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Library Network *e-Newsletter*

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National Digital Library of India (NDLI) (https://ndl.iitkgp.ac.in/) is a virtual repository of learning resources which is not just a repository with search/browse facilities but provides a host of services for the learner community. **Visva-Bharati is one of the sources of National Digital Library of India.**

Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) under its National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology has initiated the National Digital Library of India (NDL India) pilot project to develop a framework of virtual repository of learning resources with a single-window search facility. Filtered and federated searching is employed to facilitate focused searching so that learners can find out the right resource with least effort and in minimum time. NDL India is designed to hold content of any language and provides interface support for leading Indian languages (currently Hindi and Bengali). It is being arranged to provide support for all academic levels including researchers and life-long learners, all disciplines, all popular form of access devices and differently-abled learners. It is being developed to help students to prepare for entrance and competitive examination, to enable people to learn and prepare from best practices from all over the world and to facilitate researchers to perform inter-linked exploration from multiple sources.
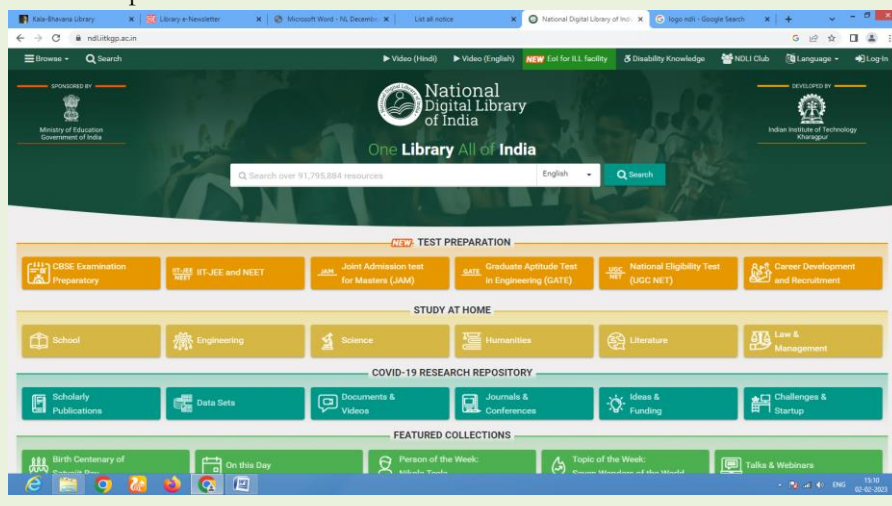
It is an all-digital library that stores information (metadata) about different types of digital contents including books, articles, videos, audios, thesis and other educational materials relevant for users from varying educational levels and capabilities. It provides a single window search facility to access digital contents currently existing in India as well as other digital sources under a single umbrella.

Learning resource: Total resources in NDLI are (as on 02.02.2023) 91, 795, 884. Important types of resources are given below.

Types of Resources	Items
Text	72,962,996
Image	1,386,958
Video	608,489
Audio	247,629
Presentation	177,815
Simulation	12,504
Application	2,424
Animation	900

Organizational sources: NDLI contains organizational resources. Some major sources are given below

