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South Asia Archive

<http://www.southasiaarchive.com>

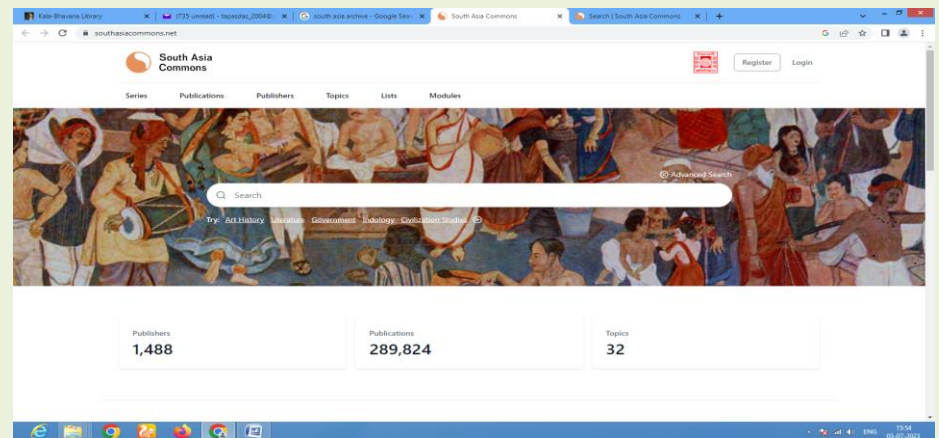
The South Asia Archive (SAA) is a landmark collection of 4.5 million pages of documents from across the Indian subcontinent from 1700 to 1953, originally collected by the South Asian Research Foundation (SARF).

It's the largest collection of books, journals and documents from the region, covering India, Pakistan, Burma, Afghanistan, and Bangladesh. Its size and diversity will bring new and inclusive perspectives to learning and research across the humanities and social sciences. Faculty in economics, politics, law, Indology, archaeology, anthropology, cultural studies, history, and education will all benefit.

Documents are in a mix of English and vernacular languages, with fifteen percent of the archive's content comprising material written primarily in Bengali and also including some content in Sanskrit. The archive is incredibly diverse in its reach, with materials of interest to those studying across all main areas of the humanities and social sciences.

It is an extensive resource for students and scholars across the humanities and social sciences. The historical documents within the Archive are truly interdisciplinary, reflecting the varied range of knowledge production in colonial and early post-colonial India and the wider sub-continent.

The digitization of the original documents is non-destructive, and damaged pieces are restored as part of the digitization process before they are sent to storage. This digitization process enhances their usefulness in terms of portability, and also assures the conservation of this historically important material.



- Subject specialist editors from India have selected and catalogued the documents specifically for this archive.
- The archive comprises out-of-copyright material dating back to the start of the eighteenth century and up to the mid-twentieth century.
- The content originates mainly from the Bengal area of India, consisting of unique and rare documents from primary and secondary sources.
- A significant proportion of the collection is in English, but thirty percent of the documents are written in various vernacular languages of the period/region(s).
- Serial collections are (where possible) complete, consisting of all available editions/volumes.
- In order to support a global audience, all document metadata has been translated into English where necessary.
- Images, maps, and posters are digitized in color to match the originals.
- Content has been broken down into a number of top-level document types such as Maps, Reports, and Journals, to simplify locating a collection by document type.
- An underlying taxonomy has been assigned to all documents consistently and logically to ensure a superior level of searchability for end-users.
- Documents have been broken down into the smallest parts possible to support highly granular content discovery.

Collection

The South Asia Archive is a specialist digital platform providing global electronic access to culturally and historically significant literary material produced from within - and about - the South Asian region. It is not merely a repository, but a vehicle for targeted research, and one which has been intelligently structured to ensure efficient content discovery.

- Documents have been selected and catalogued by subject specialist editors, with expert commentaries provided to guide users through serial content.
- The archive contains millions of pages of digitized primary and secondary material in a mix of English and vernacular languages dating back to the start of the eighteenth century, up to the mid-twentieth century.
- It is derived from original archive materials held by the “The South Asia Research Foundation”.
- It provides online access to previously unavailable resources in South Asian studies.
- It is a versatile resource with benefits for researchers, lecturers, and students across a diverse range of subject areas.

