



Sheth T.J. Education Society's
**Sheth N.K.T.T. College of Commerce
and Sheth J.T.T. College of Arts.**

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7.3 Institutional Distinctiveness

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER

The role of LRC has been changing according to the evolving paradigm shift in teaching methodologies from time to time. The college library has transcended from its traditional image of only being a collection of books to a Learning Support Center by creating a comfortable learning environment. This has been achieved through managing digital information resources, developing institutional repositories, developing digital library services, offering virtual reference services, promoting open access resources, etc. The college library is in a process of adaptation due to the recent changes in the teaching-learning process. College library is enriched with many textbooks, reference books, journals, magazines, literary books, novels, Economic surveys etc.

The library plays a vital role as a reliable and beneficial information provider in the students' academic success and performance. Its basic objective is

- To improve and expand and the knowledge of students
- To provide encouragement to advanced learners as well as below average students
- To develop self-learning as well as group learning
- To provide a platform for effective teaching and learning process with the available resources
- It is an instrument in the institution's teaching learning process to provide continuous access to information and knowledge

During the pandemic, the library has blended an extensive use of social networks and adopted innovative online practices. Following are the different efforts undertaken by the learning resource center for students -

1. Book-Bank Scheme

For the benefit of all students, Book Bank Scheme comprises the following programs -

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- **STUDENT'S WELFARE BOOK BANK SCHEME (SWBBS)** - Under this scheme, a set of textbooks are issued to the students belonging to marginalized section of society. Every year the textbooks are purchased from the grant received from the Department of Student Welfare of the University of Mumbai. Under this scheme, remedial lectures were conducted for different classes.
- **ADVANCED LEARNERS' BOOK BANK SCHEME (ALBBS)** - This scheme has been introduced for meritorious students. A set of textbooks is provided to the students, who have achieved success in their previous year's examination.
- **SLOW LEARNERS' BOOK BANK SCHEME (SLBBS)** - Students unsuccessful in previous year's examination, but willing to achieve success in the next examination are eligible to take benefit of this scheme.
- **ECONOMICALLY BACKWARD CLASS BOOK BANK SCHEME (EBCBS)** - Students belonging to Economically Backward Class and wish to achieve success, can from this scheme.
- **UGC-REMEDIATION COACHING CLASS BOOK BANK SCHEME (RCBBS)** - A set of textbooks are issued to the students belonging to marginalized class under this scheme. Textbooks are purchased from the grant received from UGC.

2. Earn and Learn Scheme

- The Earn and Learn Scheme helps financially weak students to earn while they learn. The task assigned in the learn and earn scheme is basically the library work and maintaining the library staff records. Since 2005, based on the students' response, this scheme has been generating interest among students towards employment and giving them exposure to financial empowerment.
- The enrolled students for the same have to dedicate some hours after college as working hours through which they can easily pay their fees. These students are able to earn an excess amount if they work additional hours. No work is assigned in the practical or examination period. Students from Aided Section, Un-aided Section and YCMOU Study Center are eligible to take advantage of this scheme.
- The nature of work assigned to participant students is to work as per the daily requirement of the library such as to support the counter work, shelving the books, article indexing,



reprography service, entry in library automation system, technical support for LRC, development of LRC website, etc.

- The students get first-hand experience and knowledge of the tasks mentioned above. It helps the students in gaining fruitful experiences regarding the library system and also helps the institution in establishing good rapport with them.
- The participants are able to make their career in the field of Library and Information Science.

3. Best Readers Award

The Best Readers Award Scheme is an initiative to develop reading habits among the students. Students have to read maximum books as per their choice from the reference section and then have to submit book reviews in the prescribed format. Questionnaire is given to students who are qualified and The Best Readers Selection Committee interview them and then the awardee is selected.

Other Services

- The college also undertakes 'Outreach activity' by providing books to orphans, senior citizens of Thane city. External Membership is offered to nearby Government & Corporate office employees. Additional services like newspaper clippings, bibliographic compilation, reprographic services, scanning and printing, etc. are made available on request.
- Library conducted orientation programme with support of the departments, Inter-Library borrowing and resource sharing through associate colleges in Thane.
- Distance Learning Support to YCMOU students is offered
- LRC also offers 'External Membership' at a minimum fee for the students, who are preparing for competitive Examination or completing their education through distance learning.

The Learning resource center is automated with SOUL 3.0. Integrated Library Management Software. The LRC also provides e-book links to the students for reference and educational purposes. All the books are bar coded which facilitates easy search. The library staff are highly supportive towards the students. The library staff upgrade their skills and knowledge by attending various conferences, seminars, workshops organized by nearby colleges in Thane and Mumbai.



The LRC displays collections to acquaint and familiarize students with the enriched collection available with the library. The LRC displays the collection of books on the occasion of the birth and death anniversaries of eminent personalities like APJ Abdul Kalam, Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, Lokmanya Tilak, Kranti Jyoti Savitribai Phule, etc. Alumni of the college also contributed in library development by donating some books and software of spoken English. During pandemic period library has provided e – link of textbooks and reference books to the students.



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