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NOTE

The Visva-Bharati Library System is glad to bring out an e-Newsletter from January 2014. The principal aim is to educate its members on various resources, facilities and developments in order to promote increased usage, study and research.

As the name suggests it will be published (monthly) in electronic format and uploaded on the Library website:

<http://172.16.2.2/index1.html>

Suggestions are cordially invited.

Growth of Visva-Bharati Library System

Rabindranath Tagore's writings and the growth of Visva-Bharati and its library were interlinked with the passage of his life. He observed: *the growth of this school was the growth of my life and not of a mere carrying out of my doctrines, its ideals changed with the maturity like a ripening fruit that not only grows in its bulk and deepens in its colour, but undergoes changes in the very quality of its inner pulp.* Tagore's biographer Prabhat Kumar Mukhopadhyaya (1892-1985) was entrusted with the responsibility of the Asrama Library in July 1910. Organization of the library in a systematic manner started since then. Annual Report (1911-12) of the Santiniketan Asrama published in Tattvabodhini Patrika by Jagadananda Ray (1869-1933) mentions that *books were enlisted in two groups. English, Bengali in group A and other Asian languages in group B.* During the year 1818-19, 525 books were purchased and the number of collection reached to 6025. In the year 1919 four thousand books were added from library budget of Rs. 4,415. Up to 1921 library was known as Brahmacharya Asrama Library, but in 1922 the library was renamed as Visva-Bharati Library.

On 23 December 1921 Tagore formally started a college (Visva-Bharati) with proceeds from the prize money of the Noble Prize he received in 1913. As a result scholars from different parts of the world like Sylvain Levy, Sten Konow, Winternitz and Giuseppe Tucci joined as faculty and Visva-Bharati library started receiving good number of books as gift. Tagore in his presidential address at Presidency College, Calcutta (21 August 1922), recognizing this aspect, remarked: *you should be informed that Santiniketan has received as gifts, numerous books from the European countries like France, Germany, Switzerland, Austria and Bohemia.* Visva-Bharati Annual Report 1921-22 referred so to the Library: *The library at Santiniketan is one of the special features of Visva-Bharati. The library possesses a good collection of books on Sanskrit, Pali and Prakrit, a valuable collection of Chinese and Tibetan books. The Indian vernaculars are well presented specially Bengali, Hindi and Gujrati. It also contains a very unique collection of books on Indology and Art, chiefly in French and German.*

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Growth of Visva-Bharati Library System

Rabindranath passed away on 7 August 1941. The collection of his priceless books, paintings, manuscripts, archives and other objects of value treasured by his son Rathindranath were handed over to Visva-Bharati. On 14 May 1951, the Parliament of India by Visva-Bharati Act 1951 (Act 29 of 1951) declared Visva-Bharati as an 'institution of national importance' and a unitary, teaching and residential Central University. The Visva-Bharati Library System, today, comprises of Central Library, 12 Sectional Libraries and 30 Seminar Libraries. It caters to 9000 users. Its collection amounts to about 8.5 lakh documents excluding thousands of e-books and e-journals.

Do you know...?

The Library offers various resources and services to the end-users. The feature will highlight one such in each of its issue. This issue focuses on the availability of digital academic journals JSTOR through library portal.

JSTOR

JSTOR is a shared digital library created in 1995 to help university and college libraries to free space on their shelves, save costs and provide more access to scholarly contents. JSTOR currently includes more than 2,000 academic journals (including archives) on humanities, social sciences and sciences along with thousands of monographs and other research materials relevant for academic purpose. More than **900 publishers** and content providers work with JSTOR to build a rich network of scholarly materials, discipline specific as well as inter-disciplinary. The content in JSTOR spans 500 years, **50 disciplines**, and multiple content types. Content providers include scholarly societies, university presses, commercial presses, libraries, and all types of cultural institutions.

Free access to JSTOR for users of Visva-Bharati Library System is provided by the University. To access JSTOR, users have to log on library website ([http:// 172.16.2.2/index1.html](http://172.16.2.2/index1.html)) and then click on Online Journals (UGC-Info net) to get link of INFLIBNET website (for E-resources) to connect JSTOR.

Following are some important functions in JSTOR:

Browse: From the JSTOR home page itself one can browse subjects and contents classified under each subjects. Disciplines are clustered around nine major subject areas, viz., Area Studies, Arts, Business & Economics, History, Humanities, Law, Medicine & Allied Health, Science & Mathematics, Social Sciences.

Search:

Basic Search: Provides scope by providing expression / options for searching the entire database for all content types in all disciplines.

