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Vachan Katta (वाचन कट्टा) - A Report

'Vachan Katta' was started in collaboration with Department of Marathi and Marathi Bhasha aani Vangmay Mandal to inculcate reading habits among students of Degree College as well as Junior College. Sessions for this activity are held every fortnight in the library. Accordingly, four sessions were held this year – two in January (13-01-2020 and 27-01-2020) and two in February (10-02-2020 and 24-02-2020).

Students give an overview / review of

the book that they have read and then discussions are held on these books. In every session, three students present their views about the books that they have read. Students can choose any book, in Marathi, of their liking and interest for the activity. They have to enrol their names on first come first serve basis for the forthcoming session. 100+ students have attended these sessions.

Two students who gave the best review
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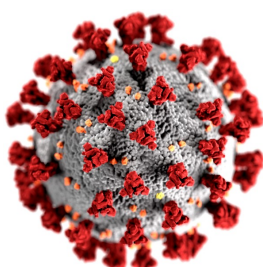
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Lockdown disconnects, but 'LIBRARY CONNECTS' ...digitally!

Covid-19 brings the world to a standstill!

The Corona Pandemic has created havoc across the globe. The coronavirus COVID-19 has af-

**CORONA VIRUS
COVID-19**



ected 213 countries and territories around the world.

As per data available on the website of World Health Organization (WHO) on 17 April 2020, the total confirmed Corona patients are 20,78,605 and 1,39,515 have died due to the infection, worldwide.

The infection which appeared in China in the late 2019, has spread across all the continents killing hundreds and thousands of people.

India is also going through a very bad

time and had to be locked down to control the spread of the virus. Everything has come to a standstill. All educational institutions, including their libraries are closed.

Spread of unreliable, fake information about the Covid-19 infection and its spread can create havoc in the society in the current crisis situation. Disseminating factual, authentic and reliable information to the masses is need of the hour. Keeping this in mind, the library has become a facilitator to provide such trusted information to our

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students and staff. We have started some activities like sending the digital copies of newspapers daily to our student and staff. Links to the online editions of the newspapers have also been made available through the library website. Similarly, we have compiled a list of important national and international sources which can be used to get reliable information about the Corona Pandemic for our users. The links to these resources have been made available in this issue as well as on the library website. Students, teachers and staff are requested to use these links to get the required information.

This is a very crucial time for all of us to maintain the much needed social distancing to help win the war against Covid-19 virus. But at the same time, library is making this appeal to use technology to 'stay connected', 'communicate', and 'share' with all your friends and well wishers. This is a time of physical isolation and not emotional or psychologi-

cal isolation. We need to keep a positive mindset and keep each other's spirit up.

Let us all keep our morale high and make a pledge to follow all the regulations laid down by the authorities. Yes,

हम होंगे कामयाब, हम होंगे कामयाब,

हम होंगे कामयाब एक दिन

हो हो मन में है विश्वास

पूरा है विश्वास

हम होंगे कामयाब एक दिन।

More about the Library initiated activities



Newspapers have been a very important and popular medium for receiving the daily news and updates for many of us. But many of us did not realize this until the lockdown began! Printing and delivery of the newspapers came to a standstill and we panicked. The library understands the importance of this very important medium of daily information delivery. We have started sending e-copies of the newspapers to our students, teachers and staff through whatsapp groups. We are getting a good response from teachers as well as students. We have also provided links on the library website to read popular newspapers. These links may be of great help when you need to read the newspapers of earlier dates.

There are many senior citizens who are facing a very tight situation, because not getting their daily newspapers is like depriving them of oxygen. They are psychologically more isolated than the actual physical isolation due to the lockdown and social distancing. When we realized this, we started sharing the e-copies of newspapers with senior citizens as well. This is the library's contribution to serve the social cause and support the senior citizens to

make them comfortable in this crisis.

Although the printing and delivery of newspapers has begun, newspapers are not reaching every household. Housing societies and complexes are not allowing any outsiders to enter their premises due to the lockdown as a precautionary measure. We urge all our users who are receiving the e-copies of newspapers, to please forward them to others who may be in need. They may be your friends, neighbours, relatives, well wishers! Sharing this content on social media is more important than sharing messages that do not have any verified, factual information.

Everybody may not be interested in just newspapers. For those interested in reading e-books, e-journals, e-magazines, and accessing other e-content, the Library website hosts many e-resources. A dedicated webpage for 'E-Resources' is available on the library website, which provides links to lakhs of subscribed and open access resources. Users can access subscribed e-resources through N-LIST by using their username and password, whereas the open access resources do not require any password for accessing them.

