

Annual Report of the Barr. Balasaheb Khardekar Knowledge Resource Centre and Study Center for the Year 2025-26 01/06/2025 to 31/05/2026

10.1 GENERAL:

Allocation of funds for procurement of books and journals was as below during the year under report.

(A) UNIVERSITY FUNDS:

A provision of Rs. 2,90,00,000/- from University Funds had been made for purchase of books and journals during the year 2025-26. Out of this fund, an amount of Rs. 2,65,00,00/- for purchase of periodicals, e-resources and databases and Rs. 25,00,000/- for purchase of books and e-books was available. From this fund, Rs. 64,69,358/- spent for procurement of periodicals (print and online), Databases and Rs. 23,75,931/- utilized for purchase of books and e-books.

10.2 LIBRARY COLLECTION:

(A) The library collection as on 31/03/2026 is as follows:

Total Books	Total Titles	E-Books	Bound Journals	Manuscripts	Theses/ Dissertations	Reports	Braille Books	Total Collection
288248	239237	1301	40242	9163	12910	7124	590	359578

(B) ADDITIONS DURING THE YEAR:

The number of books added to the Barr. B. K. Knowledge Resource Center by way of purchase from University Funds was 1336. The books purchased through Contingency Grants/ other department purchase were 389. By donation, the numbers of books received were 923. Further, 51 books were added in the Archival cell by donation during the year. Total 2699 books were added to the library collection during the year 2025-26.

The faculty wise split-up of purchased books/e-books is as follows:

Sr. No.	Name of the Faculty	Books	E-Books
1.	Science and Technology	198	7
2.	Commerce and Management	14	—
3.	Humanities	393	7

Sr. No.	Name of the Faculty	Books	E-Books
4.	Inter-Disciplinary Studies	222	17
5.	General	509	—
	Total	1336	31

(C) Contingency Grants:

389 books were purchased from the following research projects/ other schemes/ other courses and research schemes through contingencies.

Sr. No.	Budget Heads under Projects	No. of Books
1	Library & Inf. Science (ICSSR Project) Dr. S.B. Patil (D.2.P.374)	24
2	Library & Inf. Science (ICSSR Project) Dr. Y.G. Jadhav(D.2.P.373)	12
3	Ind. Chemistry (A.21.P.4)	72
4	Applied Chemistry (A.63.P.4)	16
5	Pad. Late Dr.G.G. Jadhav Chair in Journalism (A.70.P.4)	22
6	Commerce & Management (MBA) (A.57.P.4)	215
7	YCSSRD (A.67.P.4)	5
8	Geography (A.16.P.4)	1
9	Women Studies (A.39.P.4)	2
10	Journalism & Mass Comm. (A.33.P.4)	3
11	Music & Dramatics (A.38.P.4)	17
	Total	389

(D) Particulars of books received during the year through donation are as follows:

1. Acquisition Section:

Sr. No.	Name of Donor	No. of Books
1	पु. य. देशपांडे व विमलाबाई देशपांडे मेमोरियल ट्रस्ट, नागपूर	8
2	डॉ. चेतना सोनकांबळे शिक्षणशास्त्र विभाग शिवाजी विद्यापीठ, कोल्हापूर	5
3	श्री. सुजित मुंडे, सोलापूर	6
4	रत्नत्रयी ट्रस्ट, अहमदाबाद	3
5	श्री. सुभाष धुमे, गडहिंग्लज, कोल्हापूर	6
6	Divine Life Society, Uttarakhand	14
7	श्री. अविनाश सहस्रबुद्धे संग्रह	183

Sr. No.	Name of Donor	No. of Books
8	डॉ. अजित यादव, कोल्हापूर	3
9	Mr. Smith Sheth, New Delhi	13
10	Dr. Damodar Magdum, मराठी देशा फाऊंडेशन, मुंबई	11
11	Mr. Vijay Shahaji Patil, Kolhapur	4
12	Smt. Rekha Dixit, Shukrawarpeth, Kolhapur	4
13	मुस्लीमसमाज प्रबोधन व शिक्षण संस्था, कोल्हापूर	588
14	श्री. व्यंकाप्पा भोसले, कोल्हापूर	4
15	श्री. रणधीर शिंदे, मराठी विभाग शिवाजी विद्यापीठ, कोल्हापूर	6
16	डॉ. अवनीश पाटील, शिवाजी विद्यापीठ, कोल्हापूर	6
17	Dr. L. R. Tarodi, Kolhapur	12
18	Others	47
	Total	923