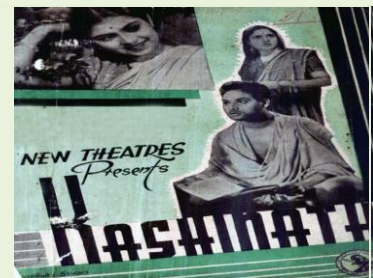
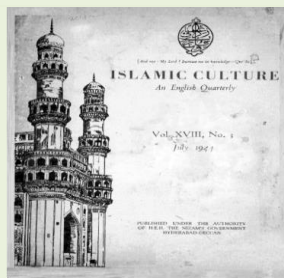


Content

Subjects across a broad range are covered, including archaeology, industry, parliamentary debates and concerns, and law case reports. Other reports include the near complete set of the Calcutta riots of 1946 and gazetteers from a range of districts and territories, providing a fascinating insight into colonial India.



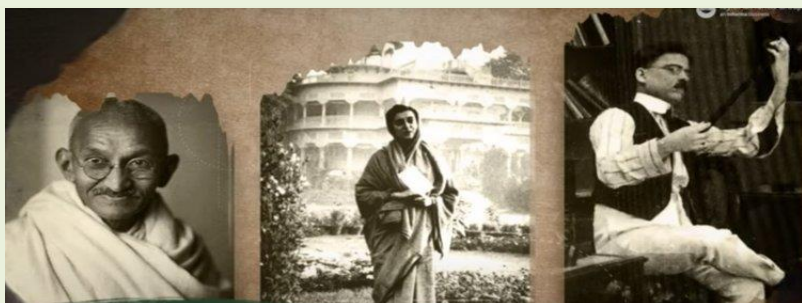
- Journals and Serial Publications
- Rare Books
- Reports
- Indian film booklets, 1930–1949
- Legislations, acts, and regulations
- Upload service
- Ephemera, Maps, and Manuals



Publication Types

Documents included in the South Asian Archive can be divided into five main categories covering all available publication types:

- Journals:** Substantial runs of more than two hundred journals in a range of subjects published from India and South Asia, including early journals such as Asiatic Researchers (first published in 1788), Indian Review, Modern Review, and Calcutta Gazette. There is also an array of vernacular journals such as: Bharatbarsha, Prabasi, Manasi, and Sachitra.



- Journal 14,181
- Report 8,952
- Book 2,751
- Gazetteer 1,770
- Statistical publication 550
- Acts, Decisions, Instruments 503
- Guide 279
- Proceedings 207
- Catalogue 201

- ✚ **Reports:** A diverse collection of reports from colonial and post-colonial India, including volumes of the 1901, 1911, 1931, and 1951 Indian Census documents, and the near complete set of Calcutta Riots of 1946 Gazetteers from a range of Indian states such as Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, and Maharashtra are also available.
- ✚ **Books:** An extensive range of books consisting of series such as The Bibliotheca Indica, a collection of oriental works published by the Asiatic Society of Bengal. It includes translations of the Upanishads, commentaries on Sanskrit grammatical, philosophical, and legal treatises, and such works as the Suddhikaumudi, a Sanskrit treatise on Hindu laws of defilement and purification.
- ✚ **Legislations, Acts, regulations, law books/ cases:** A myriad collection of legislations, Acts, regulations, and case documents from the colonial period, invaluable for any work on colonial Indian history.
- ✚ **Indian film booklets, 1930–1949:** A collection of rare publicity booklets in a mixture of English, Hindi, Urdu, and Bengali, as sold outside India film theaters. Highlights from the collection include: Mukti, Street Singer, My Sister, Devdas and Sita. Each booklet includes lists of the film's cast and leading technical personnel, a plot summary, photographs of the lead actors or key moments in the film, and song lyrics.

How to Access Grammarly (a Research Tool)?:

Grammarly Max Lytvyn, Alex Shevchenko, and Dmytro Lider founded Grammarly in 2009 with the goal of helping people communicate more effectively. Focusing first on supporting students' grammar and spelling through a subscription-based product, they soon saw the potential of how Grammarly could help in all circumstances — from professional writing to everyday correspondence. Over the next ten years, Grammarly grew the capabilities of an AI-powered writing assistant to go way beyond grammar and spelling into complex aspects of language and communication. Today Grammarly offers an intuitive, real-time interface that's there for people wherever they type, through browser extensions, a web-based editor, a Microsoft Office add-in, a desktop interface, and mobile keyboards.

