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iThenticate: PLAGIARISM DETECTION SOFTWARE

- Visva-Bharati has now access to two anti-plagiarism software viz., iThenticate and Turnitin. As per Visva-Bharati's MoU with UGC/INFLIBNET, theses should be submitted plagiarism free. As iThenticate is attuned for the use of faculty and researchers (unlike Turnitin for the students and their evaluation) we are focussing on iThenticate. These software may be used for plagiarism checking of theses, publications, dissertations, projects and reports. It's but mandatory that Ph. D scholars submit their theses/ dissertations after ensuring that they are plagiarism free.
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Definition

“Plagiarism is the act of taking another person's writing, conversation, song, or even idea and passing it off as your own. This includes information from web pages, books, songs, television shows, email messages, interviews, articles, artworks or any other medium. Whenever you paraphrase, summarize, or take words, phrases, or sentences from another person's work, it is necessary to indicate the source of the information within your paper using an internal citation. It is not enough to just list the source in a bibliography at the end of your paper. Failing to properly quote, cite or acknowledge someone else's words or ideas with an internal citation is plagiarism”.

(www.lib.usm.edu/legacy/plag/whatisplag.php, 18.10.14)

Of late, UGC has taken it up as a serious matter and are trying to control it. A UGC high level committee, chaired by Sanjay Dhande, former director of IIT-Kanpur, has been assigned the task of defining various levels of plagiarism and suggest ways to prevent it. UGC has already made it mandatory to submit plagiarism free Ph. D theses. All such efforts are expected to create a true research culture in India.

A Quickstart Guide on iThenticate provided by the publisher is copied below on how to operate the software.

Introduction

This quick start guide will help you get started using iThenticate. First time users will receive an email on applying to ykthoma@gmail.com (Administrator) with a username and a one-time password. You may only log in once with the one-time password and you will need to change it the first time you log in.

Step 1

To login to iThenticate first click on the Login button at www.iThenticate.com fig.1.



fig.1 The LOGIN tab on the iThenticate homepage

Insert the username and the password into the appropriate fields and click the *Log In* button fig.2.

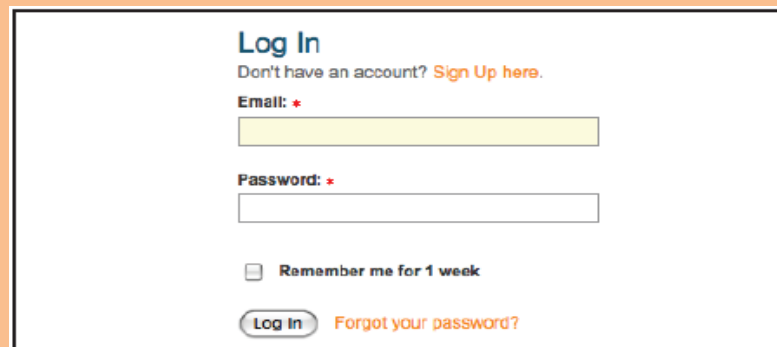
A screenshot of the iThenticate login page. It features a 'Log In' heading, a link for 'Sign Up here' for users without an account, and two input fields for 'Email' and 'Password'. Below the fields is a checkbox for 'Remember me for 1 week' and a 'Log In' button. A 'Forgot your password?' link is also present. The 'Log In' button is circled in red.

fig.2 The iThenticate Log in page

Step 2

iThenticate will provide you with a folder group *My Folder* and a folder within that group titled *My Documents*. If you would like to create new Folder Groups or Folders click on either the *Add New Folder* or *New Folder Group* links under the *New folder* column on the right side of the screen fig.3.



fig.3 The New Folder and New Folder group links

Step 3

To submit a document you must first open up a folder within a folder group. The four submit a document options will now appear on the right side of the page. Click on *Upload a File* to submit a document *fig.4*.

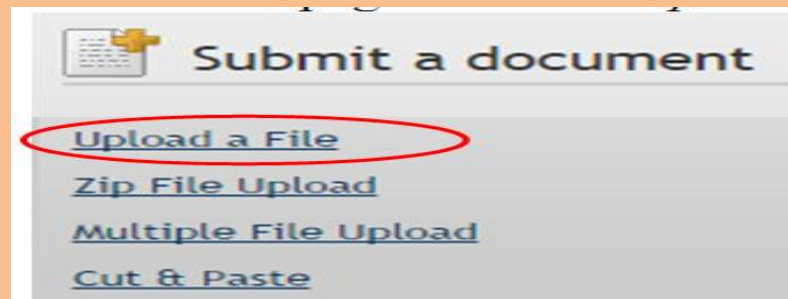


fig.4 The four document submission options

On the Upload a File page, enter the document title, the author's first name, and the author's last name. Click on the Browse button and locate the file on your computer *fig.5*.