Sources	Items
NPTEL	72,962,996
NCERT	1,386,958
South Asia Archive	608,489
OECD Library	247,629
Librivox	177,815
Krishikosh- Indian National Agricultural Research	12,504
Inflibnet - Shodhganga	2,424
World eBook Library	900
Visva-Bharati	89
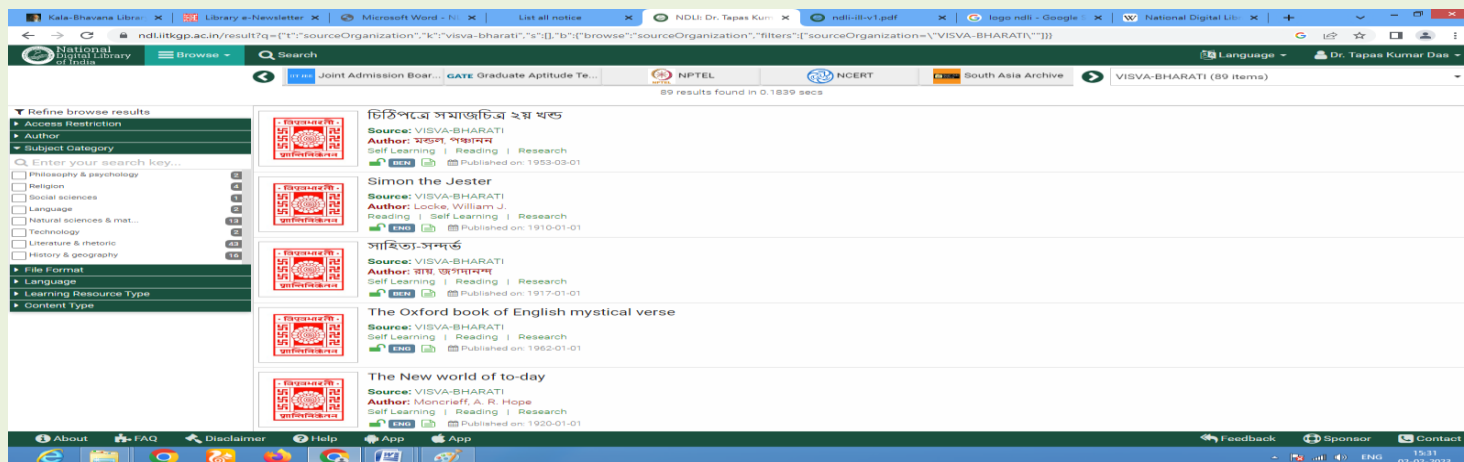
An individual or institute can simply type in the URL (https://ndl.iitkgp.ac.in) into a common web browser to access the NDL India system. The NDL India system is accessible to all users for general browsing. However, one needs to register with a user ID and password and login using those for accessing the full contents of any item. Once you have typed in the URL (https://ndl.iitkgp.ac.in) of NDL India and land on the Homepage of NDL India, you will find a window on the right hand side saying 'Member Log-in'. Click on the 'Register' button whereby a registration form will open up. Fill up all the details on the form and submit. One will soon get a validation link in your mailbox. Click the link and validate and then you can start using NDL India.

From next time onwards, please use the login button on the Home page for accessing NDL India. It is also accessible on mobile devices as well using a common web browser. Right now, it is active for Android operating system and will soon be launched for IOS and Windows operating system as well. Access to the NDL India system is free of charge. However, this will lead the user to the materials which may reside on other institutions' servers. Accessing these will be determined by the policy of those institutions and their access rules. View of the documents, full text or not, is controlled by the source organization.

Subject wise e-resources in the NDLI

Types of Resources	Items
Computer Science, Information & general works	16,461,225
Philosophy & Psychology	609,281
Religion	227,232
Social Science	6,054,733
Language	191,633
Natural Science and Mathematics	9,806,236
Technology	12,751,564
The arts, fine & decorative arts	1,915,931
Literature & rhetoric	952,812
History & geography	974,724

