Visva-Bharati

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Cross Asia Repository

Visva-Bharati Library Network provides the access to Cross Asia Repository through its website.

It provides subject-specific and interdisciplinary portals as well as national and international discovery systems to distribute information; on the other hand, also cooperate with institutions and / or individuals in academia who publish their research results on FID4SA-Repository or use their document server as a source of information. Full text Searching, browsing and Publishing facilities are available through FID4SA.

FID4SA-Repository is the full-text server of the Specialized Information Service South Asia–FID4SA (**from 04/2022**) and is provided by Heidelberg University Library. It offers scholars worldwide the opportunity to publish their texts in electronic form free of charge according to Open Access principles. All types of publications (e.g. monographs, articles, lectures) from the field of South Asian Studies and Indology can be archived at FID4SA-Repository. The documents are stored using standardized addresses (URN, DOI) and metadata (OAI-PMH) and their long-term availability is guaranteed. The documents will be stored and their long-term availability guaranteed by using standardized addresses (URN, DOI) and metadata (OAI-PMH).
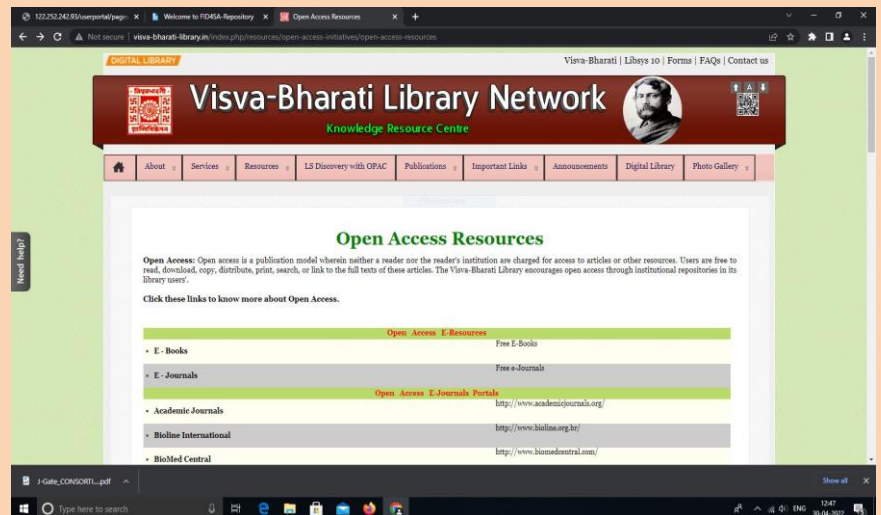
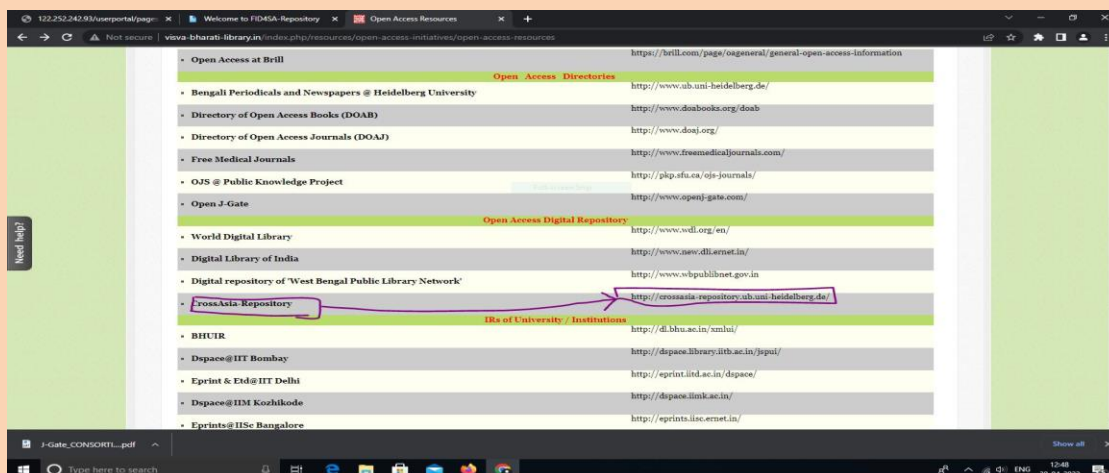**Cross Asia Repository through VBLN Website**

They are also accessible through the German union catalogues and search engines. In this way you gain wide visibility for your texts. FID4SA-Repository supports the aims to the "Budapest Open Access Initiative" (BOAI) and the principles of Open Access.

