

## LIBRARY OUTREACH ACTIVITY

Libraries have always been seen as social institutions. It is considered as the community's 'gateway of knowledge' and plays a significant role in modern culture. Libraries and society are mutually dependent on one another. Libraries are there to serve society's needs. A library is essential to the formation of our civilization. Through books and other resources, it conveys and disseminates the knowledge that has acquired.

Libraries served only as the repositories of books and other written records in the past. Those libraries contained manuscripts on clay tablets, papyrus, parchment, velum, paper, etc. Libraries were found in temples and other places as repository of sacred scriptures or an accumulation of monarchs' personal collections. These collections were not widely accessible. Knowledge was restricted to the elite who actively pursued it. Libraries were eventually made more widely known and available to the general people in modern times as education became more democratic.

A library's primary goal is to serve the society by providing everyone with access to the documentation of human ideas, opinions, and expressions. The primary goals of a library include:

1. Providing convenient access to a wide variety of books and other reading materials in a single location.
2. Preserving knowledge for the benefit of future generations.
3. Providing a space for learning and academic pursuits.

Taking the aforementioned into consideration, Purash Kanpur Haridas Nandi Mahavidyalaya has outreached the local community, schools, and alumni to create lasting connections through community engagement. The reading-room facility of the college is now available to senior citizens residing in nearby villages, students from feeder schools, and the college's alumni.