

**P. R. Thakur Government College Central Library**  
*Thakurnagar, North 24 Parganas*  
**Annual Report 2024-2025**

## Message from Librarian



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**Librarian (WBES)**

This past year, we've made significant strides, driven by our commitment to empower the academic community to Read, Learn, Create, and Connect. The P. R. Thakur Government College Library has been continuing to serve as a vital academic community resource, offering access to knowledge, technology, and extension activities. This report highlights key achievements, challenges, and future goals for the said year. Looking forward, we are excited about our existing and upcoming academic community consultations and the Master Plan for 2025-2026. We appreciate the dedication of our staff, library advisory committee members, student representative, and patrons, whose support is crucial for our continued success and future goals. Together, we are committed to enhancing the P. R. Thakur Government College Library as a center of knowledge, creativity, and community.

## 2024-2025 INITIATIVES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- **WEBSITE UPDATION:** <https://www.prtgc.ac.in/library/> Websites are regularly updated time to time.
- P. R. Government College Central Library embarked on a digital transformation with the automation of its integrated library management software 'Koha' on May, 2022 and the launch of updated website on July, 2022. The user-friendly website introduced several enhancements to elevate the patrons' experience. It provided seamless navigation, ensuring effortless access to library news, events, activities and resources. The website provides 24/7 access to a vast array of online resources and an extensive collection of digital resources through N-List and newspapers, empowering patrons to explore and learn at their convenience. The Central Library is automated with open source Library Management Software (LMS) 'Koha'. The bibliographic database of this collection is accessible through WebOPAC of the Library.

## Overview of the Year

- ✓ Total Number of Users – 400+
- ✓ Total In-person Visits – 2400+
- ✓ New Cardholders – 146
- ✓ Reference Queries – 80+

- ✓ Total Physical Circulation – 1500+

## Highlights of the Library Work

- ✓ Library Books are classified According to Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) System
- ✓ Cataloguing of Books through '**Koha**' – Integrated Library Management Software
- ✓ Barcoding of Books
- ✓ Different Library Services provided by our Central Library i.e. Extensive Reading Room Facility, Book Lending services, User Orientation Program on different OERs, New Arrivals Display, Internet Facility, Remote Access/Quick Access/Quick Links 24\*7\*365, QR Code System (Library OPAC Page), Inflibnet N-List resources, ONOS scheme, training to use e-resources, Library Webpage, Reference Services, Digital Library Identity Card Services etc.
- ✓ Library Extension Activities – Educational Library Visit to the 'National Library', Kolkata dated 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2023.
- ✓ Library Extension Activities – Educational Library Visit to the 'Asiatic Society', Kolkata dated 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2023.
- ✓ A state-level Seminar titled "Libraries : the past, present & future" was organized on 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 in honor of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan's 131<sup>st</sup> birth anniversary and the observation of National Librarian's Day.
- ✓ The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 emphasizes the role of libraries in education and information science (LIS). The policy aims to make libraries centers of learning and research, and to provide access to a wide range of resources. As per NEP 2020, "MDC in Fundamental of Library & Information Science" has been started from the academic year 2023-24. This year 2024-2025 also offers 'MDC in Fundamental of Library & Information Science' course.
- ✓ Best Reader Award for best access and usage of the library.
- ✓ 'Library Christmas Tree' decoration by the students of P. R. Thakur Government College Library.
- ✓ Library Extension Activities – Educational Library Visit to the 'National Library', Kolkata dated 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2025.
- ✓ Inauguration of Wall Magazine "Libraries : Today & Beyond" (1st Edition) of the Dept. of Library, P. R. Thakur Government College, Thakurnagar on 24.02.2025.

## Year Wise Book Purchase Abstract

Year	Opening Balance		Addition		Closing Balance	
	Nos.	Amt	Nos.	Amt	Nos.	Amt
2013-2014	0	0	118	27,302	118	27302
2014-2015	118	27,302	227	50,000	345	77302
2015-2016	345	77,302	2253	526887	2598	604189
2016-2017	2598	604,189	2693	1053050	5291	1657239
2017-2018	5291	1,657,239	1490	387844	6781	2045083
2018-2019	6781	2,045,083	364	77523	7145	2122606
2019-2020	7145	2,122,606	219	79258	7364	2201864
2020-2021	7364	2,201,864	489	306916	7853	2508780
2021-2022	7853	2,508,780	0	0	7853	2508780
2022-2023	7853	2,508,780	1330	500577	9183	3009357
2023-2024	9183	3,009,357	310	144504	9493	3153861