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CENTRAL LIBRARY  
(Visva-Bharati Library Network)

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Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan

*Sub: Annual Report of the Central Library for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.*

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As advised in the circular as referred above, I am sending here with the soft copy through mail (annualreportvbu@gmail.com) of the Annual Report of the Visva-Bharati Library Network (VBLN) including Central Library, for the period of 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 are enclosed as required by you.

This may kindly be noted that, the print copy of the same will be sent to the HBA and Statistics Section as noted in the circular referred above.

Thanking you.

**(Dr N. C. Saha)**  
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## Visva-Bharati Library Network (VBLN)

In addition to continuation of existing activities and services, following activities have been done by the Visva-Bharati Library Network (VBLN) during the year:

Organized special sessions to update the academic fraternities on VBLN Resources, Services and Facilities, Research Tools (like Grammarly, Quillbot, Zotero, Mendeley, OURIGINAL, etc. etc.) Remote Access & LSDiscovery (subscribed by VBLN for unlimited access and single window search of all resources of VBLN); hands-on training program for registration in Vidwan and IRINS (Indian Research Information Network System) databases.

Total transaction for book lending (issue+return) during the year 1,14,703 which is the highest number since its inception. Total number of File checking through OURIGINAL for similarity checking is 2576. Total effective registered in VIDWAN database is 664 and ranked 4<sup>th</sup> out of the all Central University.

QR code on library services and resources has been updated to encourage the users' community to use the library in friendly manner.

Common classes on 'Research Publication Ethics' for the PhD Course Work candidates (2022-23) has been conducted successfully by the VBLN under the coordinatorship of University Librarian (Acting), for the first time at Visva-Bharati. This is the formal stepping stone of starting academic activities at the Library.

AQAR for year 2021-22 has been prepared properly and submitted in time to IQAC of the University.

Central Library has completed the Physical Stock verification of Books and others Assets properly for the year 2021-22. The guidelines/SOP for Physical Stock Verification (Books) and Operation Modalities of Seminar / Departmental Libraries have been prepared and duly approved by the competent authority.

Dissemination of information, resources through WhatsApp group, Telegram group, Library face book, YouTube Channel (link - <https://www.youtube.com/@visvabharatilibrarynetwork9081/videos>)

Arranged online demonstration program with e-resources of different world class e-publishers/aggregators'.

Preparation of Virtual Library Tour has been done and displayed with the technical assistance of the Scholars and faculty members of the CJMC, VB.

Procurement of Digital Dashboard, Information Kiosk has been done as new gadgets in addition to regulars ICT gadgets.

Registration for NDLI Club has been done to accelerate the R&D activities.

Special drive of termite treatment has been taken for the Gitanjali Net Building as preventive measure.

Take active part in the arrangements of VB Lecture Series, Young Scholar Lecture Series, Special Lectures, Observation of National Unity Day, International Women's Day, and Partition Horrors Remembrance Day, etc. etc. in Physical/ Virtual/ Blended.

In addition to the above, Conference hall Central Library was used as venue on different administrative meetings, like Court, Academic Council, IQAC, NIRF, WAVB, HEFA, Admission Coordination Cell (for online counseling too), Accounts Office, Academic Research, Awareness/Training Program to use SAMARTH Module.

**Annual Report of the Visva-Bharati Library Network for the period 2022-23**  
(1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023)

<b>1. Total Number of Books /Periodicals added during the Year 2022-23 (Central Library)</b>	
a) Books purchased (Print)	<b>1228</b>
b) E-books purchased (Perpetual mode)	<b>436</b>
c) Books received as gift (print)	<b>146</b>
d) Total print books added during the year (a+d)	<b>1374</b>
e) Titles of journal subscribed [For VBLN: 233(Central Library 184 (131 journals + 53 Magazines, and for Sectional Libraries -39)]	<b>184</b>
f) Newspapers procured [For VBLN: 33 (CL 22 nos. and Sectional Libraries 11 nos.)]	<b>22</b>
g) Issues of journals received as gift	<b>6923</b>
h) CD/DVDs (contained in journals) subscribed	<b>15</b>
<b>i) Total Number of Books / Periodicals accessioned as on 31. 03. 2023 (Central Library)</b>	
a) Books: Purchased :	<b>442578</b>
Books: Gift :	<b>G10765</b>
Total Books (Print) :	<b>453343</b>
E-Books: Purchased (No.) :	<b>436</b>
Amount paid for E-Books- Purchased :	<b>Rs. 44,56,233.86</b>
E-Books (Complimentary) :	<b>NIL</b>
Total E-Books : 3836+1280 + 1464+ 389+575+436 =	<b>7980</b>
b) Accessioned Issues of Journals & Newspaper (Subscribed) :	<b>9784</b>
c) Accessioned Issues of Journals (Gift) :	<b>6923</b>
d) Accessioned for Bound Journals :	<b>562</b>
<b>j) Total Number of Books transferred to Departmental /Sectional Libraries from Central Library</b>	
a) Seminar Libraries – 133; b) Sectional Libraries & others - 187	
<b>K) Issue and Return of Books/ Periodicals of VBLN</b>	
a. Number of Books Issued- 62825	
c. Number of Books Returned- 51878	
d. Total Transactions of Circulation Section (a+b)- 114703	
<b>2. Other Modern Technology-based Services of VBLN</b>	<b>129497</b>
a) Total ESS Inflight e-journals, databases downloads or views by users	<b>44354</b>
b) Total Users Used LsDiscovery search Facilities	<b>84380</b>
c) Inter Library Loan service through DELNET & BCL	<b>07</b>
d) Number of documents digitized on reader's request	<b>06</b>
g) Total pages digitized on reader's request	<b>750</b>
h) Total Number of files checked through OURIGINAL for similarity checking	<b>2576</b>
<b>3. Total Hits; Views; download and browsing in different e-resources of VBLN</b>	<b>1,56,720</b>
a) Inflight (Journal + database): 44354; d) Sage online journals: 1118; c) Indiastat: 3975; d) EPWRF: 2713	
<b>4. Membership for Inter - Library Loan (ILL) / Document Delivery Service (DDS)</b>	
British Council Library, Kolkata (More than 7,000 e-journal and 1,00,000+ e-books); DELNET, New Delhi; JCCC@INFLIBNET; J-gate (More than 37,000 e-journals)	
<b>5. VBLN Members *</b>	
• Total Active Members	<b>7558</b>
(Teachers – 604, Scholars – 785, Students – 5901, Staff – 470, Others -25)	
• Total number of users who accessed the resources through library site	<b>55759</b>

