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WEB OF SCIENCE (WoS)

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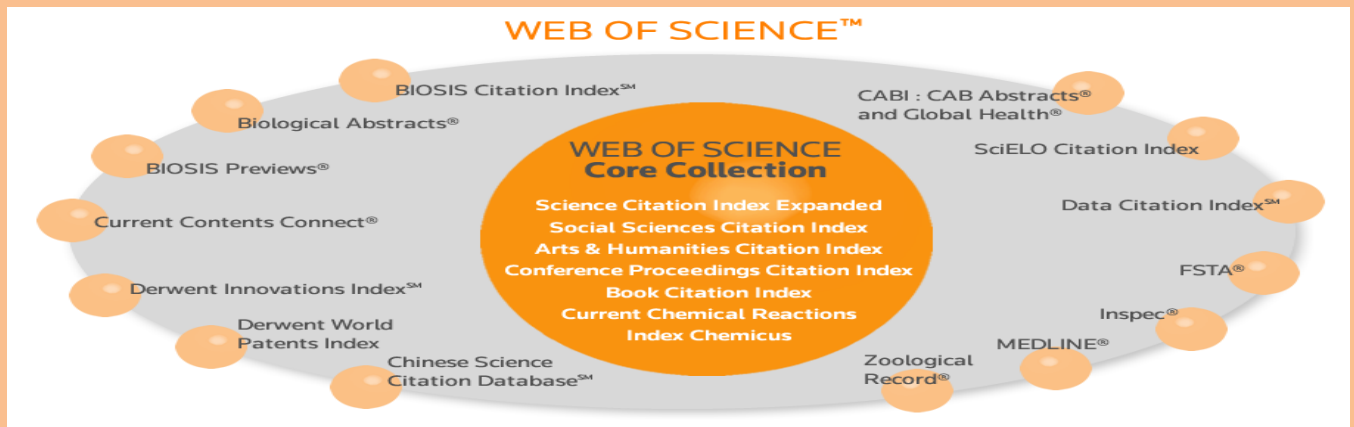
Web of Science (WoS) is an online subscription-based scientific citation indexing service maintained by Thomson Reuters that facilitates comprehensive citation search. It gives access to multiple databases that facilitates cross-disciplinary research, which allows in-depth exploration of specialized sub-fields within an academic or scientific discipline.

Impact Factor (IF) is one measure of the relative importance of 1) a scientist (Author Impact Factor), 2) a journal (Journal Impact Factor), 3) an individual article (Article Impact Factor) to science/social science/art and humanities literature and research. IF is often employed as basis for evaluating the significance of an individual academic's performance and potential tagged with recruitment and promotion.

WoS annually analyses and publishes indexed journals' IFs. The coverage includes: the Sciences (Science Citation Index Expanded), Social Sciences (Social Sciences Citation Index), Arts & Humanities (Arts and Humanities Citation Index), Conference Proceedings (Conference Proceedings Citation Index), Books (Books Citation Index) and Index Chemicus. [NB: VB has access to three databases only viz., Web of Science Core Collection (1989-present), KCI-Korean Journal Database (1980-present) and SciELO Citation Index (1997-present)]

Besides evaluating one's performance or targeting highest-impact journals for publishing articles, it provides high quality reliable multidisciplinary research, pinpoint subject-specific and regional research, and identifies emerging trends in disciplines. In short, WoS can be described as the most comprehensive and versatile research platform available to researchers.

Web of Science consist of Seven Online Databases

WEB OF SCIENCE™

BIOSIS Citation Index℠

Biological Abstracts®

BIOSIS Previews®

Current Contents Connect®

Derwent Innovations Index℠

Derwent World Patents Index

Chinese Science Citation Database℠

WEB OF SCIENCE Core Collection
Science Citation Index Expanded
Social Sciences Citation Index
Arts & Humanities Citation Index
Conference Proceedings Citation Index
Book Citation Index
Current Chemical Reactions
Index Chemicus

CABI : CAB Abstracts® and Global Health®

SciELO Citation Index

Data Citation Index℠

FSTA®

Inspec®

MEDLINE®

Zoological Record®

Author Impact Factor

It calculates the scientific/academic value of a given academic/author. One can try **h-index** or compilation of **cited references** from WoS to gauge the index.

