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Library Audit Report

Submitted to
Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)
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Preface

I am pleased to present the library audit report for Rajagiri Viswajyothi College of Arts & Applied Sciences Library. This comprehensive report results from an in-depth assessment to evaluate the library'sinfrastructure, resources, and services. The audit aimed to identify areas that require attention and improvement to enhance the library's functionality and user experience.

Throughout this audit process, I examined various aspects of the library, engaged with library staff and users, and benchmarked against best practices and industry standards. I intend to provide valuable insights and recommendations for the library's continuous improvement.

This report is not meant to be a judgment but rather a constructive guide for enhancement. Embracing the recommendations outlined in this report will contribute to the library's progressand its ability to serve the needs of its users effectively.

I appreciate the Librarian, library staffs, IQAC team and college management for their cooperation and support during the audit process.



I. Infrastructure and Facilities:

1. Structural Changes:

- Recommend making small structural adjustments to optimize space utilization.
- A separate Cabin for Librarian
- Property Counter in front of the library for keeping personal belongings
- · More lighting inside the library
- The existing furniture is outdated and needs replacement or refurbishment.
- New and modern type furniture (tables and chairs) should be considered to create a comfortable and inviting atmosphere for library users.

The current bookshelves and racks are old ones and require refurbishme

Installing/renovate durable bookshelves will improve the aesthetic appe

3. Digital Library Facility:

Set up either a Dspace digital library facility for digital archiving (Old

- question papers, Project/Dissertation reports/UGC-MRP, ICSSR project
 Or
- Calibre -E resource management (Free access)

4. Proficiency Area/Centre

 Propose the creation of dedicated proficiency areas within the library for focused study sessions (e.g., Proficiency area, Career Excellence/Guidance, Research) we can add/project these as libraries services.

II. Signage and Captions:

- Catchy Captions: Install catchy and informative captions inside the library, highlighting the library advisory committee, library rules, and other relevant information to engage and inform visitors effectively.
- Library Holdings List: Create a visible library holdings list for easy reference and navigation within the library.

III. E-Resources and Memberships:

- DELNET, British Council, American Center Library, and National Digital Library: Consider obtaining memberships with these institutions to expand eresource access and article request services for library users.
- Resource sharing consortium between Rajagiri group of Institutions (Through Internal MOU).

IV.Library Website (separate /add link like rcss)

- Develop and maintain an informative Library Website, facilitating catalogue searches, access to online resources, and information on library services.
- Develop Open Access Library resources (Blog/subject gateway etc) and link to college website, so that subscribed and open access resources also can accessible to all.

Community Outreach/Library Extension Programs

Book Donation Programs: Organize book donation drives and library setup programs for communities such as old age homes, children's homes, and nearby public libraries to promote library extension activities.

Media Coverage: Showcase these community events through news articles and media coverage to highlight the library's commitment to community development.



VI. Accessibility for Specially Abled Users (Divyanjgan Community)

Special Softwares/Tools: Provide special software such as DAISY and JAWS
 Talking Software (Indian Sign Language) Dictionary to assist specially-abled users in accessing library resources.

VII. Documentation and Record-Keeping:

· Maintain documentation for all major purchases and additions in library

VIII. Journal & Periodical enhancements

Add some government publications such as Sahitya Academy, Ministry of Publication, and Broadcasting Division for periodical purchases.

IX. Staff Training

 Provide comprehensive training to library staff, covering both technical and operational aspects through conferences and workshops.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I remain at your disposal for any further clarification or assistance required.

Thanking You,

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Action Taken Report 2024

Following the library audit conducted by Mr Vijesh P V, Librarian, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous), Kalamassery, the details of action taken are as follows.

- Obtained DELNET membership, giving access to a wide range of library resources and interlibrary loan services.
- Took institutional membership in British Council Library and American Centre Library.
- Subscribed journals of Sahithya Akademy, Ministry of Publication and Broadcasting Division.
- structural changes have been implemented, including the reorganization of shelving units and the redesign of study areas to enhance accessibility and optimize space utilization."

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