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## Library Network *e-Newsletter*

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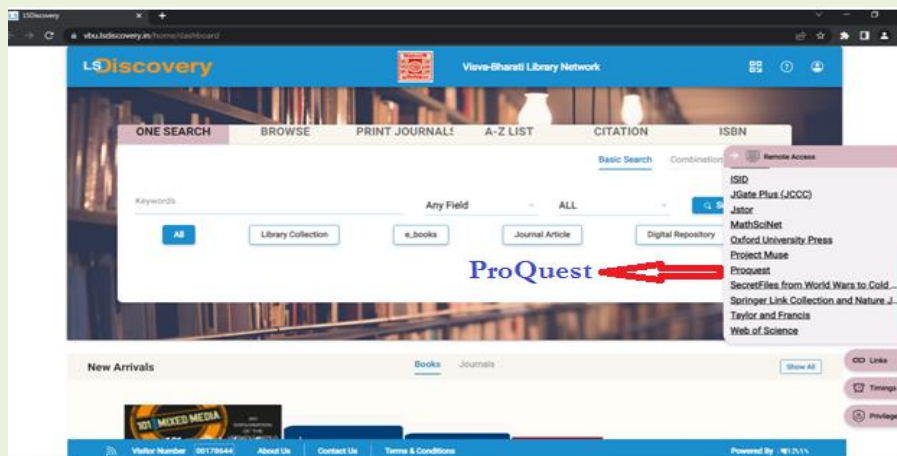Important Links Conferences / Seminars

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ProQuest: a global leader in EdTech (https://www.proquest.com/)

The ProQuest is a single search engine for four databases namely Journals, Books, academic Audio Video and Theses as well as dissertations. Free access to ProQuest for the users of Visva-Bharari Library is provided. **To access ProQuest**, users have to log on *Visva-Bharari Library website* (http://visva-bharati-library.in/) and then click on *Remote Access* to connect with sub menu *ProQuest*.

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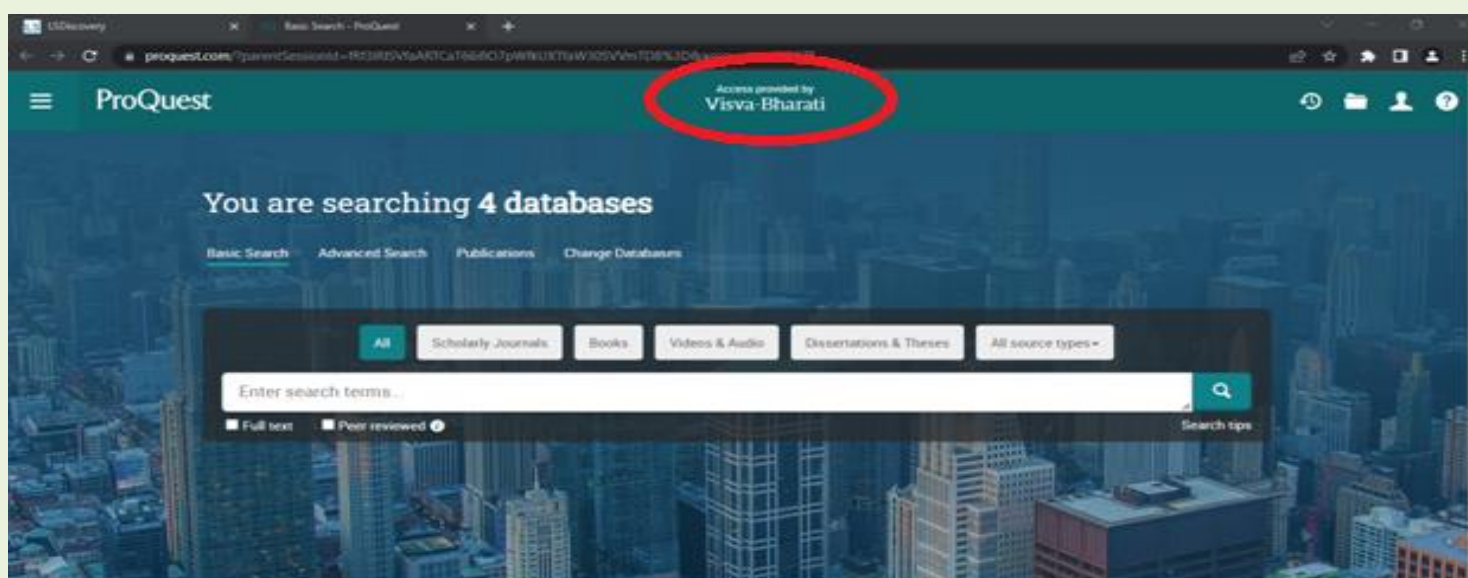


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All video content in your ProQuest collections may be isolated by selecting Videos & Audio in Basic Search before running a search. Doing this will not, however, exclusively isolate Academic Video Online content. It will search all content within your ProQuest collections indexed as video content, including Academic Video Online.