2. Archival Cell :

Sr. No.	Name of Donor	No. of Books
1	Mr. Avinash Sahastrabuddhe.	51
	Total	51

(E) PERIODICALS SECTION:

The University Library subscribed to **01** foreign online e-journal and **08** Databases (JSTOR Archive Journal & Primary Source, J-Gate Engineering and Technology, J-Gate Social and Management Sciences, SciFinder Academic Unlimited Access Plan, Scopus, EPWRF India Time Series, States of India & Knimbus) and **67** Indian print periodicals were subscribed during the year 2025-26. There were **239** print issues of journals received on gratis. In addition to the above, there were **10** daily newspapers of Marathi, Hindi and English languages available for the readers.

(F) THESES – DISSERTATIONS & REPORT SECTION:

During the year, 07 reports were added. Up to now 5624 Ph. D. Theses have been uploaded on the Shodhganga ETD portal of INFLIBNET center.

10.3 LIBRARY SERVICES TO READERS

A] CIRCULATION OF BOOKS AND JOURNALS:

The number of registered library users were 1778. In all, 23168 books were issued and returned to users from Circulation Counter and Textbooks Section. 4

teachers from affiliated colleges and institutes availed services of the University Library. "Open Access" facility is available to students in all the sections.

- i] Reference facility for 28 walk-in/ casual readers was allowed to avail reference facility for reading materials within library premises on payment basis.
- ii] Permanent Membership by Deposit facility to 08 senior citizens and professionals was rendered by University Library on deposit of Rs.1000/- only per member.
- iii] In all, 206 students appearing for Competitive and NET/SET Examinations availed Reading Room facility by paying a monthly fee of Rs.1170=00 per member.
- iv] In all, 04 readers availed Xerox facility on payment basis.
- v] In all, 1926 CD-ROM's are available on various subjects.

B.1] The Reading Hall: Barr. Balasaheb Khardekar Knowledge Resource Centre:

The reading hall of the Library was kept open 18 hours a day from 6.00 a.m. to 12.00 mid-night on all days of the year except national holidays. The average daily attendance in the Reading hall was about 318. The Reading hall was managed by students from Shri Appasaheb Pawar Vidyarthi Bhavan studying under the 'Earn & Learn Scheme'.

B.2] Study Centre Library:

The students at affiliated colleges in Kolhapur, Sangli and Satara District, postgraduate students at the University departments, M. Phil/ Ph.D. students and students appearing for NET/SET and competitive examinations, availed facility of Study Centre.

During the year under report 2025-26, 27 students from affiliated colleges were admitted in the Study Centre. 250 students from Postgraduate Departments/NET/SET & other examinations availed the study center facility.

The Centre was kept open from 6 a.m. to 12 midnight (18 hours) on all days including Sundays and holidays.

The textbooks and reference books required for undergraduate & postgraduate students are kept in the Study Centre for consultation within the center, only on production of Identity Card.

The total collection of books in the Study Centre is 13723. 06 newspapers are made available for the benefit of students. Library fee of Rs.283/- per student was charged.

The daily attendance of the students was 80-100. Some teaching staff members also availed the facility of the Study Centre.

C] Periodicals Section:

The Periodicals Section is kept open from 10.20 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. on all the working days. The average daily attendance in the section was 71. Further services of Academic Resource Center for teachers and research students were also provided.

D] Archival Cell:

In all, 58148 rare books and 9163 manuscripts are available in the archival cell of Barr. Balasaheb Khardekar Knowledge Resource Centre. During the year, 530 researchers and readers availed services of this section.