Users having any specific requirements can contact on vgvclibrary@gmail.com

Students have one more option of utilizing this available time in a very positive and constructive way. Many web portals are offering online e-learning courses. Some of these courses award credits which may be useful to you

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Important and Reliable Information Links regarding CORONA Virus Pandemic

Authentic and Reliable information on Corona Virus is available from National and International Sources. The links provided below are from Government of India, Government of Maharashtra, World Health Organization, UNICEF, etc. Please refer to these links for factual information instead of referring to messages circulating on social media. Such messages may not have been verified for their contents and may be misleading. This may harm you, your family, the society, as well as our nation.

Library urges all the students and staff to strictly follow all the instructions, rules and regulations laid down by the Government authorities from time to time.

'Stay Home, Stay Safe' and support all the government agencies to combat and control the outbreak.

- 1) World Health Organization: <https://www.who.int/>
- 2) Periodic Situation Reports for India released by WHO-India: <https://www.who.int/india/emergencies/india-situation-report>
- 3) UNICEF - Latest Information on Corona Virus: <https://www.unicef.org/coronavirus/covid-19>
- 4) Government of India- COVID-19 Awareness Information and Advisories: <https://www.mygov.in/covid-19/>
- 5) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India – Corona Helpline Numbers of States & Union Territories (UTs) <https://www.mohfw.gov.in/coronavirushelplinenumber.pdf>
Central Helpline Number for corona-virus: - +91-11-23978046
- 6) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India - <https://www.mohfw.gov.in/>
- 7) National Health Portal, Government of India: <https://www.nhp.gov.in/disease/communicable-disease/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov>
- 8) Maharashtra Government - Sarvajanik Arogya Vibhag – Corona related information and Circulars <https://arogyamaharashtra.gov.in/1175/Novel-Corona-Virus>
- 9) Most Important —> Download the Aarogya Setu App from <https://www.mygov.in/aarogya-setu-app/>



About the 'Aarogya Setu App'

Aarogya Setu is a mobile application developed by the Government of India to connect essential health services with the people of India in the combined fight against COVID-19. The

App is aimed at augmenting the initiatives of the Government of India, particularly the Department of Health, in proactively reaching out to and informing the users of the app regarding risks, best practices and relevant adviso-

ries pertaining to the containment of COVID-19.

As per information provided by the developers of the App NIC eGov Mobile Apps, 'the Aarogya Setu App detects other devices with app installed that have come in the Bluetooth /GPS proximity of your phone and captures this information. In the unfortunate case of any of those recent contacts Test positive, the App calculates your risk of infection based on recency and proximity of your interaction and recommends suitable action.'

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during your graduation. SWAYAM, UGC-MOOCs, NPTEL are Indian platforms offering online courses whereas Coursera, edX, are some private international platforms offering such courses.

The lockdown has literally cornered us all. Let us all use this time fruitfully and positively. Devote some time of the day to reading, gaining knowledge and to get new insights into preparing ourselves for the future.

**STAY HOME, STAY SAFE,
SAVE LIVES**



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From the Chairperson, Library Committee, Junior College - Dr. Sangeeta Radhakrishnan



- Dr. Sangeeta Radhakrishnan
Chairperson,
Library Committee,
(Junior College)

Optimism and Courage - Two essential attributes for success

The corona crisis is a world changing event. This unprecedented lockdown has come as a period of great uncertainty and apprehensions to the entire world. However, students can definitely make fruitful use of this time, by taking advantage of the vast resources available to them by use of books and technology.

Isaac Newton was just a regular student of Trinity College, Cambridge when the Great Plague of London had occurred. Owing

to the plague, the College was shut down for two years. Newton had to go home from his hostel. Although no guidance was available around this time, Newton continued with his studies on his own.

It was during this period that he worked on mathematics and developed early calculus. In Physics, he improved on his work on Optics, by getting a few prisms and making a hole in his window to let a stream of sunlight in. It was also around this time, that the much told story of the apple happened and Newton discovered gravity.

By the time the college reopened in 1667, Newton went on to become a star pupil from a regular student. The rest is history.

From the Editor ... Mr. Paritosh Pawar (Librarian)



It is not the mountain we conquer, but ourselves.

- Edmund Hillary

Our Library Newsletter - **Library Connect** successfully enters the fourth year with this issue. The issue was earlier being planned with a different touch. But due to the Corona Pandemic, we have decided to focus more on Corona related information, reliable sources of information, etc. Ultimately, the main function of the library is reaching out to the users and disseminating the right information at the right time. Since the entire country is facing a lockdown, the physical resources available in the library cannot be accessed. The library is making efforts to enable students and teachers to get access to as many online resources

as possible, like e-newspapers, e-books, e-journals, etc. Links to all these resources are being provided through the library website and are being updated on a daily basis.