## 6. Library Timing:

### a) Central Library:

All days except weekly holidays (Saturday & Sunday): 7 am - 8 pm

Saturday and Sunday: 10 am - 6 pm. Other holidays: 10.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. (Only Reading Room)

Total no. of days Library was open in the year: 341 days (Including Weekly Holiday services – 96 days and other Holidays (only reading room services) -14 days).

b) **Sectional Libraries:** Most of them are open during 9.30 am – 6pm, weekly off days are Saturday and Sunday while the same is Wednesday and Thursday for Rabindra Bhavana and Wednesday and Sunday for Patha Bhavana Library (service hour 6.30am to 1.00pm).

## 7. Documents Processing

Purchased Books: **1228+2567=3795**, Gift Books: **146+821=967**

Total number of Books catalogued by Central Library: **1374**

Total number of Digitized Books Uploaded by Central Library: **248**

8. **Publications:** Following items have been updated and published through library website, e-mail, etc.

a) Monthly Library e-Newsletter (12 issues released); b) Library Bulletin – ‘Current Journals-2022’ for Visva-Bharati subscribed Journals; c) Library User’s Manual, Brochure; d) Library Reference Manual.

## 9. Exhibition of Books:

Total twenty-three (23) - exhibitions of books and allied materials on important personalities/days have organized in the Reference Section during the year.

## 10. Library Automation:

Visva-Bharati Library is connected with the Campus-wide WiFi enabled connection through NKN and RailTel a Project of Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India. VBLN has PCs-163, printers-62 including 18 barcode printers, web camera-06, digital camera- 02, Conference Speaker – 02 (Bluetooth enabled), Digital Display Board -01, Information Kiosk – 02, Scanner -12, 32” LCD Monitor – 01, LCD Projectors -05.

Visva-Bharati Library offers services and facilities of browsing e-journals, online-databases, e-books to its users. On-line searching, e-mail facilities for academic and research purposes, etc. have also been provided by the library.

Library Management Software LibSys-10 (Cloud-based, Unicode Web compliant) is being used for automating the library activity and services. Library catalogue database are now accessible through INDCAT a project of INFLIBNET (link: <https://indcat.inflibnet.ac.in/index.php/popup/index?check=eyJmYXZlIjojVmlzdmEgQmhhcmF0aSI6InVuaSI6IiZTQkhfNzMxMjM1IiwidmFsIjoxMTkxOTN9>) and LSDiscovery of VBLN through (Link: <https://vbu.lsdiscovey.in/home/dashboard>). Remote Access enabled LSDiscovery which is accessible through any device, any network, any platform, any users (including guest), any time, any resources available at etc. are the unique features on the way of modernization of VBLN.

Presently, Visva-Bharati Library catalogue database holds 553486 titles of documents containing 7,48,713 individual accession numbers excluding 49546 bound volumes of journals and 3146 theses and 7980+one database purchased e-books. In addition, purchased e-book (perpetual mode), 1,15,000-titles through various consortia) from world famous publishers/aggregators (Elsevier, Cambridge Online, Springer, Sage, Taylor & Francis, Oxford University Press and British Council Library) which have been linked (alphabetical, subject-wise, publisher-wise) in the library web page to browse.

Uploading of digitized books on the library server has been done fully and is accessible through <https://vbu.lsdiscovey.in/home/dashboard> and NDLI (National Digital Library of India). Current Theses available received in softcopy are also being uploaded. In addition to e-resources Central

Library has made an **Institutional Repository** of Faculty publications; syllabuses of various courses; Question papers of examinations of different programmes; Annual Report of Visva-Bharati and VBLN; Monthly e-Newsletter of VBLN etc.

