

B.B. College, Central Library

“The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library”

-Albert Einstein in “Theoretical Physicist”

The Banwarilal Bhalotia College Central Library serves as the hub of a wheel whose spokes connect to all departments of the college. The Central Library, consisting of the morning, day, and evening shifts of the college, and the libraries of the BBA-BCA and Hindi sections of the college, are all well stocked and actively support the teaching-learning initiatives of the institution. The morning shift of the Central Library has the collection for general course students; the day shift of the Central Library has historically developed the largest collection for honours and postgraduate students for the college as per the mandate resting upon it. The evening shift of the Central Library, similar to the evening shift of the College, develops the collection for the entire range of the discipline of commerce. As the name suggests, the library of BBA-BCA caters to the students in the BBA-BCA section, and the library of Hindi Shift consists of the collections for honours and general Hindi medium students. Besides, there are 19 departmental or seminar libraries in the concerned department. Apart from the textbooks, the Central Library has a huge collection of reference books on each and every subject. Besides catering to the needs of the students and staff, the Central Library provides ample opportunities to those who intend to pursue their research in their concerned subjects. The College Central Library was set up since the inception of the college, i.e., in 1944, and a rich collection of more than 61,000 copies on different disciplines in the fields of natural science, humanities, and social sciences equips the students with a wide range of academic resources available in all sections of the Central Library and other libraries, including departmental libraries, as per records available. The College Central Library, comprised of morning, day, and evening shifts, is situated in the Humanities Building, with a total area of 3468 sq. ft. and a seating capacity of 60 students and 15 academicians. There is a reading room attached to the central library for students. The students are permitted to issue books or periodicals for the reading room or for home loans. The two other libraries are situated in the Hindi Shift Building and the BBA-BCA Building.

GLIMPSES OF CENTRAL LIBRARY:

- The Central Library has a good number of text books and reference books, and there are a few rare books also.
- Surveillance is made possible through the CCTV in Central Library.
- Users can access the bibliographic record of the Central Library through WebOPAC, both inside and outside the library campus.
- The Central Library now boasts automated, entirely online book issue and lending services, which are progressively cutting down on wait times, keeping records digitally, and improving service by offering users a platform to check their personalised library profiles online.

- The "Electronic Resources for Remote Learning During COVID-19" is an exemplary online library openly accessible from the college website (in the upper right-hand corner) and curated painstakingly by the Website Monitoring Committee during COVID but still hugely beneficial for all stakeholders. This online library is a site of openly accessible resources from the world wide web and also a repository of study materials created by the faculties of the college as per the university syllabus.
- The emerging archival section of the Central Library presently operates from a separate room adjacent to the library. It employs various software and hardware tools for the digitization of previous question papers, rare and valuable books, and other legacy documents not only of the college but also of the community. This section has the potential to become a knowledge site for discussing and debating digital scholarship and to surface as a repository of the memories of the city.
- The photocopy and printout facility is available in all the Central Library.
- The e-books and e-journals are also accessible through INFLIBNET and NLIST, both on and off-site.
- Previous Semester question papers and syllabuses for UG and PG are available in the Central Library, and soft copies of the question papers and syllabuses are also uploaded and made available on the College Website.
- Reference and Referral services are to be provided via email, What's App, and also from the Central Library.
- Magazines, journals, and newspapers are available in the Central Library.
- The Library Webpage of the college website is another source of rich and open-access e-resources for academic and career-oriented development.
- Books and journals relating to different competitive examinations are available for consultation in the library.
- Outside members such as alumni of the college, students of IGNOU and NSOU study centers, and local people are provided partial access to our Central Library, i.e., they are not allowed to borrow books but they are allowed to access documents within the library.
- Orientation and awareness programs for users are usually conducted departmentally.
- The college also has an efficient Library Advisory Committee comprised of faculty, non-teaching staff, and students of our college. All the departments place orders for books and journals before the committee. After careful consideration, the Library Advisory Committee allocates a budget for them.