While many organizations are happy to provide full text access to all their documents, many would like to restrict and want the user to either log in or send a request directly to an email ID provided on the site for full text. There can be some publishers, like Springer, who would want to sale a copy of the document while there can be some other documents which are free of cost when accessed through NDL India log in but will cost if accessed from some other site. There is an icon beside each document to tell upfront about the access rights of the document. Information can be personalized based on the education level, choice of language, difficulty level, media of content and such other factors while other Digital libraries may not include all these choices. This is like a 'customised service' provided in a 24x7 integrated environment to suit a user's requirement and will be like a one-stop shop for all digital resources. The ultimate aim is to provide the materials in all vernacular languages. However, this will very much depend on the actual availability of materials in the vernacular. NDL India can accommodate materials in any language while the User Interface for Browsing and Searching has been launched with the languages Hindi, English and Bengali and is slowly being expanded to include other languages. One can refine his/her search criteria from the 'Refine search results' facet by choosing different options like Author, Subject, Learning Resource Type etc. This will help to retrieve an item meeting multiple selection criterion. Even one can use the 'Advanced Search' option placed on the top right side of the screen to apply multiple selection criteria (Source, Educational level, Language, Learning Resource Type) for a more focused and faster search. The option to save or download an article will depend on the access rights provided by the content provider. Once saved, printing can be done. Sometimes, there could be a limit to the number of pages that can be printed (e.g. upto 100 pages). Once again, this will vary from document to document based on the access rights set by the content owner. Any one may contribute articles to include in NDL India. For details about modality of contribution please contact NDL India at ndl-support@iitkgp.ac.in.

Some Recent Library Activities / Developments:

➢ **Two-Day Special Session:** Visva-Bharati Library Network has successfully organized two special sessions in Physical mode during 30-31 January 2023. The sessions have been arranged to enable stakeholders to better use the Research Tool to enhance the quality of research output and to explore the expertise by registering in the VIDWAN & IRINS database. Topics covered during the session are 1) **Issues on Plagiarism** and Similarity Checking by using OURIGINAL **by Dr. Nimai Chand Saha,** University Librarian (Acting); and 2) Zotero**: The Open Source Reference Management Software by Sri Ajay Kumar Sharma, Assistant Librarian (Stage-III), Cheena Bhavana Library.** The number of participants on the first day was sixty-two (62) and sixty-four (64) on the second day. Participants were pleased to attend both sessions and opined that the sessions were helpful for their research work. Participants are also pleased to request to arrange similar types of program in future to support research and academic activities.

➢ **Visitors:**
   a) Dr. Vikram Singh, ICAR, New Delhi, Senior Scientist, IP&TM unit and Training Coordinator has visited Central Library on 19 January 2023. After visiting his expression on the library is "Central Library is the temple of Goddess Saraswati, which is well managed and maintained by Visva-Bharati. Peaceful place for study and thinking".

   b) Sri Prasun Biswas, one of the noted sports journalist, has visited Central Library on 24 January 2023. After visiting the library he has expressed his satisfaction and appreciates the endeavors taken by the library.

➢ **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.

➢ **New Additions (Books) during the Month**
   Central Library: Number of Books received as Purchased: 155 (Acc. No. 442249 – 442403)
   Number of Books received as Gift: 10 (G10843-G10854)

➢ **Similarity Checking Through OURIGINAL (supported by Turnitin):** On request from the academics 16 articles/ Files have been checked and report has been forwarded through mail.

- ➤ **Exhibition and Celebration of Important Days:** Organized special exhibitions of books and allied materials including quotations and photographs to celebrate;
  - a) 129th Birth anniversary of Satyendra Bose on 1 January 2023.
  - b) 160th Birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda on 12 January 2023.
  - c) 126th Birth anniversary Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on 23 January 2023.
  - d) 157th Birth anniversary Lala Lajpat Rai on 28 January 2023

- ➤ **Physical Footfalls at the Central Library during April 20022- January 2023**

Physical Footfalls during April 2022- January 2023 (Central Library, VB)				
Months	Reading room	Ref. Room	Journals	Stack Room	Total
APRIL	2948	563	964	1944	6419
MAY	3494	654	1288	2358	7794
JUNE	2869	431	1231	761	5292
JULY	2992	334	1346	1053	5725
AUGUST	2511	291	1093	1073	4968
SEPTEMBER	1671	254	1095	1436	4456
OCTOBER	358	51	212	168	789
NOVEMBER	2440	272	1296	1666	5674
DECEMBER	2300	376	1146	1412	5234
JANUARY	2925	463	1513	1622	6523
	24508	3689	11184	13493	**52874**

