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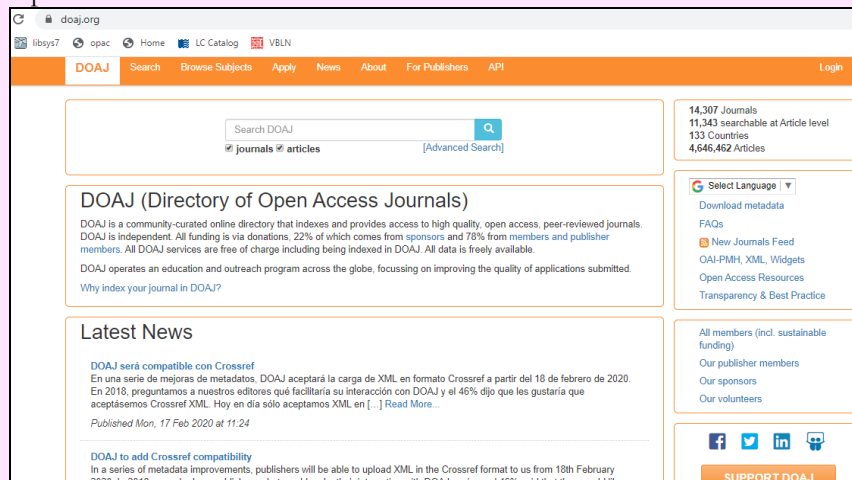
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DOAJ DIRECTORY OF OPEN ACCESS JOURNALS

DOAJ (Directory of Open Access Journals)

DOAJ is a community-curated online directory that indexes and provides access to high quality, open access, peer-reviewed journals. DOAJ is independent. All funding is via donations, 22% of which comes from sponsors and 78% from members and publisher members. All DOAJ services are free of charge including being indexed in DOAJ. All data is freely available. DOAJ operates an education and outreach program across the globe, focusing on improving the quality of applications submitted. DOAJ has collection of 46,46,473 articles from 14,307 Journals which is contributed by 133 countries. DOAJ uses the Budapest Open Access Initiative's definition of open access to define required rights given to users, for the journal to be included, as the rights to "read, download, copy, distribute, print, search, or link to the full texts of [the] articles, or use them for any other lawful purpose".



The aim of DOAJ is to "increase the visibility, accessibility, reputation, usage and impact of quality, peer-reviewed, open access scholarly research journals".

In 2003, Lund University, Sweden, launched DOAJ as an aid for researchers. In practice, DOAJ aims to ensure that all articles and journals listed in its database have been subjected to quality-control standards for content. Categorical memberships are offered to organizations to help fund the effort. Members are bound by DOAJ's Principles of Transparency and Best Practice in Scholarly Publishing (Principles) and can be removed for non-compliance.

The goal of scientific research has always been to provide information to everyone interested and to help further the advancement of science. DOAJ wants to make this as easy as possible.

Navigating through DOAJ

One of the best ways to examine what DOAJ offers is to visit its FAQ page but some tips on using the system are provided here too.

- 1. Signing up/logging in:** Only publishers and volunteers need to have an account; therefore, there is no need for normal users to log in to use the system.
- 2. Journals classified/categorized:** DOAJ uses the Library of Congress Classification system. DOAJ's editorial team classifies each journal and metadata, which then appears in the subject categories and subcategories.
- 3. Finding a journal/article in DOAJ:** Articles and journals can be searched using the various assigned categories. Publishers also often assign their own keywords as well. Using logical keywords within the subject category will help you find what you need.

The screenshot shows the DOAJ search results page. The navigation bar includes 'DOAJ', 'Search', 'Browse Subjects', 'Apply', 'News', 'About', 'For Publishers', 'API', and 'Login'. The main content area shows search filters and results. Annotations include:

- 'Shorting option' pointing to the 'sort by' dropdown menu.
- 'Search categories' pointing to the 'search all' dropdown menu.
- 'Narrow down with the assigned categories' pointing to the left-hand sidebar filters.
- 'Page 1 of 466,079 next' and 'Search by Keyword, title, author, etc.' pointing to the search bar area.

- 4. DOAJ seal on journals:** This seal certifies that the journal has maintained openness and best practices according to DOAJ's Principles. Journals must comply with seven conditions to receive the seal (e.g., reuse of journal information, copyright transfers to the author, use of a digital preservation program). The website provides a list of journals that have the DOAJ seal.
- 5. Metadata in DOAJ:** DOAJ supports the Open Archives Initiative Protocol for Metadata Harvesting (OAI-PMH) protocols. This can download the list of open access journals. These will be imported into an analysis tool, such as MS Excel.