बीबी कॉलेज में ई-लर्निंग को प्रोत्साहन देने की मुहिम

डिजिटल लाइब्रेरी से छात्र हो रहे लाभान्वित

अहमदाबाद। बीबी कॉलेज के वार्षिक पुस्तकालय के साथ डिजिटल लाइब्रेरी से इस कॉलेज के छात्र भी अत्यंत लाभान्वित हो रहे हैं। कॉलेज की डिजिटल लाइब्रेरी को अध्यापकों द्वारा नियमित रूप से वेबसाइट या पाठ्य-सामग्री से अपडेट कर रहे हैं, ताकि छात्रों की डिजिटल लर्निंग में सहायता हो सके। कॉलेज के स्टाफ स्तर पर पाठ्यक्रमों के साथ शहर की भी कई डिजिटल लाइब्रेरी में परीक्षा केंद्रों का उद्घाटन हुआ है, ताकि छात्रों को पर्याप्त जानकारी मिले, शहर की प्रमुख इमारतों व पुस्तकालयों को इसमें जोड़ा गया है। डिजिटल



लाइब्रेरी में कॉलेज के सभी 26 विभागों की फोटो-सामग्री ऑनलाइन उपलब्ध है। बीबी कॉलेज के प्रिंसिपल डॉ. अमिताभ बसु ने बताया कि वर्षरास

पुस्तकालय का भी विस्तार किया गया है, यहाँ हर तरह की पुस्तकें संग्रहित हैं, जैसे छात्र, जो कॉलेज से दूर हैं, वे डिजिटल लाइब्रेरी में एक्सेस कर सकें

आसानी से जानकारी प्राप्त कर सकें। डिजिटल लाइब्रेरी में लॉन-इन करना सिविल मुफ्त है, लाइब्रेरी विभाग के प्रधान राजेश ठाकुर ने बताया कि इसका उद्देश्य छात्रों को अनलाइन माध्यम से भी पढ़ाई करने की सुविधा देना है, छात्र चाहें जहाँ भी, वे डिजिटल लाइब्रेरी में एक्सेस कर सकते हैं। डिजिटल लाइब्रेरी ना सिर्फ ज्ञान का भंडार है, बल्कि तात्कालिक सूचनाओं व जानकारियों का खजाना है, इसकी कार्य-प्रणाली को तेज रखने के लिए जर्मनी से आरक्षित सर्वर मंगवाया गया है, जो पेज को बहुत स्पष्ट क्लियर गति से स्कैन कर उसकी गैलरी स्टोर करता है, कार्यक्रम में लाइब्रेरी विभाग के अधिकारी चक्रवर्ती, नेतृ कुर्मी आदि उपस्थित थे.



RULES & REGULATIONS OF THE COLLEGE LIBRARY

- ✓ While using the Central Library, users must bring their college ID card for online issue and return services now available in the Central Library.
- ✓ The students should remain silent inside the Central Library. Use of mobile phones is strictly prohibited inside the College Library.
- ✓ Books may be issued from Departmental Library also after taking permission from either the HOD or the In-Charge of the Departmental Library.
- ✓ Students appearing at the University Examinations must return the library books, and they should collect a library clearance certificate from the central library before filling out the form for appearing at the university examinations.
- ✓ Reference books and costly and rare books are not to be issued from the library without the written permission of the proper authority.
- ✓ Central Library can recall any issued book even before its due date. Generally, books must be returned by the students within 15 days from the date of issue. Defaulters have to pay a fine of Rs. 1 per day, per book.
- ✓ Books lost, damaged, or defaced must be replaced by the borrower. If the lost book is not available, the borrower will have to pay a fine determined by the appropriate authority.

EXTENSION OF THE LIBRARY AND ITS RELOCATION TO A NEW HOME: OUR DREAM

- ✓ The development of a new two-story library on top of the administrative building is nearing completion.
- ✓ Along with the existing academic library, this new library will feature a gallery, an archive, and a museum. It will showcase the heritage of the city and the institution through GLAM (Gallery, Library, Archive, Museum).
- ✓ The extra space in the new building will allow us to plan out all of the library's operations in a more creative and elaborate manner.
- ✓ In order to strengthen the central library's open access policy, the new library building will include reading space for students within the library stack hall. There will be space for reading and researching for the faculties and a modest multipurpose space for meetings, seminars, and content development.
- ✓ There will be a makers' space for the library, in addition to more traditional facilities, including a technical section for processing new library collections, a digital access section, and a periodicals section. The goal is to create a platform where cultural content and artefacts can be co-created.
- ✓ During the day, the interior design will maximise the usage of sunlight and air. A number of ergonomic pieces of furniture will be purchased. The new green library is intended to be accommodating to users with disabilities.
- ✓ Outside the main gate, there will be a ramp, and the library, which will be situated on the third and fourth floors of the current administrative building, will have a lift. Inside the library, visual signals, guides, and maps will be installed to assist everyone, including those with visual impairments, in navigating the aisles.

- ✓ The library, thus completed, is an amalgamation of various concepts, and again, a singular core of the college would like to offer internship programmes and various certificate courses to the students of library and information science and students from other departments as well to engage them in various concepts of knowledge creation, curation, and various media to broaden their ideas about not just the acquisition of knowledge but how it is curated and showcased.

