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In light of the current pandemic due to covid-19, following the directives of Government of India and also subsequent notifications by the University authority, Visva-Bharati Library Network (VBLN) has took several innovatives to keep update and to assist academics for the Research and Academic activities as far as practicable. As part of the initiatives and based on the feedback from the participants of 1st VBLN National Webinar, VBLN under the leadership of University Librarian (Acting), has organized 2nd National Webinar during 16-18, 22-27 & 29 June 2020. Dr Nimai Chand Saha, University Librarian (Acting) was the Organizing Secretary and Dr Tapas Kumar Das, Deputy Librarian and Dr Sanat Kumar Bhattacharya, Assistant Librarian acted as Assistant Organizing Secretary for hosting the Webinar on Cisco Webex Meeting platform with joining capacity 1000 candidates in each session.

This Webinar was highly appreciated where five hundred and forty (540) candidates registered through the link: https://forms.gle/xgGMJtHMUq5e54Yg6 from the 26 states of India. Maximum participants were from West Bengal (68.15%), from Maharastra (5.93%), from Jharkhand (5%), Uttar Pradesh (4.81), Assam, Delhi & Odisa (1.67%); Madhyapradesh (1.48%) and Tamilnadu (1.11%). Around 200 candidates have joined in each of the session.

Registration was open for all till 16th June Morning (9 am), i.e. just before the starting of the first session.
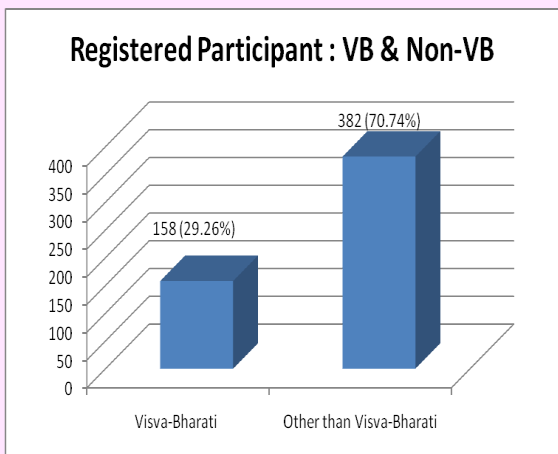
We are very glad to note that, the session was started with the valuable lecture on "Comprehending Research Methodology" by Prof Bidyut Chakrabarty, Hon'ble Vice-chancellor on dated 16th June. Rest of the resource persons were the Library Officers from Visva-Bharati Library Network (VBLN) except one Dr Subhashree Nag from Clarivate Analytics presented "EndNote: a reference management tools" (27/06) in absence of Mr Sujit Kujur due to his illness.

Dr Koushik Ghosh presented INFLIBNET in Accelerating Research Activities (17/06); Dr Partha Pratim Roy presented Library and Community Development: Tagorean Perspective (18/06) ; Sri Ramprasad Mazumdar presented Guidelines and Experiences on Dspace (22/06); Ms. Sabahat Nausheen presented Role of Libraries in
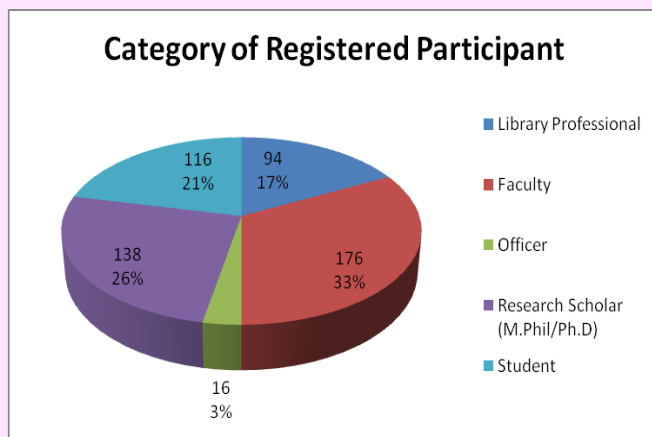
Ranking and Accreditation of the Institutions (23/06); Dr Sanat Bhattacharya presented Web-based sources of resources for knowledge enhancement (24/06). Dr Tapas Kumar Das presented JASP: a fresh way to do statistics (25/06). Sri Ajay Kumar Sharma presented Google Tools for Teacher (26/06) and Dr Nimai Chand Saha presented Raxter and Grammarly as Research Tools (29/06).