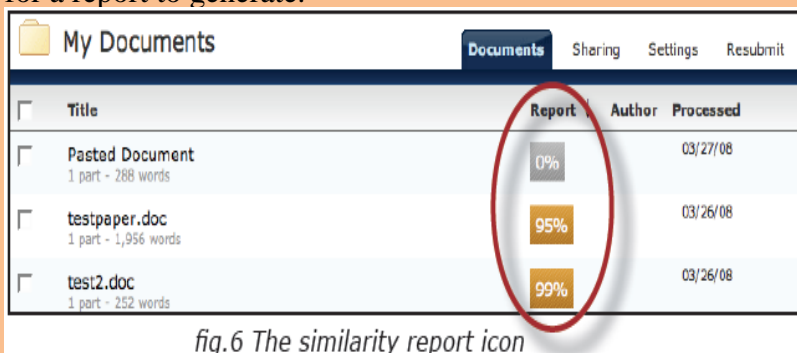
A screenshot of a web form titled "Upload a file submission page". The form contains four input fields: "What is the document title:", "What is the author's first name:", "What is the author's last name:", and "Browse for the file you would like to submit:". Below the "Browse" field is a "Browse..." button. At the bottom of the form, there is a green plus icon followed by the text "Add another file". At the very bottom, there are two buttons: "Upload" and "Cancel". The "Upload" button is circled in red.

fig.5 The upload a file submission page

Click on the Add another file link to add up to 10 files, if you so require, before submitting. Click the *Upload* button to upload the document(s).

Step 4

To view the similarity report for the paper click on the similarity report icon to the right of the document's name within the folder you submitted the document to *fig.6*. It usually takes a couple of minutes for a report to generate.

A screenshot of a document list interface. The list is titled "My Documents" and has tabs for "Documents", "Sharing", "Settings", and "Resubmit". The list contains three entries: "Pasted Document", "testpaper.doc", and "test2.doc". Each entry has a "Report" column with a progress indicator. The "Report" column for "testpaper.doc" shows "95%" and for "test2.doc" shows "99%". The "Report" column for "Pastad Document" shows "0%". The "Report" column is circled in red.

Title	Report	Author	Processed
Pastad Document 1 part - 288 words	0%		03/27/08
testpaper.doc 1 part - 1,956 words	95%		03/26/08
test2.doc 1 part - 252 words	99%		03/26/08

fig.6 The similarity report icon

To view more detailed information about iThenticate please download the iThenticate user manual. The iThenticate manual can also be found on the iThenticate training page at <http://www.ithenticate.com/resources/customer-training/>.

USER STUDY AT CENTRAL LIBRARY

Introduction

Library services are earmarked and cut out for its clientele. Periodical ‘Users’ Study’ is a *sine qua non* to gauge the impact of existing resources and services of a library. With this in view, the Central Library has, as part of a survey, collected 500 responses (out of 517 sent out) from students and scholars (those who are enrolled as library members either as students or as scholars) during March – April 2014 through the questionnaire. The responses collected relate to six different sections like a) General, b) Main Stack, c) Circulation Section, d) Periodical Section, e) Reference Section, f) Reading Room, etc.

This piece attempts to analyze the collected information and disseminate the same to the academics thorough the monthly e-Newsletter. The entire analysis will be presented in six installments in the e-Newsletter.

This issue contains some basic information on respondents and general opinion of the users.

Distribution of Respondents

It is seen that maximum number of respondents belonged to Bhasha Bhavana (25%), followed by Vidya Bhavana (22.8%) and Siksha Bhavana. In other words, out of 500 respondents, the vast majority of 336 (67%) was confined to three bhavanas i.e. Bhasha, Vidya and Siksha.

