PROF. SAMBHAJIRAO KADAM COLLEGE, DEUR (Satara)

Criterion 7: Institutional Values and Best Practices

7.1.7 The Institution has disabled-friendly, barrier free environment

Details of the Software procured for providing the assistance



Shri Mudhaidevi Shikshan Sanstha's Professor Sambhajirao Kadam Mahavidyalaya, Deur

Barrier free and accessibility for differently abled and aged /elderly persons

Preamble: To bring about awareness and sensibility towards the concerns and issues of the differently abled (persons with disability) and elder persons using public buildings enabling them to have barrier free and convenient access to public buildings

Prime aim is to ensure proper access for all people with or without disabilities to approach, enter or leave the buildings independently and use its facilities such as foyers, staircases, toilets, offices without undue difficulty.

Legal provisions: Enactment of the "The Person with disabilities (Equal opportunity and protection of rights and full participation) Act, 1995 by Government of India and provisions made under "Non-discrimination in built environment" Chapter VIII Section 46. Under the provisions of the Act, the public buildings need to be provided with, modified to suit the needs of the differently abled persons.

In accordance therewith, the building should be provided with

- 1. Ramps and Railings, Handrails to Staircases, building entrances, office entrances as per the design provided;
- 2. Corridor, Lobby, Pathways
- 3. Toilets/Washrooms, washbasins, water taps with utilities suited to their needs as per the standard design;
- 4. Providing wheelchairs and walkers
- 5. Braille and tactical signs

The existing buildings need to modified/provided with above facilities to ensure barrier free access to differently abled persons. The UGC has issued specific directives in this respect and due recognition and attention is also given in NAAC accreditation.

PRINCIPAL

Dr. B. N. Bhosale Principal, Prof. Sambhajirao Kadam College, Deur, Tal. Koregaon, Dist. Satara.

Facilities for PWD's

The Institution has Divyangian - Friendly, barrier free environment

Disability means 'incapacity to perform any activities in the usual or within the range considered normal for a human being'. A person with a disability may include a person who is blind or partially sighted, a person with a learning or intellectual disability. a person who is hearing impaired, a person with a physical disability, and a person with mental difficulty etc.

The separate law- PWD Act, 1995: The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) has been passed by the Govt. of India to fulfil the needs of the differently-abled persons.

In order to provide equal opportunities for such persons, we are having the following facilities and offering special treatment to the PwDs in our Library & College premises.

Facilities for Pwds

- The library is located on the ground floor of the college building for the convenience of physically challenged students
- A wheelchair is made available if required
- · A ramp is created to enter easily the college premises
- Steel railing is provided
- Library/ College staff personally assist such persons while performing the various activities at Library/ College premises
- A separate toilet is available with comfortable seats
- CCTV is available for the security purpose
- The Library has allotted a separate computer in the IT Section for PwDs
- We use assistive technology like Screen Reading and Magnifier Software (NVDA-Non-Visual Desktop Access version 2020.3) to facilitate the blind persons through which they can operate the computer system and access the onlin resources easily.
- Our faculty members have prepared the subject notes in an audio format for their respective subjects. The library has organized these notes online and developed a webpage- 'Audio Notes' for the students through which they can access and download the notes easily on their smartphones or computer or carry them pen drive also. Blind students can listen to these notes easily with the help of headphones.
- The library has obtained audio files related to the Competitive Exams that are useful for blind students for preparing for such exams. It has been made available to them through the IT Section of the library....



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• Wheel-chair



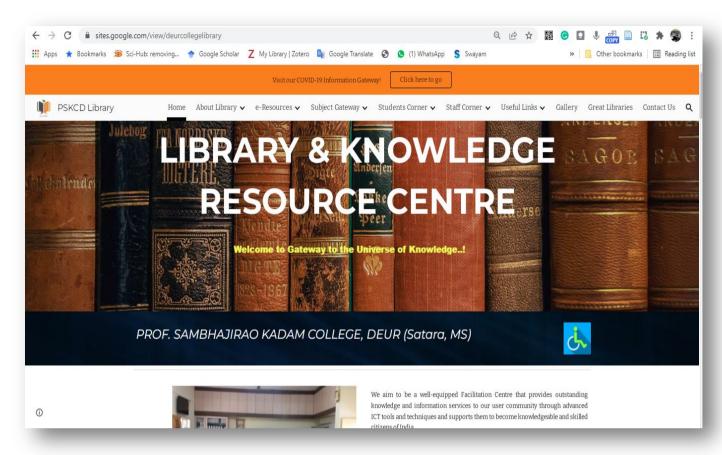


• Washroom Space for PWDs



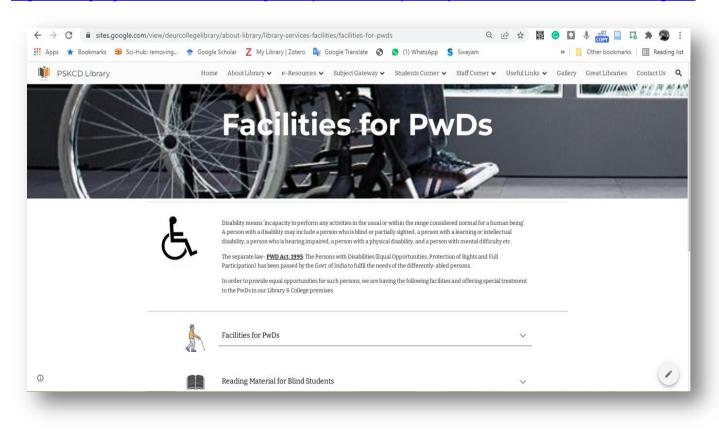
> Accessible Website of Library for the Blinds

https://sites.google.com/view/deurcollegelibrary



• Facility Webpage for PwDs

https://sites.google.com/view/deurcollegelibrary/about-library/library-services-facilities/facilities-for-pwds



> Screen Reading Software for the Blind

A "Nonvisual Desktop Access (NVDA)" - free and open source screen reader software has been installed in the IT Section of college library for facilitating the blind students. NVDA allows blind and vision impaired people to access and interact with the computer screen and websites.

NVDA 2021.3.3