One-time Self-Registration Process as given below to access Grammarly;

A. Having VB domain mail ID (xxx.yyy@visva-bharati.ac.in)

Step 1: Go to www.grammarly.com/edu (mandatory to sign up for this URL)

Step 2: Click on Join Your Organization button, fill up the self-service form. Ensure that users are registering from their respective official email id (@visva-bharati.ac.in)

Step 3: After clicking signup, an activation email will be sent to the user's institutional email ID.

Please Note: Your @edu credential verification has been activated and an activation email will be sent to the user's institutional email ID once he/she registers. Users may at times get this in Spam/Junk/Promotion/Update Folder due to mail setting - users are advised to check the spam folder in case the link is not received in the INBOX.

Step 4: Kindly Verify the activation mail from Grammarly. Once registered, users will land on the 'Grammarly Editor', which is easy to use and can be explored by the user. The MS Word Plugin can be downloaded from the support page after registration from the link.

<https://www.grammarly.com/office-addin/windows>, the same user ID and Password credentials will grant access to use the Plugin for users.

Step 5: Kindly use access code: 'riyCsWRtFoazgotP' for registration.

B. Without having VB domain mail ID or for other than VB domain mail ID

The faculty members / officers/ scholar of Visva-Bharati those who have not VisvBharati domain mail ID, it is preferred to have VB mail ID as soon as possible from the VB Computer Center.

- a) At Present, to have grammarly access they are requested to send one mail to ncsaha.72@gmail.com or librarian@visva-bharati.ac.in with their Name, Designation including Department & Bhavana, Mail ID, VB Library Card No. etc.
- b) On request through mail as at above, one will receive an invitation email for the Grammarly access.
- c) Imp Note: then check email inbox/spam/junk/promotions and other folders for Grammarly access invitation.
- d) Click on "Join Now" and it will redirect to Grammarly Page.
- e) Do not click on Continue with Google.
- f) Enter the new Password and Click on create account and join.
- g) Click on Join the Team
- h) Email-ID will be treated as 'User ID'

How to Use Grammarly: Browse the link - <https://support.grammarly.com/hc/en-us/articles/36000347473>

Some Recent Library Activities / Developments:

- **World Environment Day:** on the occasion of World Environment day (05 June 2023), Central Library Visva-Bharati has taken an initiative to plant trees at the Library in presence of the library staff.
- **Similarity Checking through URKUND Software:** total 180 files/ Theses/ articles/ have been checked through OURIGINAL during the month and on requirement, library has extended necessary assistance.

- **Six-Day Special Session:** Visva-Bharati Library Network has successfully organized six-day National Webinar with six different special sessions in each of the day in blended mode during 12-17 June 2023. The sessions have been arranged to enhance the research/publications skills for the quality research output. Topics covered during the session are a) Plagiarism is a Big Issue and Current Challenges of AI tools by Dr. V. R. Tiwari, Librarian, IISER, Kolkata, 12 June; b) J-Gate as a Research Tool by Mr. Mahendra Nath Sharkar, Informatics Publishing Ltd., 13 June; c) Learning Management System as Tools for Academic Discourses by Dr. Tirthankar Ghosh, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Statistics, Siksha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati, 14 June; d) Access to Treasure of Cambridge University Press: Online Platform by Mr. Dilpreet Singh, Marketing Manager, Cambridge University Press, 15 June; e) Electronic Resources of Oxford University Press: Accessibility & Authorship by Mr. Jayanta Guha, Oxford University Press, 16 June; and f) Tools and Techniques for Research Impact Assessment & Visibility by Dr Shri Ram, Librarian, Sikkim Central University, Sikkim, 17 June. For wide circulation, the notice has also uploaded on the university website, https://visvabharati.ac.in/files/493050623_Note_Special_Sessions_for_VB_Fraternity_12-17_June_2023_F.pdf, and been sent through mail, WhatsApp, etc. in the day first Dr V. R. Tiwary has stated about the handling the similarity and plagiarism issues in course of research and publications; in the day second, Mr Sarkar has demonstrated simply and precisely the entire features of JGate as required by any academics/scholars; in the day third Dr Ghosh has stated on Learning Management System and AI tools education & research arena where he demonstrated some AI tools which was highly acceptable and useful to the participants; in the day four Mr Guha stated electronic resources of OUP and also the ways and means of current authorship; in the day five Mr Dilpreet demonstrated on the Electronic Resources of CUP and easiest way to browse the same by the clientele on their need; and finally on day six Dr Shri Ram nicely stated about the easy way to increase research visibility by any academician where he has highlighted many new tools through which academics may increase their visibility efficiently and purposefully. The number of participants in virtual and physical were seventy-one (71), sixty (60), fifty-seven (57), thirty-eight (38), thirty-one (31) and thirty-six (36) respectively in each of the day. Participants were pleased to attend the sessions and expressed that the sessions were helpful for the research/publications work. After the session the video recordings have been made available through the YouTube channel of VBLN- <https://www.youtube.com/@visvabharatilibrarynetwork9081>.
- **Visitors:** Dr Pubalika Bhattacharya, Assisatnt Professor, department of Library and Information Science, The University of Calcutta along with her two research scholars have visited Central Library on 03 June 2023 and expressed their deep satisfaction and appreciation on the initiatives taken by the library.
- **Exhibition and Celebration of Important Days at Reference Section, Central Library:** Organized two special exhibitions of books and allied materials including quotations and photographs to celebrate;
 - a) World Environment Day on 05 June 2023.
 - b) International Day of Yoga 21 June 2023.
- **Article Delivery Services:** During the month 22 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- 20 Nos (442605 - 442625) and Gift- 22 Nos (G10891 G10912)

