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The library plays a central role in enhancing the quality of the academic and research environment in educational institutions. Swami Vivekananda Institute of Science & Technology (SVIST) has a modern computerized library, automated with the help of the KOHA Integrated Library Management System (ILMS) Software that is currently running on version 3.10.12. The library began using automation in 2013, after its initial installation in 2011. KOHA software is well-known for its intuitive interface, enabling smooth book transactions between students and faculty members

The Institute library has huge collections of academic books, journals, magazines, rare books, other knowledge-upgrading books and newspapers available for borrowing and on-site reference. The library possesses a remarkable collection of 48,543 physical books. It provides access to 2235 e-journals via J Gate for enhanced digital resources. In addition, the library has 30 offline journals, which guarantees a wide array of academic materials. SVIST has introduced the Book Bank facility, an altruistic endeavour, which provides books for all subjects for all the students each semester. Every semester, students are allowed to borrow 6 to 10 books, eliminating the need to buy them individually. SVIST has also registered with the NDLI Club.

The library offers a suitable atmosphere for concentrated and serene study, with a reading area specifically created to accommodate 100 students and is also well equipped with specialised PCs for accessing e-journal materials.

The library is equipped with reprographic and multimedia facilities, in addition to traditional resources, to cater to the varied academic needs of the students. We prioritise enhancing students' academic experiences to contribute to their development and scholarly endeavours. The institution's commitment to creating a rich learning environment for its students is highlighted by this multidimensional approach.

During the past five years, the library has added new volumes to its collection as per requirement to meet the curriculum changes. The average yearly expenditure for the purchase of books and periodicals over the specified period is INR 5.5 lakhs. The library footfall is approximately 150 per day by both faculty and students, which shows a consistent and significant involvement with the scholarly resources available.