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ABSTRACT

Theme Selected: 7: Any other Creativities and Innovations in Teaching and Learning

Title of Best Practice/ Innovative Tools adopted/ Case study/ Survey Research: Library Management in COVID-19 Pandemic: Case Study AIKTC-KRRC

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OBJECTIVE/AIM:

A sudden shock, an unknown, unwanted and a strange situation is what can be used to describe the COVID-19 Pandemic disease presented unique challenges to all the stakeholders of the education system. The sudden and unexpected outbreak of the virus also forced the library professionals, to ascertain ways of working in a rapid time frame like shifting to digital platform wherever possible and to provide adequate remote services to the users. The purpose of this paper is to find out how technology became a saviour for the Central Library of AIKTC premier technological institutions during the COVID -19 pandemic. The study explores the type of services provided by the AIKTC Central Library.

METHODOLOGY:

With the advent of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT), websites are functioning as gateways for libraries to reach its prospective users as, this is the ways in which the present information users interact and engage with.

SERVICES PROVIDED DURING LOCKDOWN:

- **Open Education Resources (OERs)**

There are many scholarly freely available resources available notably National Digital Library of India (NDLI), Shodhganga-a repository of Electronic Thesis and Dissertation, Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ), Book Boon, Directory of Open Access Books (DOAB) and many more. The OER platform is created using Google Sites and Google Custom Search Engine. The Web portal is a collection of metadata links of Open Educational Resources useful for *ENGINEERING, PHARMACY, ARCHITECTURE & HUMANITIES* Education and Research in Digital Environment. The purpose to create the web portal is to make aware students, faculty members, research scholars, around the world about the existence of open

educational resources protected under creative common license, open access under copyright laws or under copyright free environment.

Link: http://aiktclibrary.org/index.php/resources/oer

- **Remote Access to Subscribed E-Resources**

Around the country all libraries of higher education system have been working hard to provide services and access to collections to the users who have been displaced due to COVID-19. AIKTC Library provides the remote access to Licenses eResources through the setup of Shibboleth Access through the INFED (Free Service).

Link: https://idp.aiktclibrary.org/

- **Free and Expanded Access**

In response to the uncertain and difficult time, some publishers are providing expanded access to e-Resources (access to additional materials than subscribed by the library) including e-books, e-journals, e-databases etc. for a limited period during this pandemic. The list of such publishers along with details are given by the Library on Website and Facebook. This has enhanced the possibility of users availing the virtual services and hence, visiting library portal.

- **Online Plagiarism Detection Service:**

Plagiarism is a growing menace in the academic world. In its attempt to curb the issue and promote the production of quality research papers and reports, the Library launched this Online Plagiarism Detection Service based on Turnitin, the world's most popular originality checking software. The service helps in determining the originality in research papers and reports prepared by the institute faculty and students by cross-checking the papers against the already published papers available online.

- **SERVICES POST LOCKDOWN:**
    - No. of books for home lending **increased** as students need not visit library for that purpose only.
    - **'Book An Appointment'** system introduced in the month of March21 to avoid crowd.
    - Markings put at min 1.5 meters distance at circulation counter, so that users, while in queue, can maintain distance

- **Easing of penalty rules** and extended the due date for all types of reading materials issued to all categories of members.
- The books/ reading materials returned should be **quarantined** for a period of minimum three days.
- Part of class-wise WhatsApp groups & Telegram, to share library updates about resources and services and discuss common queries/information.
- Organizing many **virtual events** in order to ease the stress level of users to get the required information in this difficult time. Eg. Literature Review, Plagiarism, Turnitin, OERs, Google Tips & Tricks, Mendeley, Zotero etc…

CONCLUSION:

The saying 'change is the only constant' fits the situation. We never know whether we will have the pre-corona situation ever again or if we have to admit, adjust and embrace new norms and march forward. So keeping ourselves prepared for the situation is a wise decision. The existing situation demands safety first. After all, library is the heart of any educational institution. It needs to function strongly and efficiently to uphold the vision and mission of the parent organization. The utmost care in reopening the libraries is the need of the hour. All the precautionary measures taken should ensure the safety of every human being; as even a sluggish progress is acceptable, but it would not be possible without you, me and us all.