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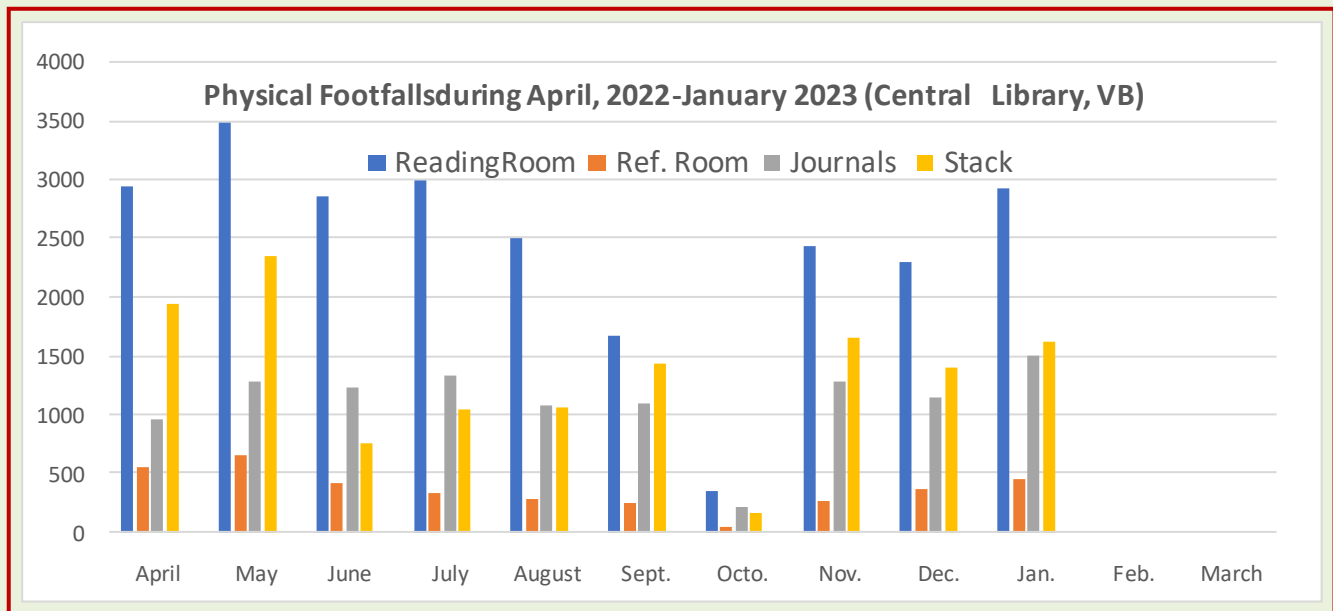
IMPORTANT LINKS:

a) African Journals Online (AJOL): is a collection of over 380 peer-reviewed, African-published scholarly journals. AJOL provides access to citations, abstracts and/or full text. The LIST ALL view shows all the (free) Open Access journals that are part of AJOL. URL - https://www.ajol.info/

b) Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda: Complete works of Swami Vivekananda is a set of 9 volumes and include separately his unpublished works. The web link for the access of his work is http://www.ramakrishnavivekananda.info/vivekananda/complete_works.htm

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/TRAINING PROGRAMME:

- International Seminar on 'Indian Knowledge System for LIS and Allied Disciplines 2023(IKS-LISAD:2023) (24th -26th March 2023) at Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata, WB. organized by DLIS,NSOU with Financial support by RRRLF, Ministry of Culture, Government of India. For detail: http://www.wbnsou.ac.in/student_zone/courses/school_of_professional_studies/seminar_conference_workshop/20230207_2023-FINALE-IKS-LISAD-2023-Brochure.pdf

- 6th International Conference on Library and Information Science (ICLIS-2023) will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia during 04th Jun-05th Jun 2023. For detail: http://www.iclis.igrnet.org/549/malaysia/

Special Session Day-I (30 January 2023)

Special Session Day-II (31 January 2023)

Sri Prasun Biswas (LHS) and Dr Vikram Singh have visited Central Library