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Library website:
http://172.16.2.132/library/index.php
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http://14.139.211.2/library/index.php(Internet)

https://www.facebook.com/vblibnet

MediaWiki
http://14.139.211.2/mediawiki/index.php

NATIONAL DIGITAL LIBRARY (NDL)

Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) under its National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology has initiated the National Digital Library of India (NDL India) pilot project to develop a framework of virtual repository of learning resources with a single-window search facility. Filtered and federated searching is employed to facilitate focused searching so that learners can find out the right resource with least effort and in minimum time. NDL India is designed to hold content of any language and provides interface support for leading Indian languages (currently Hindi and Bengali). It is being arranged to provide support for all academic levels including researchers and life-long learners, all disciplines, all popular form of access devices and differently-abled learners. It is being developed to help students to prepare for entrance and competitive examination, to enable people to learn and prepare from best practices from all over the world and to facilitate researchers to perform inter-linked exploration from multiple sources.

The National Digital Library (NDL India) is an all-digital library that stores information (metadata) about different types of digital contents including books, articles, videos, audios, thesis and other educational materials relevant for users from varying educational levels and capabilities. It provides a single-window search facility to access digital contents currently existing in India as well as other digital sources under a single umbrella.

Learning resource
1. *Books*: More than 7 lakh books by 3 lakh authors in 70 languages
2. *Articles*: More than 3 lakh articles by more than 2 lakh authors from different publishers
3. *Theses*: More than 95000+ theses by researchers from different Indian institutes
4. *Manuscript*: Manuscripts from Satyajit Ray Society, Vidya Prasarak Mandal and others
5. *Audio lecture*: More than 262 audio lectures in English and Tamil
6. *Video lecture*: More than 18000+ video lectures from 11 sources

Subject domain
1. *Computer science, information and general works*: Covers materials from Computer science, Programming, Library and information sciences and other domains
2. *Philosophy and psychology*: Covers materials from Education, Metaphysics, Ontology, Cosmology, Teleology, Physiognomy, Psychology, Logics, Ethics
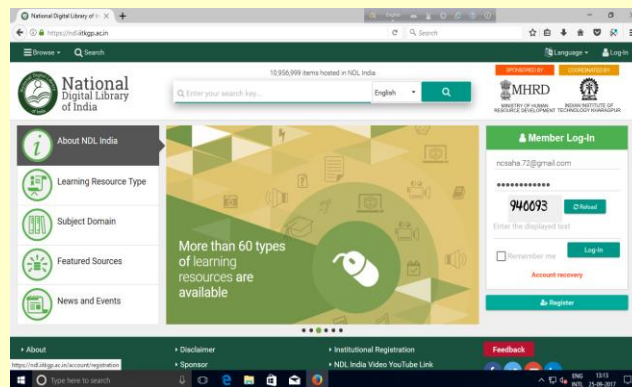
3. *Religion*: Covers materials from Philosophy & Theory of Religion, Concepts of God, Science & Religion, Social & Ecclesiastical Theology and other areas
4. *Social sciences*: Covers materials from Sociology & Anthropology, Factors affecting Social Behaviour, Political Sciences, Economics, Law, Public Administration & Military Science, Etiquette & Folklore and related domains.
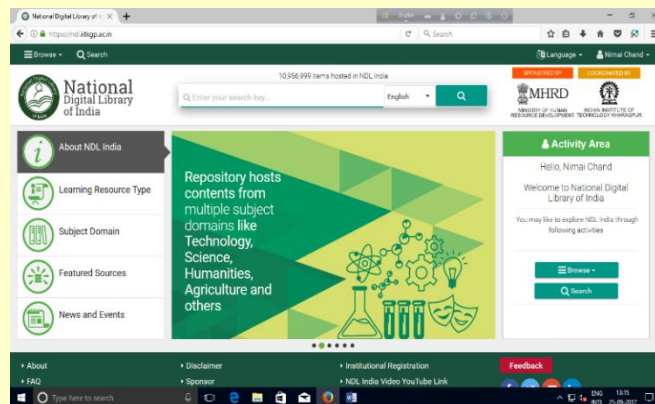
Featured sources
1. *NPTEL*: MHRD sponsored project that hosts 10000+ video lectures in engineering domain
2. *NCERT*: Hindi and English books of different subjects for students from primary to 12 standards
3. *Krishikosh*: More than 50000 agricultural books, journals, articles and reports
4. *INFLIBNET*: Hosts 38000+ theses and synopsis reports authored by Indian Researchers from different institutes
5. *LibriVox*: More than 2 lakhs audio books

