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Online Quiz on COVID-19 and related E-Resources: A Report

An online quiz was conducted by the Library of KET's V.G. Vaze College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Autonomous) during the COVID-19 lockdown period. This quiz was different from the quizzes conducted by others. It was not just restricted to focus on the virus or the sanitation issues.

The objective of the online quiz was to raise awareness on two planes – about the COVID-19 pandemic related information, and COVID-19 related e-resources being generated at the global level.

The library's role of information dissemination even during pandemic situations cannot change. There is a lot of COVID-19 related research taking place that needs to be brought into focus of students and

researchers.

Accordingly, the quiz was divided into two sections. The first section focused on awareness of COVID-19 virus and the pandemic, whereas the second section focused on awareness about E-Resources on COVID-19. The quiz was conducted from 30-05-2020 to 12-06-2020.

Students, teachers, library staff, and others in education field were the target respondents. The quiz form was circulated on whatsapp groups. The e-certificates were generated immediately and sent to all successful respondents on their respective email ids. The quiz received 1,117 responses, out of which 1,116 were from
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'LIBRARY CONNECTS'

Lockdown disconnects, but Library connects Digitally!

COVID-19: Unlocking the Research Potential

The novel Corona Virus – COVID-19 has affected the life of all global citizens. The impact has been seen on the individual, social, economic level and so on. The world is bearing the brunt in all unimaginable and possible ways. As the pandemic spread across the globe many countries entered into the lockdown mode to contain and prevent the spread of the virus. This was the only solution in sight in the

absence of any vaccine to tackle the virus. All educational institutes, markets, industries, organizations, offices except those related to essential services were shut. People were locked down in their houses for days and months. This created other problems.

Problems related to health, not related to the virus, surfaced. Economic crisis at the industry level and govern-

ment level percolated down to the family level. People losing their jobs pushed them into financial blackhole. Psychological problems began to rise. Domestic violence surfaced. There is not a single facet of human life that has remained unaffected by the COVID-19 virus and the lockdown.

There is a massive wave of research
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From the Librarian Mr. Paritosh Pawar (Editor)



COVID-19 pandemic has brought many challenges and unprecedented experiences in everybody's life. Although the lockdown had physically disconnected the library from the readers, some online initiatives kept the library connected.



COVID-19 related Information was circulated among students and teachers. This information was being continuously updated on the Library website. Open access E-Resources were compiled and updated on the Library Website. E-Newspapers were circulated to Teachers, Students, Library and Office Staff, Retired College Faculty members,

and Senior Citizens. A National Level Online Quiz was organized on COVID-19 related information and E-Resources. Searching and providing e-resources and information to staff and students has been going on as per requirements. The usage of N-LIST e-resources has seen an increase during the lockdown.

The library will continue to serve the users through online mode till the college reopens as per directives from government authorities.

STAY HOME, STAY SAFE, STAY HEALTHY!

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

- Paritosh Pawar, Librarian and Editor

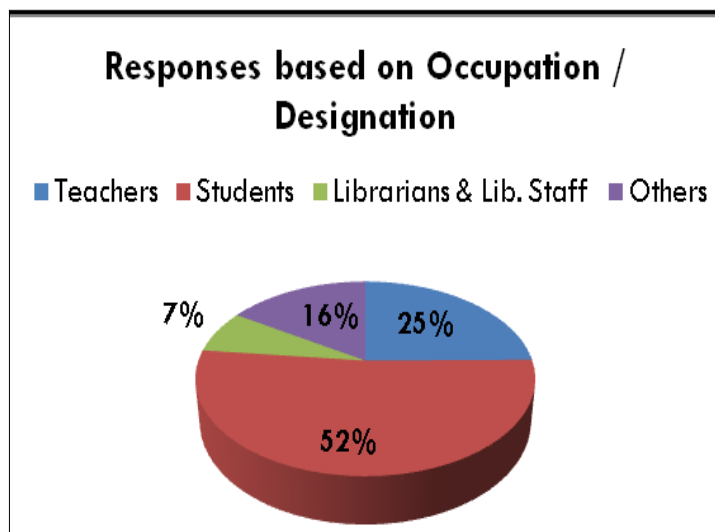
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different states of India and one from USA. 1,113 respondents successfully completed the quiz and were awarded e-certificates whereas 2 respondents failed

