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Title of the Event	Uploaded Book Reviews on SPPU Library Website Portal Under the Program "Vachan Sankalp Maharashtra" (वाचन संकल्प महाराष्ट्राचा)		
Date of the Event	January 2025	Place of the event	St. Vincent College
Objectives of the Event	The "Vachan Sankalp Maharashtra" initiative aimed to promote a culture of reading and critical thinking by encouraging students and faculty to upload well-analyzed book reviews on the SPPU Library Website Portal, thereby contributing to a shared repository of literary insights.		
Name/s of the Resource Persons	Dr. Yogesh Mate		

A short narration of the program

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Introduction

Under the esteemed initiative "Vachan Sankalp Maharashtra" (वाचन संकल्प महाराष्ट्राचा), the Library Committee of St. Vincent College has actively participated in the promotion of reading culture by contributing book reviews to the SPPU Library Website Portal. This initiative aims to encourage critical reading, enhance comprehension skills, and create a repository of insightful book reviews accessible to a wider academic community.

Objectives of Uploading Book Reviews

The primary objectives of this initiative are:

- To foster analytical and critical thinking among students through book reviews.
- To contribute to the shared reading culture by providing recommendations to other readers.
- To enhance the visibility of student and faculty engagement with literature.
- To create an accessible database of quality book reviews for academic and general readership.

Details of Uploaded Book Reviews

- A total of 30 book reviews have been uploaded to the SPPU Library Website Portal till date.
- The book reviews cover a diverse range of genres and subjects, including:



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- Literature and Fiction: Classic and contemporary novels by Indian and international authors.
- Biographies and Autobiographies: Life stories of eminent personalities such as Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, and A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.
- Self-Help and Motivation: Books focused on personal development, success strategies, and leadership.
- History and Politics: Books analyzing significant historical events and governance structures.
- Science and Technology: Reviews of books covering scientific discoveries, research, and advancements.
- Regional Literature: Works by renowned Marathi authors such as P.L. Deshpande, V.S. Khandekar, and Durga Bhagwat.
- Social Issues and Philosophy: Books discussing societal challenges, ethics, and human behavior.

Student and Faculty Participation

- Students and faculty members have actively contributed book reviews, ensuring a rich variety of perspectives.
- Participants have engaged in thorough reading and critical analysis before submitting their reviews.
- The reviews have been systematically formatted and uploaded to maintain consistency and readability.

Impact and Responses

- The initiative has received positive feedback from students and faculty members, who have found the reviews helpful for selecting books.
- Several students expressed increased enthusiasm for reading and writing analytical reviews.
- Faculty members have encouraged students to explore more books and continue contributing reviews.
- The uploaded reviews have helped in guiding fellow readers towards insightful and thought-provoking books.

Future Plans

- Continue uploading book reviews on a regular basis to expand the online repository.
- Organize workshops on "Effective Book Review Writing" to enhance the quality of contributions.
- Introduce a "Book Review of the Month" feature to recognize outstanding contributions.
- Encourage more students and faculty members to participate in the initiative.



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Conclusion

The uploading of book reviews under the "Vachan Sankalp Maharashtra" program has been a significant step in promoting a culture of reading and literary discussion. With 30 reviews already available, the initiative continues to inspire students and faculty to engage deeply with books and share their insights with a broader audience. The Library Committee remains committed to sustaining and expanding this initiative for the benefit of the academic and literary community.

Acknowledgments: The Library Committee expresses gratitude to the college administration, faculty members, and student contributors for their valuable participation in making this initiative a success. Special thanks to the SPPU Library for providing the platform to share and promote literary discussions.

Name of the Collaborating Agency	S.P.P.U & Library, St. Vincent College
Learning Outcomes of the Event for the Participants	Participants enhanced their analytical and writing skills through thoughtful engagement with diverse genres, developed a deeper appreciation for literature, and learned to articulate informed perspectives on books covering themes like history, social issues, science, and regional Marathi writing.
Learning Outcomes for the Organizing team	The organizing team gained experience in coordinating a digital academic outreach program, fostering student-faculty collaboration, and promoting literary engagement beyond the classroom, while also strengthening institutional visibility through the SPPU platform.
No. of Participants	30 Students and Faculty Members of St. Vincent College
Faculty in Charge	Dr. Yogesh Mate
Documents Attached	1. Attendance Sheet 2. Geotag photographs 3. Resume of resource persons if any 4. Copy of remuneration paid if any 5. Notice of the event 6. Thank you letter to the resource persons



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Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind

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(Review by CHRISTU DHAS Y St. Vincent College Pune) Why Us, Why Intelligence, Why Religion, Why Money, Why Nation?

Yuval Noah Harari's Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind is a profound exploration of humanity's journey from humble beginnings as foragers and hunter-gatherers to becoming the rulers of the planet. Harari masterfully charts this transformation, delving into the pivotal moments that shaped our species—from the dawn of human intelligence to the present day. With a compelling narrative and an interdisciplinary approach, Harari invites readers to reconsider everything they know about human history.

As a historian and professor, Harari blends anthropology, biology, and economics to examine how Homo sapiens rose to global dominance. The book has received international acclaim, including the National Library of China's Wenjin Book Award for the best book published in 2014, and has been translated into numerous languages. This thought-provoking work challenges conventional views of history, society, and human nature, making it a must-read for those curious about the

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LIST OF BOOK REVIEW COORDINATORS

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The Guide by R. K. Narayan

कैडीमैन: भारतातील फळप्रक्रियेतील पायोनियर – विठ्ठल पाडेकर — विकास अंजली गोधाजी अत्रे

A Thousand Splendid Suns

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(Review By Vaz Andrea Dominic St. Vincent College Pune) "A Thousand Splendid Suns" has garnered widespread acclaim for its powerful message and compelling storytelling. It intrigues the reader keeping them at the edge of their seats with its gripping story sequence. It is incredibly suspenseful which makes it exciting.

The novel portrays the harsh realities faced by Afghan women, including domestic violence, forced marriages, and the denial of women rights and altogether human rights.

Yet, amidst this darkness, Hosseini also illuminates the resilience of the human spirit. Mariam and Laila, despite facing unthinkable hardships, find renewed strength in their shared experiences and develop a profound bond of sisterhood. There is stark imagery used in the novel.

Set in the background of Afghanistan's tumultuous past filled with wars, Khaled

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Book Review: A Collaborative Project

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#1 SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

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(Book Review By Priya Varma, St. Vincent College,Pune)

Verity Crawford, Jeremy Crawford, and Lowen Ashleigh are the main characters. Verity and Jeremy are married with three children: Crew, and twins Harper and Chastin.

The story revolves around Lowen, a struggling young author facing financial difficulties. Her life takes a dramatic turn when she's offered a job as a ghostwriter to finish the book of Verity, a notable author who has fallen into a coma. Verity's husband, Jeremy, proposes the job, which includes moving into their home temporarily. As Lowen settles into Verity's study, she discovers an unfinished manuscript that appears to be Verity's autobiography. However, as she reads on, Lowen uncovers Verity's dark side and the lies Jeremy has been hiding. The

CLASSIFICATION OF BOOKS REVIEWED (TEXT)

- 000-Generalities
- 100-Philosophy & Psychology
- 200-Religion
- 300-Social Sciences
- 400-Language
- 500-Natural Sciences & Mathematics
- 600-Technology (Applied Sciences)
- 700-Arts (Fine and Decorative Arts)
- 800-Literature & Rhetoric
- 900-Geography and History

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- New Arts Commerce and Science College