Link to Access Cross Asia Repository

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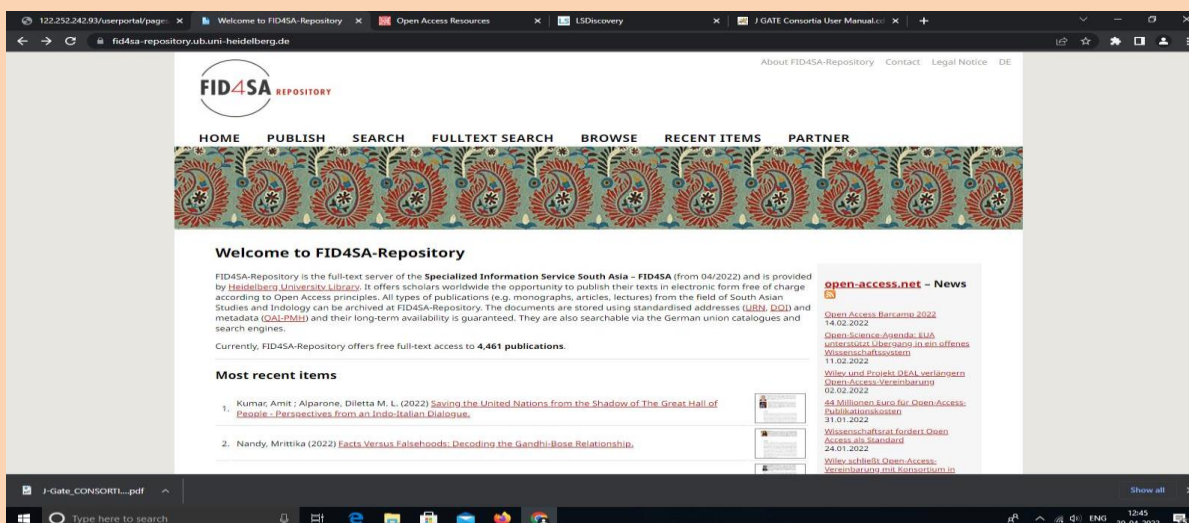
Webpage of FID4SA

The Partners of FID4SA are as follows:
- The German National Library (DNB), to which FID4SA report electronic documents.
- The K10plus catalogue through which the documents are referenced in the Karlsruhe Virtual Catalog (KVK) and the Verbund OPAC.
- The Centre for Studies in Social Sciences (CSSSC) in Kolkata, whose collection of Bengali 19th and early 20th century journals is archived on FID4SA-Repository.

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Special Collections of the Cross Asia Repository are Early Bengali Books and English books from British India:
- Early Bengali Books (116)
  - ❖ Early Bengali Books, 1800-1850 (9)
  - ❖ Early Bengali Books, 1851-1900 (89)
  - ❖ Early Bengali Books, 1901-1950 (18)
- English Books from British India (24)

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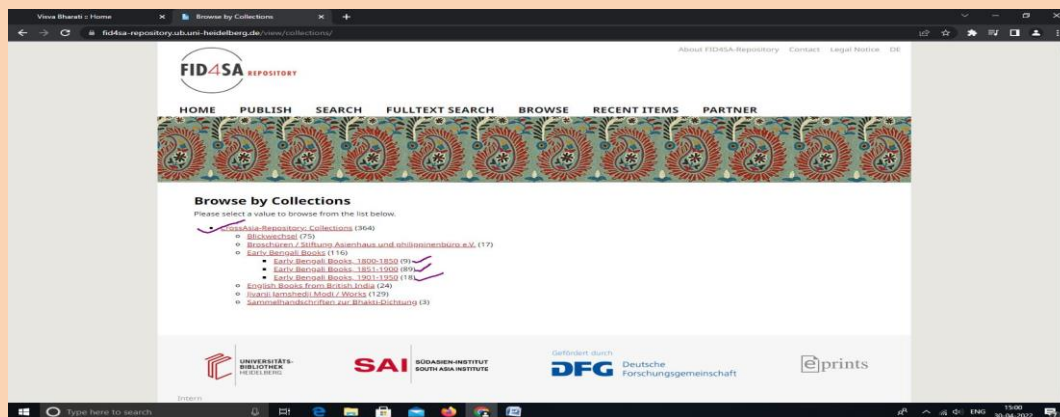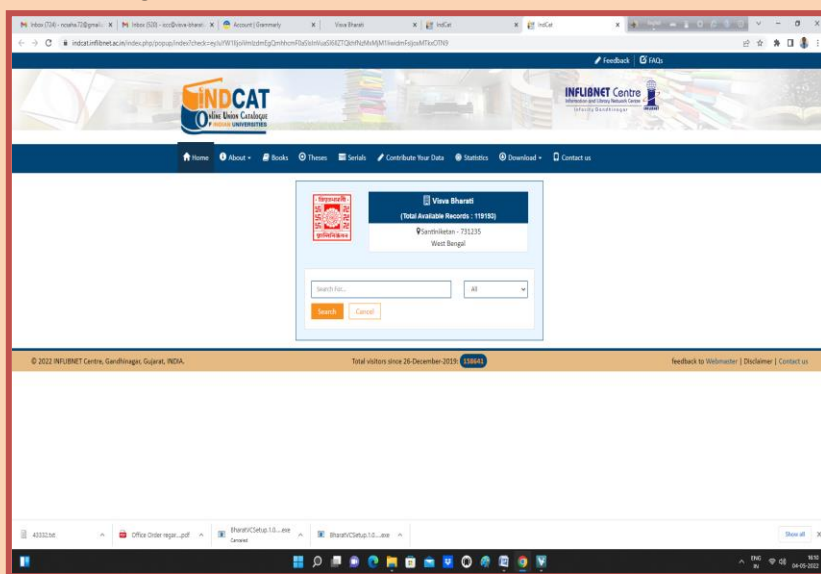

