

#### **4.3.2 Total number of textbooks, reference volumes, journals, collection of rare books, manuscripts, digitalized traditional manuscripts, discipline-specific learning resources from ancient Indian languages, special reports or any other knowledge resource for library enrichment**

Response:

“A library is a hospital for the mind”.

As gateways to knowledge and culture, library play a fundamental role in society. The resources and services a library offers create opportunities for learning, support literacy and education, and help shape the new ideas and perspectives that are central to a creative and innovative society. Library functions as a knowledge centre for the growth of students, faculty and the Institution as a whole. It also plays an important role in supporting the academic programs of the institution as well as various phases of life of students. Books are the windows through which the souls look out. The library of CDSRC is spread across 8400 sq. ft with 200 seating capacity.

The college library acts as an apex knowledge resource centre for all the departments. However, each of them has its own independent specialized libraries. It is envisaged that this library will continue to be a strong facilitator in knowledge creation and dissemination. The Library serves as a source for an efficient, serious and scholarly place that supports and enables quality improvements in academic and institutional performance. The library procures a comprehensive range of textbooks, journals, digital databases, thesis and doctoral dissertations. There are collections of diverse materials, to support teaching, learning and research. It also provides entertainment and healthy leisure to the students and faculty by providing different newspapers and magazines. The entire collection is organized into various sections in the library.

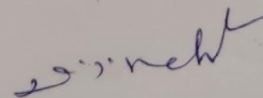
The CDSRC library has access to many electronic journals, e-books and databases that serves as a strong self-learning resource. The Institution insists on inculcating the habit of self-directed learning and encourages the students to spend productive time in the library to update themselves and to know about the newer trends and latest advances in dentistry. The library also serves as a place with a pleasant ambience for the students to prepare for their examinations.

Text books: 3721 national and international books are available in our central library for all basic medical science and dental departments,.

Reference books: 460 recently edited national and international books are available as reference books. The library regularly adding recently revised, edited and newly arrived books for all specializations from National and International publishers like Elsevier, Springer, Jaypee, etc. at present enough quantity of books are available with different titles for all specializations.

Total number of National & International Journals: 23 till the year June 2022 (updated)

Thesis and Library Dissertation: 211 PG research thesis and library dissertations are available in the library. Newspaper: English and Gujarati daily newspapers are available in the library to know the day-to-day updates.



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