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Visva-Bharati and Rural Library Service

One of the unique features of Visva-Bharati, compared to other Central universities, is its commitment to development of rural areas around it, which has come down as a legacy from Rabindranath Tagore. In fact, he had, out of his experience, identified library service as a driving force behind rural development, and thus, Visva-Bharati has come to promote rural libraries in the surrounding villages as an essential part and parcel of rural development activities.

Tagore's Experiments with Rural Reconstruction

Rabindranath Tagore made concerted efforts, before Independence, in the field of rural development, which started at Silaidah, now in Bangladesh. However, this noble task took off only when he initiated a multi-dimensional 'Rural Reconstruction' programme at Sriniketan in 1922. Tagore had identified hindrances like illiteracy, ignorance, and superstition of rural mass as causes for the failure of rural development activities at Silaidah. He, thus, realized that only library service could broaden and promote education and enlightenment, and inculcate rational thinking and reasoning amongst rural mass. With this object in view, he opened library service by establishing the famous *Chalantika* Library which carried the documents and information to the library users who resided at remote places. His intention was to reach library service to the maximum villages for their education, availability of information, creation of awareness, self-consciousness, entertainment and enlargement of mind.

Chalantika Library

Chalantika Library started functioning with its initial five branch libraries at Bolpur, Bandhgora, Santalpara, Binuriya and Goalpara villages. Bolpur and Goalpara branches had two sub-branches of each. During the second half of 20th Century another fifteen *Chalantika* branch libraries started functioning in the villages of Dwaranda, Kalikapur, Kamarpara, Payel, Jadavpur, Sehela, Nurpur, Raipur, Supur, Rajatpur, Lohagarh, Salone, Ruppur, Debagram and Goaltara.

Chalantika Library differed from Mobile Library. A Mobile Library moves from door to door with books/documents in a vehicle. But in case of *Chalantika*, transport was not a basic factor. Here, books were circulated from one village to another round the year through the in-charges of *Chalantika* Branch Library/Centre. That is why Tagore termed *Chalantika* as Circulating Library.

A Silent Rural Library Movement at Sriniketan

In course of time, rural reconstruction activities got deep rooted, extended and expanded so rapidly and widely that *Chalantika* (15 branches) could not cope up with the growing demand for library services. As a result a substitute parallel library services was developed in surrounding villages of Santiniketan and Sriniketan, consequent to which the following libraries came into existence:

- *Sriniketan Sadharan Pathagar (1927)*

Supported by Visva-Bharati, it has been rendering public library service from its inception to teachers, students and staff members of Sriniketan and people of adjacent and surrounding areas.

- *Area Library and Emergence of Palli Samgathana Vibhaga Library*

The West Bengal Government, in 1952, sponsored an Area Library at Sriniketan (attached to *Chalantika* Library at Sriniketan.). This Area Library, consequently, set up six Feeder Libraries as its branches for extension of library services at the villages of Goalpara, Adityapur, Surul, Binuria, Laldah and Albandha. Besides books, daily newspapers were also supplied regularly in Feeder Libraries.

In the seventies rural development activities of Rural Extension Centre (REC) of Visva-Bharati was extended to the villages of adjacent Illambazar Block (besides Bolpur Block). It seemed difficult to provide library services to these extended areas from a Circulating Library like *Chalantika* which did not have any vehicle. As a solution, Visva-Bharati, in collaboration with Raja Rammohan Roy Library Foundation, in 1975, began to finance establishment of permanent rural libraries in the villages. Presently, 35 rural libraries (excluding a Health Library and a Sr. Citizens' Corner), 12 children's libraries and one children's corner are running in 8 gram panchayets of two development blocks of Bolpur-Santiniketan and Illambazar of Birbhum district of West Bengal.

The Present Palli Samgathana Vibhaga (PSV) Library (having 52,000+ of documents) is the combination of *Chalantika* Library, Sriniketan Sadharan Pathagar and Area Library.

- *Vramyaman Granthagar: Mobile Library Services at Sriniketan*

In 1988, Visva-Bharati received a mobile library van from the Government of Japan in order to offer mobile library service in rural areas under 'Rural Reconstruction Programmes'. The van was handed over to Rural Extension Centre (REC) for introducing mobile library service. Thus, *Vramyaman Granthagar*, a Mobile Library in the true sense, began operation at Sriniketan under the supervision of REC. REC deals with both rural library activities and mobile library services of *Vramyaman Granthagar*.