**E-Resources:**

- i. Current title of E-journals purchased - NIL**
- ii. Current title of E-journals accessed from ESS (Inflibnet): 7041**

American Institute of Physics	- <b>19 Journals</b>
American Physical Society	- <b>17 Journals</b>
Annual Reviews	- <b>43 Journals</b>
Economic & Political Weekly	- <b>1 Journal</b>
JSTOR	- <b>3165 Journals</b>
Oxford University Press	- <b>262 Journals</b>
Project Muse	- <b>731 Journals</b>
Springer Link 1700 Collection and Nature Journal	- <b>1725 Journals</b>
Taylor and Francis	- <b>1078 Journals</b>

- iii. Current title Online database accessed through ESS ( Inflibnet): 05**

- Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (ISID) Database;
- JGate Plus (JCCC);
- MathSciNet;
- Web of Science;
- Ouriginal Similarity Checking Software.

- iv. Current title of Database subscribed: 04**

- Indiatat.com
- EPWRF India Time Series
- Grammarly
- Remote Access & LsDiscovery

- v. Perpetual Database: 11**

- The Women in the National Archives Collection ( 22-23)
- China Quarterly ( Cambridge Digital Archive Journal)
- Rural History ( Cambridge Digital Archive Journal)
- Historical Newspaper Archive: Times of India ( TOI)
- Educational Quest: International Journal of Education & Applied Social Science.
- International Journal of Peace, Education & Development
- Learning Community: An International Journal of Educational & Social Development
- Sandharv ( Hindi)Techno Learn: An International Journal of Educational Technology
- Odia Patrapatrika Sangraha (Digital Compilation of Odia Periodicals) 1856-1950
- Secret Files from World Wars to Cold War from Taylor & Francis
- China and the Modern World: Hong Kong, Britain and China, 1841-1951 from Cengage Learning India Pvt. Ltd.

**11. Seminar / Workshop / Exhibition / other programs organized:**

**Special Sessions:** Eleven (11) special session on **Quillbot-** Academic writing platform, Issues on Plagiarism Checking, Zotero: Reference Management Software, Similarity Checking through OURIGINAL, Registration in VIDWAN Database, Resources, Services & Facilities of Visva-Bharati Library Network, Mendley as Open Source Management Software, Issues on Publication Ethics etc. have been arranged on 28 June, 29 June, 25 August, 26 August, 29 November, 30 November, 30

January, 31 January, 20 February, 21 February, 22 February for Library Users (Students, Scholars, Faculty Members, Staff) and Library Professionals, etc.

**Pariksha Pe Charcha -2022:** Visva-Bharati's students, faculties and non-teaching staff together on 01 April 2022 (Friday) participated in the live telecast of "Pariksha Pe Charcha 2022" by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Sri Narendra Modi. On behalf of University Administration, University Librarian (Acting)/In-charge, Computer Centre had the honor of organizing the live telecast centrally Visva-Bharati and arranged a live telecast of the event in three locations at Conference Hall, Reading Room and Reference Section. At the Library, Prof. Sabita Pradhan as Vice Chancellor (Acting) and Sri Ashok Kumar Mahato, Registrar (Acting) to grace the event with the Scholars, Students (including two schools), officers and staff of the university. Beside Central Library, Academics Departments and Administrative Offices have also made arrangements from their respective Departments to witness the event. There have been a large scale (total participants were around 2237 which was a combination of Faculty members: 269, Staff: 197 and Scholars/Students: 1771)) in physical and virtual modes.

**Observation of 'World Book and Copyright Day':** On the occasion of 'World Book Day and Copyright Day' on 23 April 2022 a quiz competition on "Books, Publishers, Authors" has been organized by Central Library on 25 April 2022, at the Conference Hall, central Library at 5.00pm. The main objective of the programme was to promote reading habits among the students in particular. The entire program was planned and staged by the 'Library Friends' with their whole hearted effort and participation. The program was started with song, other agenda of the program was Speech on – 'Role Books and Library in the present day'; Open quiz competition of around sixty question (including audio and visual), words from the Library Officers and finally program comes to an end at 7.20pm with the words of thanks from the University Librarian (Acting) followed by Ashram Sangit. More than seventy participants were attended the event and everyone was enjoyed a lot the program especially the quiz competition and express their gratefulness to library authority for offering a nice scope to witnessed and arranged such a beautiful program by the students. The role of the five research scholars was really notable. Suparna Mandal, Research Scholar from Comparative Literature was the winner by answering maximum questions of the quiz competition. Finally, all the participants were pleased and at the end they offer themselves as library friends. Library friends increased from 12 to twenty-one and they assured for offering required assistance to the library in future.

