11.2.2 Does your university as body provide public access to libraries including books and publications?

Answer: Swami Vivekanand Subharti University is committed to providing **free public access to libraries, books and publications**, supporting inclusive access to knowledge, education and lifelong learning. The University's library system includes central, college and departmental libraries with extensive collections of **books, textbooks, reference books, journals, periodicals, e-books, e-journals and other academic publications**. Members of the public, researchers and other eligible users can access library resources through the prescribed **consultant/library membership facility**, subject to applicable library guidelines. The libraries also provide **Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC)** and digital resources to facilitate easy discovery and use of academic materials. Through these facilities, SVSU promotes **free and accessible use of library resources, books and publications** for learning, research and knowledge dissemination, thereby contributing to equitable access to information and supporting the objectives of **UN SDG 11.2.2 – Free Public Access to Libraries**.

Swami Vivekanand Subharti University (SVSU), Meerut, promotes inclusive and equitable access to knowledge and learning resources as part of its commitment to community engagement, lifelong learning and social development. The University has established the "Policy on Free Access of Educational Resources for those not studying at the University" (Policy No. U-07/SVSU/2024/2087), effective from 12 January 2024 and approved by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor. The policy provides a formal institutional mechanism through which eligible members of the wider community, including persons who are not enrolled as university students, can access designated educational and library resources.

Library Rules for External/Consultant Members

- Any person from outside the University who wishes to consult library resources may become a Consultant Member for a specified period, subject to written permission from the Vice-Chancellor.
- Consultant members may use library resources within the library premises only.
- Books/materials are not permitted to be taken outside the library.
- Consultant members must handle all library books and resources carefully.
- In case of loss or damage, the member will be required to replace the book with a new copy of the same title and latest edition.
- If a consultant member misuses library property or violates library rules, their membership may be suspended or terminated.





Image 1 - Gen. G. S. Dhillon Central Library







Image 2 - Central Library Medical Sciences



Image 3 - Screenshots from the official SVSU Library website

(The University's library may accessed through the following weblin: https://library.subharti.org/)

IQAC policy page: https://subharti.org/iqac-policy.php

The policy is particularly relevant to SDG 11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities, as it contributes to creating an inclusive learning environment in which educational infrastructure and knowledge resources can benefit the surrounding community rather than being restricted exclusively to enrolled students.

Free-access policy document:

https://subharti.org/iqac/pdf/policies/Policy%20on%20Free%20Access%20of%20Educational%20Resources%20for%20those%20Not%20Studying%20at%20the%20University.pdf