In short, the rural library service under tutelage of Viva-Bharati has slowly grown into a highly impressionable network today comprising Palli Samgathana Vibhaga Library at Sriniketan (52,000+ books), and 35 rural libraries spread over 38 villages, covering 2 blocks of Bolpur and Illambazar, servicing a stock of 1,14,970+ documents. It stands as a living tribute to Rabindranath Tagore's vision on rural reconstruction.



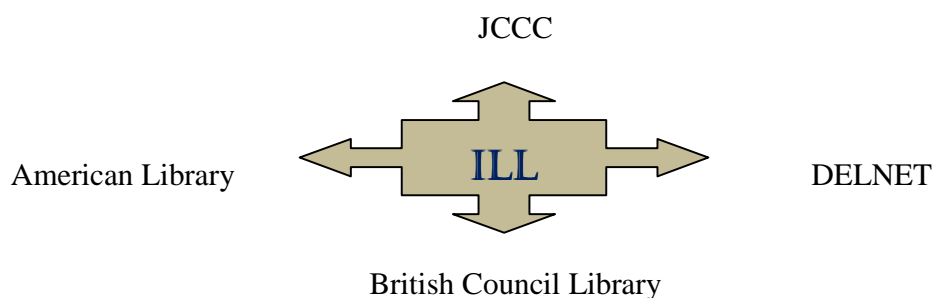
Rural Libraries under REC, PSV, Visva-Bharati

Do you know...? You may use the resources of other libraries collecting them through Inter-library Loan Service

The Library offers various resources and services to the end-users. This feature will highlight one such in each of its issue. This issue focuses on the ILL services.

INTER- LIBRARY LOAN (ILL) SERVICE AT VISVA-BHARATI

The Inter-Library Loan Service at Visva-Bharati envisages borrowal of books and collection of research articles from other libraries. Four different sources are available currently, free as well as payable. One needs to search each of the databases/sources as given below to determine availability of materials he/she is looking for. The Central Library will arrange for the borrowal or purchase on behalf of you. This has turned up to be quite a sought-out service at Visva-Bharati. (NB: You may seek ILL services, ONLY after making abundantly clear that the VB Library holds neither the book(s) nor the article(s) you require).



1. **JCCC** (<http://jgateplus.com/search>): J-Gate Custom Content for Consortium (JCCC) – Quite effective and free as well.

It acts as a one point access to 7900+ journals (excluding open access ones running to thousands) subscribed currently under UGC INFONET Digital Library Consortium as well as by university libraries designated as Inter Library Loan (ILL) Centres. INFLIBNET has identified 22 potential universities as ILL Centres in the country to fulfill ILL requests from the users affiliated to universities covered under UGC- INFONET Digital Library Consortium.(VB is a member of the Consortium)

On locating your requisite article by search, click on the down arrow situated in right side of each article thereby you will find the option for download the full text article. If the article is not available online, but one of the ILL designated libraries is subscribing to that journal, user will be directed to send ILL request to nearest ILL Centre. (*The system is described in detail at the end of this write-up*)

2. **DELNET** (<http://164.100.247.17/>): Developing Library Network (DELNET), consisting of 4000 members, provides photocopy of journal articles (through Document Delivery Services) and loaning of books (on Inter Library Loan, ILL) It's an effective service but payable.

Log onto DELNET [Password: http://172.16.2.222/delnet_Password.html] and search the required databases like books, periodicals, articles and theses. On locating the material/document you look for, send the details to the Central Library for their requisition (Mr. Sujit Kujur: sujit.kujur@visva-bharati.ac.in / 9800379878 OR Mr. Koushik Ghosh: koushik.ghosh@visva-bharati.ac.in / 9474042139).

The charges: ILL for books: At the cost of both way courier charges. Photocopy of articles: At the cost of Rs. 2/- per pages + courier charges).

