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3rd and 4th VBLN National Webinar - 2020

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 taken several innovative 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 and 2nd VBLN National Webinar, VBLN under the leadership of University Librarian (Acting), has organized 3rd and 4th National Webinar during 31.07.2020 to 04.08.2020 & 14th August 2020 respectively. Dr Nimai Chand Saha, University Librarian (Acting) was the Organizing Secretary and Dr Tapas Kumar Das, Deputy Librarian and Sri Ajay Kumar Sharma, Assistant Librarian (Stage-III) acted as Assistant Organizing Secretary for 3rd Webinar and Mr Sujit Kujur, Assistant Librarian (Stage-II) and Dr Koushik Ghosh, Assistant Librarian (stage-II) acted as Assistant Organizing Secretary for 4th Webinar for hosting the Webinar on Cisco Webex Meeting platform with joining capacity 1000 candidates in each session.

As instructed by UGC and University authority, a series of 5 lectures under the caption “3rd VBLN National Webinar on “Gandhiji” has been arranged during 31 July and 03-04 August 2020 to pay homage to great luminary Mahatma Gandhi. This 3rd Webinar was highly appreciated where six hundred and thirty four (634) candidates registered through the link: <https://forms.gle/AK8jaWKgwdC1LFZn6> from the 18 states of India and abroad too. Maximum participants were from West Bengal (83%), from Uttar Pradesh and Bihar (3%), from Assam (2%), from Gujrat and Maharashtra (2%) and so on.

Registration was open till 31st July Morning (9 am), i.e. just before the starting of the first session. We are very glad to note that, the Webinar was started with the illustrious lecture on “How to Conceptualize Gandhi?” by Prof. Bidyut Chakrabarty, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor on 31st July. Rest of the resource persons were from Visva-Bharati family. Prof. Asha Mukherjee, Registrar (Acting) and Professor & Head, Dept. of Philosophy and Comparative Religion, Visva-Bharati presented on “Gandhi’s Vaishnava Vedanta and Concern to Other” (03.08); Ms. Harsha Tiwary, Research Scholar, Dept. of Economics & Politics, Visva-Bharati, presented on “Gandhian idea of Rural Reconstruction and the MGNREGP of India”

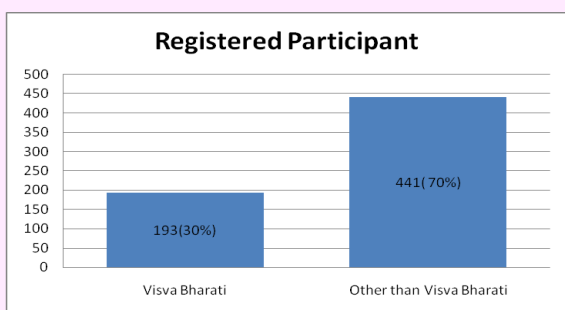
on (03/08); Prof. Saumya Chakrabarti, Dept. of Economics & Politics, Visva-Bharati presented on “The Condition of the Informal Sector in India & Some Post-covid Exigencies: A Gandhian Perspective” on (04/08) and Prof. Biswajit Roy, Dept. of Bengali, Visva-Bharati presented on “The Idea of Ahimsa: Gandhiji Rabindranath Comparison” (04/08).

After the successful completion of the 3rd 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.

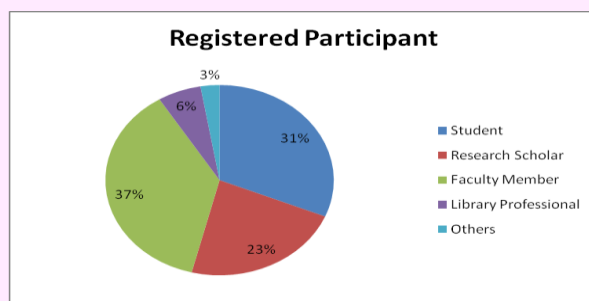
On the last day, feedback form has been generated by using Google Form <https://forms.gle/sAdWk2xsogvtCQTe7> and has been disseminated among the participants through mail. The response was very positive and encouraging. Most of the participants requested to organize similar kinds of webinar more and more in near future.

Those who are unable to attend the session(s), for their view all the recordings have been uploaded in the VBLN YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfv9MHVyWy0b0g_rcOFaHpw/ On the last day of the 3rd Webinar, University Librarian (Acting) has extended warm thanks to all the participants.