Table -1

Bhavana - wise Distribution of the Respondents

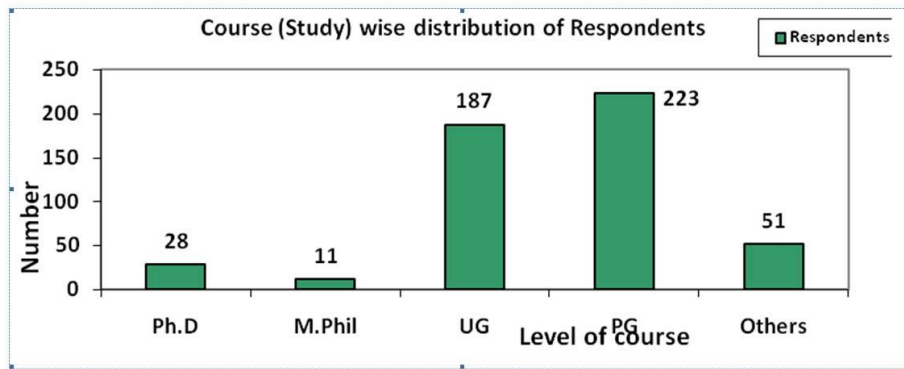
Bhavana	Number	%age
Bhasha	126	25.2
Vidya	114	22.8
Kala	32	06.4
Sangit	28	05.6
Siksha	96	19.2
Vinaya	54	10.8
PSV	16	03.2
PSB	34	06.8
Total	500	100

It is, hence, inferred that the highest users of Central Library are from Bhasha, Visya and Siksha Bhavana.

We have represented the data on the basis of the level of course pursued by the respondents, which is being shown with the help of the figure – 1.

Figure-1

Course - wise Distribution of the Respondents

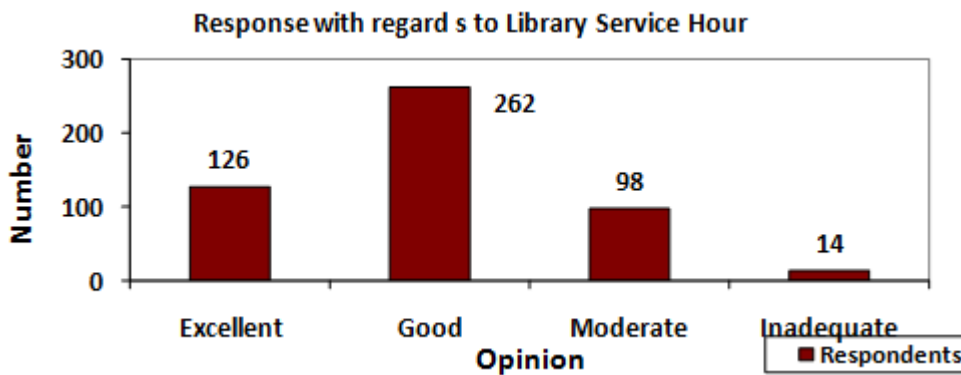


It is seen that maximum users are students of Post Graduate (PG) level which is 44.6%, followed by UG 37.4%.

Service Hours & Frequency of Library Visit

Service hours hold the key to maximum utility of a library facility. Opinion was collected on level of satisfaction on the service hours of the Central Library, which is represented with the help of the figure - 2.

Figure – 2: Opinion on Central Library service hour



Half (262) of the respondents rated the current timing of the Central Library as good and some (126) as excellent. Therefore, it may be stated that more than 77% of the users were satisfied with the library service hours.

To verify the consistency of the opinion, frequency of library visit by the respondents was collected, which is represented with the help of the Table – 2.

Table – 2: Frequency of Library Visit

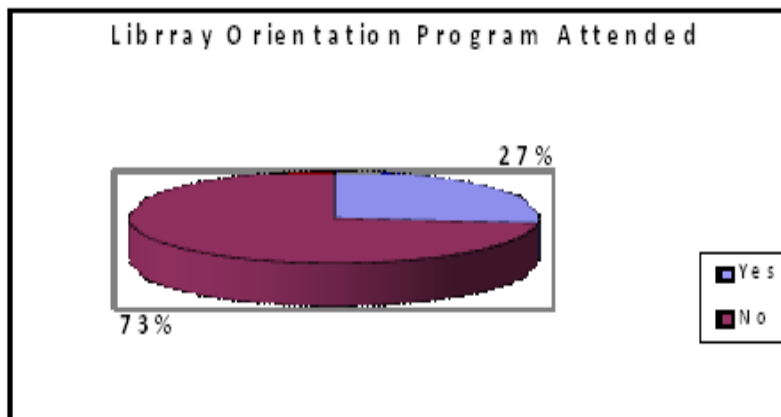
Frequency	Number	%age
Daily	108	21.6
Twice in a week	187	37.4
Weekly	69	13.8
Fortnightly	43	08.6
Monthly	55	11.0
Occasionally	38	07.6
Total	500	100

The Table illustrates that the most popular frequency of library visit is twice in a week, i.e. 37.4% use the Library twice a week while 21.6% are there every day. Therefore, it may be stated that around 59% of the respondents are using library either daily or twice in a week. The rest (7.6%) of the respondents are occasional users.

