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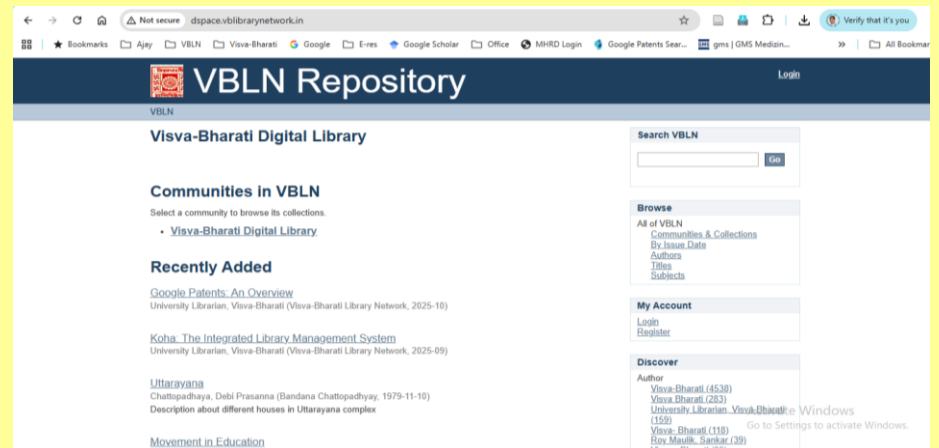
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Visva-Bharati Digital Library (VBDL)

<http://dspace.vblibrarynetwork.in>

Visva-Bharati Library Network has launched its digital library service during the pandemic. It is open to all at free of cost and is accessible from anywhere through any network. It is operated and maintained by Visva-Bharati Library Network (VBNL) and accessible through the URL: <http://dspace.vblibrarynetwork.in/>.



VBDL is a virtual repository of learning resources which mainly focuses on materials created or held by the Visva-Bharati community. Particularly, it is a home of collected materials of Visva-Bharati's scholarly publications, project reports, question papers, newsletter, annual report, etc. and serves as a centralized repository. The aim of the VBDL is to provide an effective means to distribute learning resources to students and other users.

It is a collection of digital / digitized documents consisting of accessible collections of scholarly publications that represent the intellectual assets of an institution. Visva-Bharati Library Network has developed its digital library (institutional repository) using dspace open source digital library software to manage the digitized documents their communities produce, maximize access to research outputs both preprint and post print publications and also to increase the visibility and academic prestige of both the institution and authors. However, Visva-Bharati Library Network was managing its IR using the Joomla open source content management software since 2011, when research publications have been shared to library for uploading on Visva-Bharati website.

- 1. Aims and objectives:** Authors may get citation based on the details of the original publication without hampering copyright issues. The download of full text from outside the campus is being restricted but, they can access using password communicated amongst users. Sometimes, VB fraternity may not be aware about some publications of his/her colleagues and scholars and for which they need to pay to the publishers or else to have the accessibility of the full text of one particular publication. This initiative may remove that kind of limitation and indirectly enhance the interdisciplinary research. Thus, it is helpful to both author/contributor of the publication as well as colleagues and scholars of the institute being users.
- 2. Communities and collections:** Presently, one community namely “Visva-Bharati Digital Library” has been created and under this community seven collections have been created. It covers the Faculty / Staff / Scholars Publication, Gifted Books, Project / Technical Report, Question Papers, Syllabus, VB-Annual Report, VBLN e-Newsletter, VBLN Lecture Series, and VBLN-Annual Report. A total of 5701 full-text pdf files under the different collections have been uploaded in the digital library as on 31st December 2025.

| Sl. No. | Collection Name | Total no. of full-text files |
|---------|--|------------------------------|
| 1. | Faculty / Staff / Scholars Publication | 455 |
| 2. | Gifted Books | 04 |
| 3. | Project / Technical Report | 12 |
| 4. | Question Papers | 4816 |
| 5. | Syllabus | 186 |
| 6. | VB-Annual Report | 11 |
| 7. | VBLN e-Newsletter | 143 |
| 8. | VBLN Lecture Series | 55 |
| 9. | VBLN-Annual Report | 20 |