After the successful completion of the webinar certificates have been sent to the registered 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 and bearing no cost.

On the last day, feedback form has been generated by using Google Form https://forms.gle/xUj5sV6xr67BMLAt9 and has been disseminated among the participants 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:
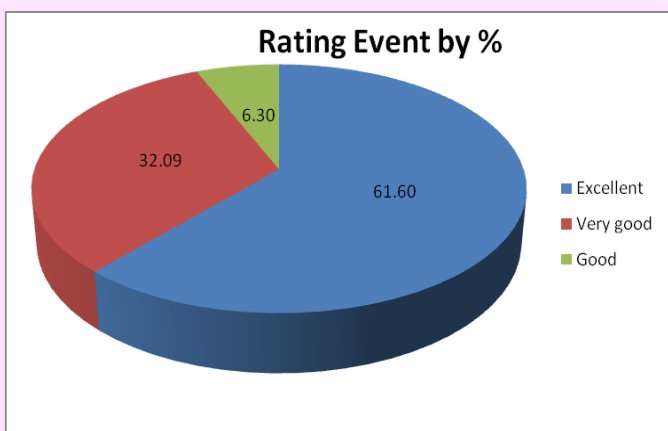

From the above presentation it is seen that, out of total participants, from Visva-Bharati community 29.26 % and rest are from 70.74 % other than VB community.
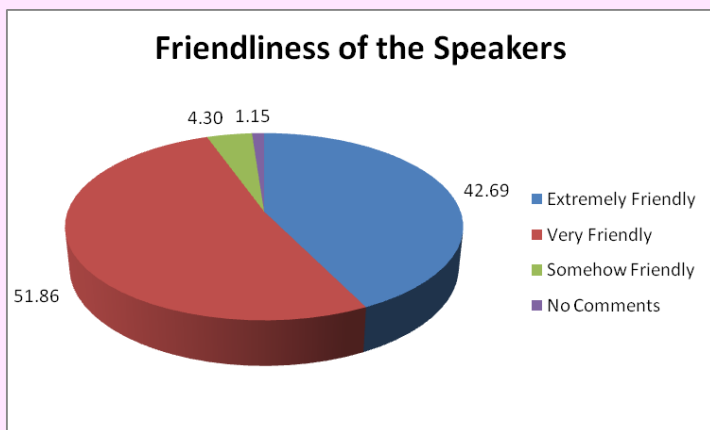

From the above it is seen that, among the total number of participants, 33 % are from faculty members; 26 % are from scholars; 21% from students; 17 % from library professionals and rest 3% from officers.

Rating the event by percentage:

It is seen from the above pie chart that, more than 93% of the participants marked the entire event as Excellent and Very Good.
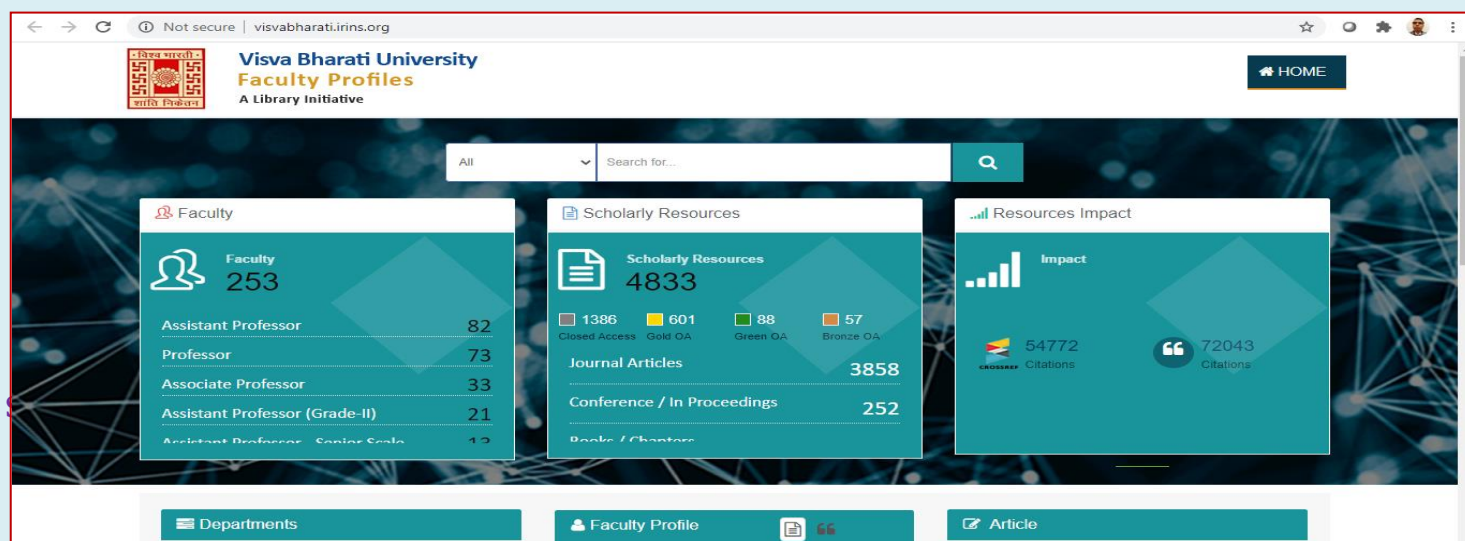