Users can access information about some of these resources in our earlier issues of Library Connect. The library appeals to all the users to utilize the available time to access majority of these resources to and also to inform their class mates about them.

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We welcome your suggestions and feedback at vgvclibrary@gmail.com

- Paritosh Pawar, Librarian and Editor

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were awarded medals during the function organized on 27- February 2020, on the occasion of the **Marathi Bhasha Gaurav Din**.

The **Winners** are:

First Prize: Ms. Rashmi Kirloskar (T.Y.B.A.)

Second Prize: Mr. Aaditya Kotaval (FYJC - Comm)

All the students who presented their views on the books were also awarded certificates during this function. The activity has been welcomed by the students

of the Degree College and Junior College. Students of the Commerce and Science faculty have also started participating in these activities along with the students of the Arts faculty.

The Library wishes to thank all the students who were a part of this activity. Without the active participation and support of all the students, conducting this activity would not have been possible. Library also wishes to thank the Department of Marathi and Marathi Bhasha aani Vangmay Mandal for this collaborative activity.

Library E-Resources Awareness Session for Students of the Self Financing Courses

An **E-Resources Awareness Session** was organized for the students of FYBBI, FYBAF and TYBBI on 25-02-2020 on their special request. During this customized session, the Librarian introduced the students to the different types of electronic resources, difference between e-books, e-journals and other e-content and also about their academic significance. They were briefed about the e-resources subscribed by the college and a demo was also given to explain how to access these e-resources. The students were also introduced to open access resources that have been made available through the College Library website.



Photo Gallery:



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Thematic Displays

Marathi Bhasha Gaurav Din

Media Studies

Newsletter and Newspaper Clippings



Photo-frame Displays

Savitribai Phule and Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj

Newspaper Clippings Displays

For more photos of Library Activities visit Photo Gallery on the Library Website - <https://vazecollegelibrary.weebly.com/photo-gallery.html>

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Marathi Bhasha Gaurav Din:



मराठी भाषा गौरव दिन

The birth anniversary of **Kavivarya Shri Vi. Va Shirwadkar** also known as **Kusumagraj** is celebrated every year on 27th February as **Marathi Bhasha Gaurav Din**. Every year, the library also plays its part in observing this important day. A photo frame of Kavivarya Kusumagraj was garlanded in the ground floor foyer. His biography was also displayed to inspire the students. This year, three thematic displays were arranged by the library on this occasion. The first display was in the ground floor foyer where informative newspaper clippings related to Marathi language were displayed. The second display of more such clippings was outside the Periodical Section of the Library. The clip-



pings were articles from different newspapers highlighting the various aspects and importance of Marathi language. Different types of Encyclopedic collections in Marathi were displayed outside the Reference Section in the third thematic display.

Activity Audit - Library and Students Mutual Aid Fund - Book Bank Scheme:

The presentations of Library Committee and Students Mutual Aid Fund were done during the Activity Audit conducted by IQAC of our College on 20-02-2020. Librarian Mr. Pawar made the presentations on behalf of the Library Committee as well as Students Mutual Aid Fund - Book Bank Scheme. Chairperson of SMAF Committee, Ms. Alka Kelkar also gave her inputs during the presentation. Dr. Suresh Shendge Sir represented the Library Committee and gave his inputs, as in the absence of Chairperson for the Library Committee from Degree College. During the audit, IQAC members and auditors gave valuable suggestions which have been noted down.

**Believing in YOURSELF is the
First Secret to SUCCESS**

Library Staff Participation and Achievements:

(A) Librarian Mr. Paritosh Pawar

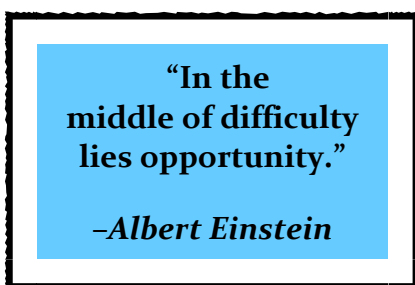
1. Attended the 'One Day National Seminar on Transforming Work Culture in Academic and Public Libraries: Challenges and Opportunities' organized by N.K.T.T. College, Thane on Tuesday, 21-Jan-2020.
2. Attended attended the 'Two Days National Workshop on Use of E-Content Development Tools and Techniques in Teaching and Learning Process' organized by Changu Kana Thakur College (Autonomous), New Panvel on Wednesday, 29-Jan-2020 and Thursday, 30-Jan-2020.
3. Article 'मराठी भाषेतील ऑनलाईन माहितीस्रोत - भाग दोन' published in the online magazine – बहुविध.कॉम, on 13-01-2020. This article is the first in the series of articles focusing on online information resources available in Marathi.