Lifelong Learning Accesses Policy

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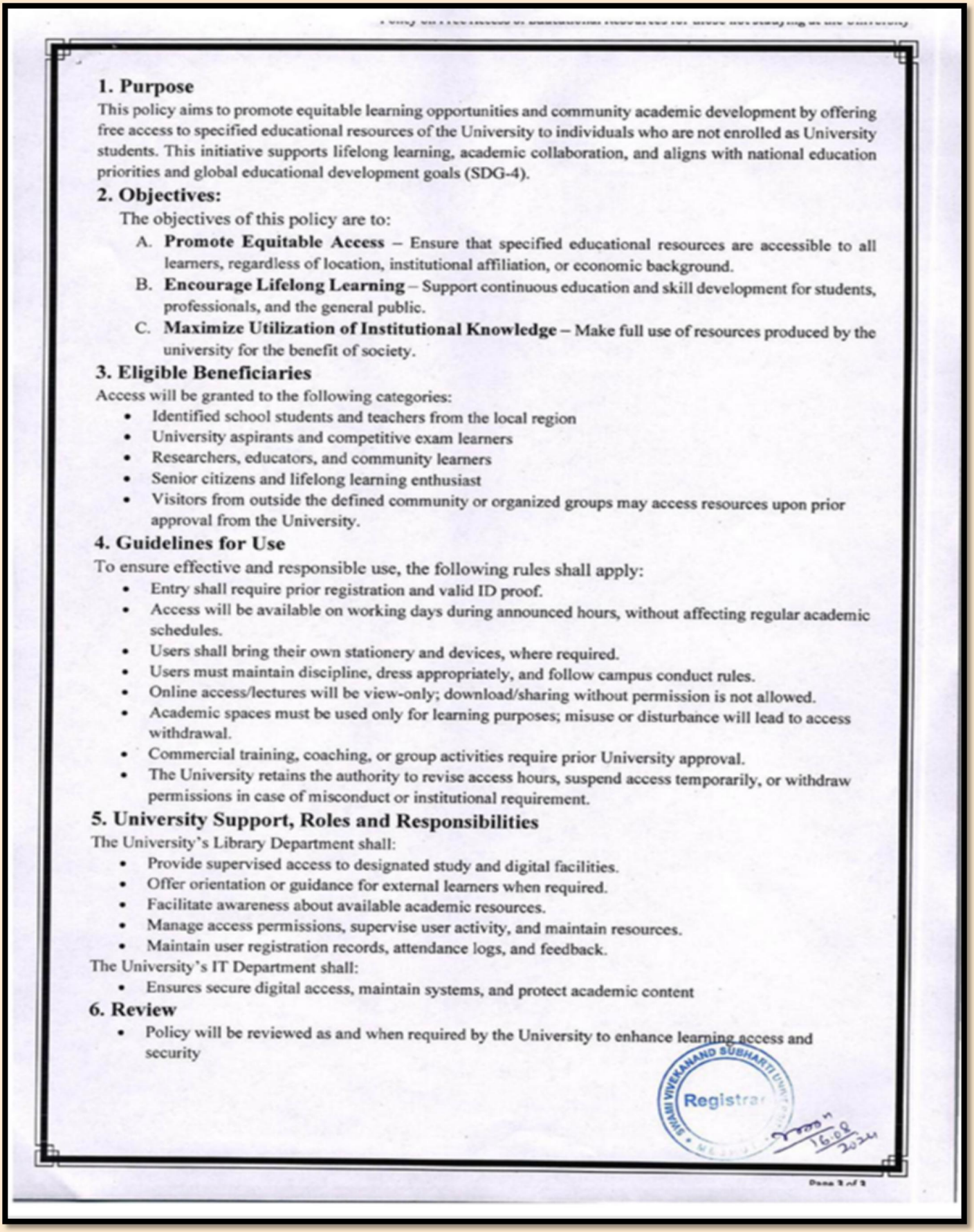
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Policy on Free Access of Educational Resources for those not studying at the University

Policy on Free Access of Educational Resources for those not studying at the University

S. No.	Particulars	Description
1	Policy Number	U-07/SVSU/2024/2087
2	Policy Structure	The University encourages the advancement of knowledge and community learning by allowing free access to designated educational resources. Access will be based on identity verification, adherence to rules, and use of University designated facilities during approved hours.
3	Scope of the Policy	This policy applies to: • Access to designated university library reading spaces, computers, digital learning zones, and use of open learning materials during notified hours, subject to University norms and campus discipline guidelines. • Attendance in specified open lectures, seminars, and academic talks for external participation will be subject to adherence to classroom etiquette and the University's codes of conduct. • Access to University academic support services designated for external learners, as permitted by University authorities and within available capacity. • Entry to campus and learning spaces is subject to identity verification and security protocols, including visitor registration, access-card / gate-pass issuance, and compliance with security checks. This policy does not apply to: • Examination-related materials, internal academic content, or restricted databases. • Borrowing of physical library books without formal membership. • Paid certificate programs, professional training programs, and research labs require academic affiliation.
4	Policy Status	Original
5	Originated By	University's Library
6	Reviewed By	Registrar
7	Effective Date of Policy	12.01.2024
8	Approving Authority	Hon'ble Vice Chancellor
9	Policy Review Date	16.08.2024



1. Purpose

This policy aims to promote equitable learning opportunities and community academic development by offering free access to specified educational resources of the University to individuals who are not enrolled as University students. This initiative supports lifelong learning, academic collaboration, and aligns with national education priorities and global educational development goals (SDG-4).

2. Objectives:

The objectives of this policy are to:

A. **Promote Equitable Access** – Ensure that specified educational resources are accessible to all learners, regardless of location, institutional affiliation, or economic background.