[New Arrivals \(Books and Periodicals\)](#)

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IMPORTANT LINKS:

1. **BASE (Bielefeld Academic Search Engine <https://www.base-search.net/>):** BASE is one of the world's most voluminous search engines especially for academic web resources. BASE provides more than 300 million documents from more than 10,000 content providers. You can access the full texts of about 60% of the indexed documents for free (Open Access). BASE is operated by Bielefeld University Library.
2. **StoryPlace (<https://www.storyplace.org/>):** For children and their families have enjoyed attending story times, checking out materials and participating in a variety of other programs at the various Charlotte Mecklenburg Library locations. StoryPlace came about to provide children with the virtual experience of going to the Library and participating in the same types of activities the Library offers at its physical locations. First launched in 2000, StoryPlace has been newly redesigned to present favorite stories and activities in a format compatible with desktop and mobile devices.

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/WORKSHOP/TRAINING PROGRAMME:

1. **IMT GHAZIABAD LIBRARY** is pleased to announce the 21st MANLIBNET International Conference on “Empowering Libraries, Connecting Communities: Innovation, Collaboration, and Entrepreneurship.” Organized Jointly By Institute of Management Technology, Ghaziabad and Management Libraries Network during October 5 – 7, 2023. For more details: www.imt.edu. | www.manlibnet.in.
2. **ICDT 2023: 4.0 AND BEYOND** during November 3 to November 4, 2023. For more details: <https://icdt2023.weebly.com/>

Notice

Six-day "Academic/Research Skill Development Programme" during 12-17 June 2023.

It is to notify of all concerned that Visva-Bharati Library Network is going to organize six academic/Research Skill Development Programme" in blended mode during 12-17 June 2023 10am to enhance the research/publication skill of the stakeholders. The sessions will be arranged below:

Sl No	Date & Time	Topic	Speakers / Demonstrator
1	12/06/2023 (Monday)	Plagiarism is a Big Issue and Current Challenges of AI tools	Dr. V. R. Tiwari, Librarian, ISIIR, Kolkata
2	13/06/2023 (Tuesday)	J-Gate as a Research Tool	Mr. Mahendra Nath Sharu Informatics Publishing Ltd
3	14/06/2023 (Wednesday)	Learning Management System Tools for Academic Discourses	Dr. Tirthankar Ghoshy, Asst. Professor, Dept. Of Stati Siksha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati
4	15/06/2023 (Thursday)	Access to Treasure of Cambridge University Press: Online Platform	Mr. Sabarna Banerjee, Cambridge University Press
5	16/06/2023 (Friday)	Electronic Resources of Oxford University Press: Accessibility & Authorship	Mr. Jayanta Guha, Oxford University Press
6	17/06/2023 (Saturday)	Tools and Techniques for Research Impact Assessment & Visibility	Dr Shri Ram, Librarian, Sikkim Central University, Sikkim

Plagiarism: Issues & Challenges

Dr. Vijay Raghav Tiwari
Librarian
Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Kolkata










E-Resources of Oxford University Press: Accessibility & Authorship

Presented by—Joyanta Guha
16th June 2023



Tools and Techniques for Research Impact Assessment

Dr Shri Ram, Librarian, Sikkim Central University





Glimpses of Six-day National Webinar (Special Sessions)



Glimpses of Tree plantation on the occasion of World Environment Day