(B) Library Staff:

1. Asstt. Librarian Mr. D.D. Shirsat attended the 'One Day National Seminar on Transforming Work Culture in Academic and Public Libraries: Challenges and Opportunities' organized by N.K.T.T. College, Thane on Tuesday, 21-Jan-2020.
2. Library Clerk, Ms. Kavita Mehta attended 'SOUL User Meet 2020' organised by INFLIBNET and IDOL, University of Mumbai on 25-02-2020, at IDOL, Kalina, Mumbai.
3. At the 'Khel Utsav' Inter-collegiate Sports Tournaments organized by Bhavan's College, Andheri West, for the non-teaching staff, Library Attendant Mr. Sachin Gengaje won the Man of the Match prize in Cricket.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES: 1) Observing Anniversaries— Display of Photoframes & Biographies

In respect of renowned personalities from social, political, cultural and other areas, Library displays **Photo frames of Great & Famous Inspiring Personalities** and brief information about them on their birth and death anniversaries. In continuation with the practice, photo frames and biographies of the personalities that were displayed have been shown in the adjoining table.



Date	Name of the Personality	Occasion
03-Jan	Savitribai Phule	Birth Anniversary
11-Jan	Lalbahadur Shastri	Death Anniversary
12-Jan	Jijaau Maasaheb	Birth Anniversary
12-Jan	Swami Vivekanand	Birth Anniversary
23-Jan	Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose	Birth Anniversary
29-Jan	Maharana Pratap Singh (29th Jan 1597)	Death Anniversary
30-Jan	Mahatma Gandhi	Death Anniversary
19-Feb	Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj	Birth Anniversary
27-Feb	Kavivary Vi. Va. Shirwadkar (Kusumagraj)	Birth Anniversary
10-Mar	Savitribai Phule	Death Anniversary
12-Mar	Yashwantrao Chavan	Birth Anniversary

2) Thematic Displays -

Sr. No.	Theme	Occasion	Displayed from	Displayed to	No. of Books Displayed
1	Media Studies	-	05-02-2020	14-02-2020	35
2	Encyclopaedic Collections in Marathi	Marathi Bhasha Gaurav Din	25-02-2020	05-03-2020	25

3) Newspaper Clippings Display -

Book Reviews and informative articles from newspapers were displayed on the ground floor library display board. The clippings were displayed from 06-01-2020 to 11-01-2020, 13-01-2020 to 22-01-2020, 03-02-2020 to 10-02-2020, 11-02-2020 to 18-02-2020, 25-02-2020 to 05-03-2020.

4) Display of important links to The Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 -

Links to Original Documents pertaining to **The Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019** were displayed for the benefit of library users on the ground floor as well as first floor library display boards. Links to the following documents were displayed from 04-Jan-2020 to 29-02-2020. QR Codes were also displayed for easy download of the pdfs.

- i) **THE CITIZENSHIP (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2019 NO. 47 OF 2019** [12th December, 2019.] - An Act further to amend the Citizenship Act, 1955., Published in the **Gazette of India**
- ii) **The Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019**: A BILL further to amend the Citizenship Act, 1955 – **Bill No. 370 of 2019** as Introduced in the Lok Sabha
- iii) **Report of The Joint Committee on The Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016** (Sixteenth Lok Sabha) presented to Lok Sabha on 7 January, 2019; Laid in Rajya Sabha on 7 January, 2019

Links to the above documents are available on the Home Page of the library website.
<https://vazecollegelibrary.weebly.com/>

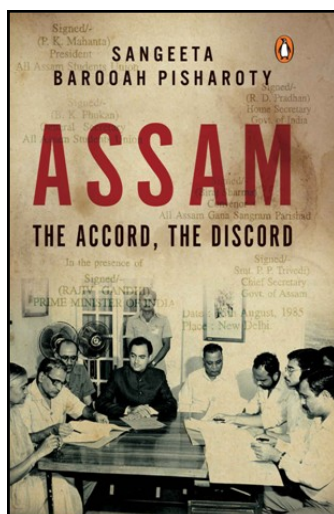


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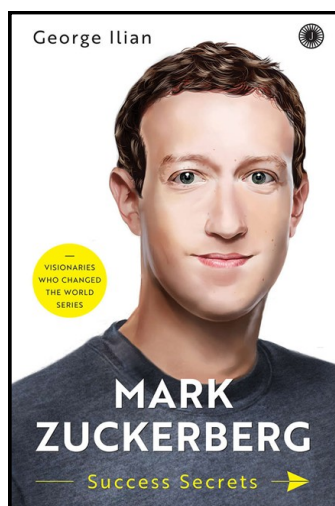
GLIMPSES - New Arrivals in the Library



