

7.3.1 The performance of the institution in one area - distinctiveness

The College is located in a remote, earthquake prone and hilly area of Wang valley in Patan Tehsil of Satara District. It is one of the most significant distinctive features of the College. Although the College has several best practices that make it distinctive from rest of the other institutes is its special focus on the development of Central Library.

The College has a separate building for the Central Library. It comprises of a reading hall, separate study rooms for faculty and students. The Central Library has abundant reading resources viz. 51600 books, 40 periodicals, several e-journals, and 6 daily newspapers. The Central Library organizes various programs for the faculty and students. Some of the programs organised by the Central Library are as follows:

1. Online Quiz Competition on the occasion of National Reading Day held on 19th June, 2021. A total of 151 students participated in the competition.
2. Online State Level Workshop on “Effective Use of e-resources for Academics and Research during Pandemic” held on 11th August, 2021 on the occasion of Librarian’s day.
3. The Central Library has a Book Bank scheme wherein for advance learners, the additional books are provided for the preparation of competitive examination.
4. Online Seminar on “Reading Motivation Day” on the occasion of Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam’s Birth Anniversary held on 15th October, 2021.
5. Celebration of Marathi Day on the occasion of Marathi Rajbhasha Day held on 27th February, 2022.
6. Wallpaper Presentation on the occasion of International Book Day held on 23rd April, 2022.

7. Book Review Competition was conducted by the Central Library. A total of 15 students participated in the competition. The reviews were evaluated by the faculty members and first three best reviews were awarded with prizes.
8. Book Exhibition was organized during 12th January to 19th January 2022.
9. The Central Library has given access to the women readers under the innovative scheme “Sansthamata Sushiladevi Salunkhe Women Readers Platform”. A total of 22 women have registered under the scheme on a meagre annual fee of Rs. 100/-.
10. The Central Library has also given access to the external readers under the scheme “Kakasaheb Chavan External Readers Platform”. For this, a total of 18 members have registered with annual fee of Rs. 100/-
11. The Central Library has a separate scheme for senior citizens – “Dr. Bapuji Salunkhe Senior Citizen Reader’s Platform”. For this, a total of 14 members have registered with annual fee of Rs. 100/-.