*The h-index***:** quantifies the impact of an author. It is based on the author's most cited papers and the number of citations he/she has received from other articles. (H-index covers articles that are indexed in WoS only). In order to find out the h-index of an individual author, go to WoS for the Database List and go ahead with the required steps.

*Cited References***:** Displays all citing articles, even if they have not been indexed in WoS. In other words cited reference makes it possible to find other documents that are related by topic or subject to the original document. Cited references may be used to measure the usage and impact of cited work. (Note: The cited references can be influenced by the author self-citing or publishing in open access journals). Click on the 'Cited Reference Search' link in WoS and go head.
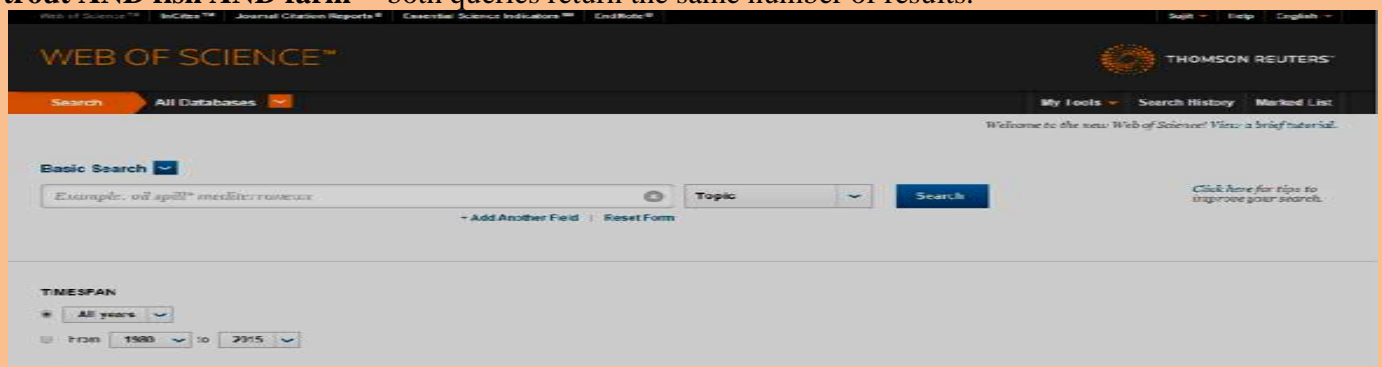
Journal Impact Factor

JIF is frequently used as a proxy for the importance of a journal to its field. Journal Citation Reports (JCR) provides quantitative tools for ranking, evaluating and comparing journals. It's a measure of the frequency with which the 'average article' in a journal has been cited in particular year or period. Journal Impact Factor can be found by individual journal or by subject groupings.
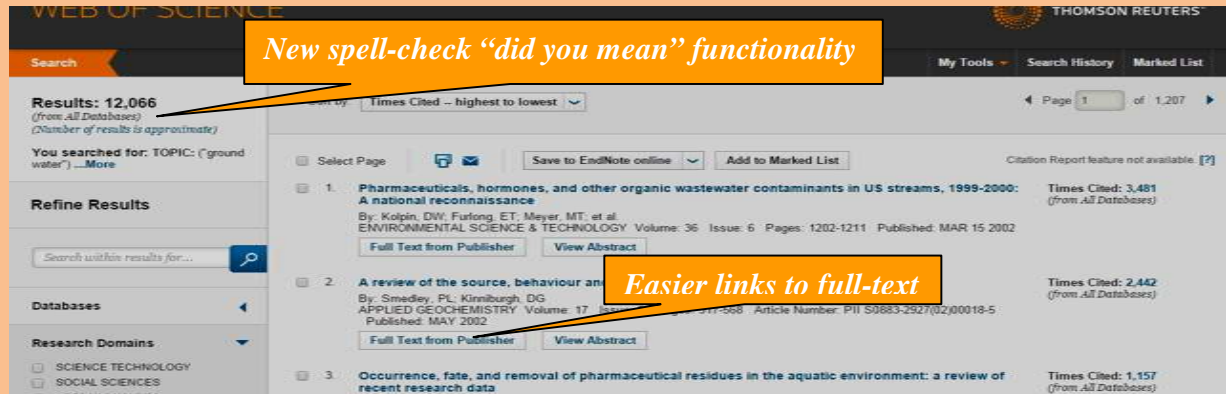
How to Search

