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### SHODH CHAKRA: A Gate way to Resources for Researchers (An Initiative of INFLIBNET)

<https://shodhchakra.inflibnet.ac.in/Login>



**Introduction:** Research is a systematic investigation of a problem or question. The process of research implies various components in accordance with appropriate research methodology based on the type of research problem or question. It is a continuous process to bring societal changes and ease the life of human beings. Research allows researchers to pursue their career in their area of interest. There are 950+ universities in India. Each of these universities is involved in teaching and research in a variety of disciplines. Managing and monitoring research activity is a time-consuming task that requires a lot of effort to aggregate various information at one platform. It is a need of an hour to manage research activity with the use of the latest tools and techniques to complete the research work within the stipulated time.

Shodh-Chakra is an initiative of Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) Centre under the guidance of University Grants Commission (UGC) to help the academic community during their research life cycle. Shodh-Chakra provides a unique space to the researcher, guide/supervisor and university to manage the research lifecycle of a research scholar. This will work as a digital workspace wherein researchers can collect, store, organize and cite their research work. The Shodh-Chakra would help researchers to create their profile and manage their preferences. The process of using the portal starts with signing an MoU between University and INFLIBNET Centre. The university/institute has to provide valid information of the researcher and supervisor. Further, researcher can login into system and avail the features of Shodh-Chakra. The system will generate login credentials to researchers, supervisors and universities.

**Following are the stakeholders:**

RESEARCHERS	GUIDES / SUPERVISORS	UNIVERSITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Profile Management</li> <li>&gt; Knowledge Resources</li> <li>&gt; Assistance for Literature Work</li> <li>&gt; Resource Aggregation</li> <li>&gt; Publications (Workshops &amp; Conferences)</li> <li>&gt; Reference Management</li> <li>&gt; Interaction with Guide</li> <li>&gt; Thesis Submission</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Dashboard</li> <li>&gt; Profile Management</li> <li>&gt; Work Progress Tracking</li> <li>&gt; Interaction with Researchers</li> <li>&gt; Knowledge Resources</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Dashboard</li> <li>&gt; Profile Management (Researcher &amp; Guide)</li> <li>&gt; Communication / Information Module among Researchers, Guides and University</li> <li>&gt; Work Progress View</li> <li>&gt; Report Generation</li> </ul>

# 1. Researchers Manual

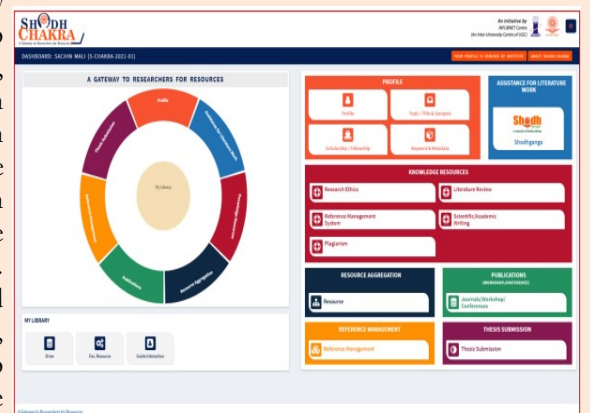
**Registration:** The Shodh-Chakra helps higher education institutes to manage entire lifecycle of the researcher scholars starting from registration for the Ph.D programme to thesis submission. All the stuffs that are expected by a research scholar during the research journey are embedded into a single dashboard.

**Step 1: Register:** At the outset, researchers have to register themselves by entering basic details such as First Name, Last Name Email Address, Mobile, University, Department, etc. Enter the Captcha text and click on Register.

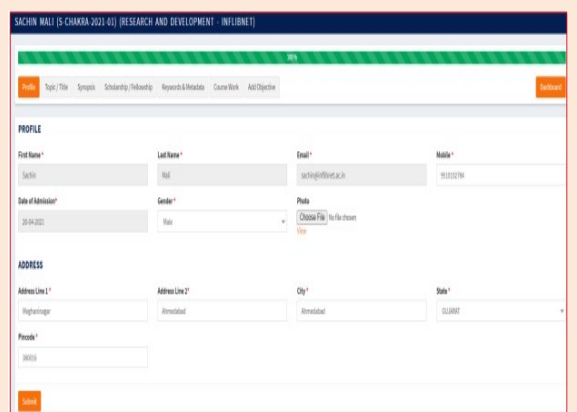


**Step 2: Login:** After filling these details, you will receive an email and with the help of username and one time password you may login and reset the password, by clicking on the change password option. There are two types of credentials, the first one will be provided by the university and the second one is self-registration by the research scholar; the concerned university will approve and verify your registration in case it is registered by the research scholar. As soon as it is verified by the university, you can login to the portal. Enter the email address, password and Enter the Captcha text and click on Sign In.