An individual or institute can simply type in the URL (https://ndl.iitkgp.ac.in) into a common web browser to access the NDL India system. The NDL India system is accessible to all users for general browsing. However, one needs to register with a user ID and password and login using those foraccessing the full contents of any item. Once you have typed in the URL(https://ndl.iitkgp.ac.in) of NDL India and land on theHomepage of NDL India, you will find a window on theright-hand side saying 'Member Log-in'. Click on the'Register' button whereby a Registration form will open up. Fill up all the details on the form and submit. One will soon get a validation link in your mailbox. Click the link and validate and then you can start using NDL India.

From next time onwards, please use the login button on the Home page for accessing NDL India. It is also accessible on mobile devices as well using a common web browser. Right now, it is active for Android operating system and will soon be launched for IOS and Windows operating system as well.

Access to the NDL India system is free of charge. However, this will lead the user to the materials which may reside on other institutions' servers. Accessing these will be determined by thepolicy of those institutions and their access rules. View of the documents, full text or not, is controlled by the source organization. While many organizations are happy to provide full text access to all their documents, many would like to restrict and want the user to either log in or send a request directly to an email ID provided on the site for full text. There can be some publishers, like Springer, who would want to sale a copyof the document while there can be some other documents which are free of cost when accessed through NDL India log inbut will cost if accessed from some other site. There is an iconbeside each document to tell upfront about the access rights of the document.

Information can be personalized based on the education level, choice of language, difficulty level, media of content and such other factors while other Digital libraries may not include all these choices. This is like a 'customised service' provided in a 24x7 integrated environment to suit a user's requirement and will be like a one-stop shop for all digital resources.

The ultimate aim is to provide the materials in all vernacular languages. However, this will very much depend on the actual availability of materials in the vernacular. NDL India can accommodate materials in any language while the User Interface for Browsing and Searching has been launched with the languages Hindi, English and Bengali and is slowly being expanded to include other languages.

One can refine his/her search criteria from the 'Refine search results' facet by choosing different options like Author, Subject, Learning Resource Type etc. This will help to retrieve an item meeting multiple selection criterion. Even one can use the 'Advanced Search' option placed on the top right side of the screen to apply multiple selection criteria (Source, Educational level, Language, Learning Resource Type) for a more focussed and faster search.

The option to save or download an article will depend on the access rights provided by the content provider. Once saved,

printing can be done. Sometimes, there could be a limit to the number of pages that can be printed (eg. upto 100 pages). Once again, this will vary from document to document based on the access rights set by the content owner.

Any one may contribute articles to include in NDL India. For details about modality of contribution please contact NDL India at ndl-support@iitkgp.ac.in

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Some Recent Library Activities / Developments

➢ **Library Orientation Programme:** As requested by Head of the Dept. the following Library Orientation Programme organized by the Central Library:

   a) Dept. of PalliCharchaKendra on 16 September. The total 24 students attended the programme.

   b) Dept. of English and other Modern European Languages on 19 September. The total 20 students attended the programme.

➢ **Exhibition and Celebration of Important Days** at Reference Section, Central Library**:** Organized two special exhibitions of books and allied materials including quotations and photographs to celebrate;
   a) Dr. S. Radhakrishnan's Birth anniversary on 5th September 2017.
   b) 125th anniversary of Swami Vivekananda's Chicago Speech on 11th September 2017.