You may search for records from indexes. All successful searches are added to the Search History table. One can use up to 6,000 terms in a search query. The product uses an implicit AND operator when one enters two or more adjacent terms in most fields. For example:

Entering **rainbow trout fish farm** in a Topic or Title search is equivalent to entering **rainbow AND trout AND fish AND farm** -- both queries return the same number of results.
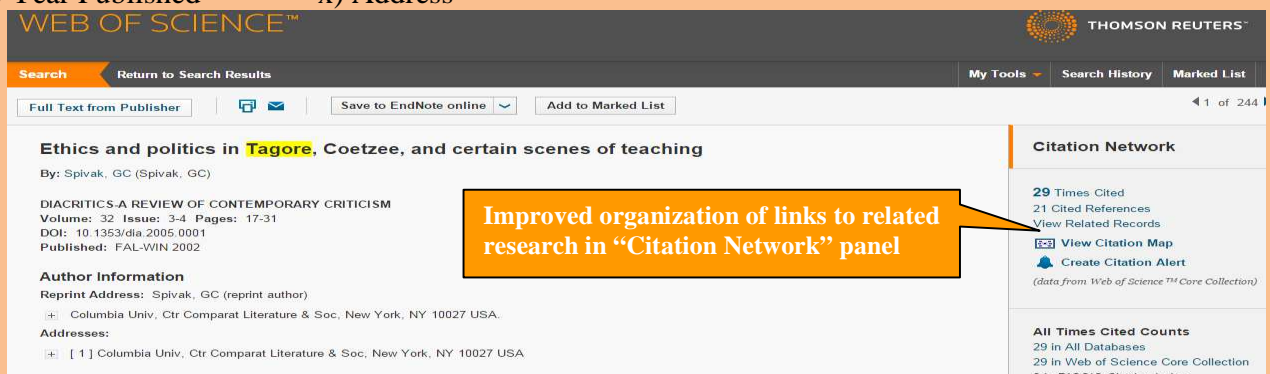
1. Go to the 'Time' span and 'More Settings' sections of the search page if anyone need to change the search settings.
2. Enter search terms in one or more of search fields. Click the **Add another Field** link to add more search fields to the Search page.
3. Click **Search** to go to the Results page.
4. Select a record to review, and then click the title link to go to the Full Record page for the selected record.

New spell-check "did you mean" functionality

Easier links to full-text

Search Fields:

i) Topic	ii) Title	iii) Author	iv) Author Identifiers
v) Group Author	vi) Editor	vii) Publication Name	viii) DOI
ix) Year Published	x) Address		

Improved organization of links to related research in "Citation Network" panel

How to create a Citation Alert

WoS notifies you by e-mail whenever a document has been cited in a new article. The alert is active for one yea. An e-mail will be sent approximately two weeks before the alert expires to remind one to renew the alert. To create an alert, one must be a registered user and he/she must sign in to *Web of Science*.

1. Sign in to *Web of Science*.
2. Run a search from the Search or Advanced Search page to find records to create a Citation Alert.
3. From the Results page, select the title of a record to go to the Full Record page.
4. Click the **Create Citation Alert** link to open the Create Citation Alert overlay dialog.
5. E-mail name will appear in the E-Mail Address field. Select an e-mail format: Plain Text, HTML, **End Note**, or Field Tagged.
6. Click the **Create Citation Alert** link to create the citation alert for the current record
7. Click the **Close** button to return to the Full Record page.
8. Select **Saved Searches & Alerts** from the My Tools menu to go to the Saved Searches and Alerts page.
9. Select the **Citation Alerts** tab to view the article for which the citation alert created.

Note: *EndNote will be elaborated in the next issue.*

USER STUDY AT CENTRAL LIBRARY: PART 4
Reference Section & Reading Room

Introduction

  The Reference Section at the Central Library has valuable reference collection for the academics. They are easily accessible since they are shelved in the open stacks. The section, besides reference service, provides Virtual Reference Services, Article Delivery Services, Inter Library Loan Services, Braille Library Services, Library Membership Registration, etc. The section is run by four staff including one Officer In-Charge.

  The Reading Room houses text books that are in high demand and are frequently used by the students. This Reading Room is indispensible to the students and scholars for their general study and research activities. It is fully air-conditioned and also is provided with purified drinking water. The section is run by two staff and one Officer In-charge.

