating of user satisfaction.
- E-resources, Plagiarism check and Remote access (Myloft) has received lower ratings and needs improvement.
- 88.69% Students and 83.72% Teachers have given ratings of 4 and 5, indicating a high level of satisfaction with the library.
- Scope to improve library outreach services to non-teaching staff as the rating has been moderate (53.52%).

7. EXBO'25, Campus Book Exhibition

The library organized EXBO'25, (second in the series) campus book exhibition, on 18th and 19th September, which was formally inaugurated by Prof. Yashwanta Dongre, Vice chancellor, in the presence of B. P. Prakash, Library Advisor along with faculty, staff, students. The exhibitors included;

- Rashthrothana Publications,
- The Mythic Society,
- Educational Supplies,
- Standard Book Company, and
- Sri Book World.

The event promoted reading and knowledge dissemination, resulting in 796 book recommendations being successfully added to the library collection.

8. Library Stock Verification

The first ever comprehensive physical stock verification of the library collection was conducted from 7th to 10th July 2025 to reconcile holdings with the Koha ILMs and to ensure inventory accuracy. A total of 12,795 books were physically verified, and 294 titles were initially found missing. However, after thorough searching and data reconciliation, 123 titles were recovered. Finally, 171 books (worth ₹92,238) remained untraceable and have been treated as lost. Also 20 damaged books were identified for weeding.

The team reviewed the possible reasons (given below) for this loss and looked at safety and security measures to be deployed going forward.

- Pilferage during stay at Brigade Orchards with only one staff member.
- Losses during the shifting process to new campus.
- Manual errors prior to automation
- Security and infrastructure gaps

9. User Education/ Engagement Activities

On the occasion of National Librarians' Day (14 August 2025), the library organized an online quiz competition with active participation from students, faculty, and staff. Results were announced on 16 August 2025, with Samanvitha S. Sakkari (BBA) securing first place, followed by Bhavana B. (BA) and Tejashwini B. Madyal (BA).

National Library Week (14–20 November 2025) was observed through events such as a videography challenge, memory competition, and treasure hunt, encouraging creativity, teamwork, and awareness of library resources.

Two online user education and training programs on MyLOFT were conducted on 12 June and 11 December 2025, with 52 participants. The sessions focused on access, features, and effective use of e-resources.

The library regularly conducted orientation programmes to familiarize users with resources and services, promote effective utilization, and support academic success.



































10. Library Staff Skill Development Activities

The library conducted an online staff training program on following software and databases:

DSpace Institutional Repository Software (18th July 2025). The session focused on key functionalities, including content organization, bulk uploading, and access control.

MyLOFT remote access software (11th December 2025). The session focused on features and benefits of MyLOFT.

11. Library Committee

 SI No	 Name of Member	 Designation	 Role
1	 Sri B P Prakash	 Advisor	 Chairman
2	 Dr Meena Nair	 Adjunct Professor	 Member
3	 Prof Bhavani M R	 Professor and Registrar (Evaluation)	 Member
4	 Dr Krishna Kurthkoti	 Associate Professor SBS	 Member
5	 Dr Sriitha Sandon	 Associate Professor SAHSS	 Member
6	 Dr Vinayak Rajat Bhat	 Associate Professor SAHSS	 Member
7	 Sri Naresh Dixit	 Assistant Professor SOE	 Member
8	 Sri. Shivaraj	 Student Representative (Regd. No: 24PG00126)	 Member
9	 Kum. Sushma K	 Student Representative (Regd. No: 24UG00092)	 Member
10	 Sri Bharathkumar V	 Assistant Librarian	 Member Secretary

Looking Ahead

- Expedite infrastructural works.
- Design and create Chanakya Archives.
- Set up an English Language Laboratory.
- Strengthen outreach and engagement with the non-teaching community.
- Target to increase user satisfaction from 75% to 80%.
- Step up research support (plagiarism check, literature searching, article publishing, reference management, etc.)
- Increase Students' engagement activities through user orientation programs & marketing initiatives.
- Create policy documents for internal processes & services.
- Be data driven & quality conscious.
- Step up collaborations & outreach programs.
- Achieve better understanding /compliance to the norms of accrediting agencies.
- Contribute towards sustainable development.
- Optimize database usage.
- Organize a national seminar on campus.



Conclusion

The library continues to evolve as a dynamic, user-centric knowledge hub, efficiently supporting the academic and research needs of its community. With an intelligent mix of print and digital resources, advanced technological integration, and user-focused services, the library has significantly enhanced availability and accessibility of resources.

Throughout the year, the library has demonstrated steady growth in its collections, services, and usage, alongside the successful implementation of new initiatives and user engagement activities. These efforts are reflected in our user survey score (75.31% rating of 4 and 5 on a scale of 1 to 5)

Looking ahead, the library intends to focus on strengthening its infrastructure, expanding research support services, enhancing user engagement, and adopting best practices aligned with institutional and accreditation standards. With a clear vision and strategic direction, the library is well-positioned to further contribute to the academic excellence and knowledge ecosystem of the University.

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