All book content in your ProQuest collections may be isolated by selecting Books in Basic Search before running a search. However, this will not exclusively isolate ebook Central content. It will search all content within your ProQuest collections indexed as book content, including ebook Central. Search mechanism in ProQuest: Successful searching is largely about being precise.

The tips, techniques, and information here can help you search with precision and find what you need.
- Your search terms can include any letters or numbers. Because ProQuest search supports the UTF-8 character set, managed by the Unicode Consortium, you can enter your terms in English, or any other language, such as French, Spanish, Greek, Cyrillic, etc. Whether your search retrieves any documents will depend on matching content or indexing being available in ProQuest.
- ProQuest ignores punctuation characters — such as periods, commas, and colons — in your search terms.
- **Stop words**: When processing your search, some search engines ignore very common words you may have included, so-called 'stop words' — like articles (a, an, the) and prepositions (from, with, of). These engines will only search for those words if you somehow flag or mark them in your search, often by enclosing them in parentheses or sometimes with brackets. ProQuest does not recognize any list of 'stop words.' For example, if you search for 'cat in the hat,' ProQuest will search for 'cat AND in AND the AND hat.' The default relevance sorting of your results will bring documents that contain all of your search terms — mostly as 'cat in the hat' — to the top of your results list.
- Diacritical marks: Indexing and content terms carrying diacritical marks, like umlauts (Ä) or accents, can inconsistently carry the mark, or not. Because of that inconsistency, ProQuest ignores these marks. For example, a search for the word før

(Danish for 'before') will not only retrieve for, but will also retrieve all records containing för, fór, and fòr. A search for any of these terms will retrieve the same results.

Some special characters are always going to be interpreted in the context of specific kinds of searching:
- Greater than (>) and less than (<) symbols are reserved for date searching.
- Brackets and parentheses are used to build 'nested' queries. For example:
  cow AND (dog OR cat)
  If you use them with any other intent, your search is unlikely to retrieve what you expected.
- The slash (/) is reserved for use with proximity operators, as in PRE/4.

Read more about special characters below.
- Broaden your search - separate your search terms with OR.
- Narrow your search - separate your search terms with AND.
  Note: By default, ProQuest assumes an AND relationship between your search terms.
- Advanced Search - look for terms in specific fields used to index documents in ProQuest.
- Target your search more precisely - move your cursor over the Advanced Search link to display a menu offering both Advanced Search, and Command Line.
- Publication Search - browse issues of a newspaper, journal, or magazine -- or search for articles in specific publications.
- Phrase searching - look for phrases by enclosing them in quotation marks, for example, "healthy eating".
- Word variants - to retrieve only a particular variant of a word, such as colour but not color, enter the word in quotation marks in the search box, for example: "colour".
- Limit your search - select available limiter check boxes such as Full text or Peer-reviewed to focus your search.
  Note: Available limiters vary by database and search method.

ProQuest software tools help libraries put the spotlight on researchers and their accomplishments. Researchers can connect and collaborate with peers, discover funding opportunities and be part of the scholarly ecosystem. Other solutions support dissemination of the valuable research output of academic institutions.

## Some Recent Library Activities / Developments:

➢ **Three-Day Special Session:** Visva-Bharati Library Network has successfully organized three special sessions in Physical mode during 20-22 February 2023. The sessions have been arranged to enhance the research/publications skills for the quality of research output. Topics covered during the session are 1) **VBLN as Research Intermediaries by Dr Koushik Ghosh, Assistant Librarian (Stage-II) and In-charge, Journal Section, and Dr. Nimai Chand Saha,** University Librarian (Acting); 2) **Mendley**: **The Open Source Reference Management Software by Dr. Sabahat Nausheen, Assistant Librarian (Stage-II), Rabindra Bhavana Library and 3) Issues on Publication Ethics by Dr. Partha Pratim Ray, Deputy Librarian and In-charge PSB Library, Visva-Bharati.** The number of participants was Twenty-two (22), Eighteen (18) and Thirty (30) respectively on the first day, second day and third day. Participants were pleased to attend the sessions and opined that the sessions were helpful for the research/publications work. Participants are also pleased to request to arrange similar types of program in future to support research and academic activities.