  Both the sections serve readers or users from 7.00 am to 8.00 pm on all working days and 10.00 am to 5.00 pm on weekly holidays. In addition to this, Reading Room is being kept open on all but four national holidays.

1) Usage of the Collection

Table 1: Collection of the Reading Room and Reference Section

Opinion	Reading Room		Reference Section	
	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
Excellent	81	16.2	216	43.2
Good	138	27.6	151	30.2
Moderate	193	38.6	66	13.2
Inadequate	72	14.4	16	03.2
No comments	16	03.2	51	10.2
Total	500	100	500	100

  From Table 1, it is seen that collection of the Reference Section is comparatively higher than of the Reading Room. While 43.2% of respondents rated Reference Section as 'excellent', it was so only at 16.2% for the Reading Room. On the other hand, 14.4% considered the Reading Room collection as inadequate against 3.2% for Reference Section collection.
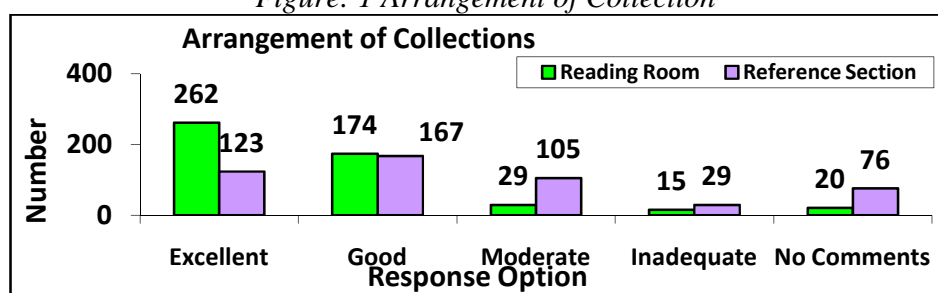
2) Arrangement of the Books

  Any library should arrange/shelve its collection in a systematic manner so that users   retrieve the books easily and quickly. This is also all the more important if we follow open access system.   The usage, to an extent, depends upon such arrangements of the collection in the shelves. The present study has collected opinion of the respondents to identify their views on it.

Table: 2 Arrangements of the Books Reading Room and Reference Section

Opinion	Reading Room		Reference Section	
	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
Excellent	262	52.4	123	24.6
Good	174	34.8	167	33.4
Moderate	29	05.8	105	21.0
Inadequate	15	03.0	29	05.8
No comments	20	04.0	76	15.2
Total	500	100	500	100

Figure: 1 Arrangement of Collection

It is seen that users were more happy with the arrangement at the Reading Room, [as 262 (52.4%) out of the total (500) respondents rated it as 'excellent'] while the same was 24.6% for Reference Section. Another large group around 33% of the respondents rated both as 'good'.

3)   Reading Provisions including Lighting, Furniture, Drinking Water, Cleanliness, etc.

It is an admitted fact that the inviting environment of a section has an important role towards maximization of use of the available resources. Keeping this in view, this study has collected opinion on basic amenities like Lighting, Furniture, Drinking Water, Cleanliness, etc.

Table: 3 Opinions on Basic Amenities in Reading Room and Reference Section

Opinion	Reading Room		Reference Section	
	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
Excellent	202	40.4	223	44.6
Good	153	30.6	136	27.2
Moderate	57	11.4	50	10.0
Inadequate	52	10.4	27	05.4
No comments	36	07.2	64	12.8
Total	500	100	500	100

Table 3 above shows that the rating of basic amenities in respect of both the sections was similar. It is observed that most of the users were satisfied on the basic amenities available in both the sections. However, as suggestion, they have proposed replacing the furniture (chairs & tables) in the Reading Room with modern ones in the line of Reference and Periodical Sections.

4)   Availability of the Staff in the Sections

As mentioned earlier the Reading Room and Reference Section assume important role in promoting reading habit amongst the users and offering various services like Virtual Reference Services, Article Delivery Services, Inter Library Loan Services, Braille Library Services, etc. Therefore, both the sections require sufficient staff with special competency in technology. We looked at how the users felt about it.