New Additions to the Central Library Services (2022-2023)

Post-COVID closures, the central library experienced a substantial increase in visitors' traffic, attributed to a range of enhanced services and initiatives. The range of facilities, various student-centred programmes, innovative measures, online dissemination of information, engaging with students at multiple levels, assessing their needs, and even mentoring caused the surge in the central library.

Mentor Mentee Program from Library


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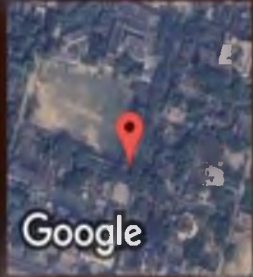
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APPLICATION NO - BBCOLG 227687978
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DETAILS- Mehak Khanna, an average student in the economics department, harbors ambitious dreams of financial independence and success. Despite facing family pressure for marriage, she remains resolute in her determination to complete her higher studies before considering matrimony. One day overwhelmed by parental expectations, Mehak sought solace in the library, where she expressed her anxieties. In response, the library offered sage advice: marriage distractions do not equate to immediate realization; it's a process that time to materialize. Encouraged by this perspective, Mehak redirected her focus to her studies understanding that academic success would ultimately empower her to persuade her parents. This simple yet profound guidance uplifted Mehak's spirits and reignited her motivation to excel academically.

SIGNATURE OF MENTOR: Nitu Kurmi
SIGNATURE OF MENTEE: Mehak Khanna

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SHAMA KHATOOL

DEPARTMENT - HISTORY

SEMESTER - 1st

APPLICATION No. - BB COLG. 232774190

DATE - 5/4/23



DETAILS - Shama, a young minority student recently graduated from school finds herself navigating the daunting corridors of a large college like ours. In this expansive environment, she often feels adrift and apprehensive, acutely aware of the linguistic and cultural disparities that loom as potential obstacles. Seeking refuge from her uncertainties, she gravitates towards the library, where she discovers a sanctuary amidst the stacks of books and quiet study spaces.

Welcomed with open arms by the library staff, including the Hindi-speaking library madam, Shama instantly feels a sense of belonging. Encouraged by the library madam, she is invited to frequent the library not just for academic pursuits but also for inclusive ethics extends beyond shama; evengas the library serves as a beacon of support & guidance for countless girls like her who seek counsel, clarity, and comfort in their academic journey.

SIGNATURE OF MENTOR

Nitu Kumari
Khatool

SIGNATURE OF MENTEE

Shama Khatoon

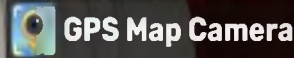


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SHABNAM PERWEEN

DEPARTMENT-

SEMESTER-

APPLICATION NO.

DATE - 8/12/23

DETAILS- Shabnam is from a humble background and is looking to crack the competitive examination for the betterment of her family, but she has yet to be guided to sit for the competitive exam. Therefore it is suggested that she offer tuition to meet her day-to-day expenses. She has joined a tuition house now and earns Rs. 3,500. per month. Shabnam, hailing from a modest background aspires to uplift her family fortune by cracking a competitive examination. However, she faces a hurdle, as she has yet to graduate to qualify for the exam. Undeterred, we in the library suggested to her that she should take a proactive step to support herself by offering tuition. Currently, she has earned Rs. 3,500 per month, ensuring her day-to-day expenses are met as she pursues her dreams of a brighter future for her family.

SIGNATURE OF MENTOR

Lily Kurni

[Handwritten Signature]

SIGNATURE OF MENTEE

Shabnam Perween

"Moner Baranda"- A Creative Writing Initiative of The Central Library

Imagine a world in which a library box can serve as a student's portal to endless ideas and boundless imagination. The traditional feedback box in the Central Library has been transformed into something more mind-bending, creative, and engaging space. We invite students to enter and unleash their thoughts, sharing their insights with others and exploring the power of writing. By unleashing the writer within them, the aim of the Central Library is to allow students to explore new worlds, challenge old beliefs, and discover the true power of ideas together. The Grass Table, a college e-magazine, planned to publish selected writings.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/83kTWx4DgLPvNvhp/?mibextid=oFDknk>



Bibliovorous Programme of The Central Library

The Central Library has started a “Bibliovorous” programme in which it announces the names of the most exceptional users at the central library. Every week, it shines a spotlight on two to three individuals who have gone above and beyond in their library visits. Each semester, the library will award the esteemed title of "Bibliovorous" to the most exceptional library users, as popularised on its Facebook page. Users are identified as bibliovorous based on the frequency of their visits, the quality of time spent learning in the library, and their overall behaviour. Central Library is looking for individuals who exhibit empathy, dedication to learning, a willingness to volunteer, and a positive attitude.