Assam: The Accord, The Discord, by **Sangeeta Barooah Pisharoty**, Publisher: Penguin, 2019, Hardbound, ISBN: 978-0670091553 , 272 pages, Rs. 599/-

Assam: The Accord, The Discord looks at the making of the Assam Accord and its long shadow on the state, through political gamesmanship between principle players, periods of ULFA and Bodo militancies, and right-wing propaganda that has split the state along communal lines. The Assam Accord, which sought to end a six-year-long agitation against illegal immigrants in Assam, was signed between members of the All Assam Students Union (AASU), and state and central governments just a few hours before Rajiv Gandhi was to deliver the Independence Day address in 1985. The Asom Gana Parishad (AGP), was voted to power the same year, with Prafulla Kumar Mahanta becoming the youngest ever chief minister of an Indian state.

Key clauses of the Assam Accord remained unimplemented during Mahanta's often controversial tenures (1985-1990, 1996-2001), & through 3 terms of Congress rule, which ended with the BJP's victory in the state in 2016. Central to the Accord was deportation of those who could not prove their roots in India prior to 24 March 1971. In 2015, the process of updating the National Register of Citizens (NRC) based on the 1971 cut-off of the Accord began. The 1st list was released in Dec 2017, and did not include 14 million names.

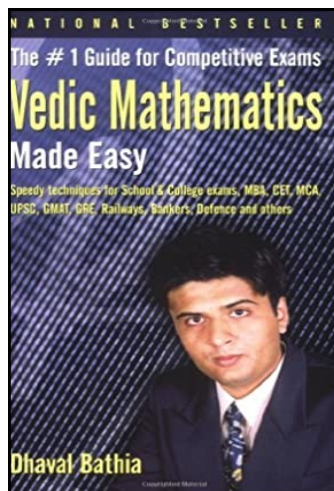


Mark Zuckerberg: Success Secrets, by **George Ilian**, Publisher: Jaico Publishing House, 2018, Paperback, ISBN: 978-9387944800 , 52 pages, Rs.150/-

Visionaries Who Changed the World Series brings significant moments from the professional and personal lives of entrepreneurs who have had a deep impact on the business world. Their determination to meet their goals and the challenges they overcame to succeed, make their stories unique and inspirational.

Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg has established himself at the forefront of enterprise and innovation. With the invention of Facebook, he built up his multibillion dollar company which lays emphasis on networking both for professional and personal purposes. Over the years, he strategically acquired more social media businesses such as Instagram and WhatsApp to complement his basic product, which still dominates a large share of the social media market. His willingness to hire specialists for advice reflects his awareness of his own shortcomings and gives him time to focus on matters that require his attention. The way Zuckerberg has charted out success, can be adopted by anyone to achieve their goals.

This series has other books on Warren Buffet, Bill Gates, Jack Ma, Elon Musk, and Steve Jobs.



Vedic Mathematics Made Easy, by **Dhaval Bhatia**, Publisher: Jaico Publishing House, 2017, Paperback, ISBN- 978-81-8495-301-5, 256 pages, Rs. 175/-

'*Vedic Mathematics Made Easy*' is popular among the readers for its quick approach to solve tricky problem of mathematics. Utilizing a handful of formulae, Bathia describes how you can tackle complex mathematics with ease. The book is not only helpful for students, but also a good guide for professionals and businessmen as well. The formulae in Vedic mathematics are known as Sutras. The author has penned sixteen important Sutras in teaching the readers on how to utilize them to break complex problems in arithmetic and algebra. The formulae are mainly based on the workings of the human brain. The specialty of the formulae are that they are not like traditional formulae with plenty of theory, thus it does not take time to memories it. The book is also useful for aspirants preparing for competitive exams like CAT, GRE and GMAT. The book is mainly segmented into three parts: Basic, Intermediate and Advance. The book starts from concepts of basic mathematics and then fundamental approaches, heading onto the advanced level. The book builds a mathematics base. With numerous solved problem and easy explanation, the book has become real treasure for aspirants to fulfill their dreams.