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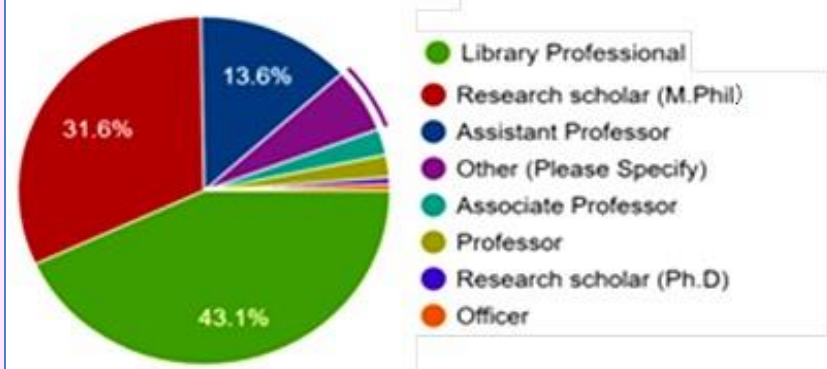**New Arrivals**

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First VBLN National Webinar - 2020

In light of the rapidly evolving Covid-19 situation, following the directives of Government of India and also subsequent notifications by the University authority to keep library premises closed until further notice. The University Librarian (Acting) Dr Nimai Chand Saha took innovative step which is first of its kind in the history of Visva-Bharati Library Network to organize eleven days National Webinar during 02-12 May, 2020. Dr Nimai Chand Saha, University Librarian (Acting) was the Organizing Secretary and Assistant Librarians Sri Ajay Kumar Sharma and Sri Sujit Kujur acted as Assistant Organizing Secretary, hosted the Webinar on free version Cisco Webex Meeting platform with joining capacity only 100 candidates in each session.

This Webinar was highly appreciated where three hundred and thirty-two (332) candidates registered (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1voPTx-LVO2m_J0IfsEJhMN3pLYbrv1PHhl3s2A_RSlE/edit) from the different parts of India within 48hrs of opening of registration. This is to be noted that due to the limitation of the free version of Cisco Webex Meeting platform only 100 participants were accommodated. Therefore, to control the rush registration had to close three days before the webinar.

There were three kinds of audience depending upon the topics of webinar on each of the session/day,