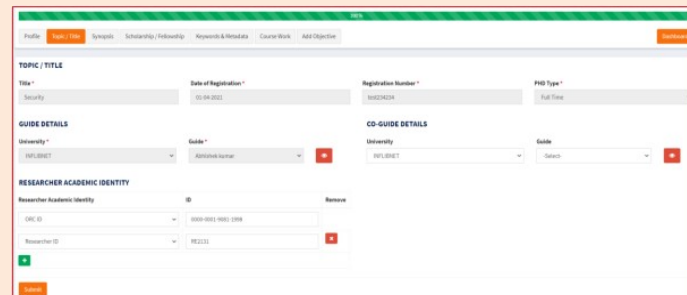
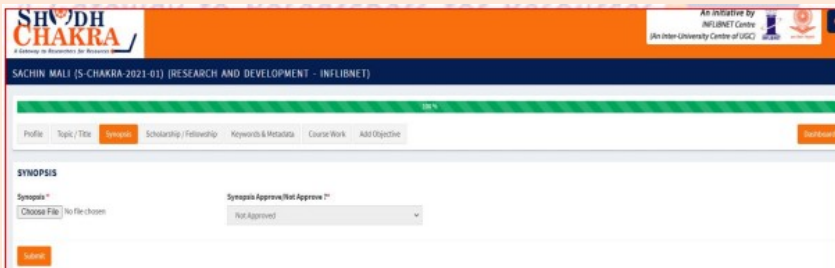
**Step 3: After Login:** After successful login to the portal, the system will display researcher's dashboard as shown in the figure 3 below. The dashboard will help researchers to setup the research profile by entering research topic, synopsis, scholarship, keywords, etc. The dashboard shows entire workflow of your research starting from literature gathering to the thesis submission. Researchers can search literature from Shodhganga, Crossref and other open access resources that are embedded with the Shodh-Chakra. The portal provides knowledge resources with pre-recorded videos on different topics that includes research ethics, literature review, reference management, scientific/academic writings, and plagiarism. Resource aggregation will help researchers to identify the relevant resources and publications menu will help researchers to find out appropriate journal, conference, and seminar in his/her research. The reference management menu will help researcher to create references in the format of choice. The Zotero reference management tool is integrated with the portal that helps researchers to generate bibliography and references in selected citation style. The thesis submission menu will help researcher to submit the thesis. On the left bottom side of the page, researchers can have their own my research space where they can have small personalized my library allowing them to store resources in drive and mark the favourite resources. Researchers can also interact with Guide directly from this portal.



**A. Profile Creation:** The purpose of setting-up researchers' profile is to store research related information and provide suggestion on literature search and allied areas of research. After clicking to the profile, researcher have to fill up the First name, Last name, Email address, Mobile no., Date of admission, gender, upload photo, insert address and click on submit button to save the data.



**Topic:** Researcher will be able to select/enter title/topic of research and enter co- guide details. The research scholar will also be able to store ORCID ID and Researcher ID in the profile section as shown in the figure of the next page.



**Synopsis:** Researcher have to upload synopsis of the research work. It may be approved or not be approved.

**Scholarship & Fellowship:** The research scholar can record details of fellowship/scholarship received for the research work. These details are verified by the university and therefore, it will be locked after submitting the data and will be edited by only university administrator. The 6 system shows YES and NO options, if researcher selects yes, then few more fields will be displayed. As soon as these details are filled, click on submit button.

The screenshot shows the 'KEYWORDS & METADATA' section of the portal. It includes three dropdown menus for 'Category', 'Category 1', and 'Category 2', each with 'Computer science, information & general works' selected. A 'Keyword' field contains 'Security Test'. Below, there is a 'Keywords' section with a 'Subject' input field and a 'Submit' button.

**Course Work:** The coursework tab under the profile section will help research scholars and university to keep the track of course work related information as shown in the figure

The screenshot shows the 'ADD OBJECTIVE' section. It features a 'Guide' dropdown menu and a table with columns: '#', 'Objective', 'Progress', and 'Remarks'. A 'Submit' button is located at the bottom left.