B. **Encourage Lifelong Learning** – Support continuous education and skill development for students, professionals, and the general public.

C. **Maximize Utilization of Institutional Knowledge** – Make full use of resources produced by the university for the benefit of society.

3. Eligible Beneficiaries

Access will be granted to the following categories:

- Identified school students and teachers from the local region
- University aspirants and competitive exam learners
- Researchers, educators, and community learners
- Senior citizens and lifelong learning enthusiast
- Visitors from outside the defined community or organized groups may access resources upon prior approval from the University.

4. Guidelines for Use

To ensure effective and responsible use, the following rules shall apply:

- Entry shall require prior registration and valid ID proof.
- Access will be available on working days during announced hours, without affecting regular academic schedules.
- Users shall bring their own stationery and devices, where required.
- Users must maintain discipline, dress appropriately, and follow campus conduct rules.
- Online access/lectures will be view-only; download/sharing without permission is not allowed.
- Academic spaces must be used only for learning purposes; misuse or disturbance will lead to access withdrawal.
- Commercial training, coaching, or group activities require prior University approval.
- The University retains the authority to revise access hours, suspend access temporarily, or withdraw permissions in case of misconduct or institutional requirement.

5. University Support, Roles and Responsibilities

The University's Library Department shall:

- Provide supervised access to designated study and digital facilities.
- Offer orientation or guidance for external learners when required.
- Facilitate awareness about available academic resources.
- Manage access permissions, supervise user activity, and maintain resources.
- Maintain user registration records, attendance logs, and feedback.

The University's IT Department shall:

- Ensures secure digital access, maintain systems, and protect academic content

6. Review

- Policy will be reviewed as and when required by the University to enhance learning access and security

SWAMI VIVEKANAND SUBHARTI UNIVERSITY
Registrar
16.08.2024

Image 4 - Screenshot of Library Policy

Access for the Wider Community

Under the policy, eligible external users may access designated University educational and library facilities, including library reading spaces, computers, digital learning zones and open learning materials, during notified hours and subject to university norms, security requirements and campus discipline.

The intended beneficiaries include:

- School students and teachers from the local region
- University and higher-education aspirants
- Competitive examination learners
- Researchers and educators
- Community learners
- Senior citizens
- Lifelong-learning enthusiasts
- Other eligible members of the wider community

Organised groups and visitors outside the defined beneficiary categories may also be permitted to use designated resources subject to prior approval from the University.

Access is facilitated through prior registration, identity verification and applicable visitor/campus-security procedures. The Library Department provides supervised access to designated facilities and maintains appropriate records relating to users and resources.

Library Infrastructure Supporting Public Access

SVSU has developed an extensive library network consisting of two central libraries, seven college libraries and departmental libraries serving different academic disciplines. The official Central Library website reports that the University library system has a seating capacity of more than 2,000 patrons at a time. The two central libraries provide access to textbooks, reference books, journals, periodicals and electronic learning resources. The University's library internet centres have 100 computers, providing an important digital-learning facility for accessing electronic resources and online scholarly information. The libraries also provide an Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) and internet connectivity.

The current library system also provides access to a substantial physical collection. The University's library collection page reports a total of 189,547 books across its listed libraries and collections.