➢ **Library Orientation Program:** on Resources, Services, and Facilities, followed by a demonstration of the library website and a physical visit of the library with entire satisfaction, has been arranged on;

a) 09 February 2023 for the students of the Center of Modern European Languages, Literatures and Culture Studies (CMELLCS), Bhasha-Bhavana, Visva-Bharati. A total of 80 students from different programs (UG, PG) and two faculty members have joined the program. The students expressed their satisfaction during interaction on this Orientation Program.
b) 06 January 2023 for the students of the Department of English, Bhasha-Bhavana, Visva-Bharati. A total of 104 students from different programs (UG, PG, M. Phil, and Ph.D.) and one faculty member have joined the program. The students expressed their satisfaction during interaction on this Orientation Program. *[Not reported on January 2023].*

➢ **Fire Drilling Program:** To strengthen the awareness of actions to be taken during fire-emergency call, a fire drilling program has been arranged on 13 February 2023 at 11.30am with the assistance of the existing AMC service provider of the Fire Extinguishers. There was total twenty-seven staff including staff from Watch & Ward. The program was highly needful, as opined by the staff after the participation.

➢ **Similarity Checking through OURIGINAL (supported by Turnitin):** Total twenty-two articles/ files have been checked by the academics and library.

➢ **Documents / Article Delivery Services:** During the month 14 no. of soft copies of the articles have been collected and delivered through mail as requested by the academics/scholars.

- ➢ **Exhibition and Celebration of Important Days at Reference Section, Central Library:** Organized special exhibitions of books and allied materials including quotations and photographs to celebrate:
  a) **International Mother Language Day** on 21 February 2023.
  b) 221st Birth anniversary **Victor Hugo** on 27 February 2023.

- ➢ **Visitors:**
  a) Prof. T. V. Kattimani, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Central Tribal University, Andhra Pradesh, has visited Central Library on 06 February 2023.
  b) Padmashree Prof. Shankar Pal, National Science Chair, GoI; President, ISI; along with his wife has visited Central Library 06 February 2023.
  c) M. Monirul Islam, Sr. Librarian, Prime Minister's Office, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh; Golam Mustaf, Managing Director, Hakkani Publishers, Bangladesh and S. M. Khalequzzaman, Proprietor & CEO, FBS, Bangladesh have also visited Central Library on 06 February 2023 and expressed their encouraging and positive remarks.
  d) A team of twenty students, one Faculty Member and one staff from the Department of Library and Information Science, Rabindra Bharati University, visited the Central Library, Visva-Bharati, on 23 February 2023 as part of their educational tour and an interaction with the library staff, followed by the physical visit of the Central Library. The students and faculty members expressed their satisfaction after the visit and interaction.

- ➢ **New Additions (Books) during the Month**
  Central Library: Number of Books received as Purchased: 22 (Acc. No. 442536 - 442557)

- ➢ **VBLN Alumni (Staff):** Visva-Bharati Library Network has developed the 'VBLN ALUMNI (Staff)' and published the same through the http://visva-bharati-library.in/index.php/Alumni on 28 February 2023 with the golden hands of Sri Biswanath Kisku to mark his last working day. The initiative is under construction, and VBLN is waiting for information/suggestions from different sources to develop the endeavor successfully. Through this, in one way, people may contact them for their academic requirements, and present library professionals / Staff may also get an opportunity to contact them for catering better library services to its clientele and understanding the past of the VB Library.



- ➢ **Send off:** Sri Biswanath Kisku, Professional Assistant, Hindi Bhavana Library, has retired from Visva-Bharati Services on 28 February 2023 while he joined at Visva-Bharati in the permanent position on 13 December 1983. During his service period, in addition to Hindi Bhavana Library he has also served at the Patha Bhavana Library and Central Library too. The Visva-Bharati Library Network wishes him all the best in the post-service life.

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

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**IMPORTANT LINKS:**

**a) All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE):** All India council for Technical Education has been established under the AICTE Act, 1987. The council is authorized to take all steps that are considered appropriate for ensuring coordinated and integrated development of technical education and for maintenance of standards. https://www.aicte-india.org

**b) Medical Council of India (MCI):** The Medcial Council of India (MCI) was set up by the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956, amended in 1993. The council is empowered to prescribe minimum standards for medical education required for granting recognized medical qualifications by universities or medical institutions in India. https://www.mciindia.org

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**CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/TRAINING PROGRAMME:**

- Workshop on Entrepreneurship in LI Work: Institute of Public Enterprise (IPE), Hyderabad, is organizing a National Workshop on 'Entrepreneurship in Library & Information Work' during March 23 - 24, 2023. For details visit: https://www.ipeindia.org/

- International Conference on Academic Libraries (ICAL-2023): An International Conference on 'Academic Libraries (ICAL2023)' is being organized by Delhi University Library System, University of Delhi (North Campus), during April 5 - 8, 2023. For details visit: https://crl.du.ac.in/ical2023

Visit by Padmashree Prof. Sankar Pal, Prof. T. V. Kattimani, and Hon'ble Minister of Agril. and Dignitaries from Bangladesh


Glimpses of Orientation Program, CMELLCS (09 Feb.) and Special Sessions during 20-22 Feb. and visit by DLIS, RBU on 23 Feb.


Glimpses of Fire Drilling Program on 09 Feb. and warm send-off in honor of last working day of Sri Biswanath Kisku.