**Meeting with Library Friends** ([http://visva-bharati-library.in/images/pdf/Library\\_Friends%2022-23\\_VBLN.pdf](http://visva-bharati-library.in/images/pdf/Library_Friends%2022-23_VBLN.pdf)) In addition to organizing different events, Library friends are pleased to render their green hands of cooperation for the smooth running of Visva-Bharati Library Network. A group of the library friends have been trained for arrangement of books on the shelves. On 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022 (Tuesday) seven library friends came at the library and engaged themselves for shelving books at the Reference Section along with the library professionals followed by a meeting on some issues of library services and organization of 'Librarian Day-2022'. Library friends have enjoyed the shelve arrangement cordially and enjoyed the activity. VBLN appreciate their support to as they assured that they will continue this mission after a regular interval.

**Course on 'Research Publication Ethics':** As per n the notification of Visva-Bharati, a six-day common course work on the paper "Research Publication Ethics" for Ph.D. scholars of Visva-Bharati was conducted during 14-20 March 2023 (10 am – 5.30 pm) through blended mode by the Visva-Bharati Library Network (VBLN) under the Coordinatorship of the University Librarian(Acting), Visva-Bharati. One hundred forty-two research scholars (142) from different disciplines attended the course out of 147 scholars enrolled in various departments of Visva-Bharati in the academic session 2022-23. Two faculty members, namely Dr. Ipsita Sarkar, Department of Philosophy & Religion, Vidya Bhavana, and Prof. Sudhansu Sekhar Maity, Department of Statistics, Siksha Bhavana, along with eight library officers of Visva-Bharati Library Network, namely Dr. Nimai Chand Saha, Dr. Partha Pratim Ray, Dr. Tapas Kumar Das, Sri Ajay Kumar Sharma, Dr. Sabahat Nausheen, Dr. Sanat Bhattacharya, Dr. Koushik Ghosh, and Sri Pradip Hembram took the classes for the said course.

In the teaching-learning process, student feedback plays an important role in measuring teaching quality as it helps to improve services depending on stakeholders' satisfaction levels. In view of the above, online feedback responses through 'Google Form' [Link: <https://forms.gle/GuZD9po9rJx9FMks8>] were collected for the said course. Consequently, a five-point scale feedback form on the teaching-learning process was circulated and received 137 scholars' feedback. All the responses on different aspects were positive and encouraging in terms of both organizer and participants too. All the lectures are available on the YouTube through the link - <https://www.youtube.com/@visvabharatilibrarynetwork9081/videos>

**Tribute to Dr. S. R. Ranganathan on 12 August 2022:** On the occasion of the 130<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, Central Library, Visva-Bharati, celebrated calmly and pleasantly with maintaining social distancing. All staff of Central Library has paid homage and tribute to the illustrious Guru Dr. S.R. Ranganathan on this auspicious occasion, followed by a small speech by University Librarian (Acting).

**Observation of Raksha Bandhan on 12 August 2022, Rakhasa Bandhan:** Rakhaa Bandhan is a holy and popular festival celebrated in India and other parts of the world as a symbol of love and unity. Gurudev Tagore used the perception of Rakhsa Bandhan to create hope and spread harmony in the minds of people in society. In tune with the significance of the great festival Central Library, Visva-Bharati observed the day to spread love, unity, and integrity among all. The program was organized in a befitting manner.

**Book Exhibition and a special session to observe 'Partition Horrors Remembrance day-2022':** Visva-Bharati has taken the initiative to celebrate the "Partition Horrors Remembrance Day" with due diligence to commemorate 14 August as "*Partition Horrors Remembrance Day*". The initiatives have been taken to comply with the letter from UGC vide D.O. No. 2-66/2022(CPP-II), dated 07 August 2022 and as announced by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 15 August 2021 ". From 10-14 August 2022 (from 7.30 am to 7.30 pm), Central Library has arranged one Book Exhibition with related books from the library collections. The Exhibition was inaugurated by Prof. Bidyut Chakrabarty, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Visva-Bharati, in presence of Principals, faculty Members, Scholars, and Students of the University. One special lecture also arranged under the title "Bangla Katha Sahitye Danga O Deshbhag (বাংলা কথা সাহিত্যে দাঙ্গা ও দেশভাগ)". The zoom meeting link for the virtual audience was <https://zoom.us/j/93979493331?pwd=SUg4NXA3cUpiaVdqUmtpaVJ5TFEvdz09>. The speaker was Dr. Chandan Kumar Kundu, Assistant Professor, Department of Bengali, Abhedananda, Mahavidyalaya, Sainthia, Birbhum, and former scholars of Visva-Bharati whose research topic was 'partition'. The session was presided over by Prof. Bidyuit Chakrabarty, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Visva-Bharati. More than hundred-seventy participants have attended/joined the session.

**Three-Day Demonstration Program on E-Resources:** Central Library, Visva-Bharati, has organized a Three-day demo program on e-resources by different publishers in virtual mode during 29-31 August 2022. Twenty-four (24) reputed National and International level publishers have demonstrated their e-resources on their respective platforms. Every day around twenty participants attended the session. The sessions were arranged to comply with the standard operating procedure for procurement of e-resources by VBLN and to give the academics an ambiance regarding the collection and development of the e-resources of different world-class publishers.