**B. Assistance for Literature Work: Shodhganga** - Shodhganga is an open access repository of these submitted to Indian universities. Researcher can use this repository for variety of purpose from checking uniqueness of the research work to referring relevant thesis in the area of current research work. Shodhganga contains lakhs of records of thesis submitted to the academic institutes across the country. Shodhganga Data : The system will correspond with the live Shodhganga database and results will be displayed on the screen as shown in the figure 11 below. Research scholar may choose the relevant one and click on 'Add to Favourite' button to store in the resource under 'My Library'. Researchers may click on 'View' button to read the full text of selected thesis. Researcher would be able to annotate from the result page itself by clicking on button 'Add with Annotation'. This feature will help researchers to create on the fly annotations for further use.

**Researchers Manual is available through the Link:** [https://shodhchakra.inflibnet.ac.in/document/shodh%20chakra-researchers\\_manual.pdf](https://shodhchakra.inflibnet.ac.in/document/shodh%20chakra-researchers_manual.pdf)

The screenshot shows the 'ASSISTANCE FOR LITERATURE WORK' page. It includes search filters for 'Subject' and 'Language'. Below, there is a list of search results with columns for 'Title', 'University', 'Department/Subject', 'Author(s)', and 'Guide/Institution'. Buttons for 'Add to Favourite' and 'View' are visible next to each result.

[ Will be continued in the next Issue... ]

### RECENT ACTIVITIES:

- **Gandhi Punyaha:** To observe Gandhi Punyaha on 10 March 2026 the staff members of Central Library have observed Gandhi Punyaha in Central Library by cleaning the outside of the Central Library premises. The Bhavana Libraries of the VBLN have also observed the Gandhi Punyaha in the respective library premises in a befitting manner.
- **Review Meeting on KOHA Status:** To review the status of application of KOHA and awareness program on KOHA has been arranged on 30 March 2026 for the In-house staff of VBLN in association with the M/S Avior Technology Pvt. Ltd. Kolkata, the agency for extending technical support. Total twenty-seven staff has been attended the program and the interaction was encouraging.
- **Documents / Article Delivery Services:** During the month 12 no. of soft copies of the articles have been collected and delivered through mail as requested by the academics/scholars.
- **Similarity Checking through DrillBit Software:** Total 465 units (total 4728 units from 01 October 2023 to 31 March 2026) or 102 Documents/Files/ Theses/ Articles/ have been checked through DrillBit during the month and on requirement, library has extended necessary assistance.

## RECENT ACTIVITIES:

➤ **Collaborative Skill Enhancement Program:** based on the proposal for collaboration received from Department of Library and Information Science (BLIS, MLIS, and Ph.D. programs in the field of Library and Information Science, Netaji Subhash Open University (NSOU), Kolkata, Visva-Bharati Library Network has successfully conducted the second batch of eight candidates from 10 February 2026 to 26 March 2026 i.e. six weeks (four days in a week from 11.00 AM to 5.00 PM). This is an effort of DLISc, NSOU to provide hands-on training to their Learners, to offer a practical exposure through "Collaborative Skill Enhancement Program (CSEP): Internship in LIS 2025-2026" which would lead to fulfill NEP-2020 mandate. The CSEP in LIS program aims to provide Learners with practical experience in library management, information technology, and user services. Partnering with several institutions (Visva-Bharati, Asiatic Society, Anthropological Survey of India, Central Reference Library, University of North Bengal, etc. etc.) will not only enhance learning experience of the Learners' but also contribute to the development of skilled LIS professionals in West Bengal. The Objectives of the CSEP: The core objective is to strengthen the application of theoretical knowledge in real-world library, information management, and archive settings, thereby fostering mutual cooperation in both academic and professional training. The CSEP at central Library Visva-Bharati contains, Lectures, Demonstration, Hands-on training, Anchoring of the event, Presentation Skill Development, Report Writing, and offer working exposure in reality, etc. etc. Candidates were highly impressed and enjoyed the CSEP and stated that they have learnt many things which will help them to sustain in the field of library services for future.

### ➤ Visitors:

- Col. Naveen Kumar, Veteran Army Officer of Colonel Rank (ex NDA, Armoured Corps) has visited Central Library on 08 March 2026. After visiting the library, the students have expressed their gratitude to visit this library, its collections, arrangements, e-resources, automation, etc. etc. and they have stored unique experience in their mind.
- As part of the educational tour, a team of forty-two candidates contains students and teachers (six nos.) from the G. D. Goenka Public School, Habra, North 24Pargana has visited Central Library, Visva-Bharati on 11 March 2026 at 10.00 AM. The team has visited the Central Library. After visiting the library, both the teachers and students have expressed their deep satisfaction.

