#### **DEVI SHARVANI EDUCATION SOCIETY'S**

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## 4.2.1 Library Resource

The library is a crucial part of any academic institution, particularly in law schools. The Hirabai Vassudev Salgaocar Library, which is currently the library building of V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, was opened in 2005 by Hon'ble Justice K G Balakrishnan of the Supreme Court of India. The library has a collection of more than 23,000 books, including legal journals and periodicals. It also subscribes to 35 journals, 10 magazines, and 7 newspapers in English and other local languages.

### **Integrated Library Management Software (ILMS)**

The library has been fully automated with the "NewGenLib" integrated library management software since 2005-06 and has now migrated to the "KOHA (21.11.01.00)" Library Management Software as of August 2022. The software is used to perform various routine library activities such as book cataloging, issuing and returning, renewing books, automated Footfall Register, etc. The library's collection of books, legal journals, and periodicals are barcoded, and users are given unique barcoded student library cards. The library uses Dewey's decimal classification to classify books; all books are arranged subject-wise. The library also provides users with a web-based Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) service that enables them to search for books by title, author, subject, and keywords, apart from this users can reserve, and renew books online remotely.

#### **Subscription to E-Resources & Journals**

Other than printed books, the library offers a comprehensive collection of e-resources through its <a href="Knimbus Digital Library">Knimbus Digital Library</a>. E-Resources such as e-books (LexisNexis Knowledge), e-journals (Sage e-journals), online access to LLM Dissertations, Question papers, and other open source databases such as LiveLaw, India Kannon, PRS India, Indian Law Institute IR, ShodhGanga (Thesis Database), Goa University IR, etc. The college library subscribes to Online databases such as LexisNexis Advance (Legal Database), N-LIST Database & Goa Kaido Database to facilitate research. The library in its collection has offline databases of AIR (All India Reporter) Infotech which includes AIR Supreme Court 1950-2011 & Criminal Law 1950-2011 and Goa Gazette 1962-2009, and digitized copies of Rare Books such as King's Bench, Queen's Bench, Chancery Division, Crown Cases, etc.

#### **Optimal Usage of Library Resources**

User orientation is provided at the beginning of the year regarding the various facilities services and resources available in the library. The students across all streams are given special training in accessing, identifying, and collecting relevant information including case laws and articles by using the e-resources subscribed by the college library. This process has instilled the skill in learning and inspired them in applying law towards research. As a result of which the average per day usage of the library by students & faculty is at 130 users per day for the academic year 2022-23.

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Apart from this the college also has an annual subscription to a remote accessing software Knimbus digital library allowing students access to the college's e-resources from the comfort of their homes. This service was introduced during the Covid-19 pandemic as the students could not access the college library.

In addition to the extensive collection of books and e-resources, the library offers several other services to its users. These services include a reprographic service, a Locker facility, cyber lab, and internet access with a Wi-Fi facility. The library has LAN/Wi-Fi-enabled computers for students and staff to use, as well as five computers for in-house library activities. To ensure the safety and security of its users, the library is under electronic surveillance with 11 CCTV cameras installed throughout the premises.

#### **Link to Additional Information**

Sr.No.	Title	Documents
1	Library Management Software Screenshots:	<u>VIEW</u>
2	Knimbus Remote Accessing Software screenshots:	<u>VIEW</u>
3	Online Database Screenshots:	<u>VIEW</u>
4	E-Journals Screenshots:	<u>VIEW</u>
5	E-books Screenshots:	<u>VIEW</u>
6	Print Journals Subscription Details:	<u>VIEW</u>
7	Books Purchase Details:	<u>VIEW</u>
8	Library Usage by Students & Faculty Members	<u>VIEW</u>
9	Accession Register Pages	<u>VIEW</u>



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