- **Group A-** For Scholars and Faculties of VB only;
- **Group B -** For Scholars and Faculties of VB and other Colleges/ Universities / Institutes
- **Group C -** For Library Professionals of VB and other Colleges/ Universities / Institutes
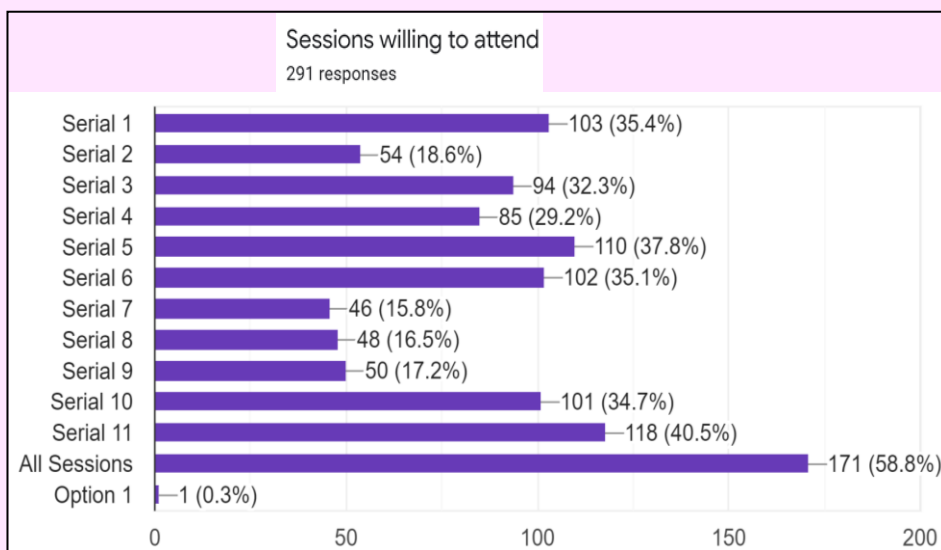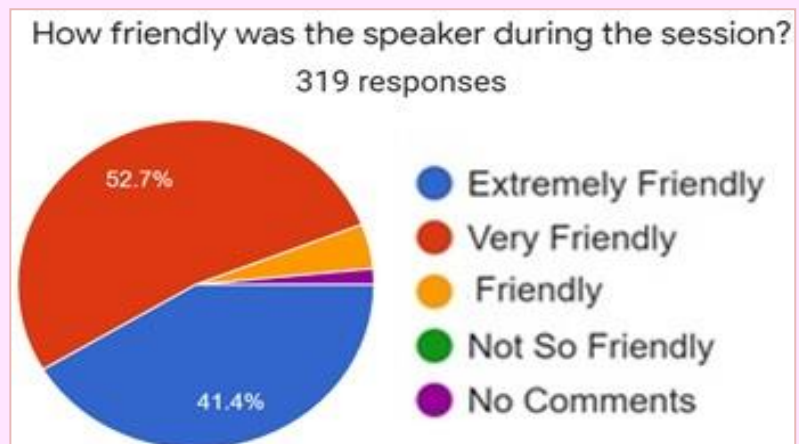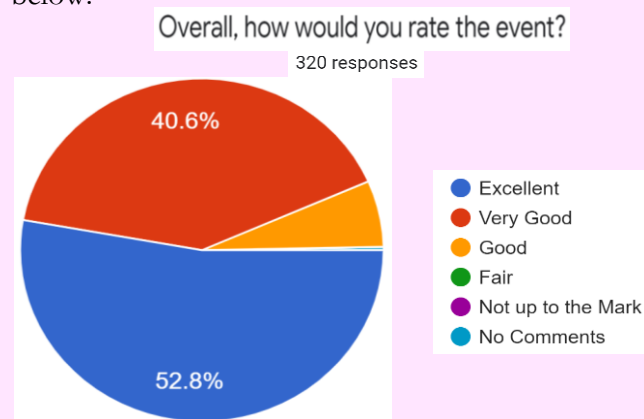
All the resource persons were the Library Officers from Visva-Bharati Library Network (VBLN). Sri Ajay Kumar Sharma presented Zotero: The Reference Management Software (02 May); Dr Koushik Ghosh presented Resources, Services and Facilities of VB Library (03 May); Sri Sujit Kujur presented Mendeley: The Reference Management Software (04 May); Ramprasad Mazumdar presented KOHA/ DSpace: Guidelines (05 May); Dr Nimai Chand Saha presented Academic / Research Integrity (Plagiarism Checking through URKUND) (06 May) and Open Access

Sessions willing to attend
291 responses

Serial 1 — 103 (35.4%)
Serial 2 — 54 (18.6%)
Serial 3 — 94 (32.3%)
Serial 4 — 85 (29.2%)
Serial 5 — 110 (37.8%)
Serial 6 — 102 (35.1%)
Serial 7 — 46 (15.8%)
Serial 8 — 48 (16.5%)
Serial 9 — 50 (17.2%)
Serial 10 — 101 (34.7%)
Serial 11 — 118 (40.5%)
All Sessions — 171 (58.8%)
Option 1 — 1 (0.3%)