**Library Day-2022:** Visva-Bharati Library Network celebrated National Library Day 2022 on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022 pleasantly. National Library Day is celebrated every year on 20<sup>th</sup> December. It's the day to reflect on the crucial roles that libraries and librarians play in our society. A well-stocked library can introduce readers to many new worlds and helps them become more informed citizens. The program began with an opening song at 5.00 pm, followed by a floral tribute to Kavi Guru Rabindranath Tagore and Dr. S. R. Ranganathan. Eminent journalist and one of the temporary members of the Central Library, Mr. Biswajit Roy, was the Chief Guest and delivered a talk on "Importance of Library in the society: Past, Present, and Future." Mr. Roy said, 'Libraries play a key role in building society and creating readers. A library must have enough books, a good reading environment, and other necessary



facilities, as libraries have an enormous role in forming a knowledgeable and enlightened society. Student participants also shared their experiences with using the VB library. Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Asst. Librarian & In-Charge, Cheena Bhavana Library, chaired the program. Dr. Nimai Chand Saha, University Librarian (Acting), also addressed the august gathering. Research Scholars Indrani Rooj and Sukanta Mondal from the Department of Bengali, Bhasha Bhavana conducted the program, as 'VB Library Friends.' The program ended with a happy note, and a word of thanks at around 7.50 pm. total of eighty-one (81) candidates attended the program with due attention and expressed their pleasure after attending the event.

**Visva-Bharati Lecture Series:** on behalf of Visva-Bharati Lecture Series, Visva Bharati Library Network arranged ten lectures (10) and a Debate Session both on virtual, physical mode and hybrid mode (from 49th - 57th lecture and a Special Lecture) on 6.4.2022, 19.05.2022, 11.07.2022, 20.07.2022, 25.07.2022, 29.07.2022, 01.08.2022, 16.09.2022, 18.11.2022, 06.02.2023 and 13.03.2023 respectively. In these lecture series renowned doctor, academicians, actors and motivational speaker of the country and also different parts of the world had shared their views about various topics of their subjects. Total 1416 participants joined in these lectures. All the lectures are available on the YouTube through the link - <https://www.youtube.com/@visvabharatilibrarnetwork9081/videos>

**Visva-Bharati Lecture Series:** on behalf of Visva-Bharati Young Scholars' Lecture Series, three lectures on 19/04/2022, 25/05/2022 and 27/09/2022 have been hosted/arranged at the Conference Hall Central Library All the lectures are available on the YouTube through the link <https://www.youtube.com/@visva-bharati3330/videos>

The Conference Hall, Central Library was used as venue for more than forty (40) different administrative meeting during the year.

## **12. Invited Lecture etc. by the Library Professionals:**

**All Staff:** Visva-Bharati Library Network has organized different events throughout the year with active support and cooperation (participated and acted in different capacities like hosting the webinar, assisting for technical assistance, publicity, participants, delivered lectures, etc.) from all the officers and most of the staff of the VBLN. Most of the Officers (Sri Ajay Kumar Sharma, Dr Sabahat Nausheen, Dr. Koushik Ghosh) had delivered lectures on different sessions, orientation programs, etc. All the officers of VBLN have taken classes on the course on 'Research Publication Ethics' (RPE) as a common course.

### **Dr Nimai Chand Saha**

In addition to deliver lecture in different Programmes as organized by VBLN during the period, following invited lectures have been delivered other than Visva-Bharati;

1. Invited as resource person in an International Seminar on 'Indian Knowledge System for LIS and Allied Disciplines (IKS-LISAD:2023)' by the Department of Library and Information Science, Netaji Subhas Open University (NSOU), Kolkata during 24-26 March 2023 and delivered online-lecture on "Library in Restoration and Dissemination of Traditional Knowledge: Problems and Prospects" on 25 March 2023 from 5.25pm. Further, has an opportunity to act as member of the Organizing Committee.
2. Invited as resource person in an International Conclave on 'Library beyond Campus: Resurrecting Public Library Service for the Generation Next' during 04-05 February 2023 by the Universal Briefing, Kolkata, led by Prof. Udayan Bhattacharya, Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, and delivered lecture on "Public Library in the Current Context: Existence and Reality" on 04 February 2023 at 2.00pm.
3. Invited as resource person in an International Conclave on 'Literature, Culture, Library And Society' by the Department of Library and Information Science, Manipur University, Manipur, during 27-30 November 2022 and delivered video-lecture on "Library in the Changing Society: Expectation and Reality". Further, has an opportunity to act as member of the Organizing Committee.