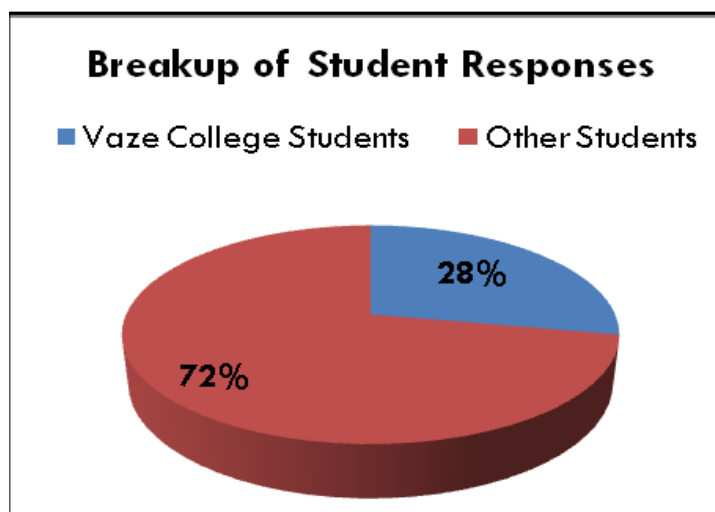
in the quiz.

An analysis of the responses was conducted. A few aspects of the analysis are presented here.

Breakup as per Occupation / Designation of Respondents	Number of Respondents
Students	579
Teaching Faculty	277
Librarians and Lib. Staff	80
Others	179
Total Respondents	1115



States	Number of Respondents
Maharashtra	904
Delhi	43
Goa	32
Haryana	30
Uttar Pradesh	25
Rajasthan	15
Karnataka	13
Gujarat	10
Bihar	8
Chandigarh	8
Tamil Nadu	7
Andhra Pradesh	6
West Bengal	6
Madhya Pradesh	2
Punjab	2
Chhattisgarh	1
Meghalaya	1
Orissa	1
Outside India (USA)	1
Total Respondents	1115





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being conducted on the impact of COVID-19. The research taking place on COVID-19 related issues is not limited only to the medical and health sciences. There is a lot of research taking place on sociological issues, psychological issues, economic issues, political issues, environmental issues and so on. This is a time when we have been confronted with a very different issue. And to prepare the human civilization for facing such issues, this research becomes significant. All this research output must reach other interested researchers in the respective fields. Most of the publishers and organizations have published this research in open access so that it can reach maximum people. These latest studies will help current researchers, would-be researchers - post graduate students and undergraduate students, to get an overview of the subject. Also, some students may get triggered to think on different lines and pursue research in future.

The COVID-19 Research Resources Repository is an initiative of National Digital Library of India. This repository comprises of scholarly publications, data sets, documents and videos, journals and conferences, and also information about ideas and funding as well as challenges

and startups.

e-ShodhSindhu Consortium of INFLIBNET, India has made available 'Online resources for providing support to researchers in COVID-19 Situation.' As mentioned on their website, this initiative is 'to support educational institutions during this challenging time of COVID-19, several publishers are providing free content access in full or providing research material, educational course material as a support for students, research scholars and academics.'

Similarly, EBSCO Medical has created COVID-19 Information Portal which is an open access initiative. There are evidence based resources, case studies, journal updates, global news updates, maps and data visualizations pertaining to COVID-19.

The links to access these important reference resources have been provided on the College Library website - <https://vazecollegelibrary.weebly.com/>.

All library users - students, researchers, teachers are requested to refer to the resources. ... and unlock the research potential!

In Brief: Daily dose of e-Newspapers!

The initiative of providing e-newspapers to our students, teachers, office staff and library staff during the lockdown, through whatsapp groups was highlighted in the previous issue of our newsletter. This activity was extended to our retired teachers and senior citizens as a social cause. The objective was to provide them with the daily dose of news and analysis on a regular basis.

Most of the newspapers provided the e-copies for free download during the lockdown period. After the unlocking process began, some of the newspaper publishers have

converted this to a subscription based service. The library's initiative was then restricted only to the freely downloadable e-newspapers.

A very positive feedback has been received from many readers. The analysis will be presented in the next issue of the newsletter. Preliminary analysis has shown that we could reach out to more than 750 readers. The library wishes to thank all the readers who supported the initiative. The library also thanks all the newspaper publishers.

Library Staff Participation and achievements

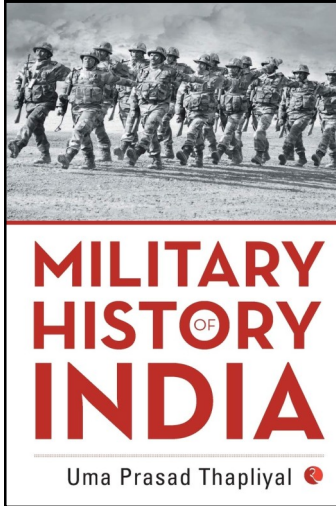
1. During the lockdown period, most of the library staff members have been attending online webinars, workshops, etc. organized by our college as well as by other colleges. This has helped in overcoming the COVID-19 gloom and also helped in self development as well as skill development.
2. The article 'मराठी भाषेतील ऑनलाईन माहितीस्रोत - भाग तीन' written by Librarian, Mr. Paritosh Pawar was published in the online magazine – बहुविध.कॉम, on 13-04-2020.

