4.2.2: Institution has remote access to library resources which students and teachers use frequently

The college library is a window to the students and teachers of latest information in teacher education. Being an integral part of academic and research work the library provides information services to support the teaching and learning, research and outreach activities of the institute by creating state-of-the art facilities and offering innovative services. Keeping students at the heart of the library hub, the library is engaged in designing and delivering need based information services. One such service was permitting remote access to the library service through the automated software INSPROPLUS 6.0.

The College library subscribes to the DEL NET and British Council e-Resources so that remote access is possible. Students and staff have access to a varied collection of books and journals of different publications online. Students are oriented on how to link to the library resources remotely during the library induction programme. DEL NET and British Council e-Resources are the software that predominantly facilitates access to the library remotely. However, in the event that students and staff are unable to access, an alternative is to use access through the College email and password. Recently, the college has made available to the students and staff access to the library through the College website. The inventory of all the books accessioned can be accessed. This provides the students and staff to ascertain if the material they need is available in the College Library. The books have to be checked out physically using the library automated service.

In addition to that, the Library has subscription to APEX publications by which recently published 16 printed journals both National and international subscriptions are available in the library. To expand the library holdings, the College embarked on a journey of identifying pertinent e-Books related to the education programmes and educational research. Electronic copies in pdf format and/or links to the e-Books are sent to the library email, the electronic books are downloaded into the drive, catalogued and uploaded into the library DELNET catalogue. All e-Books can be available for referencing online without eliminating the physical check-out requirement. More than one user can access the e-Book simultaneously. British Council library membership is also obtained by the college through which e-resources are utilized.

Students and faculty are continuously involved in the process of identifying e-Books. The e-Books thus submitted are vetted by the Librarian before uploading into the LMS. The College Alumni are also encouraged to support the library efforts by identifying, downloading and donating e-Books to expand to the College's existing library base.