

DES Shri. Navalmal Firodia Law College, Pune

Library Report 2024-25

A well-stocked library is the backbone of any legal education."

— Chief Justice Earl Warren, U.S. Supreme Court

Introduction

The Library at DES's Shri Navalmal Firodia Law College remains a cornerstone of academic excellence, offering expansive and evolving resources to foster intellectual inquiry and legal research. With an enriched collection and enhanced digital infrastructure, the academic year 2024–25 has seen significant progress in both access and engagement.

Collection and Resources

The library currently houses over 18,100 books, including updated law textbooks, journals, treatises, and competitive exam guides. Our collection is further strengthened by:

- 275 new titles added this year
- Back volumes of law journals and 3,200+ law reports
- A curated selection of legal biographies, reference books, and monographs

Digital Access and E-Resources

To meet the demands of modern legal research, the library continues to provide access to premier legal databases:

- SCC Online – International
- Manupatra
- AIR Online
- Lexis Nexis Advance
- EBC Reader
- Hein Online

Memberships

We are also affiliated with DELNET, N-LIST, SPPU Jayakar Library, Indian Law Institute and B.J. Wadia Library, significantly expanding our access to inter-library loan and shared digital content.

Remote Access

MapMyAccess: Our remote access platform enables seamless entry to all subscribed databases from any location, enhancing convenience and accessibility for both students and faculty.

ICT Infrastructure and Services

The Computer Lab supports advanced legal research, online learning, and training. It has played host to several workshops this year, including:

- Online legal database orientation
- Digital literacy sessions

Library Facilities

- Operational Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (extended to 8:00 p.m. during exams)
- Wi-Fi Access: High-speed Wi-Fi for faculty and students
- Remote Access: Full e-resource access via institutional login
- Reading Room: Spacious and comfortable reading area with 80+ seats
- Open Access System: Users can directly browse and select books

Events and Activities (2024–25)

We organized a variety of events to promote academic engagement and foster a love for reading:

1. 2. Book Exhibition (19th October 2024): Held on Vachan Prerana Din, displaying rare legal classics and student publications.
- 3 Legal Literacy Series: Monthly sessions for students on using legal databases effectively.
5. “Best Library User” Award: Recognized top users for excellence in research and responsible usage.

Statistical Highlights (2024–25)

Parameter	Number
Total Books	18,100+
New Books Added	275
Law Reports & Journals	3,200+
Online Database Subscriptions	6
E-Book Titles (via EBC & Hein)	8,500+
Visitors (per month avg.)	1,100+
Library Orientation Sessions Held	12
Workshops & Training Sessions	7