Table: 4 Opinions on Adequacy of the Staff in the Sections

Opinion	Reading Room		Reference Section	
	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
Excellent	118	23.6	202	40.4
Good	169	33.8	183	36.6
Moderate	105	21.0	35	07.0
Inadequate	73	14.6	48	09.6
No comments	35	07.0	32	06.4
Total	500	100	500	100

From Table 4, it is seen that users' opinion was strongly in favour of Reference Section on the issue. Around 77% of the users were satisfied with the availability of the staff in the Reference Section while the same was only around 57% for Reading Room.
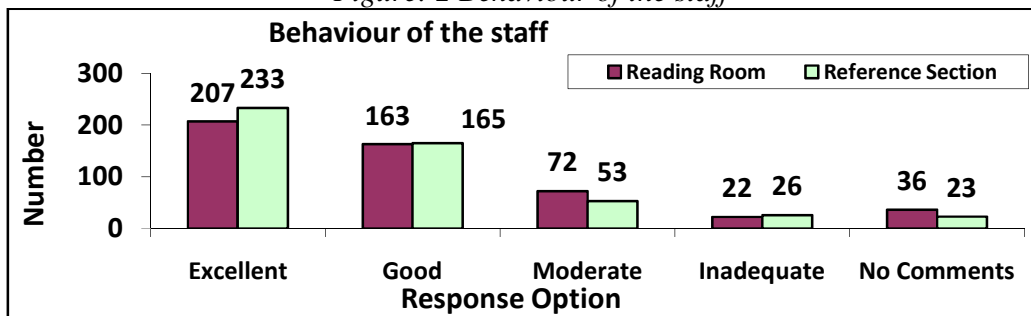
5) **Behaviour and Co-operation of the Staff**

Besides the availability of the staff, their skill, will power and behaviour too are important. Let see, how users felt.

Table: 5 Opinions on Behavior of the Staff

Opinion	Reading Room		Reference Section	
	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents	Number of Respondents	% of Respondents
Excellent	207	41.4	233	46.6
Good	163	32.6	165	33.0
Moderate	72	14.4	53	10.6
Inadequate	22	04.4	26	05.2
No comments	36	07.2	23	04.6
Total	500	100	500	100

Figure: 2 Behaviour of the staff

From Table 5 and Figure 2 above, it is clear that the vast majority (more than 70%) of the users were satisfied with the behaviour of the staff in both locations, Reading Room and Reference Section. The opinions were more or less similar in all grading.

Conclusion

Following is the ranking (combining 'excellent' and 'good') of various components of the Reference Section and Reading Room of the Central Library (in descending order):

Rank	Reading Room		Reference Section	
	Facts	Combined Percentage	Facts	Combined Percentage
I	Arrangement of the Books	87.2	Behaviour and Co-operation of the staff	79.6
II	Behaviour and Co-operation of the Staff	74.0	Availability of the Staff	77.0
III	Reading Provision	71.0	Collection of the Sections	73.4
IV	Availability of the Staff	57.4	Reading Provision	71.8
V	Collection of the Sections	43.8	Arrangement of the Books	58.0

Dr. Nimai Chand Saha

(*will be concluded in next issue*)

Recent Library Activities / Developments

➢ **Book Fair, 2015:** The Fair of four days (21 – 24 January 2015) was inaugurated by Prof. Sushanta Dattagupta the Hon'ble Vice - Chancellor on 21 January. Visitors, both VB fraternity and public, had an opportunity to browse and purchase academic, text, general and children's books. It was considered to be the first book fair in Visva-Bharati.

➢ **Tagore Displays:** 'Tagore Displays' consisting of around 70 displays depicting the life and works of Gurudev Rabindranath has been set up in Room No. 13 (first floor Central Library). It will remain open to all, VB fraternity and visitors, on all days. The 'Tagore Displays' was inaugurated by Prof. Sushanta Dattagupta the Hon'ble Vice - Chancellor on 21 January.

➢ **Cafeteria:** A cafeteria has been launched on 21 January in the open-air quadrangle of the Central Library (which will eventually be developed into a Garden Reading Area) as an additional facility to the library users. Operated by an authorized vendor of M/s Hindustan Unilever Ltd, it will serve branded food and beverages, and will remain open from 7.30 am to 7.30 pm on all normal library working days and 10.30 am to 4.30 pm on weekly holidays (Sundays, Wednesdays and other holidays).