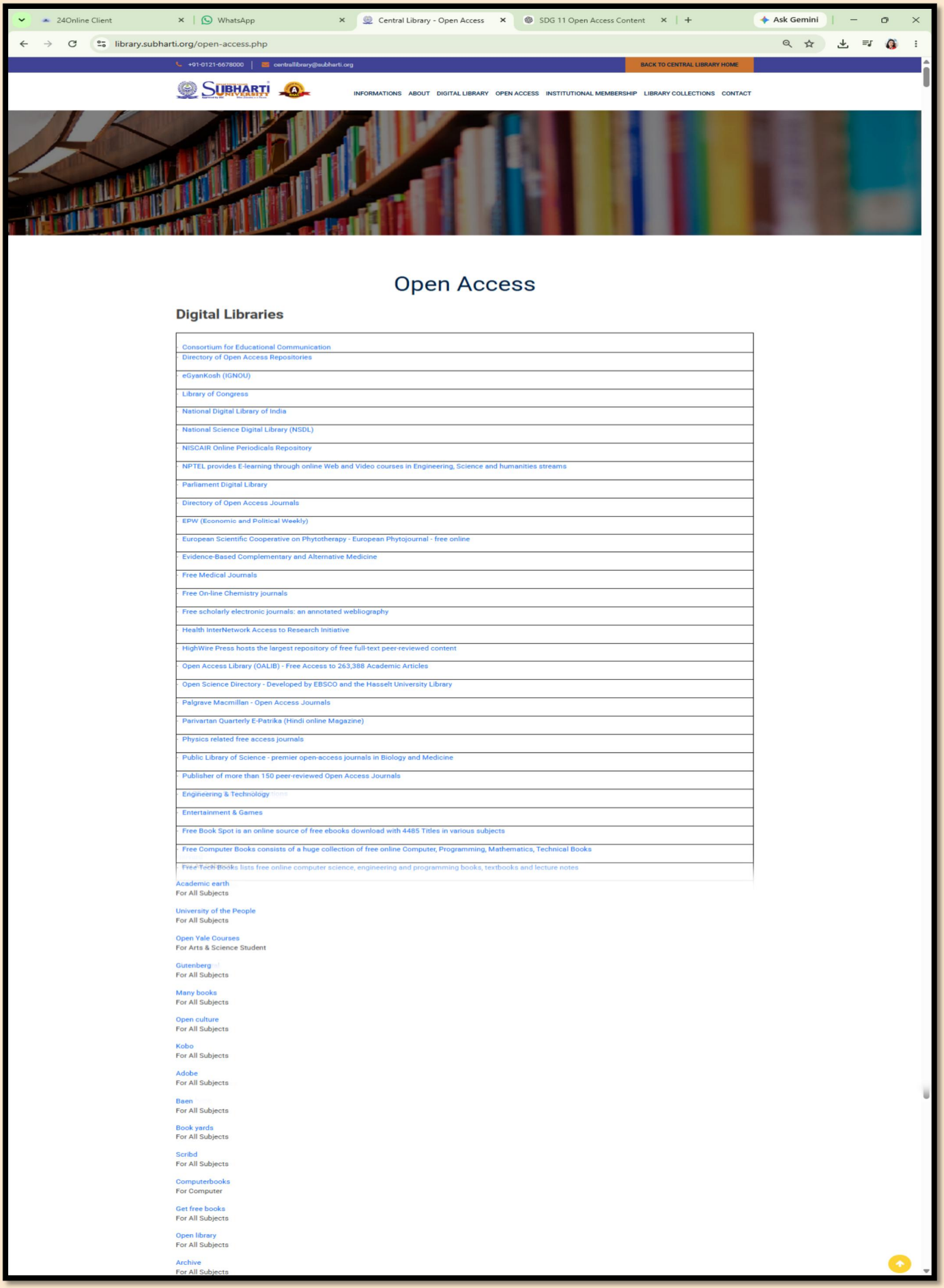


Image 5 - Screenshot from the official SVSU Library website (library.subharti.org)

Consultant Membership for Members of the Public

In addition to the specific free-access policy, SVSU's official library rules provide a formal Consultant Membership mechanism. A person wishing to consult library material may become a consultant member for a specified duration after obtaining written permission from the Vice-Chancellor.

Consultant members may consult library materials within the reading room; however, they are not permitted to take books outside the library premises. This mechanism provides an additional controlled pathway through which external researchers and members of the public can consult University library collections.