Some of the feedbacks of 3rd Webinar are shown graphically below:

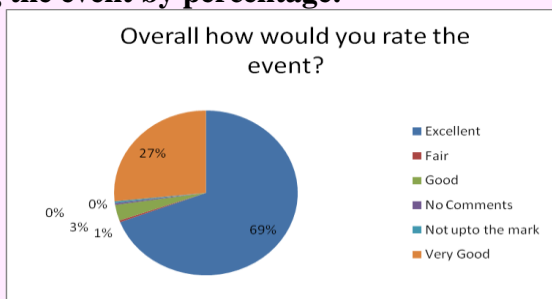


From the above presentation it is seen that, out of 634 participants from Visva-Bharati community, 30 % and rest 70 % were from other than VB community.

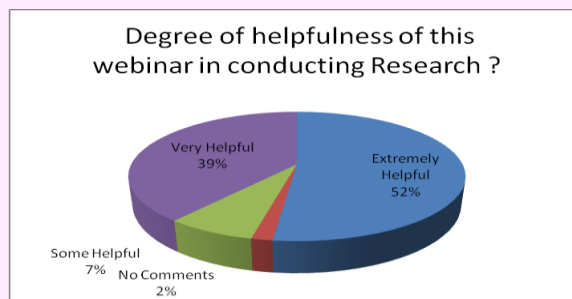


From the above it is seen that, among the total number of participants, 37 % were from faculty 31 % were from students, 23 % were from scholars; 6% were from library professionals and rest 3% from others.

Rating the event by percentage:



It is seen from the above pie chart that, more than 95% of the participants marked the entire event as Excellent and Very Good.



It is seen from the above pie chart that, more than 91% of the participants marked as degree of helpfulness the entire event as extremely helpful and very helpful.

Moreover, Visva-Bharati Library Network (VBLN) was organized its **4th National Webinar-2020** on “**New Education Policy-2020 of Govt. of India**” on 14 August 2020. It was a matter of great pride that, Hon’ble Human Resource Development Minister of India, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ Ji has delivered Inaugural Address as a CHIEF GUEST and Prof. D. P. Singh, Chairman; UGC delivered SPECIAL ADDRESS as a GUEST OF HONOUR of the event and Prof. Bidyut Chakrabarty, Vice Chancellor, Visva-Bharati delivered his WELCOME ADDRESS.

Prof. Asha Mukherjee, Registrar (Acting), Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, WB delivered word of thanks after inaugural session.

All the resource persons of the thematic sessions are very reputed in their field. Followings were the resources persons of the thematic session.

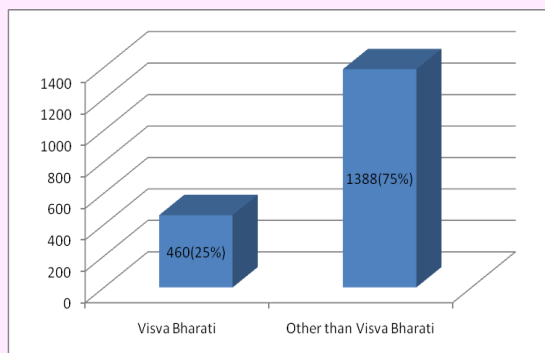
Prof. Bidyut Chakrabarty, Vice-Chancellor, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, WB; Prof. Asha Shukla, Vice-Chancellor, Dr B. R. Ambedkar University of Social Sciences, Dr Ambedkar Nagar, Indore, MP; Prof. Ajay P. Singh, Director General, RRRLF (Ministry of Culture), Kolkata, WB; Prof. Sanat Kumar Ghosh, Formerly Professor, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, WB; Prof. Bharatendu K. Singh, Professor, Dept. of Physics, BHU, UP; Prof. Amrit Sen, Professor, Dept. of English and Director (Acting), Grantham Vibhaga, Visva-Bharati delivered on New Education Policy-2020 with their own views.

Dr. Nimai Chand Saha, University Librarian (Acting), Visva-Bharati has extended word of thanks at the end of the thematic session to all the participants for bear with the adverse technical situation. Finally, VBLN would like to record its deep sense of gratitude to the Visva-Bharati authority for allowing and inspiring to organize such a mega event.