There was an option to know from the participants about the friendliness of the speaker in each session:
Again, it is seen from the above pie chart that, more than 94%of the participants opined on friendliness of the speakers as extremely friendly and very friendly, which is really impressive to proceed further.

On the last day of the Webinar, University Librarian (Acting) has extended warm thanks to all the participants for bear with the adverse situation particularly 2nd and 6th days due to technical disturbances. 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 organize a Webinar on "Learning Management System". Date and details will be notified very soon.
- Visva-Bharati University is now linked with **Indian Research Information Network (IRINS**) System, an initiative of INFLIBNNET. Any one may visualize through **http://visvabharati.irins.org/** Faculty members are requested to register as soon as possible in Vidwan through https://vidwan.inflibnet.ac.in/registration to increase the academic visibility of the university.

SOME RECENT ACTIVITIES:

- **Webinar: as instructed by UGC and University authority, a s**eries of 5 lectures under the caption "3rd VBLN National Webinar" on "Gandhiji" has been arranged during 31 July and 03-04 August 2020. Detailed information will be placed in the next issue of the Newsletter.
- **Special session on Vidwan database among the faculty members**: To take part in VIDWAN and linking with IRINS as well as to update the database of VIDWAN Central Library has circulate the second notice through university website, mail and WhatsApp group vide memo no. Memo No. CL/48/2020-21/(GNet) and Date: 12 July 2020. In addition to the notification, as follow-up action based on discussion in the meeting on NAAC at Bangladesh Bhavana, Visva-Bharati on 20 July 2020 special awareness program has been conducted to insist academics to participate in the Vidwan Expert database and subsequent linking with the Indian Research Information Network System (IRINS). Considering the issues social distancing it was decided to invite sample representative of faculties from each department under the Bhavana who will help to other colleagues in the department. The special drive has been arranged as below;
22.07.2020- Faculties of Vinaya-Bhavana- No of participants- 07
24.07.2020- Faculties of PSB- No of participants- 11
27.07.2020- Faculties of Vidya-Bhavana- No of participants- 17
28.07.2020- Faculties of Bhasha and Sangit-Bhavana- No of participants- 24
30.07.2020- Faculties of PSV and Kala-Bhavana - No of participants- 18
It is fact that this program is of immense help to faculty members for registration and at present the total registration is around 225. The special awareness program for faculties of Siksha Bhavana will be arranged very soon.

- ➢ **Creation YouTube Channel:** Considering the growing demands of the recently organized lecture sessions through the webinar, VBLN has created its YouTube channel 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 betterment. Total 42 videos are available in the link.

- ➢ **Documents / Article Delivery Services:** During the month 15 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 19 articles/Files have been checked through URKUND software and report has been forwarded through mail.

- ➢ **Online Ph.D. Open Viva Voce:** as discussed in a meeting and as instructed by the authority, VBLN has take-up the initiative to offer necessary technical-support for arranging Online Ph.D. Open Viva Voce on different dates. Altogether, four candidates (Cultural Studies (01, 01/07), Hindi (02, 27/07) and Siksha Bhavna (Zoology-01, 24/07) have appeared in the online viva to complete the Ph.D. program in this pandemic days when viva in physical mode is not possible.