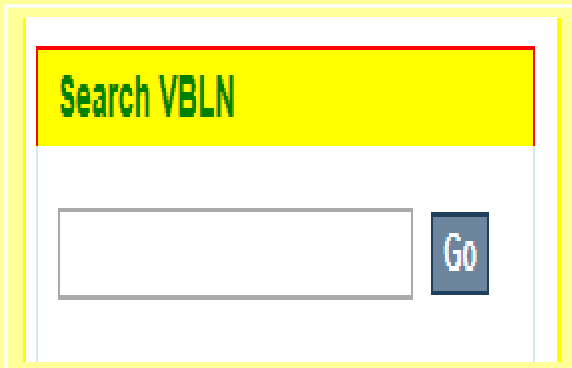
Key Features

- ❖ Efficient and qualitative services by collecting, organizing, storing, disseminating, retrieving and preserving the information.
- ❖ Preservation benefits besides making information retrieval and delivery more comfortable.
- ❖ Online access to content of repository from anywhere through any network.
- ❖ It is open to all at free of cost.
- ❖ The service is available 24X7.
- ❖ Focused on digitization technology, metadata schemes, data management techniques, and digital preservation.
- ❖ Filtered and federated searching is employed to facilitate focused searching so that learners can find the right resource with least effort and in minimum time

Browse: Browse allows you to go through a list of items in some specified order.

- ❖ **Browse by Communities / Collections** takes you through the communities in alphabetical order and allows you to see the sub-communities and collections within each community.
- ❖ **Browse by Issue Date** allows you to move through a list of all items in DSpace in ascending order.
- ❖ **Browse by Authors** allows you to move through an alphabetical list of all authors of items in DSpace.
- ❖ **Browse by Titles** allows you to move through an alphabetical list of all titles of items in DSpace.
- ❖ **Browse by Subjects** allows you to move through an alphabetical list of subjects assigned to items in DSpace.

Search: To search all of DSpace, use the yellow search box at the top of the navigation bar on the left (or the search box in the middle of the home page). To limit your search to a specific community or collection, navigate to that community or collection and use the search bar on that page. What is searched in the general keyword Stop Words, the search engine ignores certain words that occur frequently in English, but do not add value to the search. These are: "a", "and", "are", "as", "at", "be", "but", "by", "for", "if", "in", "into", "is", "it", "no", "not", "of", "on", "or", "such", "the", "to", "was". Users can also use “Truncation Search” an asterisk (*) after a word stem to get all hits having words starting with that root, Phrase Searching, and Boolean searching.



Advanced search: The advanced search option allows to specify the fields you wish to search, and to combine these searches with the Boolean "and", "or" or "not". You can restrict your search to a community by clicking on the arrow to the right of the top box. If you want your search to encompass all of DSpace, leave that box in the default position.

Then select the field to search in the left-hand column and enter the word or phrase you are searching in the right hand column. You can select the Boolean operator to combine searches by clicking on the arrow to the right of the "AND" box.

My Account: When anyone accesses an area of DSpace that requires authorization, the system will require you to log in. All users can register to become subscribers. Some restricted functions, such as content submission, require authorization from the community.

Before you log in for the first time, you will need to click on "register with DSpace" and follow the instructions. After that, you will need to enter your e-mail address and password in the log-in form that appears.

❖ Your e-mail address should include your username and domain name. It is not case sensitive.

- ❖ Type your password exactly as you entered it originally. It is case sensitive. Be sure to click on the "log in" button to continue.

However, this 'My Account' facility has not been opened yet for general users of the Visva-Bharati Library Network. Presently, Visva-Bharati Library Network is using only the administrative account to create and develop the digital library. But soon it will be open for Visva-Bharati fraternity for uploading their digital documents at their side by 'log-in' DSpace using their allotted ID & Password.

Discover: Likewise the browse, it will also allows you to go through a list of items in some specified order.

- ❖ **Discover by Author** allows you to move through a list of all authors of items in DSpace displayed in order of relevance.
- ❖ **Discover by Subject** allows you to move through a list of subjects assigned to items in DSpace displayed in order of relevance.
- ❖ **Discover by Date Issued** allows you to move through a list of all items in DSpace displayed in order of relevance.
- ❖ **Discover by Has File(s)** Option yes, allows you to move through a list of all items in DSpace displayed in order of relevance.