➢ **Celebration of 125th Year of Swami Vivekananda's Chicago Speech at Visva-Bharati:**As advised by the Visva-Bharati Authority, Visva-Bharati Library Network and Celebration Committee for Commemorating 125thyear of Swami Vivekananda's Chicago Speech has been jointly organized on 20 September 2017 at the Conference Hall, Central Library. The event was inaugurated by Prof. S. K. Datta, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Visva-Bharati with lighting the lamp. Welcome address was delivered by Dr. Sukumar Pal, Asst. Professor, Social Work, PSV, Visva-Bharati. Prof. Achintya Biswas, Former Vice-Chancellor, the University of GourBanga was the Chief Guest in the Seminar and delivered his valuable speech. Sri Rantideb Sengupta, Eminent Journalist and Sri Pulak Narayan Dhar, educationist was the Guest of Honour and Special Guest respectively and delivered addresses on the occasion. Before to conclude Prof. S. K. Datta, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Visva-Bharati has delivered his remarkable presidential address. Finally, the Programme was ended with vote of thanks by Dr. Nimai Chand Saha, Deputy Librarian, Central Library, Visva-Bharati. Sri ManasKukamBhul, Asst. Prof. Sangit Bhavana sang two songs in the event apart from the inaugural and concluding song from the students of Sangit Bhavana. The programme was attended by around 200 fraternity from and outside the Visva-Bharati.

➢ **Patha Bhavana Library:** Organised a three-day Book fair with the publication & collections of National Book Trust (NBT) during 08-10 September 2017. The fair was inaugurated by Prof. Nirmalya Banerjee, Prof-in-Charge, University Library, Visva-Bharati.

➢ **Article Delivery Services:**During the month 06 no of soft copies of the articles have been collected and delivered through mail as requested by the academics/scholars in and out of Visva-Bharati.

➢ **Meeting with the all In-charge of VBLN:** A meeting with the all In-charge of VBLN has been organized on 15 September 2017 to discuss the various issues relating to the library services & activities.

➢ **New Additions (Books) during the Month**

Central Library
   Number of Books Purchased   : 519 (Acc. No. 428271 - 428789)
   Number of Books received as Gift   : 19 (Acc. No. G9498 - G9516)

Cheena Bhavana Library
   Number of books received as Gift   : 02 (CG4652-4653)

Hindi Bhavana Library
   Number of books received as Gift   : 05 (HG204 - HG208)

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New Arrivals (Books and Periodicals)

Books(click)
Journals (click)

Conferences / Seminars / Workshops in Library & Information Science

1. To celebrate 125th Birth Anniversary of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan "International Conference on Knowledge Organization, Library and Information Management" is going to be organized by SRELS, Bangalore, IITM, Informatics India, RCIS, Chennai and IPLM during October 23, 2017 to October 25, 2017at IITM, Chennai, Tamil Nadu. For more information log on to http://srr125.org

2. INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar has announced the Three Days National Workshop on Research Impact Evaluation and Altmetrics during October 23, 2017 at 10am to October 25, 2017 at 6pm – INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar Organized by Pallab Pradhan. For More information log on to https://www.inflibnet.ac.in/hrd/

3. Periyar University, Salem invites researchers at all disciplines for one-day workshop on Web of Science, J-Gate Plus and EBSCO databases on October 11, 2017 from 10am to 5pm. For more information log on to Website http://www.periyaruniversity.ac.in

Important Links

1. **National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL)**https://onlinecourses.nptel.ac.in/NPTEL (National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning) is a joint initiative of the IITs and IISc. Through this initiative, any one may undertake online courses.

2. **MIT Open Course Ware**: https://ocw.mit.edu/index.htm**. MIT OpenCourseWare** is a web-based publication of virtually all MIT course content. OCW is open and available to the world and is a permanent activity of MIT.

3. **Khan Academy**: https://www.khanacademy.org: A personalized learning resource for all ages. Khan Academy offers practice exercises, instructional videos, and a personalized learning dashboard that empower learners to study at their own pace in and outside of the classroom**.**It tackles math, science, computer programming, history, art history, economics, and more.Accessibility is free forever and from anywhere by anyone.

4. **VIDWAN**: https://vidwan.inflibnet.ac.in/: VIDWAN is the premier database of profiles of scientists / researchers and other faculty members working at leading academic institutions and other R & D organisation involved in teaching and research in India. Registration is free to all. It provides important information about expert's background, contact address, experience, scholarly publications, skills and accomplishments, researcher identity, etc. The database developed and maintained by Information and Library Network Centre (INFLIBNET) with financial support from the National Mission on Education through ICT (NME-ICT).

Closing Song during celebrationof 125th year of Chicago Speech of Swami Vivekananda on 20 September.

Inauguration of Book Fair – 2017, at Singha Sadana, Patha Bhavana on 08 September.