3. **British Council Library** (<http://www.library.britishcouncil.org.in/>): Visva-Bharati Library, as an institutional member, has been issued 10 cards and will be entitled to borrowal of the following:

- ❖ 20 books and 10 periodicals for 3 weeks
- ❖ 2 Training CDs for 3 weeks
- ❖ 05 Login IDs for access to online services
- ❖ Library access for any personnel of the organization
- ❖ The books / periodicals / Training CDs/DVDs can be reissued on the phone / e-mail for an additional equivalent period.

Interested students, research scholars and Faculty members may collect the Borrowers Card from the Librarian, V. B. at Central Library to utilize the British Council Library service. Importantly, we can also access (password based: <http://172.16.2.2/bcl.html>) more than 85,000 e-books and 7,000 e-journals from their website (5 users at a time). Library users can access these e-books from Central Library / Visva-Bhartai network.

4. **American Library:** Interested students, research scholars and Faculty members may collect the Borrowers Cards from the Librarian, V.B. at Central Library to utilize the American Library at Kolkata. Books / materials available on the database of American Library can be borrowed on ILL too. One can search the catalogue database from the given URL of American Library (<http://kolkata.usconsulate.gov/resources/library-catalogue.html>) and request the Librarian, V.B. for ILL (Performa can be downloaded from the Central Library Website at <http://172.16.2.2/> or <http://14.139.211.2/>). American Library will bear postal charges for dispatching borrowed items to institutional members, and returning of the same is made by requester themselves.

How to Access J-CCC (J-Gate Custom Content for Consortium) - A Detailed Guide

Click on <http://jccc-ugcinfonet.in> or <http://jgateplus.com/search/> to be taken to the Home Page of JGate Plus.

Search

Before you enter any search, select the option of searching either in peer reviewed journals or professional / society publications. Users can select either basic search or journal finder or author finder or advanced search.

Example: Search 'Microwave' using basic search option as indicated in the slide.

Put the search term microwave in search box and click on search button.

Type keyword or select from the autosuggested drop down list. Use Filters to limit the search results (combinations possible)

- J-Gate Subjects:** By default all subjects are selected, click to de-select subjects
- Full Text Only:** To view articles with full text access, click on the limit "Full Text Only"
- Indian Journals:** To view articles from Indian journals only, click on the limit Indian Journals
- Professional & Industry Journals:** For results from only professional and industry journals, de-select the Peer reviewed option.
- Peer Reviewed Journals:** De-select the professional & industry journals option to view results from peer reviewed journals only
- 6.** Click to limit results to *Consortia Subscribed Journals My Library Journals or My Favourite Journals*

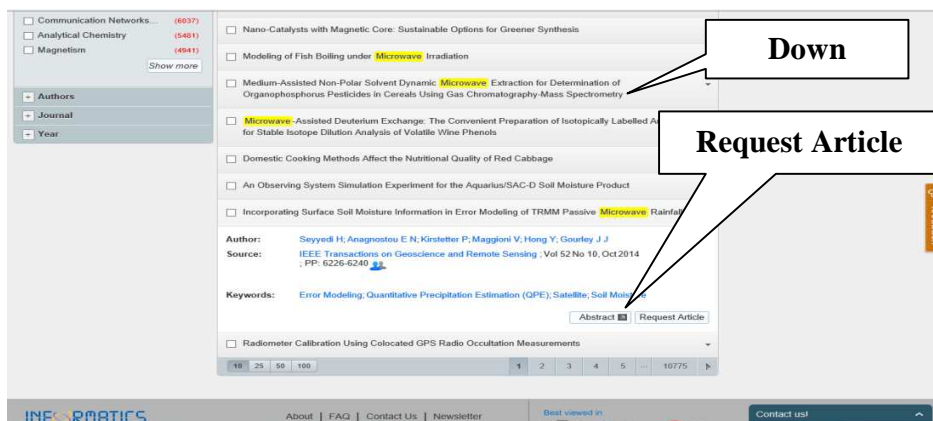
- Narrow search results using the options Filter results by Subject, Author, Journal or Year. For default setting,
- De-select the selections & click on the button 'Apply filter'
- By default all results are displayed, Full Text Tab will display articles where the user has full text access.
- Graphical view of search results by subject or journal is available.
- Refine your search results using 'Refine Search'. For new searches, use 'New Search' option
- To change the pre-search settings click on 'Change Search Setting' link
- By default the search results are displayed by date of publication, click on 'Relevancy' to display articles based on relevancy.