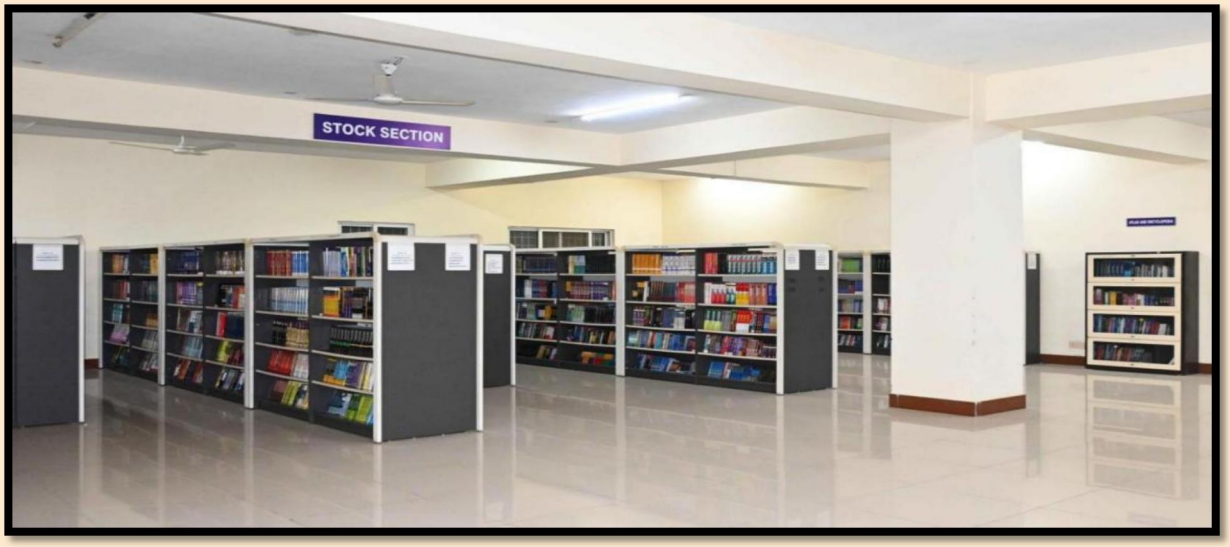


Image 6 - Library Stock Section

Consultant membership details: https://library.subharti.org/membership.php

Electronic Journals and Digital Resources

SVSU's libraries provide access to a large collection of electronic scholarly resources. According to the University's published library data, the library collection included 60,054 electronic journals/electronic-journal and conference-proceedings resources and 10,861 e-books. The same institutional data records access to multiple electronic databases and learning resources.

The University's documented electronic-resource facilities include resources such as EBSCO, DELNET, J-Gate, Sage Database, India E-Library, Scopus and SCC Online, together with Shodhganga and e-ShodhSindhu. The University also has an open-access section through its Central Library website, which provides links to freely accessible resources such as the National Digital Library of India, e-GyanKosh, UNESCO Library, World Digital Library, NPTEL, Library of Congress and other open educational/research repositories.



Image 7 -Library

Shodhganga - Open Access to Indian Theses

https://library.subharti.org/open-access.php

An important component of the University's research-access framework is Shodhganga, the digital repository operated by the INFLIBNET Centre. SVSU's institutional records confirm that the University has membership/access to Shodhganga and has participated in the repository. Earlier NAAC documentation also confirms that SVSU participates in Shodhganga by depositing Ph.D. theses for electronic dissemination through open access.

Shodhganga is particularly relevant to the free public-access component of this report because INFLIBNET describes it as a repository that makes Indian Ph.D. theses available to the scholarly community through open access.

Importantly, Shodhganga should not be presented as a paid subscription resource of SVSU. It is an INFLIBNET open-access repository in which participating universities deposit theses. SVSU's institutional documentation establishes its participation, while the repository itself provides public access to eligible full-text theses.





Image 8 - SVSU's Shodhganga@INFLIBNET institutional page

E-Resources Subscribed

S. No	E-Resources	Login Url
1	Delnet (Management & Engineering) 19/04/2026 - 18/04/2027	Www.Delnet.In
2	Gale (Delnet) (Management & Engineer Ing) 19/04/2026 - 18/04/2027	Https://Link.Gale.Com/Apps/Menu?Usergroupname =Site&Prodid=Menu
3	Delnet (Pharmacy) 26/11/2025 - 25/11/2026	_____ Www.Delnet.In
4	Scc Online (Law) 01/02/2026 - 31/01/2027	Www.Scconline.Com (Create Your Own Login Id To Access)
5	Ess-J-Gate (Science & Technology, Social Science & Humanities 20/04/2026 - 19/04/2027	Https://Www.Jgateplus.Com E-Shodhshindhu Https://Www.Inflibnet.Ac.In/E ss/ Shodhganga Http://Shodhganga.Inflibnet.Ac.In:8080/Ietd/Adm i Nlogin.Jsp?Login=Techperson Swayam Https://Swayam.Gov.In/ National Digital Library Of India (Ndli) Https://Ndl.Iitkgp.Ac.In/ Library Of Tibetan Works And Archives, Gangchen Kyishong Dharamshala-176215 Manual