Library Orientation Programmes and their Utility

Library organizes orientation programmes frequently and specially to cater to the first year students to familiarize them with library facilities and resources. An attempt was made to assess whether the programmes helped the students in better utilization of the Library. It is estimated from the responses that 73% of the respondents did not attend any orientation programmes (vide Figure-3).

Figure -3: Attendance of Library Orientation Programmes



Hence we tried to extract the information whether the programmes really enhanced the library utilization.

Table - 3: Library Orientation Programmes

Helpful	Number	%age
Yes	116	86.6
No	18	13.4
Total	134	100

From the table above it is seen that, 86.6% of the respondents (out of those who attended the programmes) felt that, it was helpful to them in utilizing the Library effectively for their study and research purpose.

Participation in Collection Building

Another good feature of the VB Library is that, students / scholars are entitled to submit book-requisition to the University Librarian as per their needs (of course through the faculty members). It is expected the collection building will be achieved through realistic requirements.

Table – 4: Awareness on submission of requisitions for books

Awareness of the facility	Number	%
Aware	72	14.4
Not-aware	428	85.6
Total	500	100

From the above table, it is seen that only 14.4% of the respondents were aware of the facility for the submission of the requisitions. More than 85% drew a blank.

It is found that out of the 14.4% (72) who were aware of the provision, 58.3% (42) availed of the facility. We also looked in to what extent such books were procured in the Library. It was found that 83.3% of the requisitioned books could be added to the collection. The rest 16.7% could not be procured for reasons that they were not available in the market. [*to be continued*]

RURAL LIBRARY SERVICES OF PALLI SAMGATHANA VIBHAGA, VISVA-BHARATI: PRESENT SCENARIO

Introduction

Rabindranath initiated rural reconstruction programme at Sriniketan in the year 1922 aiming to make villagers self-reliant, self-respecting and competent to make efficient use of resources for the fullest development of their physical, social, economic and intellectual potential and abilities, and get them acquainted with the cultural tradition. Tagore wanted to create knowledge environment and also to communicate necessary knowledge and skill to the villagers. For this end, along with other development programmes, Tagore started rural library services through the establishment of mobile library called *Chalantika Granthagar*.

Initially the programme was launched as mobile library services in the nearby villages of Sriniketan. The Rural Extension Centre of Palli Samgathan Vibhaga was solely responsible for providing rural library services. The Centre collaborates with Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF) under the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India, since 1975. Starting with nine permanent rural libraries in 1975, the Centre extended it up to 38 in 2010 in the rural areas of Sriniketan and Santiniketan within the radius of 10-15 kms.

Year - wise Establishment of Rural Libraries

Year	1975	1977	1980	1983	1986	1987	1991	1994	1999	2002	2005	2010	2012	Total
No. of Libraries	9	2	4	3	4	1	6	4	2	1	1	1	1	39

Source: Annual Report REC, Visva-Bharati, 2012-13

Growth of Collection

Rural Extension Centre of Palli Samgathan Vibhaga responsible for providing rural library services received funds regularly as matching grants from RRRLF, as mentioned in the previous paragraph. It resulted in substantial growth of collection of the rural libraries. Besides, librarians of the rural libraries took special care to collect books from rural masses as donation.

The growth of collection can be represented by the following table:

Year	No of books added during the year	No. of books
2006-07		85739
2007-08	6,126	91865
2008-09	5,409	97274
2009-10	5,082	1,02,356
2010-11	4,250	1,06,606
2011-12	5,610	1,12,216
2012-13	2,754	1,14,970

Use of Resources

For developing reading habit among rural masses libraries observe Library Day and organize various cultural programmes and try to display Wall Magazine at their libraries. The rural libraries became the nerve centre of knowledge in the villages. As a result use of the resources of these libraries increases day by day. In the year 2012-13, 29796 readers are reported have used the libraries!

Conclusion

Libraries as a social institution have the responsibility of making knowledge publicly available to all. They serve as local centres of information and learning, and are local gateways to national and global knowledge. The rural libraries under Palli Samgathan Vibhaga are discharging their responsibilities effectively since their inception.