Advanced Search: In this search option, search expression can be chosen for *full text, author, item title, abstract* and *caption*. One can conjoin/disjoin as many search expressions as may require with Boolean operators* --- AND, OR, NOT and proximity search with NEAR. Search can be limited to include only contents that are accessible to the library; in addition, can be extended to include links to external contents. Search can be further narrowed down by discipline and/or publication title or by item type, (publication) date range and language (apart from English, some European language items are covered). The results can be sorted by *Relevance, Newest to Oldest* and *Oldest to Newest*.

Citation Management: There are four available tools for citation management, viz., **Save, E-mail, Export** and **Track**. Saving requires prior registration in MyJSTOR. Those who are not registered for MyJSTOR account can use the e-mail option. Export citations can be used by those who use any bibliographic reference management software like EndNote, Ref Works, ProCite, BibTeX or Reference Manager. Search results can further be modified by searching within the result with added search expressions. Tracking citations and journals (e-TOC) requires MyJSTOR registration. Searching through Citation Locator is another option. One can specify either/ all/ as many as one can search fields---the item title, author(s), publication title, volume, issue, ISBN/ISSN, month, year and page no.

MyJSTOR: Registering in MyJSTOR enables one to save her/his citations, e-mail and export saved citations, receive e-mail alerts for saved searches, tracked journals (e-TOC) and tracked citations.

In March 2012, Register & Read program was launched to offer free, read-online limited use access to any individual scholars who registers for a MyJSTOR account.

Knowledge Discovery Tool: JSTOR also supports data and text mining. In 2008, JSTOR introduced the “Data for Research” (DfR) service---a free data mining tool for journal content on JSTOR. DfR provides the ability to obtain data sets via bulk downloads, and includes a powerful faceted search interface, online viewing of document level data, downloadable datasets (including word frequencies, citations, key terms, and ngrams).

*Boolean Operators are **AND, OR, NOT**. Usage of OR between search terms will broaden the search and retrieves records containing any of the words **OR** is separating (Eg: Tagore **OR** India-- will retrieve all records containing either ‘Tagore’, or ‘India’ or ‘Tagore and India’). **AND** will narrow the search and retrieves (only) records containing all the words **AND** is separating (Eg: Tagore **AND** India- will retrieve only those records containing both the terms ‘Tagore’ and ‘India’). **NOT** narrows search and retrieves records that do not contain the terms following **NOT**.

New Arrivals (Books and Periodicals)

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[Journals](#)



Library Orientation Programme, Sangeet Bhavana on 14 February—A Partial View

Some Recent Initiatives/ Development

Library Orientation Programme

An orientation programme for the Sangeet Bhavana was organised in the Conference Hall of the Central Library on 14 February 2014. Faculty and students (84 in no.) participated in the programme. Dr. V. K. Thomas (University Librarian) and Dr. Nimai Chand Saha (Dy. Librarian) spoke on the occasion. Ms Kanika Debnath initiated the programme with a brief introduction.

Submission of Research Publications for Open Archives

All academics/officers/scholars/ staff members have been requested to submit hard or soft copy of their research publications to the University Librarian for uploading to the Open Archives.

Submission of Question Papers and Syllabi for Institutional Repository

All departmental heads are requested to submit hard or soft copy of the latest question papers and syllabi to the University Librarian for uploading on the Institutional Repository.

Cleaning and Dusting of Sectional Libraries

Special initiatives have been taken to make Sectional Libraries clean and dust free. For this end one person from Self-help Group (Adibasi Mahadal) has been deputed to each Sectional Library for three days a week.

Braille Unit at Vinaya Bhavana Library

A new Braille unit has been installed and is operational at Vinaya Bhavana Library from 21 Feb. 2014. It is the 2nd unit in the campus (first being at the Central Library). The new unit is expected to provide easy access to students in Sriniketan area.

Conferences/Seminars/Workshops in Library & Information Science

1. Two –day National Seminar on *Electronic Information Management and Dissemination in Digital Era: Opportunities and Challenges* will be organized by Pariyar University-Salam, Tamil Nadu during **17-18 March 2014**. For details visit: <http://www.periyaruniversity.ac.in>
2. Two- day National Seminar on *Knowledge Management in Electronic Environment: Opportunities and Challenges* will be organized by the Department of Library and Information Science, Alagappa University, Karaikudi-630003 during **21-22 March 2014**. For details write to the convener Dr. S. Thanuskodi : aludlis@yahoo.com
3. Two-day National Conference on *LIS Education and Profession in Bihar* Organized By: Fuldamental Mission Educational Trust (KRCN), MMAPU, Bhagalpur, Bihar during **6-7 April 2014**. For details visit: <http://lislinks.com/m/event?id=2013205%3AEvent%3A617370>

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