An Appeal: *All the Faculty / Staff / Scholar of Visva-Bharati University are requested to publish their publications along with Abstract) of their publications to make accessible through the repository and also to make our repository more resourceful.*

RECENT ACTIVITIES:

- **Similarity Checking through URKUND Software: Similarity Checking through DrillBit Software:** Total 622 units or 213 (total 5083 units from 01 October 2023 to 31 December 2025) Documents/Files/ Theses/ Articles/ have been checked through DrillBit during the month and on requirement, library has extended necessary technical assistance.
- **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.
- **Visitors:** a) Dr Bikash Mukhopadhyaya, Registrar, Visva-Bharati, has visited Palli Siksha Bhavana Library, Visva-Bharati, Sriniketan on December 9, 2025.
b) Ms. Sayani Das of Ambika Kalna, Purba Bardhaman, WB, The noted Swimmer and first Indian woman to cross north Channel, has visited Central Library, on 30 December 2025 with her parents and expressed her pleasure after visiting the library. Central Library has also felicitated her in a befitting manner.
- **Exhibition and Celebration of Important Days:** Organized special exhibitions of books and allied materials including quotations and photographs to celebrate;
 - On the occasion of International Day of Person with Disabilities (PWD) on 4 December 2025.
 - On the occasion of Library Day-2025, on 20 December 2025. The exhibition was remained open for the VB fraternity during

RECENT ACTIVITIES:

- **Observation of Library Day – 2025:** "*The Library Day*" was observed by the Visva-Bharati Library Network (VBLN) on 17th December 2025 to commemorate the foundation day of "Bengal Library Association (Bangiya Granthagar Parishad)" with due solemnity and grandeur. On this day, in the year 1925 the Bengal Library Association was established under the presidentship of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore and the first secretary of the association was Mr. Sushil Kumar Ghosh. For the said VBLN has celebrated the day with great enthusiasm and different events such as a) Book Exhibition, b) Ceremonial Lecture C) Quiz Competition etc. Dr. Bikash Mukhopadhyay, Registrar, Visva-Bharati, graced the occasion as Guest of Honour, while Smt. Kalpana Dasgupta, Former Librarian, National Library, Kolkata, and Former Director, Central Secretariat Library, Government of India, attended as the Chief Guest.

An inaugural song was performed by Miss. Sneha Roy, Student, Department of Physics, Siksha-Bhavana, which set the tune of the programme. As a tradition of Visva-Bharati all the guests were welcomed. Two thematic lectures were delivered during the programme: Dr. Partha Pratim Ray, Librarian and In-charge, PSB Library, presented on "Rabindranath Siksha Bhavana and Palli Seva." and Sri Keshab Chandra Sinha, Former Assistant Librarian (SG), VBLN, spoke on "Rabindranath, Library and World Peace." A Quiz Competition was also organised by the Scholars' Club of Visva-Bharati drawing active participation from students and scholars. The programme concluded with Dr. Tapas Kr Das, Deputy Librarian and In-charge Kala Bhavana, Visva-Bharati, thanking all guests, participants, and organisers for their support and cooperation.

The Conference Hall of the Central Library was filled to capacity. The whole programme was nicely conducted/anchored by Ms. Moulima mahapatra, Research Scholar, Department of Geography. The entire event has been staged with the active guidance of Dr Nimai Chand Saha, Librarian, Visva-Bharati and assistance of Dr Smritimoy Ghosh, professional Assistant, Central Library.

- **Total number of purchased books added during the month:**

- **Purchased books:** 16 (Accn. No. 444536 – 444551) and
- **Gift Book:** 34 (Accn. No. G11402 - 11435)

- **Send off: a) Dr. Partha Pratim Ray**, Librarian (Stage - V), In-charge, Palli Siksha Bhavana Library, formally retired on 31 December 2025 after serving more than four decades in the different capacities and in different Libraries of Visva-Bharati Library Network (VBLN). Initially he has joined on 08 December 1983. VBLN wishes a long, delightful and healthy post retirement life of Dr. Ray.