(Nabendu Mitra, Asst. Librarian)

SOME RECENT LIBRARY ACTIVITIES / DEVELOPMENTS

Training Programmes

- A workshop on *Use and Operation of iThenticate* (anti-plagiarism software) has been organised for the benefit of to library staff on 18 October 2014 at Conference Hall, Central Library. It was led jointly by Sri Sujit Kujur and Dr. V. K. Thomas. The Library staff is, now, expected to help anyone who approaches them for this service.
- Refresher programme on *Standardisation and Practice of Uniform Style in Cataloguing* was organised at the Conference Hall, Central Library, on 21 October 2014. The programme has been organised by Ms. Suchismita Sarkar, Ms. Kanika Debnath and Dr. V. K. Thomas.

Sale of Books at Heavy Discount

VB Research Publications (both in English and Bengali) are being sold at 50 % discount from the Central Library. The books are also displayed at the Reference Hall (Central Library) for reference and use.

Exhibition of Books and Pledge taking on National Unity Day

The Central Library organized a special exhibition in the Reference Section of books *by* and *on* Vallabhbai Patel in connection with celebration of his Birth Anniversary. Many visitors to the Library went through the collection. Pledge was read out to staff and students in the Central Library by Dr. D. Gunasekaran, Registrar, in the presence of Prof. Tapati Mukherjee, Vice-Chancellor (Offg.), University Librarian, Finance Officer, Dy. Librarian etc.

Theses: The New Location

All the theses (1697 in number) have since been housed in the compactor in the Periodical Section. The soft copies of theses (wherever available) are being uploaded and are available in two sites viz., Sodhganga (<http://shodhganga.inflibnet.ac.in/>) and WebOPAC (<http://14.139.211.2:8080/jopacgwt/GwtOPAC/GwtOPAC.html>)

Swachha Bharat Abhiyan

Swachha Bharat Abhiyan has been observed on 2 October 2014 at the Central Library by 21 members of the staff under the leadership of Smt. Suchismita Sarkar, Sr. Asst. Librarian, Central Library. After taking the pledge the staff members cleaned a portion of the library premises.

Lecture

Dr. Nimai Chand Saha delivered two lectures on *Role of Library in Research and Standard Citation Style* for the Ph. D. course work candidates of Dept. of Odiya on 30 & 31 October 2014 at Central Library, where 18 candidates were present.

Retirement

Sri Nabendu Mitra, Asst. Librarian, In-charge of PSV Library has retired on 31 October 2014 on superannuation. Send-off was given to him at Central Library (31.10.14) and PSV Library (30.10.14). The VB Library Network wishes him all the best in his retired life.

CONFERENCES / SEMINARS / WORKSHOPS IN LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE

Manipal University Jaipur (MUJ) & Library Professionals Association (LPA), New Delhi, are going to organize a two - day International Conference on Knowledge Organisation in Academic Libraries (I-KOAL-2015) with the theme Digital India-Digital Libraries on 2 and 3 January 2015, at Manipal University Jaipur (MUJ), Jaipur, Rajasthan. For details: Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/iilmahljaipur>.

- The Central Library, KL University is organizing an [International Conference on Scholarly Communication and Knowledge Management in Higher Educational Institutions \(ICSKH 2014\)](#) on 28 & 29 November 2014. Selected papers will be published in the peer-reviewed Open Access LIS journal. Accommodation will be provided in the KL University Guest House @ A/c. Room: Rs.475/- Non A/c Room: Rs.375/-. Contact: Dr. K. S. Shivraj, Organizing Secretary, ICSKH2014, KL University, Vijayawada, Andra Pradesh, E-mail: icskh2014@kluniversity.in, Ph. 8790426177, 9866700082.
- DELNET and French Institute of Pondicherry, Pondicherry are jointly organizing the 17th National Convention on Knowledge, Library and Information Networking (NACLIN 2014) during 9-11 December 2014 at Hotel Anandha Inn Convention Centre, Pondicherry. The theme is From Building Collections to making Connections: Transforming Libraries in the Knowledge Era. For details, visit: www.naclin.org.
- Jamia Millia Islamia Academic Staff College in collaboration with Dr. Zakir Hussain Library (Central Library) will organize a Refresher Course in Library and Information Science on Recent Trends in Library & Information Technology during 10 Feb. – 3 March 2015. The course is sponsored by UGC and, hence, candidates will be paid TA/DA as per norms. Details: www.jmi.ac.in
- The Learning Resource Centre (Library), Jain University, Bangalore is organizing a two - day National Conference on Trends in Management of Academic Libraries in Digital Environment (TMALDEN-2014) on 19 - 20 December 2014 at Jain Knowledge Campus, , Bangalore. The details of the conference with Registration Form can be accessed from the Jain University website <http://www.jainuniversity.ac.in/PDF/2014-15/TMALDEN-2014-broch.pdf> and <http://www.jainuniversity.ac.in/PDF/2014-15/TMALDEN-2014-regForm.pdf>.
- St. Mary's College, Thrissur invites to the UGC - sponsored national level seminar on Skills Approach to Information and Communication Technology for Information Problem Solving during 02-03 January 2015. More information is available at: <http://www.kla.stmaryscollegethrissur.edu.in/>