E] Theses, Dissertations, Reference and Reports Section:

In this section, M.Phil., Ph. D., major and minor research projects, research essays, census reports, District wise Statistical reports and references Sources etc. are kept for the reference of researchers/ scholars. 1015 readers visited the reference section to consult the various reference works, theses, dissertations & reports available in this section. In total, 8213 reference books on various subjects are available for consultation within the reference section.

10. 4 Library Automation Updates:

Retro conversion work of active library collection is under process using SOUL 3.0 integrated library management software and the bibliographic information about the collection is made available on the internet through library OPAC/Web OPAC/m-OPAC system. In line with this, acquisition module, technical processing module for new purchase, and circulation module for issue and return of books to the readers has been initiated with the SOUL 3.0 integrated library management software. Internet and e-resource/online facility is made available with the help of 35 computers, 2 workstations and 25 zero client devices. SMS and email alerts of the transactions have been provided by the circulation section through SOUL 3.0 ILMS.

10.5 SHIV DNYANSAGAR: Institutional Repository of Shivaji University

SHIV DNYANSAGAR is an institutional repository for dissemination of variety of inhouse publications such as Annual Reports, Convocation Addresses, Photos, Theses, Dissertations, Patents, Research Papers, Conference Proceedings, Newsletters, Publications of Faculty and other publications of Shivaji University, Kolhapur etc. The repository has an ability to capture, index, store, disseminate and preserve the submitted publications. It is a useful e-resource collection for the e-users community of Shivaji University as well as society. There are 3710 full text documents available for 24 x 7 access.

10.6 Binding:

During the year the 200 back volumes of journals have been binded.

10.7 Teachers Personal Library Scheme:

During 01/06/2025 to 31/05/2026, total 15 teachers from university departments, administrative officers and affiliated college teachers availed this facility.

10.8 Visitors to the Library:

During the year, 1144 visitors from colleges and other sections of the society visited the Barr. Balasaheb Khardekar Knowledge Resource Centre.

10.9 Special Events:

1. Barr. Balasaheb Khardekar Knowledge Resource Centre (BBKKRC), Department of Library and Information Science (DLISc.) in collaboration with Maharashtra University and College Librarians Association (MUCLA) jointly organized two days National Conference on the theme “Envisaging Librarianship in Artificial Intelligence Era” on 6-7th March 2026.
2. The Book exhibition on the theme “Women in Science: Catalyzing Viksit Bharat” (विज्ञानातील महिला: गतीशील विकसित भारत) was organized on the occasion of National Science Day (NSD) on 28th February 2026.
3. On the occasion of Convocation, ‘Granthmahotsav-December 2025’- a mega book exhibition event was organized during 23-24th December 2025.
4. To honor the sacrifice of police personnel in Mumbai bomb blast the ‘Martyrs day’ was observed on 26th November 2025 and on the same day celebrated Indian Constitution Day.
5. On the occasion of platinum jubilee year of the Indian Constitution (‘संविधान अमृतमहोत्सवी वर्ष’), Shivaji University Kolhapur organized “Vacchan Prerna Din” event on 15th October 2025 by all the departments as well as affiliated colleges of the university.
6. Library Orientation Programme to the new university students (P.G and Research) was organized by presenting the information regarding Library by Lecture presentation on 12th August 2025 to 13th August 2025, followed by Library Tour from 14th August 2025 to 21st August, 2025.
7. Celebrated Barr. Balasaheb Khardekar Jayanti on 1st August 2025.

8. On the eve of 62nd Foundation Day of Department of Library and Information Science & Barr. Balasaheb Khardekar Knowledge Resource Centre have jointly organized a panel discussion on the topic “Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Academic Libraries: Challenges and Opportunities” for the benefit of all the LIS Students and Teachers on 22nd July 2025.

10.10 Library Achievements: 2025-26

1. BBKKRC was awarded Third Prize on University Foundation Day, 18th November 2025 ie. for the best maintenance during the ‘Swachata Saptaha Abhiyan-Prashashkiya Gunavatha Abhiyan’ of the University under support service department.