It can open the file on computer and save according to the instructions. DOAJ also allows to "crawl" its website but only if general guidelines are followed and the activity does not affect its performance. There is also a feature to keep up with new additions to the DOAJ database.

- 6. How to browse by subject:** It can either use the subject browser or do a more detailed, manual browse from the Advanced Search page and then filtering with the Subject facet. When the facet is chosen, in the right-hand side a window will show the selected subject and the available records.

The screenshot shows the 'Browse Subjects' page. The navigation bar includes 'DOAJ', 'Search', 'Browse Subjects', 'Apply', 'News', 'About', 'For Publishers', and 'API'. The main content area shows a search box for subjects and a tree view of subject categories. The 'Forestry' category is selected, and a summary box on the right shows '20003 records for this subject' and a 'View Journals/Articles' button.

DOAJ contain almost all the international language (English, Spanish, Portuguese, Indonesians, French, Russian, Italian, German, Turkish, Ukrainian, etc.) journals in its directory.

SOME RECENT ACTIVITIES:

➤ **Gandhi Punyaha:** As invited by the university authority, most of the staff of Visva-Bharati Library Network gathered at the Ashram Area to observe Gandhi Punyaha on 10 March and took part in cleaning at the Chhatim Tala along with the Visva-Bharati Parivar. After attending the same all the staff of Central Library have observed Gandhi Punyaha in Central Library by cleaning of inside and outside of the Central Library premises. This year week-long cleaning drive has been carried out to clean the entire premises with special emphasis of the roof of library buildings as rainy season is ahead. The Bhavana Libraries of the VBLN also observed the Gandhi Punyaha in respective library premises.

➤ **COVID19:**

○ **Special drives:** Entire world is under threat of pandemic Covid19 and being an Indian citizen we are passing a serious phase. The whole country is under lockdown since 24 March 2020. As advised by the medical officers through media, social network, etc. we need to use mask to avoid contamination. People are scrambling for masks, and prices are rising abruptly. University Librarian (Acting) demonstrated an easy method (Following from a video by Dr P. Bhattacharya (noted Medical Officer)), of preparing mask with A4 size white paper and advised to prepare and distribute on 19th March. Accordingly, masks have been prepared and distributed among the students, staff, security personnel, outsourcing staff including Adibasi Mahadal. With this awareness among the common people requested them to comply with the government to combat uniformly against the pandemic Covid19.

○ **Uninterrupted learning materials:** VBLN is much concern to provide study materials among the VB fraternity even in this lockdown period (due to emerging outbreaks and spread of COVID 19) to continue uninterrupted study and research. Apart from that, people may face monotony to pass their unlimited time when reading of general books may help them to spend quality time. For this, library has already sent its appeal to the e-publishers/aggregators to offer their e-resources (which we have purchased or subscribed) to access through ID and password during the lockdown period, as a special measure. Hope, many e-resources will be possible to browse very soon and library will communicate through mail and university website.

○ **Off-campus /remote access to E-resources:**

There are several ICT initiatives of the MHRD, UGC, Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) and Consortium for Educational Communication (IUCs) and our Visva-Bharati Library Network too in the form of digital platforms which can be accessed by teachers, students and researchers in the Universities for broadening their horizon of learning through <https://www.ndtv.com/education/let-covid-19-not-stop-you-from-learning-10-hrd-ugc-initiatives-for-online-learning-2200664?amp=1&akamai-rum=off>. The sub-menus of the links are noted as below which any one can surf on their need.

These are completely free and open access;

1. **SWAYAM Online Courses:** <https://storage.googleapis.com/uniquecourses/online.html>
2. **UG/PG Moocs:** http://ugcmoocs.inflibnet.ac.in/ugcmoocs/moocs_courses.php
3. **e-PG Pathshala:** <https://epgp.inflibnet.ac.in/>
4. **e-content courseware in UG subjects:** <http://cec.nic.in/cec/>
5. **SWAYAM PRABHA:** <https://www.swayamprabha.gov.in/>
6. **CEC-UGC YouTube Channel:** <https://www.youtube.com/user/cecedusat>
7. **National Digital Library:** <https://ndl.iitkgp.ac.in/>
8. **ShodhGangotri:** <https://shodhgangotri.inflibnet.ac.in/>
9. **Shodhganga:** <https://shodhganga.inflibnet.ac.in/>
10. **e-ShodhSindhu:** <https://ess.inflibnet.ac.in/>
11. **Vidwan:** <https://vidwan.inflibnet.ac.in/>