NEW ARRIVALS (BOOKS AND PERIODICALS)

Books : <http://14.139.211.2:8080/jopacgwt/GwtOPAC/GwtOP> (Click)

Journals : <http://14.139.211.2:8080/jopacgwt/GwtOPAC/GwtOP> (Click)



**Swachh Bharat Abhiyan on 2 Oct. 14:
Action at Central Library**



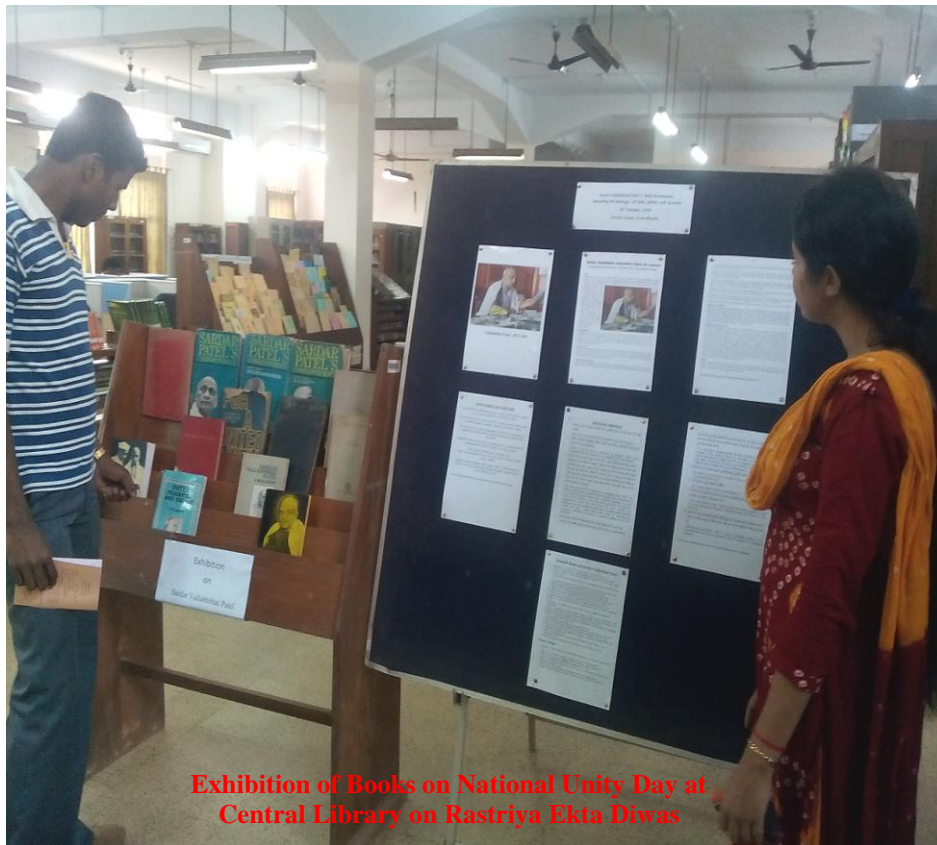
**Refresher Programme for the Staff on Standardisation
and Practice of Uniform Style in Cataloguing, 21.10.14**



**Rastriya Ekta Diwas, 31.10.2014 at Central Library: Pledge read out by Dr D.
Gunasekaran, Registrar in the presence of Prof. Tapati Mukherjee, Vice-Chancellor
(Offg.), and the Financial Officer – A Partial View**



**Send off to Sri Nabendu Mitra at Central Library on
31 Oct. 2014**



**Exhibition of Books on National Unity Day at
Central Library on Rastriya Ekta Diwas**