➤ **Exhibition and Celebration of Important Days:** Organized special exhibitions of books and allied materials including quotations and photographs to celebrate;

- International Women's Day on 8 March 2026.
- World Water Day on 22 March 2026.

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

- **Purchased books:** 309 (Accn. No. 444982 – 445290) and
- **Gift Book:** NIL

➤ **Obituary:** With humble acceptance of God's will, we announce the passing of our colleague and Dada, Sri Tushar Kanti Paul, on 28 February 2026 who was Semi Professionals Assistant, Central Library, Visva-Bharati. To pray for peaceful staying of his bereaved soul, the staff of the VBLN has arranged condolence meeting. We all miss you a lot Babla Da.



## New Arrivals (Books and Periodicals)

 [Books \(click\)](#)

 [Journals \(click\)](#)

## IMPORTANT LINKS:

- **CORE (CO)nnecting REpositories** <https://core.ac.uk/>: CORE provides a comprehensive bibliographic database of the world's scholarly literature, collecting and indexing research from repositories and journals. It is, to our knowledge, also the world's largest collection of full text open access research papers. CORE is a not-for-profit community-governed service dedicated to the open access mission and one of the signatories of the Principles of Open Scholarly Infrastructures [POSI](#).
- **IntechOpen BooksRead**, share and download more than 8,000 peer-reviewed open access books <https://www.intechopen.com/books>: IntechOpen are pioneers in open access book publishing, having published our first book in 2005. We publish across 4 scientific fields: Physical Sciences, Engineering and Technology, Life Sciences, Health Sciences, and Social Sciences and Humanities.

## CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/TRAINING PROGRAMME:

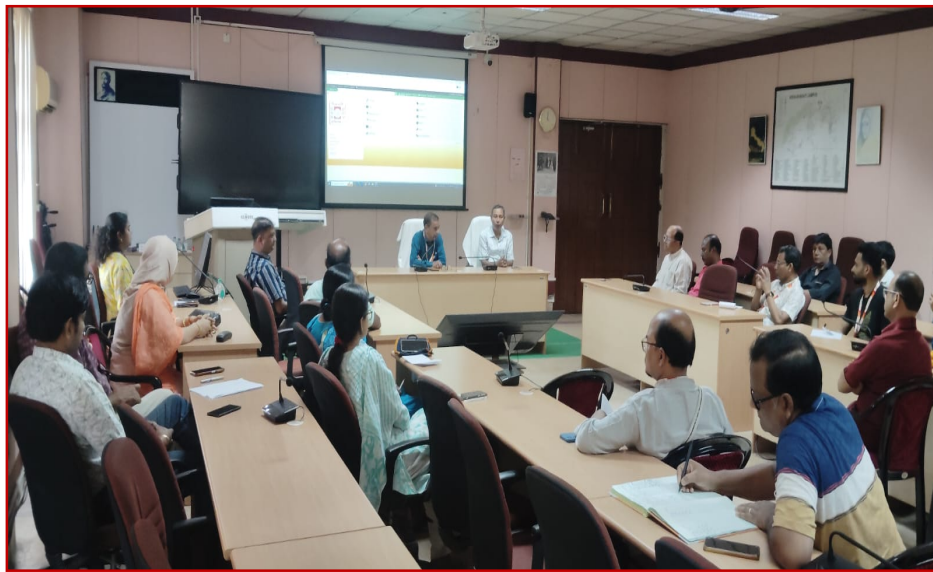
- **Two-day International Library Symposium** on Knowledge and Communication with the theme "Transforming Knowledge Frontiers: Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Open Access (OA) for Sustainable Library Development" Jointly Organized by SVKM'S Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies (Deemed to be UNIVERSITY, Shirpur Campus, India) and Khon Kaen University, Khon Kaen, Thailand, during June 12-13, 2026. For more click here: <https://iskcom.nmims.edu/>
- **Two-day International Conference** on Library and Information Science (ICLIS-2026) will be held in Johannesburg, South Africa during 17th Jun-18th Jun 2026. For more click here: <https://igrnet.org/Conference/11881/ICLIS/>



Glimpses of Book Fair at Patha Bhavana



Gandhi Punnyah at the Central Library



Staff Interaction program with the Technical Service Provider



Students of DLISc, NSOU, Kolkata is presenting as part of CSEP



Moments of visit of the G.D. Goenka School, Habra