4. Invited as a resource person in a National Workshop on “Open Society, Open Education, Open Library” organized by the Library Committee of the Aligarh Muslim University, Murshidabad Centre, Murshidabad, WB on 18 March 2023 and delivered lecture on the noted topic from 12.40pm to 1.50pm.
5. Invited to deliver lecture in the ten-Day National e-Workshop on “Advanced Research Methodology in Social Sciences” organized by A. K. Dasgupta Centre for Planning and Development, Visva-Bharati [A centre sponsored by the NITI AAYOG, Govt. of India] and delivered lecture on ‘Ethics in Research & Publications: Contemporary Issues’ on 15 March 2023 (2.30pm – 4.30pm).
6. Invited as a resource person by the Coordinator, UGC-HRDC Doctor Harisingh Gour University, Sagar, M.P. for the Refresher Course in Library and Information Science on “ICT Application in Libraries: Planning and Implementation” (AY 2022-23) during 19 January – 02 February 2023 and delivered lecture through online on “Librarian and ICT are the two pillars of Accreditation by the NAAC: A Missing Link” on 19 January 2023 (3.45pm to 5.15pm).
7. Invited as a resource person in the ten-day Research and Publication Ethics Course organized by Indian Anthropological Society and delivered lecture through online on “Ethical Aspects of Research and Publications: Current Context” on 07 December 2022 (3.00pm to 5.00pm).
8. Invited as a resource person by the Coordinator of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Faculty Induction Program (AY 2022-23) at the UGC-HRDC, University of Burdwan, Purba Bardhaman during 25 August – 23 September 2022 and delivered first lecture through online on “Ethical Aspects of Research & Publications: Towards Safe Journey” on 01 September 2022 (10.30am to 12.00pm).
9. Invited as a resource person by the Coordinator of the 1<sup>st</sup> Faculty Induction Program (AY 2022-23) at the UGC-HRDC, University of Burdwan, Purba Bardhaman during 12 July – 10 August 2022 and delivered second lecture through online on “Current Context of academic Publications:: Towards Safe Practices” on 01 August 2022 (10.30am to 12.00pm).
10. Invited as a resource person by the Coordinator of the 1<sup>st</sup> Faculty Induction Program (AY 2022-23) at the UGC-HRDC, University of Burdwan, Purba Bardhaman during 12 July – 10 August 2022 and delivered **first** lecture through online on “Open Access Educational Resources: Ways and Means to make it Really Open” on 29 July 2022 (10.30am to 12.00pm).
11. Invited as a resource person in the ten-day Research methodology Course organized by Indian Anthropological Society and delivered lecture through online on “Citation, reference and Bibliography in Research” on 15 July 2022 (12.00pm to 2.00pm).
12. Invited to deliver lecture in the 10-Day National e-Workshop on “Advanced Research Methodology in Social Sciences” organized by A. K. Dasgupta Centre for Planning and Development, Visva-Bharati [A centre sponsored by the NITI AAYOG, Govt. of India] and delivered lecture on ‘Safe Practice, Save Career: Handling Issues on Plagiarism’ on 24 April 2022 (3.15pm – 5.15pm).

#### **Dr Sabahat Nausheen**

1. 14.01.23. Delivered an invited Lecture on “Content Analysis and Descriptive Catalogue of Arabic,Urdu & Persian Manuscript of Visva-Bharati Collection” in the 14<sup>th</sup> Study Circle organized by Universal Briefing, Kolkata, West Bengal.

#### **Dr Koushik Ghosh**

1. Deliver a lecture as invited speaker through online mode in the “Research and Publication Ethics Course” on Plagiarism Issues organized by the Indian Anthropological Society on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2022.

### 13. Publications

**Monthly E-newsletter** – All the Officers have taken part to publish the monthly e-newsletter of VBLN during the year in different capacities like Editor, Associate Editor, Assistant Editors, etc.

#### **Dr Nimai Chand Saha**

1. *Saha, Nimai Chand; Paul, Nirmalendu (2022). KSHETRASAMIKSHA GRANTHAMALA (2): PURBASTHALI DAKSHIN. New Delhi: New Delhi Publishers, p.320+. ISBN: 978-931-93878-37-3*

#### **Sri Ajay Kumar Sharma**

1. Use of Assistive Technologies for Inclusive Education in Visva-Bharati Library Network, by Ajay Kumar Sharma, In "Library Progress International", 42(1), January-June 2022. Pp.231-236.

### 14. Academic / Administrative Distinctions

#### **Dr Nimai Chand Saha**

In addition to regular administration of VBLN, Coordinator of Visva-Bharati Admission Coordination Cell (till 18 January 2023), members of the different Administrative Committees (IQAC, NIRF, DPC, EOC, CRC, HEFA Project Monitoring Committee) of Visva-Bharati .

Further, following responsibilities have been given by the different external Universities;

- External Member of the BOS, Department of Library and Information Science, Sidhoo Kahnu Birsha University, Purulia
- External expert for the development of the Library, Usha Martin University, Angara, Ranchi, Jharkhand.
- Member of Governing Body of IASLIC (<http://www.iaslic1955.org.in/Default.aspx?PageId=89>)
- Member of the Committee of Surul READ India Community Library and Resource Centre.

#### **Editor:**

International Journal of Library and Information Science (IJLIS) since 2018. ISSN: 2141-2537, <https://academicjournals.org/journal/IJLIS>

#### **Reviewer:**

i) International Journal of Library and Information Science (IJLIS) since 2015. ISSN: 2141-2537, <https://academicjournals.org/journal/IJLIS>

ii) IASLIC Bulletin, ISSN: 0018-8441 <http://www.iaslic1955.org.in/Default.aspx?PageId=126>

#### **• Dr Koushik Ghosh**

In addition to Member of the Visva-Bharati Young Scholars' Lecture Series, Co-opted member of VB Admission Coordination Cell & VB Annual Report.