b) **Sri Rabishankar Pal**, Semi Professional Assistant, Vinaya Bhavana Library, formally retired from Vinaya Bhavana Library on 30 November 2025. Initially he has joined on 15 March 2001 and has rendered his services in the different Libraries of Visva-Bharati Library Network (VBLN). VBLN wishes a long, delightful and healthy post retirement life of Sri Pal.

c) **Nowdar Mollah, Office Assistant, Siksha-Bhavana Office.** On December 31, 2025, Siksha-Bhavana Library is organizing a send-off ceremony for Mr. Nowdar Mollah, Office Assistant, Siksha-Bhavana Office and he has expressed an account of his career at Visva-Bharati University. He has a strong bond with the Siksha-Bhavana Library. VBLN wishes a long, delightful and healthy post retirement life of him.

New Arrivals (Books and Periodicals)

📖 [Books \(click\)](#)

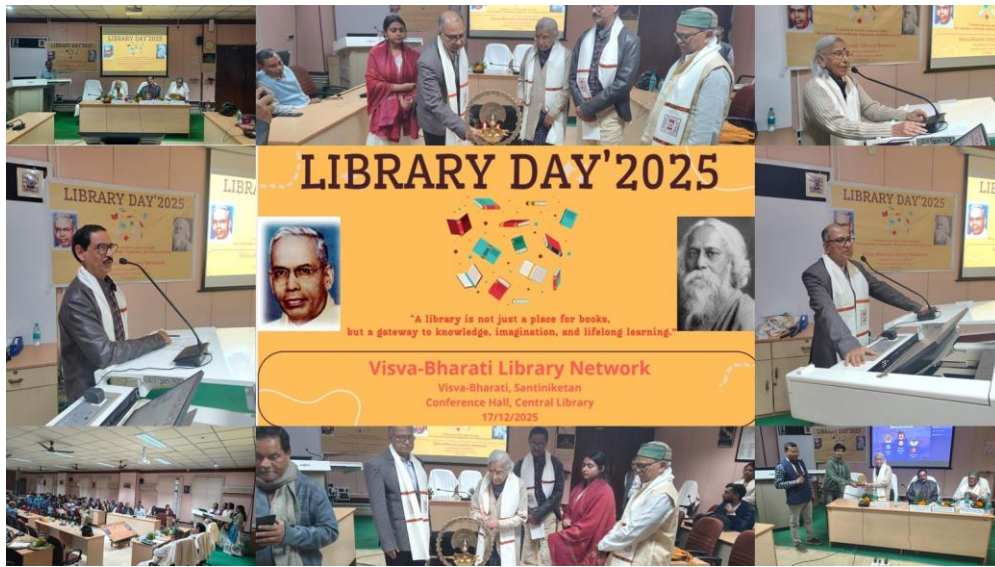
📖 [Journals \(click\)](#)

IMPORTANT LINKS:

- **Open Government Data Platform India (<https://www.data.gov.in/>):** Portal designed, developed and hosted by the National Informatics Centre (NIC) to facilitate the access to Government owned shareable data and information in both human readable and machine readable forms in a proactive and periodically updatable manner, within the framework of various related policies, Acts and Rules of Government of India, thereby promoting wider accessibility and application of government owned data and unlocking the potential of data for national development.
- **Internet Archive (<https://archive.org/>):** Internet Archive (began in 1996) is a non-profit library of millions of free texts, movies, software, music, websites, and more. It provides free access to researchers, historians, scholars, people with print disabilities, and the general public. Its mission is to provide Universal Access to All Knowledge.

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/TRAINING PROGRAMME:

- The I-KOAL 2026 conference, themed 'Preserving Traditional Agriculture Knowledge via Digital Rural Libraries,' will take place on January 30-31, 2026, at Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh. For more details: <https://www.scribd.com/document/894044496/I-KOAL-2026-2>
- The 2nd International Conference on Resilience, Reflection, and Innovation in Library Services and Practices (ICIDLHV 2026) will be held at Poornima Institute of Engineering & Technology, Jaipur, Rajasthan, India on February 20-21, 2026.. For more details: <https://ic-2025.vercel.app/>.



Glimpses of Library day - 2025



Moments of Visit at the PSB Library by Dr. Bikash Mukhopadhyay Registrar, VB



Moment of Send-off of Mr. Nowdar Mollah