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Library Collection
(As on 30th September 2018)

Total Books: 49200+
Periodical: 71
Journals: 41
Magazines: 30
Newspapers: 33

Non-Book Materials
CDs: 252
Maps: 51
E-resource: N-List (consortium) Including 6000+ E-journals & 31,35,000+ E-books.

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Library Usage Statistics

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Events

“SHRAVANDHARA”

The event “Shravandhara” is celebrated to welcome the Monsoon Season where nature comes alive in a landscape of cool and lush greenery. Monsoon is a great time to enjoy Mother Nature, its beauty and vibrant colors. The green and soothing atmosphere give birth to creativity and inspiration to many poets, authors and artists.

To encourage creativity and artistic skills among students’ and staff members, the VIVA Library celebrates Shravandhara to adore the serenity of nature. On this occasion Library organized Chitrakala Sparadha and Kavyavachan sparadha on 30th August 2018 and 8th September 2018 respectively. Many students and staff members participated actively in these competitions.

Glimpses of Shravandhara
## New Arrival Books

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- Maharashtra’s war on Plastic
  A brief investigation into the effects of the plastic ban in Maharashtra reveals that such regulations have the unintended consequence of creating a downturn in the plastic recycling sector. – BY Aravindhan Nagrajan Page – १०

- The Pre-decided Maruti Suzuki case
  The Peoples Union for democratic Rights report on the Supreme Court’s judgement in the Maruti Suzuki case says that it is illustrative of the anti-worker bias entrenched in the law and order machinery. – BY Gautam Navlakha – Page - १४

- The End of Democracy or a New Resurgence in Pakistan ?
  In the run-up to Pakistan’s general elections scheduled to be held in July 2018, fewer people are now buying into the opinion in Pakistan that the military is somehow “better” than democracy. – BY S Akbar Zaidi - Page – १८
The Soul of EPW: Ashok Mitra
Ashok Mitra’s relationship with the Economic & Political Weekly was one of deep affection and mutual respect. – BY C Rammanohar Reddy - Page – 21

Genealogies of Nagaland’s ‘Tribal Democracy’
Compared to the bulky literature available on caste and democracy, that we still know little about the form and functioning of democratic politics amongst tribes is a serious lacuna. – BY Jelle J P Wouters - Page – 41

Academic Freedom and Indian Universities
While academic freedom was critical to earlier visions of the Indian university, it is now increasingly devalued in favour of administrative centralization and standardization. – BY Nandini Sundar - Page – 48

The 2015 Gram Pradhan Elections in Uttar Pradesh
The 2015 gram pradhan elections in Uttar Pradesh present a distinct picture of local elections as compared to state-level and national elections. – BY Siddhartha Mukerji - Page – 58

Formalising the informal: A critical Appraisal

CORE’S Economic Textbook
Four Articles look at a new international initiative that reimagines how economics is taught.

Poverty and Inequality in a ‘Principles of Economics’ Textbook
The new economics textbook, The Economy, by the Curriculum Open-access Resources in Economics Team provides an alternative framework where inequality of opportunity becomes clear and visible. – BY Maitreesh Ghatak – Page – 24

A Better Economics for the Indian Context
Reflecting on their experience of using The Economy to teach undergraduate students in India, two teachers of economics discuss the need for a version of the alternative textbook that address the needs of students of the Indian economy. – BY Amit Basole, Arjun Jayadev – Page – 26

Teaching Macroeconomics
By emphasising empirical applicability, and the linkages with microeconomics, The Economy provides students with a more intuitive and realistic understanding. – By Paul Segal - Page – 29
Macroeconomics in The Economy
The Economy is a worthwhile initiative that seeks to teach students about the economy, as opposed to teaching economics. – BY Pulapre Balkrishnan – Page – 33

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The monetary tightening policies of the United States Federal Reserve and the European Central Bank will only precipitate crises in emerging markets as well as peripheral Eurozone economics, which will have global repercussions. – BY T Sabri Oncu - Page – 10

Reforming the Office of the Governor
The blatantly partisan of Karnataka Governor Vajubhai Vala in the aftermath of the Karnataka assembly elections in 2018 call for the need to scrutinize the post and functioning of governors within India’s constitutional scheme. – BY Alok Prasanna Kumar - Page – 12

Has the IAS Failed the Nation? An Insider’s View
The recruiting of experts from the open market at the level of joint secretaries is not enough to radically professionalise the civil service; internal specilisation must be promoted by insisting on stable tenure in the states for officers to acquire expertise. – BY Naresh Chandra Saxena - Page – 14

A House of Cards: Need for Reform in Civil Services
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