Resources & Tools in Research (12 May); Dr Partha Pratim Ray presented Research Output (07 May), and Ethical aspects of Research (11 May); Ms. Sabahat Nausheen presented Remote Access & Discovery Services (08 May); Dr Sanat Bhattacharya presented Technical Writings in Research (09 May); Dr Tapas Kumar Das presented Literature Review and In-text & End-text Citation (10 May).
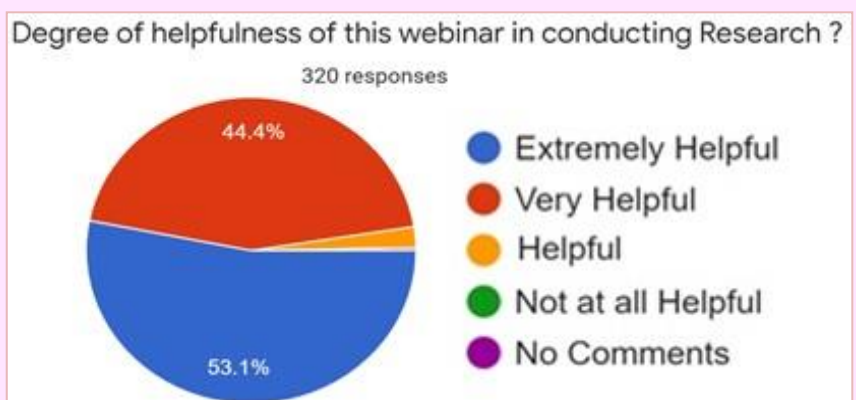
After the successful completion of the webinar participation certificates were sent to the participants through mail based on their interaction, feedback and others. Certificate sent to the speakers of the Webinar too through mail. The certificates have been generated by using software which was highly appreciated by the participants.

On the last day, feedback form has been generated by using Google Form (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1UvQijyAppRzOISmQ70p5EZqx-KQ5JBJkVSOa7J1LpuA/edit) and has been sent to the candidates through mail. The response was very positive and encouraging. Most of the participants requested to organize similar kinds of webinar more and more in near future. Some of the feedbacks are shown graphically below:

Overall, how would you rate the event?
320 responses
40.6% / 52.8%
Excellent
Very Good
Good
Fair
Not up to the Mark
No Comments

How friendly was the speaker during the session?
319 responses
52.7% / 41.4%
Extremely Friendly
Very Friendly
Friendly
Not So Friendly
No Comments

From the pie charts it is seen that, more than 92% of the respondents have rated the event as excellent and very good; the speakers were friendly during interactive session; this event will help them to conduct smooth academic and research activities.

Due to the limitation of the free version of the software (100 only) it was not possible to accommodate all the registered candidates to join in a particular session.

Degree of helpfulness of this webinar in conducting Research ?
320 responses
44.4% / 53.1%
Extremely Helpful
Very Helpful
Helpful
Not at all Helpful
No Comments

More than 200 candidates intended to join in each of the session. To address the requests of the candidates not able to joined, as an alternative VBLN opened a YouTube channel and uploaded videos of all the sessions and shared the channel link (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfv9MHVyWy0b0g_rcOFaHpw) which is now available to view to the global level. Further, as requested PDF files of all the presentations have been sent to the participants through mail. Both the initiatives have been appreciated by the participants and their comments through mail and chats were also very signing and satisfactory. Participants have requested to arrange similar events with more intake capacity and emerging themes for conducting research in current contexts.

On the last day of the Webinar, University Librarian (Acting) has extended warm thanks to all the participants for bare with the adverse situation particularly last two-days due to technical disturbances and request to join in the future events. Finally, VBLN would like to record its deep sense of gratitude to the Visva-Bharati authority for allowing and inspiring to organize such a pertinent and successful event.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Visva-Bharati Library Network (VBLN) is going to announce very soon regarding organization of "2nd VBLN National webinar-2020" for Scholars, Faculties and Library Professionals of VB and other Institutes from all-over India during June. The concerned notification will be published with date, topics and others at the earliest.

SOME RECENT ACTIVITIES:

➢ **Webinar:** Series of eleven lectures have been arranged through Webinar during 02 -12 May 2020, as noted in the main text.

➢ **COVID19:**

o **Uninterrupted learning materials:** VBLN is much concern to provide study materials among the VB fraternity even in this lockdown period due to emerging outbreaks of novel Corona virus and spread of COVID 19. Therefore, to continue uninterrupted study and research work, 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 till 30 June 2020, as a special measure. On our request many e-resource publishers / providers have offered some of their e-resources for free access of full-texts and research tools for VB fraternity. Accordingly, the same has been circulated along with the Open Access Resources and Publishers' offer of Free Access among the target groups through university website, E-mail, and WhatsApp vide Memo No. CL/004/2020-21/(GNet), CL/005/2020-21/(GNet), dated 31 May 2020.