Early Bengali Books through Cross Asia Repository

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RECENT ACTIVITIES

➤ **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 Univeristy 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 school), 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. The initiative taken by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi to interact with the students before the examination indeed was a very positive step towards building self-confidence to every student and to face the challenges easily. 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. The student community was highly motivated after the event and expressed their appreciation for the initiatives for providing valuable guidance to manage stress during examination

➤ **Users Librarian face-to-face Meet:** A meeting with the students and library staff has been arranged to interact on library problems faced by the students on the way of their using library on 20 April 2022 at the Conference Hall, central Library at 4.30pm. Total sixty-eight participants were attend the meeting and satisfied with the fruitful interaction. At the end of the meeting twelve students have been enlisted willingly as 'Library Friends'.

➤ **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 by Arnab Raj Bhattacharya (BPA, 1st Semester). Other agenda of the program was Speech on – 'Role Books and Library in the present day' by Sri Sukanta Mandal Research Scholar, Dept. of Bengali, Bhasha Bhavana; Open quiz competition of around sixty question (including audio and visual) conducted by three students (Susim Sabuj Chowdhury, Dept. of ISERC, Siksha Bhavan; Shruti Singh & Maitreyee Upadhyay, BA (6th Semester), Dept. of Geography, Vidya Bhavana) so nicely, efficiently, song by Koushik Sarkar, Research Scholar, Sangit Bhavana, 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 (Course Work) lead by Sayantani Dan of Silpa Sadana, PSV 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.

➢ **Three Special Sessions:** As requested by the Scholars and Faculty members of Visva-Bharati three special sessions have been arranged as below:

   a) On *"Resources, Services and Facilities of Visva-Bharati Library Network"* on 27April 2022 at Conference Hall, Central Library at 4.00pm. Total thirteen scholars and faculty members have been attended the session.

   b) On *"Similarity Checking by Ouriginal /URKUND"* on 28 April 2022 at Conference Hall, Central Library at 4.00pm. Total twenty-five scholars and faculty members have been attended the session.

   c) On *"Mendeley, the online Reference Management Software"* on 29April 2022 at Conference Hall, Central Library at 4.00pm. Total ten scholars and faculty members have been attended the session.

➢ **Exhibition and Celebration of Important Days:** The Central Library organized special exhibitions in the Reference Section, of books and allied materials including quotations and photographs as special exhibition on;

   a) 131st birth anniversary of Dr B. R. Ambedkar on 14 April 2022.

   b) World Book and Copyright Day on 23 April 2022.

➢ **Documents / Article Delivery Services:** During the month 16 no. of soft copies of the articles have been collected and delivered through mail as requested by the academics/scholars.

➢ **Similarity Checking through URKUND Software:** On request from the academics 21 articles/ files have been checked through URKUND software and report has been forwarded through mail.

➢ **Visitor:** A team of sixteen students and one Faculty Member from the Department of Library and Information Science, The University of Calcutta has visited the Central Library, Visva-Bharai on 01 April 2022 as part of their educational tour and have an interaction with the library staff followed by physical visit of the library with entire satisfaction.

➢ Recently Visva-Bharati Library Network has sent bibliographic data and based on which now the total number of Bibliographic data available at the INDCAT **(Online Union Catalogue of Indian Universities)** database of **INFLIBNE**T is 119193 books. Link - https://indcat.inflibnet.ac.in/index.php/popup/index?check=eyJuYW1lIjoiVmlzdmEgQmhhcmF0aSIsInVuaSI6IlZTQkhfNzMxMjM1IiwidmFsIjoxMTkxOTN9

IMPORTANT LINKS:

❖ Read Bengali Books (**বাংলা বই**) at https://www.ebanglalibrary.com

❖ BDeBooks is online Bengali books reading library. Available at https://bdebooks.com/books.

❖ ManyBooks was established in 2004 with the vision to provide an extensive library of books in digital format for free on the Internet. Available at https://manybooks.net

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/TRAINING PROGRAMME:

❖ The Department of Library and Information Science, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) is organizing a three-day National Conference on "Documentation Science and Information Management" sponsored by ICSSR on May 26-28, 2022. For details visit: https://rajagiri.edu/uploads/files/405/ICSSR%20Conf%20brochure%20(24.03.2022)%20-%20date%20extended.pdf

❖ Metropolitan Libraries Conference 2022, sponsored by IFLA Metropolitan Libraries Section, will be held in Oslo, Norway, during May 18 - 20, 2022. For details visit: https://www.ifla.org/events/save-the-date-metropolitan-librariesconference-2022-oslo-norway

Glimpses of 'Pariksha Pe Charcha-2022' on 01 April

Glimpses of Users and Library Staff face-to-Face meet 20 April

Observation of World Book day and Copyright day on 25 April

Team from Dept. of Library and Information Science, The University of Calcutta was at the Central Library, VB