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Following Bibliovores have been on the prowl in the library this week. Bookworms and other bibliophiles, beware and take note.

Bibliovorous for this week are as follows:

Vidya Burnwal, Semester 2nd, Department of Commerce

Deep Das, Semester 4th, Department of Physics

Ashutosh Kumar Prasad, Semester 4th, Department of Mathematics

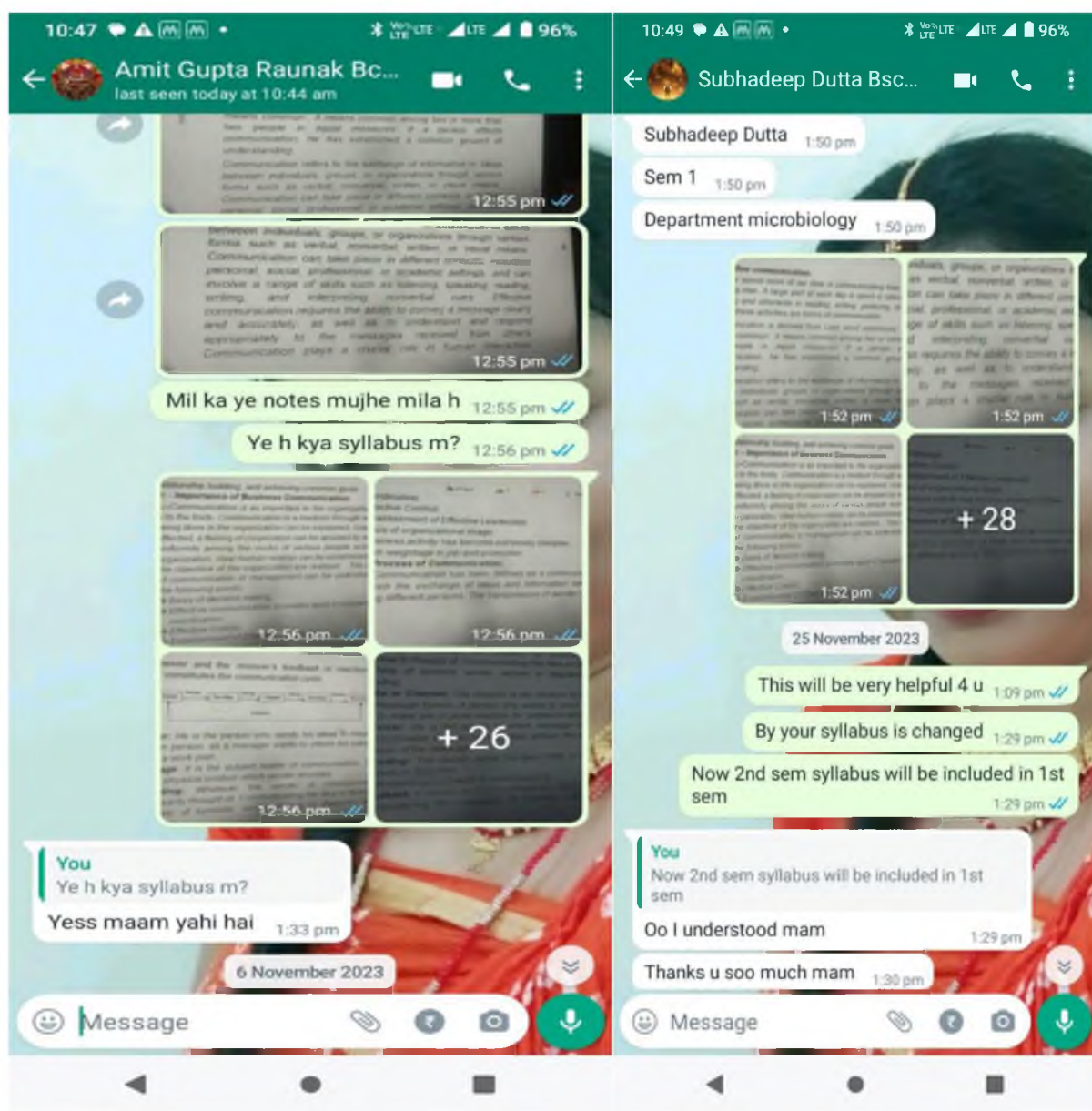
Online Dissemination of Information from The Central Library