- Webmaster of Visva-Bharati Cooperative Credit Society. <http://www.vbccsl.org/>
- Honorary Member of the Technical and Professional Training Committee of Surul READ India Community Library and Resource Centre.
- Special Officer, Visva-Bharati Cooperative Credit Society Ltd
- President, Prafullya Sen Kristi Parisad (Govt. Sponsored Public Library), Bolpur, Birbhum.

#### **Sri Ajay Kumar Sharma**

Member of the Visva-Bharati Young Scholars' Lecture Series, VB Admission Coordination Cell, VB RTI Cell, and Administrator of the Knowledge Module of the Samarth Project at Visva-Bharati.

- Member of the Editorial board of the journal entitled as "International Journal of Academic

Research in Library & Information Science (IJARLIS)".

- Associate Editor of the journal entitled as "International Journal of Information Sources and Services (IJSS)".
- Member of the Editorial board of the journal entitled as "Sangeet Galaxy".
- Editor of the journal entitled as "International Journal of Digital Library Services".
- Webmaster of Visva-Bharati Library Network. (<http://visva-bharati-library.in/index.php>)
- Webmaster of Cheena Bhavana, Visva-Bharati. (<http://visva-bharati.wix.com/cbvbs>)

#### **15. Seminar / Conferences / Workshop / Training Participations:**

**Dr Nimai Cahnd Saha** has attended virtually five different webinar organized by DELNET through GoToWebinar during the year.

#### **Sri Ajay Kumar Sharma**

1. Participated in Webinar on “Enabling Innovation in 21st Century Institutions: the Tech Stack Strategies for Libraries by Dr M G Sreekumar” organized by DELNET on January 24, 2023 through GoToWebinar.
2. Participated in Webinar on “Skill Development for New Millennium’s LIS Professionals An Overview’ by Dr. P. R. Goswami” organized by DELNET on December 29, 2022 through GoToWebinar.
3. Participated in Webinar on “NACLIN 2022 - 25<sup>th</sup> National Convention on Knowledge, Library and. Information Networking” organized by DELNET on December 14-16, 2022 through GoToWebinar.
4. Chaired the Session towards Technical Session-III of the 1<sup>st</sup> World Disability Conference (WDC) on Contemporary Intervention in Disability Discourse (an International Interdisciplinary Conference) jointly organized by the Enabling Unit, Maitreyi College (University of Delhi), India & the Divyang Employees’ Welfare Association (DEWA), India, funded by the National Institute of Visually Handicapped (NIVH), Dehradun, India (Department of Empowerment Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India) held from 27-29 June, 2022
5. Participated in Webinar on “DrillBit : Plagiarism Detection Software for Academic Integrity” organized by DELNET- Developing Library Network on June 18, 2022 through GoToWebinar.
6. Participated in Webinar on “Research Data Management Landscape: What Librarians & Researchers Need to Know?"/ Dr R K Bhardwaj” organized by DELNET- Developing Library Network on May 31, 2022 through GoToWebinar.

#### **Dr Sabahat Nausheen**

1. 27.01.23- 02.02.23 attended Online Short term course on “MOOC’s: A vertical Pedagogy for Asynchronous Learning” Organized by UGC HRDC Jadavpur University, Kolkata.

#### **Dr Koushik Ghosh**

##### **Webinar Hosted**

1. Successfully hosted an online lecture series on “ *Performing Tagore's Drama on Stage : Crisis & Quest ( রবীন্দ্রনাটকের মঞ্চাভিনয় : সংকট ও মুক্তিসন্ধান)*” organized by Dialogic: Visva-Bharati Young Scholars' Lecture Series, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan on 19.04.2022.
2. Successfully hosted an online lecture series on “*Renewable energy - Biogas and its Barriers in Rural India*” organized by Dialogic: Visva-Bharati Young Scholars' Lecture Series, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan on 25.05.2022.

3. Successfully hosted an online lecture series on "**Divine Gardener**": **Rabindranath and Indo-Argentine Literary Transactions** organized by Dialogic: Visva-Bharati Young Scholars' Lecture Series, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan on 27.09.2022.