Further, the links of books on general interest (Bengali and English version) for the academic community may also be noted as below through which any reader may download and read the full texts of around 250 e-books;

- https://m.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=1777857742270801&id=202350839821507
- <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1DARIBVev7ZPO08uikYnLucs8Q6mx116J>

➤ **Visitors:** Sri Shiltan Paul a noted footballer of West Bengal (associated with Mohunbagan and one of the member of the Indian league winner -2020) with his wife visited Central Library on 19 March and express his deep sense of satisfaction after their visit.

➤ **Exhibition and Celebration of Important Days:** The Central Library organized special exhibitions in the Reference Section, of books and allied materials including quotations and photographs as special exhibition on;

- a) International Women's Day on 8 March 2020.
- b) 139th birth anniversary of Albert Einstein on 14 March 2020.
- c) World Water Day on 22 March 2020.

- **Dissertation Database:** The Kala Bhavana Library has completed the database of its Dissertation (PG course) and uploaded in the library storage to make it searchable through Library webpage as well as Kala Bhavan Library portal. This is first dissertation database of VBLN available to the users' community through Network.
- **Article Delivery Services:** During the month 04 no. of soft copies of the articles have been collected and delivered through mail as requested by the academics/scholars.
- **New Additions (Books) during the Month:**

Central Library: Number of Books received as Purchased	:	06 (Acc. No. 439174 – 439179)
Number of Books received as Gift	:	100 (Acc. No. G9889 – G9988)

IMPORTANT LINKS:

SWAYAM [<https://swayam.gov.in/>]:

This is done through a platform that facilitates hosting of all the courses, taught in classrooms from Class 9 till post-graduation to be accessed by anyone, anywhere at any time. All the courses are interactive, prepared by the best teachers in the country and are available, free of cost to any learner. More than 1,000 specially chosen faculty and teachers from across the country have participated in preparing these courses.

The courses hosted on SWAYAM are in 4 quadrants – (1) video lecture, (2) specially prepared reading material that can be downloaded/printed (3) self-assessment tests through tests and quizzes and (4) an online discussion forum for clearing the doubts. Steps have been taken to enrich the learning experience by using audio-video and multi-media and state of the art pedagogy / technology.

SWAYAMAPRABHA [<https://swayamprabha.gov.in/>]:

The SWAYAM PRABHA is a group of 32 DTH channels devoted to telecasting of high-quality educational programmes on 24x7 basis using the GSAT-15 satellite. Every day, there will be new content for at least (4) hours which would be repeated 5 more times in a day, allowing the students to choose the time of their convenience. The channels are uplinked from BISAG, Gandhinagar. The contents are provided by NPTEL, IITs, UGC, CEC, IGNOU, NCERT and NIOS. The INFLIBNET Centre maintains the web portal.

The DTH Channels shall cover the following:

- a) **Higher Education:** Curriculum-based course contents at post-graduate and under-graduate level covering diverse disciplines such as arts, science, commerce, performing arts, social sciences and humanities, engineering, technology, law, medicine, agriculture, etc.
- b) **School education (9-12 levels):** Modules for teacher's training as well as teaching and learning aids for children of India to help them understand the subjects better and also help them in preparing for competitive examinations for admissions to professional degree programs.
- c) **Curriculum-based courses** that can meet the needs of life-long learners of Indian citizens in India and abroad.
- d) **Assist students (class 11th & 12th)** prepare for competitive exams

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS:

1. Creation and management of Digital Library using Open source software will take place on 27 April - 02 May 2020 at INFLIBNET, Gandhinagar, Gujarat. [<https://www.inflibnet.ac.in/>]
2. International Short-Term Course on "Open Source Software for Library Management (OSSLM 2020), organize by Central Library, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur during 11-16 May, 2020. [<http://www.library.iitkgp.ac.in/pages/osslm20.html>]
3. 2nd International Conference on KNOWLEDGE NETWORKING IN ICT ERA jointly organizes by BSA Crescent Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai and SALIS during 12-13 June 2020. [<http://www.knict2020.in/>]

New Arrivals (Books and Periodicals)

[Books](#)(click)

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Week-long (10-16 March) cleaning drive on the occasion of Gandhi Punyaha



Preparation and Distribution of Paper Masks to fight against the pandemic Covid-19



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