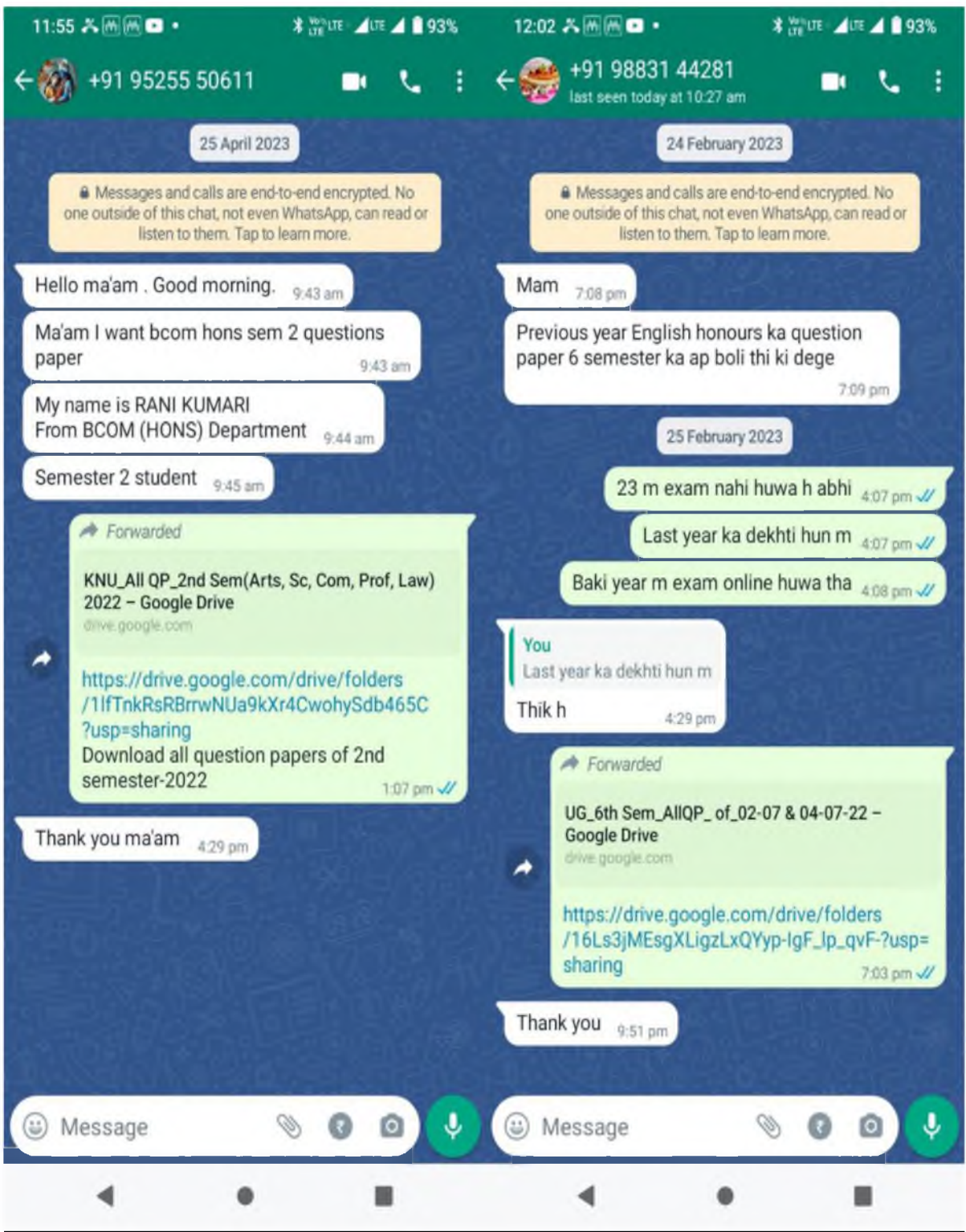
Beyond surviving COVID, the library thrived. We brought information sharing to life with a dedicated Facebook page, complementing our "ask a librarian" service, as well as the 'Whats App' platform. This social media bridge and outreach also sparked a surge in library visits, proving our commitment to knowledge extends far beyond the physical walls.

Facebook Page

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Information Sharing Through 'Whats App' Platform





Inauguration of the Competitive Examination Preparation Section

The Central Library opened its competitive examination wing with a generous endowment of relevant book materials donated by the Asansol Durgapur Police Commissionerate and some responsible citizens on February 16, 2023.

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