**17. Information related to Total number of Books of VBLN up to 31 March 2023**

Sectional libraries	Books up to 31 March 2023(Purchased)	Books up to 31 March 2023 ( Gift)	Books Added		Journals Added	
			Purchase	Gift	Subscribed	Gift
Cheena Bhavana	41194	5023	22	08	06	01
Siksha Bhavana	21191	588	306	76	03	NA
Path Bhavana	37946	2043	115	53	01	NA
Darshan Sadana	9804	77	49	31	02	NA
Hindi Bhavana	36814	494	45	27	07	07
Sangit Bhavana	37370	604	161	18	10	03
Palli Sangathan	37985	182	100	02	NA	NA
Vinaya Bhavana	22741	376	71	14	NA	NA
Rabindra Bhavana	48860	3996	46	374	13	NA
Palli Siksha Bhavana	55163	NA	216	NA	NA	08
Kala Bhavana	17806	68	48	29	07	01
Siksha Satra	27989	473	160	43	NA	NA
All Sectional Libraries	394863	13924	1339	675	49	20
Central Library	442578	10765	1228	146	223	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>837441</b>	<b>24689</b>	<b>2567</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>67</b>
Granthan Vibhaga	<b>8600</b>					
Bangladesh Bhavana	<b>3926</b>					
<b>Total Print Books ( P+G)</b>	<b>874656</b>					
E-books	<b>7980</b>					
Theses	<b>3115</b>					
<i>Around 90,000 books purchased &amp; accessioned initially at Central Library and thereafter those books have been transferred to different sectional Libraries for the interest of the users and re-accessioned in the concern sectional library i.e. these 90000+ books having double accessioned/counted once in Central Library and again at the Sectional/Bhavana Library. Therefore, there is a difference/gap in between the Accession Number in the Accession Register and Database holdings.</i>						

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**ANNEXURE—I**  
**Detailed Information on Point 1**

**Acquisition Section:**

Number of books purchased subject wise: -

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Central Library</b>	<b>Sectional Libraries</b>
Languages	743	205
Humanities and Social Sciences	282	379
Science	153	662
Home Science		
Computer Science	10	65
Commerce & Management		15
Education	18	57
Engineering & Technology		
Medical Sciences		
Agriculture Sciences	20	166
Veterinary Sciences		
Law		
Others (Music, Arts, Religion, Career Counseling, etc.)		1018
<b>Total: -</b>	<b>1228</b>	<b>2567</b>

**Language/version of Purchased books**

	<b>Central Library</b>	<b>Sectional Libraries</b>
English	573	1108
Hindi		78
Regional/Bengali	359	972
Others	296	409
<b>Total subscribed for Central Library: -</b>	<b>1228</b>	<b>2567</b>

**Periodical Section: -**

Foreign Journals	49
Indian Journals	82
Magazines	53
News Papers	22
<b>Total subscribed for Central Library: -</b>	<b>206</b>

**Detailed Information on Point- 5**

**Circulation Section: -**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Scholar</b>	<b>Student</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>VB Member</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
Library Users	604	785	5901	470	25	<b>7785</b>

**Users visit at different sections of central Libarry**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Reading Room</b>	<b>Periodical Section</b>	<b>Stack Room</b>	<b>Reference Section</b>	<b>Total</b>
April-2022	2948	965	1944	563	6420
May-2022	3494	1285	2358	654	7818
June-2022	2869	1242	761	431	5303
July-2022	2992	1348	1053	334	5727
August-2022	2511	1105	1073	291	4980
September-2022	1671	1096	1436	254	4457
October-2022	358	213	168	51	790
November-2022	2440	1297	1666	272	5675
December-2022	2300	1141	1412	376	5229
January-2023	2925	1512	1622	463	6522
February-2023	2854	1651	2098	465	7068
March-2023	3141	1785	1401	524	6851
<b>Total</b>	<b>30507</b>	<b>14640</b>	<b>16992</b>	<b>4698</b>	<b>66837</b>
It is fact that around 15% of the total users have not put their signature. Further, library has no provision to collect signature of the students in the Open Reading Zone which is around 5% of the total users. Therefore, the actual footfalls will be 20% higher than the recorded footfalls. Now, the actual footfalls during the year may be $66837+20\% \text{ of } 66837 =$					<b>80204</b>

**ANNEXURE – II**

**Staff Members of Central Library (Category wise)**

<b>SL. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Staff Member</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1.	Dr. Nimai Chand Saha	University Librarian(Acting)
2.	Dr. Koushik Ghosh	Assistant Librarian (Stage-II)
3.	Sri Ramprashad Majumder	Information Scientist
4.	Dr. Smritimoy Ghosh	Professional Assistant
5.	Dr. Jishnu Mondal	Professional Assistant
6.	Dr. PrasunKanti Ghoshal	Professional Assistant
7.	Smt. Mridula Bhattacharjee	Professional Assistant
8.	Smt. Biswajit Majumdar	Professional Assistant
9.	Sri Suman Sarkar	Professional Assistant
10.	Sri Biswajit Pramanik	Professional Assistant
11.	Smt. Manasi Santra	Semi-Professional Assistant
12.	Smt. Madhumita Sengupta	Senior Assistant
13.	Sri Rabi Das	Senior Assistant
14.	Smt Jyotsna Chatterjee	Senior Assistant(Archive)
15.	Sri Jagabandhu Roy	Senior Compositor
16.	Sri Shyamal Hazra	Office Assistant
17.	Sri Biswajit Biswas	Jr. Office Assistant cum Typist
18.	Sri Sukumar Majhi	Peon

**Total Number of existing Staff at Central library = 18**

**Total number of existing Staff at Sectional Libraries = 24**

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