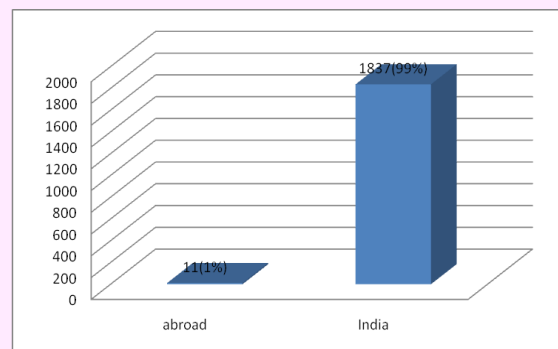
This 4th Webinar was highly appreciated where One thousand eight hundred and forty nine (1849) candidates registered through the link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfaSkuSRyDToArhqB3pCxySHyxKHntEhgpEXeotzth0No0itw/view/form> from 29 states of India and abroad too. Maximum participants were from West Bengal (67%), from Assam (6%), from Uttar Pradesh (5%), from Bihar (4%), from Jharkhand (2%), from Odisha (2%), from Delhi, Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttarakhand (1%) and so on. To avoid any noise and other problems during webinar, the program streamed live through YouTube. (Link: <https://youtu.be/EpL9TCuCGqg>).

Some of the feedbacks of 4rd Webinar are shown graphically below:



From the above it is seen that, out of 1848 participants, from Visva-Bharati community 25 % and rest 75 % were from other than VB community.



From the above it is seen that, out of 184 participants, from India 99 % and from aboard 1 % participants participated the event.

SOME RECENT ACTIVITIES:

- **Tribute to Dr S. R. Ranganathan Ayer:** Visva-Bharati Library Network has arranged 128th Birth Anniversary of Dr S. R. Ranganathan Ayer on 10 August 2020 to pay tribute to the Indian father of Library and Information Science. His birth day is 09 August or 12 August in another opinion.
- **E-workshop:** As instructed by University authority, One-Week National e-Workshop on “Using Open Source Learning Management System for Online Teaching” has been arranged during 17th August to 25th August 2020. Detailed information will be placed in the next issue of the Newsletter.
- **International Webinar:** Visva-Bharati Library Network (VBLN) and Computer Centre jointly organized an International Webinar on “MAHATMA GANDHI” on 30th August 2020 in between 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm.
- **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 circulated 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;

11.08.2020 Faculties of Siksha-Bhavana (Institute of Science) - No of participants- 07

It is fact that this program is of immense help to faculty members for registration and at present the total registration is around 274. 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-Bharati 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 11 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 71 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 taken-up the initiative to offer necessary technical-support for arranging Online Ph.D. Open Viva Voce on different dates. Altogether, four candidates [Kala Bhavana (01, 06/08), Social Work (02, 12/08, 25/08), LLL&E (01, 13/08)] have appeared in the online viva to complete the Ph.D. program in this pandemic day when viva in physical mode is not possible.
- **Remote Access Login/Password:** On request from the academics 03 new Remote Access including Discovery Services have been opened and on request 13 existing expired accounts have been renewed for their accessibility. The name of the Remote Access platform is OpenAthens from the Ebsco Information Services.

New Arrivals (Books and Periodicals)

[Books](#)(click)

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IMPORTANT LINKS:

- **Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF)** (<http://www.rrrlf.nic.in/Default.aspx>):
RRRLF is a central autonomous organization established and fully financed by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India. RRRLF is registered under the West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961. It is the nodal agency of the Government of India to support public library services and systems and promote public library movement in the country commensurate with the objectives as embodied in its Memorandum of Association.
- **Publications Division:** (<https://www.publicationsdivision.nic.in/index.php?route=common/home>)
Publications Division is a repository of books and journals highlighting subjects of national importance and India's rich cultural heritage. Established in 1941, Publications Division has emerged as a premier publishing house of the Government of India, enriching national knowledge repository in distinctive streams.

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS:

- International Conference on Knowledge Organisation in Academic Libraries (I-KOAL 2020) during October 16, 2020 at 9am to October 17, 2020 at 5pm Organized By: Library Professionals Association (LPA), New Delhi and Department of Library and Information Science, Tumkur University, Tumakuru. More details: <http://www.lpaindia.in>
- Online National Seminar on Online Teaching-Learning: Issues and Challenges, September 3-4, 2020 Organized by Women Librarians' Association of Assam (WLAA) A Division of Assam Library Association (ALA) In Association with LIS Links Academic Social Network for LIS Professionals. Seminar Brochure: <https://bit.ly/2OAMjr2>



National Webinar on 'New education Policy – 2020, GOI'



Floral Tribute to Dr S. R. Ramnganathan on his 128th Birth anniversary



Week-long e-Workshop on 'Open Source Learning Management System'