		Central Institute Of Buddhist Studies, Choglamsar, Leh-194101, Ut Ladakh Manual
6	Sage Database (280 E-Journal Medical, Dental, Nursing) 01/01/2025 - 31/12/2026	Https://Journals.Sagepub.Com/
7	Scopus (Citation Database) 01/01/2025 - 31/12/202	Https://Www.Scopus.Com/Search/Form.Uri?Display=Basic (Create Your Own Login Id To Access)
8	Ebsco (E-Journals Dental) 01/08/2025 - 31/07/2026	Https://Search.Ebscohost.Com/
9	E-Kumbh (Aicte)	Https://Ekumbh.Aicte-India.Org/Index.Php (Create Your Own Login Id To Access)

e-ShodhSindhu

SVSU's institutional records also confirm membership/subscription to e-ShodhSindhu, the national consortium for higher-education electronic resources. The University's NAAC/AQAR documentation specifically records “Yes” for e-ShodhSindhu and Shodhganga, along with e-journal/e-book consortia and other electronic databases.

Institutional Membership

S. No.	Institutional Membership	Login URL
1	E-Shodhshindhu	https://www.inflibnet.ac.in/ess/
2	Shodhganga	http://shodhganga.inflibnet.ac.in:8080/ietd/Admin Login.jsp?login=techperson
3	SWAYAM	https://swayam.gov.in/
4	National Digital Library of India (NDLI)	https://ndl.iitkgp.ac.in/

Details of memberships / Subscription	Name of service subscribed to	Number of e-resources with full text access	Web link of remote access
1. E-JOURNALS/E-BOOKS CONSORTIA			
SCOPUS	Membership	All Journals Databases Currently Available	https://www.scopus.com/search/form.uri?display=basic#basic
DELNET	Membership	3,000 E-Journals, 10,966 E-book, 15,406 E-Content on Institutional LMS	https://delnet.in/
J-Gate Complete	Membership	58,817 E-Journals	https://jgateplus.com/home/
LWW Indian E-Library	Membership	125 E-Book	https://ebooks.lwwindia.co.in/
National Digital Library of India (NDLI)	Membership	73, 356, 939 E-Resources Available On NDLI, India	https://ndl.iitkgp.ac.in/
2. E- SHODHSINDHU			
E-SHODHSINDHU (login redacted)	Online		https://www.inflibnet.ac.in/ess/
3. SHODHGANGA			
SHODHGANGA (login redacted)	Online		http://shodhganga.inflibnet.ac.in:8080/ietd/AdminLogin.jsp?login=techperson
4. SWAYAM			
SWAYAM (login redacted)	Online		https://nptel.ac.in/LocalChapter/spoc_login/
5. DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC DATABASES			
DELNET	E-Journals Database	Engineering - 1378 Management - 1070	https://delnet.in/
SCC Online	E-Journals Database	Covers the judgments of the Supreme Court of India (1950 till date)	https://www.scconline.com/
EBSCO – Medline with Fulltext/DynaMed Plus/eBook Clinical Collection	E-Journals Database	More than 3043 Journals, more than 3700 eBooks & 5000 topics	https://www.ebsco.com/products/research-databases/medline-complete
Weblink to connect with Library Page: www.subharti.org/library			

Image 9 - Institutional e-resource membership record (login credentials redacted for public disclosure)

Open Access to E-Journals and Scholarly Resources



Image 10 - Subharti Journal of Interdisciplinary Research (SJIR) – an open-access institutional publication

Through its formal free-access policy, Consultant Membership route, extensive physical and digital library infrastructure, and participation in national open-access and subscription platforms such as Shodhganga and e-ShodhSindhu, SVSU provides structured and verifiable public access to library and scholarly resources. These measures collectively support SDG 11.2.2 by extending the benefits of the University's educational infrastructure to the wider community beyond its enrolled student body.