Display of search results

The search results will display the results with bibliographic details as indicated in the slide. Users have options to again refine his / her search result upto the exact result.

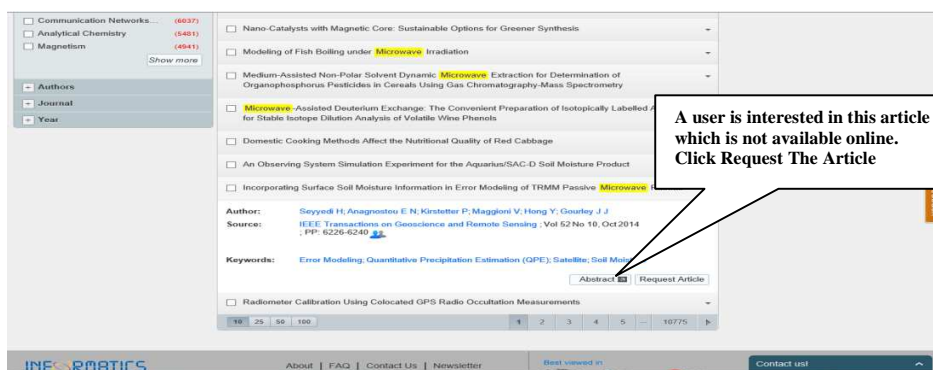
Refine search within the search

After finding the exact article click on the down arrow situated in right side of each article thereby you will find the option for download the full text article or 'Request Article'.



How to send ILL request?

If the article is not available online, but one of the ILL designated libraries is subscribing to that journal, user will be directed to send ILL request to nearest ILL Centre. As shown in the slide, users can click to 'Request Article'.



It will display the details of articles along with list of libraries subscribing the journal. After filling in the details of requester select a library and send email for request of article which will be delivered to the requesting Librarian. (No payment involved)

Librarian of the requesting institute / university will then inform the user to collect his / her document.

Some Recent Activities/Development

- ❖ Cheena Bhavana Library: Wi-Fi service has been introduced.
- ❖ Smt Krishna Das, Professional Assistant, Palli Siksha Bhavana Library has retired from service on 30 June 2014. She has served the University with great dedication since 1986.
- ❖ Sri Tapan Kr. Ghosh, Jr. Book Binder, Central Library has retired from service on ³¹ May 2014. He has been with the University since 1986.
- ❖ PSB Library: Wi-Fi connectivity has been provided and two computers are exclusively earmarked to the users for OPAC search and Internet browsing. Automation of the circulation process is started. The circulation counter is renovated and a special drive of cleaning up initiated.

New Arrivals (Books and Periodicals)

Books : (<http://14.139.211.2:8080/jopacgw/GwtOPAC/>)

Journals : (<http://14.139.211.2:8080/jopacgw/GwtOPAC/>)

Conferences/Seminars/Workshops in Library & Information Science

1. One day National Level Workshop on *Web Designing for Academic Libraries using Open Source Tools* (WEB DAL – 2014) will be held at RVS College of Engineering and Technology, Coimbatore on 12 July 2014. For details visit, <http://www.rvscet.ac.in/pdf/webdal2014.pdf>
2. Central University of Karnataka, Gulbarga is going to host and organize National Conference on *Integrating ICT in Academic Libraries: Making a Difference in Knowledge Age* at the University during 12 -13 August 2014. For details visit, <http://cuklibrary.ac.in/style/pdf/confbroucher.pdf>
3. Karnataka State College Librarians' Association is organizing its fifth National Conference - LIBTRANS 2014 sponsored by UGC @ BESANT EVENING COLLEGE, MANGALORE along with Dakshina Kannada and Kodagu Library Association on the theme *Libraries and Librarianship in Transition: Challenges and opportunities* on 22 and 23 August 2014. For details visit, <http://libtrans2014.weebly.com/>
4. Institute of Nuclear Medicine & Allied Sciences (INMAS), DRDO, Delhi is organizing a Training Workshop on *Innovative and Emerging Technologies for Library Professionals* at the Institute during 4- 8 August 2014. Last date for registration: 31 July 2014. Contact: Dr Rajeev Vij, vijinmas@gmail.com / 9968919500

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