

Library Annual Report of A.Y. 2023-24

"The law library is the intellectual sanctuary of the legal profession."

The library at DES's Navalmal Firodia Law College stands as the heart of the institution, housing over 17,600 books, alongside a rich collection of monographs, research reports, law reports, and back volumes of periodicals. This extensive compilation ensures that students and faculty have access to a wealth of primary and secondary legal resources.

Comprehensive Access to Legal Information

The library provides access to numerous electronic resources, including AIR Online, SCC Online Web Edition, Manupatra, The Law – Super, and N-LIST. Additionally, the library is affiliated with DELNET and the B.J. Wadia Library, and Indian Law Institute, New Delhi broadening the spectrum of available resources.

The library offers the following database collection for the legal research

1. **AIR Online:** AIR Online provides access to a comprehensive collection of legal information, including case law, statutes, and legal commentaries from the All India Reporter. It is a valuable resource for legal research and reference, offering extensive coverage of Indian jurisprudence.
2. **SCC Online: International:** SCC Online International is an extensive legal research database that offers access to case laws, statutes, and legal resources from various jurisdictions around the world. It is designed to support international legal research by providing a vast array of legal materials from multiple countries.
3. **Manupatra:** Manupatra is a leading legal research database in India, providing access to a wide range of legal resources including case law, legislation, notifications, and legal news. It is known for its user-friendly interface and comprehensive coverage of Indian legal information, making it an essential tool for legal professionals and researchers. **Lexis Nexis Advance:** A comprehensive legal research platform offering an extensive collection of case law, statutes, regulations, legal news, business information, public records, and eBooks. This platform allows for in-depth legal research and access to a vast amount of legal information.
4. **EBC-Reader:** A digital platform providing access to a vast collection of legal e-books, including textbooks, reference books, treatises, and monographs. This resource makes it easier for users to find relevant and up-to-date information for their research or studies.
5. **Hein Online:** Specializing in legal research, Hein Online offers a comprehensive collection of legal journals, historical legal documents, international treaties, legal classics, and more. It is an invaluable resource for conducting thorough legal research.

Remote Access and Digital Integration

The integration of 'MapMyAccess' remote access software is a significant development, enabling users to access library resources and services from anywhere, effectively transforming it into a virtual library. This feature is particularly valuable when physical access to the library is limited or inconvenient. Users can now access e-resources, search databases, and utilize various library services remotely.

Computer Laboratory

The computer lab enhances digital learning and research. It provides a dedicated space for legal research, online database access, and various academic activities. The lab serves as a hub for technology-driven workshops, training sessions, and instructional programs related to legal research and digital literacy, equipping users with essential computer skills.

Library Services and Facilities

The library operates from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on all working days, with extended hours during exam periods. It offers a range of facilities including:

- Open Access to Collections: Users can freely access the library's extensive collection.
- Computer Lab: Equipped with internet access for research and academic activities.
- Wi-Fi Access: Available for both students and faculty.
- Remote Access Facility: Students and Faculty can access the library e sources remotely.
- Extended Timing: Before the examination library timings are extended from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Events and Activities 2023-24

1. National Librarian's Day: Celebrated with a lecture on Dr. S.R. Ranganathan's Life and Philosophy by Dr. Raj Bhardwaj on 12th August 2023.
2. Discourse with Amrut Deshmukh: A session with the founder of Make India Read Movement on 26th October 2023.
3. Book Exhibition: Held in celebration of Vachan Prerana Din on 19th October 2023.
4. The library has introduced the "Best Library User" Award to recognize and reward students who make the most extensive use of library resources.

These events aim to enrich the academic environment and foster a culture of continuous learning and engagement among students and faculty.

