

CENTRAL LIBRARY

REPORT ON LIBRARY FACILITIES AWARENESS SESSION

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Date of Session: 19th February, 2025

Time of Session: 03:10 P.M. to 03:40 P.M.

Mode: Online (Zoom Platform)

Speaker: Dr. Mahesh K. Solanki (Librarian)

Introduction:

A focused awareness session titled GTU Library Facilities Awareness Session was conducted on February 19, 2025, by Dr. Mahesh K. Solanki, Librarian, Gujarat Technological University. The session aimed to introduce students, faculty members, and research scholars to the comprehensive academic resources, services, and infrastructure offered by the GTU Central Library. The primary goal was to ensure maximum utilization of both digital and physical library assets, enhancing academic and research productivity within the university.

Dr. Solanki began the session by providing an overview of the library's extensive print and digital collections. This includes textbooks, reference materials, general reading resources, competitive exam guides, newspapers, magazines, and subject-specific books. He elaborated on the subscription-based e-resources such as IEEE Explore, DELNET, National Digital Library of India (NDL), Shodhganga, and E-PGPathshala, which provide access to scholarly content and research materials across various disciplines.

The session also highlighted key digital services like the Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC), the institutional repository, remote access to select resources, and open-access academic content. Dr. Solanki emphasized the user-centric services such as orientation programs for new users, personalized assistance for accessing databases, research consultation support, and training for effective resource usage. Additionally, he discussed the physical facilities available at the library, including spacious reading areas with Wi-Fi, computer terminals for digital access, book lending and reservation services, and photocopying and printing amenities.

Conclusion:

The awareness session conducted by Dr. Mahesh K. Solanki served as a highly beneficial orientation to GTU's academic information resources. It reaffirmed the Central Library's commitment to supporting the university's academic and research excellence, reflecting its role as a vital pillar in the academic journey of GTU's diverse community.