- ➢ **Remote Access Login/Password:** On request from the academics 06 new Remote Access including Discovery Services have been opened and on request around 21 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:

- ➢ **National Scholarships Portal (**https://scholarships.gov.in/home **):** National Scholarships Portal is one-stop solution through which various services starting from student application, application receipt, processing, sanction and disbursal of various scholarships to Students are enabled. National Scholarships Portal is taken as Mission Mode Project under National e-Governance Plan (NeGP).

- ➢ **National Institutional Ranking Framework** (https://www.nirfindia.org/Home) : The National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) was approved by the MHRD and launched by Honourable Minister of Human Resource Development on 29th September 2015. This framework outlines a methodology to rank institutions across the country. The methodology draws from the overall recommendations broad understanding arrived at by a Core Committee set up by MHRD, to identify the broad parameters for ranking various universities and institutions. The parameters broadly cover "Teaching, Learning and Resources," "Research and Professional Practices," "Graduation Outcomes," "Outreach and Inclusivity," and "Perception".
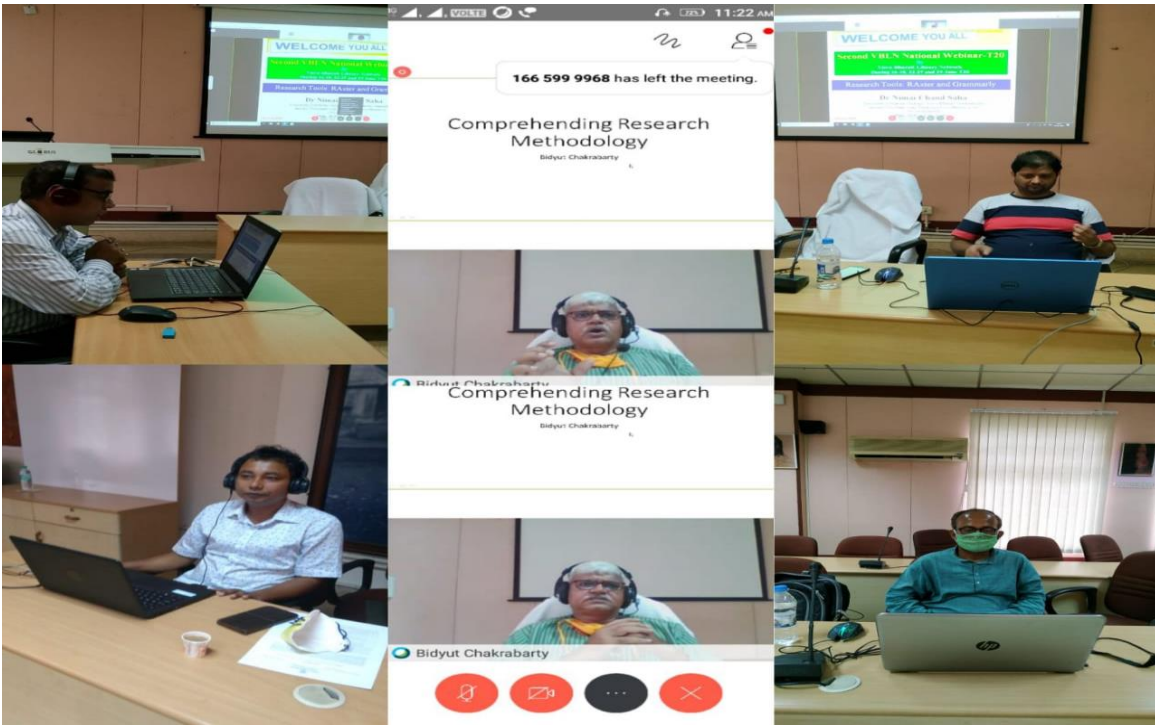
CONFERENCES/SEMINARS:

- ➢ The 9th International Conference on 'Knowledge Discovery' (ICKD 2020) will be held in City University of Macau, China, during November 21 - 23, 2020. For details visit:http://www. http://www.ickd.org/

- ➢ The 2nd International Conference on 'Knowledge and Information Management' (ICKIM) will be held in Chengdu, China, during September 25 - 27, 2020. For details: http://www.ickim.org/

New Arrivals (Books and Periodicals)
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Glimpses of VBLN Second National Webinar-2020

Glimpses of Special Awareness Program on Vidwan Database - Registration