"No matter how much falls on us, we keep plowing ahead. That's the only way to keep the roads clear." - Greg Kincaid

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



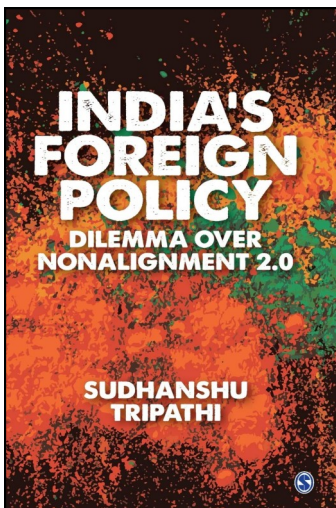
GLIMPSES - New Arrivals in the Library



Military History of India, by **Uma Prasad Thapliyal**, Publisher: Rupa Publications India, 2018, Paperback, ISBN: 978-9353332587, 515 pages, Rs. 995/-

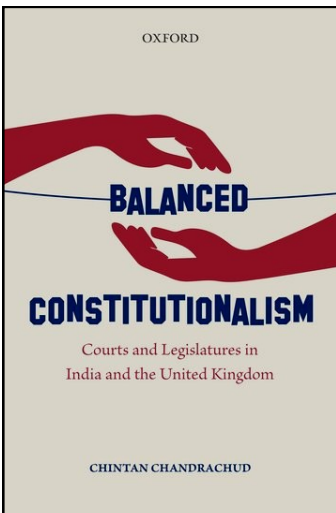
This book covers all major aspects of the military history of India, including the organizational and operational dimensions. Beginning with ad 1600, it examines the role of the military from ancient times to the present day. The book also catalogues the various operations undertaken by the Indian Army through the centuries within the country and overseas. Indian Navy, Indian Air Force and Paramilitary Forces have been adequately covered to highlight their role in the defence of the country. Major organizational changes introduced in the military apparatus and the operations conducted from time to time have been narrated in detail. This book will serve as a useful guide to the history and relevance of the armed forces, for both the general and the informed reader.

The author, Uma Prasad Thapliyal retired in 1996 as the director of the History Division, Ministry of Defence, Government of India. He has published several books on Indian history and military. In recognition of his outstanding research acumen, he has received Senior Fellowship by the Indian Council of Historical Research in 1997.



India's Foreign Policy Dilemma over Non-Alignment 2.0, by **Sudhanshu Tripathi**, Publisher: SAGE Publications Pvt. Ltd., 2019, Hardback, ISBN- 978-9353286422 , 220 pages, Rs. 895/-

India's Foreign Policy Dilemma over Non-Alignment 2.0 presents the story of India's quest for renewed focus on the doctrine of Non-Alignment. It begins with a discussion on the evolution of India's Foreign Policy along with the origin of its most important pillar, Non-Alignment, and its cumulative effect in India and abroad. It further discusses challenges, compulsions and constraints for India's Foreign Policy in context of the current instability and insecurity due to mounting Chinese and Pakistani collusion against India's rising profile in Asia, the emerging Pyongyang–Beijing–Moscow axis against the US, the evolving US–China bipolar world order in the background of eastward shifting geopolitics, economic recession and terrorism. The book argues that it is incumbent upon India to take a fresh lead today to reinvent the doctrine not only for its own national interests but also for the entire Third World. It proposes various steps to revitalize India's Foreign Policy so that India can play a desired role in the present global order.



Balanced Constitutionalism: Courts and Legislatures in India and the United Kingdom, by Chintan Chandrachud, Publisher: Oxford University Press, 2016, Hardback, ISBN: 978-0199470587, 352 pages, Rs. 995/-

The Human Rights Act (HRA) of the UK, enacted in 1998, provoked particular interest amongst scholars. Unlike systems of parliamentary sovereignty and judicial supremacy, it promised a new, 'balanced' model for the protection of rights, which conferred courts with a limited power of review over legislation. Under this new model, rights-based decision-making was expected to be balanced amongst courts and legislatures, rather than lopsided in favour of either. Indian courts, on the other hand, have always been constitutionally entrusted with the power to strike down primary legislation enacted by the Union and state legislatures.

This book examines the promise of the new model against its performance in practice by comparing judicial review under the HRA to an exemplar of the old model of judicial review, the Indian Constitution. Balanced constitutionalism is not achieved through the legislative rejection of judicial decision-making about rights.