➢ **Orientation Programme for Ph. D Course Work:** A one-day orientation programme was organized at the Conference Hall on 17 January for scholars doing Ph. D Course Work of Sangit Bhavana. The orientation covered varied subjects like Discovery Service, WebOPAC, Web of Science, EndNote, Technical Writing, Citation Styles, Literature Review, Organisation of Thesis, Library Services, Journals, Sources Information and iThenticate (anti-plagiarism software). The programme was attended by 51 scholars from Sangit Bhavana including a few from Dept. of Physical Education.

➢ **Visitors**

- The Vice-President of **Yunnan University Press, China** visited the Central Library on 20 January (at the auspicious of Cheena Bhavana) to discuss matters relating to digitization, republication and processing of Chinese books. A team of 19 students and 3 teachers of the same university visited the various service points at the Central Library.

- **Salesian College of Darjeeling:** The Principal along with 40 faculty members of the college visited the Central Library on 3 January. They visited various sections of the Library after a gathering at the Conference Hall for an introduction to Visva-Bharati and its library system.

- **Arambagh College:** Around 100 students and staff from Arambagh College visited the Central Library on 9 January to gather first hand information about various resources and facilities.

- **Department of Library & Information Science, Calcutta University:** Fifty three (53) students and scholars under Prof. Biplab Chakraborty, visited PSB Library on 1 January. They were introduced to the VB library system in general and PSB library in particular based on Tagore's vision on library.

- **Department of Library & Information Science, Burdwan:** Twelve post graduate (MLIS) students visited various sections of the Central Library on 23 January.

- ➢ **Visit to Sectional Libraries:** University Librarian Dr. V. K. Thomas and Deputy Librarian, Dr. Nimai Chand Saha visited Darshan Sadan Library on 15, Patha Bhavana and Hindi Bhavana Libraries on 16 January.
- ➢ **Cheena Bhavana Library:** Four computers have been installed for OPAC search, accessing e-journals and Internet browsing.
- ➢ **Special Exhibitions:** The Central Library has organized special exhibitions, comprising of books and allied materials including quotations and photographs, in the Reference Section, on the following personalities in January 2015:
  - Swami Vivekananda (Narendra Nath Dutta) - 12 January (152nd birth anniversary)
  - Justice Mahadev Govind Ranade - 18 January (172nd birth anniversary)
  - Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose - 23rd January (118th birth anniversary)
  - Virginia Woolf - 25th January (133rd birth Anniversary)
  - Lewis Carroll (Charles Lutwidge Dodgson) - 27 January (183rd birth anniversary & 150 years of 'Alice in Wonderland'))

New Arrivals (Books and Periodicals)
Books (click)
Journals (click)

Conferences/Seminars/Workshops in Library & Information Science

- ❖ The (Diamond Jubilee) 60th Indian Library Association (ILA) International Conference will be held at A. C. Joshi Library, Panjab University, Chandigarh during 8 to 10 April 2015. The theme of the conference is *Embedded Librarianship and Technological Challenges of the Digital Age*. The paper for conference may be addressed to Dr. B. Ramesha through email to: ila2015conf@gmail.com. More details can be had from ILA website: http://ilaindia.net.

- ❖ MANLIBNET 2015 conference will be hosted by TAPMI Manipal, at Manipal during 7-9 May 2015. The theme of the Conference: *Managing Library and information Systems in the Digital World: Challenges and Opportunities*. For more details: http://www.manlibnet2015.weebly.com

- ❖ *The Tenth International Conference on Open Repositories*, OR2015 <http://www.or2015.net/>, will be held during 8-11 June 2015 in Indianapolis (Indiana, USA).

- ❖ Two-day International Seminar on *Changing Role of the Librarian in the Era of Knowledge Management* is being organized by Asia-Pacific Institute of Management, New Delhi. For detail contact: Dr. K. Madhavan at: madhavan@asiapasific.edu

Inauguration of the Book Fair, 2015 by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor on Central Library Premises on 21. 1. 2015

The Mini Museum on Tagore at Central Library inaugurated on   21. 1. 2015

Distinguished Visitor at the Fair: Sri Somnath Chatterjee, former Speaker, Lok Sabha

Colour & Merriment added to the Fair: Mahadal Staff from the Library Network

Inauguration of the Cafeteria at Quadrangle of Central Library: 21. 1. 2015

Orientation Programme: Ph. D Scholars from Sangit Bhavana & Physical Edn. Dept.