o **Creation WhatsApp group:** In addition to E-mail, Face book, considering the current situation VBLN has decided to create separate WhatsApp group for the Officers to keep them appraise with the library services, activities, notification of the University Administration and UGC. As we know, nowadays WhatsApp is the very handy and mostly used social network by the community.

o **Creation YouTube Channel:** Considering the growing demands of the recently organized lecture sessions through the webinar, VBLN has decided to create separate channel of YouTube through which intending candidates of Visva-Bhararti and any one from India and abroad may view the videos for conducting smooth research and academics activities. The Link is : https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfv9MHVyWy0b0g_rcOFaHpw. All are requested to subscribe, like the channel as well as post comments for its betterment.

➢ **Documents / Article Delivery Services:** During the month 19 no. of soft copies of the articles have been collected and delivered through mail as requested by the academics/scholars.

➢ **Exhibition and Celebration of Important Days:** No exhibition and celebration of important days has arranged due to Lockdown.

➢ **Similarity Checking Through URKUND Software:** On request from the academics 27 articles/Files have been checked through URKUND software and report has been forwarded through mail.

- ➢ **Cleaning & washing and air-passing in the library stack:** considering the fate of the valuable print collections of the library, Central Library and most of the Bhavana Libraries have been opened and followed cleaning & washing of the library premises, including toilets. As we know, the library print collections are always need to have fresh air with normal temperature. But, due to lockdown it remains lock for more than two months which is unhealthy for the library print collections. To address the issue, stack room has also been opened, cleaned and passed the air. The activities have been done maintaining social distancing and other issues relating to Covid-19. If lockdown is continuing, it is decided that after every 10-12 days libraries are to be opened and repeat the cleaning & washing activities for the safety of library print resources. Naphthalene will be used in the library stack as primary measure. Also, with the kind assistance of University Engineer, Central Library has checked its entire electric connectivity to avoid any untoward situation.

- ➢ **New Additions (Books) during the Month:** Not possible due to Lockdown.

- ➢ **Remote Access Login/Password:** On request from the academics 17 new Remote Access including Discovery Services have been opened and on request around 29 existing expired accounts have been renewed for their accessibility. The name of the Remote Access platform is OpenAthens from the Ebsco Information Services.

IMPORTANT LINKS:

Skill Development Bureau [https://www.ugc.ac.in/skill/about.html]
The education is fundamental to all-round human development. Skills and knowledge are the driving forces of economic growth and social development for any country. Countries with higher and better levels of skills adjust more effectively to the challenges and opportunities of world of work. It is an unique investment for harnessing the country's demographic dividend. In India, there is a great demand – supply mismatch and the needs more skilled workforce for the expanding economy. The contemporary focus on skill building or skill development in India is derived from the changing demographic profiles in India. The GoI has set-up a target to impart necessary skills to about 500 million people by 2022, in line with the forecast of requirement for skilled manpower in future. For this purpose, the UGC is implementing three schemes viz. Community Colleges, B.Voc Degree Programme, and Deen Dayal Upadhyay Centres for Knowledge Acquisition and Upgradation of Skilled Human Abilities and Livelihood (KAUSHAL).

SWAYAM [https://swayam.gov.in]
SWAYAM is a programme initiated by Government of India and designed to achieve the three cardinal principles of Education Policy viz., access, equity and quality. The objective of this effort is to take the best teaching learning resources to all, including the most disadvantaged. SWAYAM seeks to bridge the digital divide for students who have hitherto remained untouched by the digital revolution and have not been able to join the mainstream of the knowledge economy. 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.

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS:

1. I-KOAL 2020 Theme: Digital Transformation: Moving Towards Developing Smart Libraries International Conference on Knowledge Organisation in Academic Libraries (I-KOAL) will take place on 16-17 October 2020 at Sir M Visveswaraya Auditorium, Tumkur University, Tumakuru, Karnataka India. [http://www.lpaindia.in/I-KOAL-2020-]

New Arrivals (Books and Periodicals)
Books(click)
Journals (click)

Glimpse of First VBLN National Webinar-2020

Glimpse of Library Cleaning & Washing activities and Electrical Line Check-up