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Six-Day National Level online Workshop on "Unlocking Knowledge: Open Access Solutions (UKOAS-2024)

Visva-Bharati Library Network organized a Six-Day National Level online Workshop on "Unlocking Knowledge: Open Access Solutions" (UKOAS-2024) during 19-24 February 2024 to answer the growing demand for librarians and information specialists to adopt open access principles and manage the shifting environment of scholarly communication. This Workshop aims to enhance the skills of library professionals and others in the effective use of open-access software and to promote an open culture inside their organizations.

Day-I (19/02/2024): The Inaugural Session began with the Vedic Hymns performed by *Sangeet Bhavana*, followed by a Welcome Address delivered by the Organizing Secretary, UKOAS-2024 & Librarian, Visva-Bharati, *Dr. Nimai Chand Saha*, followed by the Inaugural Address by *Prof. Sanjoy Kumar Mallik*, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Visva-Bharati. *Prof. Narendra Lahkar*, Retired Professor, DLISc, Gauhati University, Guwahati, and President, IASLIC, delivered the Address as a Guest of Honour at this event. *Dr. Sangeeta Kaul*, Director of DELNET, delivered a Keynote Address titled "Adapting Open Mantra in Libraries for harnessing knowledge" that covered the central theme of the Workshop. She touched upon the important areas and aspects of the Open access solutions in her address. *Dr. Sanat Bhattacharya*, Assistant Librarian, Siksha-Bhavana Library, Visva-Bharati, offered a word of thanks.

Before starting the Technical Session, *Dr. Tapas Kumar Das*, Joint Organizing Secretary, UKOAS-2024, & Deputy Librarian, Visva-Bharati, introduced the Workshop before the participants. There were 20 technical sessions on projected/specified themes lectured by the renowned speakers (15) from different esteemed organizations from different parts of the country. It included presentations, interactive discussions, case studies, and hands-on or live demonstrations on important topics.

Technical Session – I: The lecture on "*Open Operating System*" was delivered by *Dr. Debaditya Barman*, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer & System Sciences, Visva-Bharati.

Technical Session – II: The lecture on "*Copyright in Innovation and Accessing Knowledge*" was delivered by *Prof. Sabuj Kumar Chowdhury*, Professor & Head, DLISc., University of Calcutta, Kolkata.

Technical Session – III: The lecture on the "*Application of AI in Academic and Research Activities*" was delivered by *Dr. Anand Dodamani*, Deputy Librarian and Faculty, Centre for Library and Information Management Studies, TISS, Mumbai.

Technical Session – IV & V: The lecture on "*Open Integrated Library Management Software (OILMS)*" was delivered by *Dr. Vinod Kumar Mishra*, Assistant Librarian, NIT, Rourkela.

Technical Session – VI: The lecture on "*Open Digital Library Software*" was delivered by *Dr. Bibhuti Bhusan Sahoo*, Deputy Librarian, IIT, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

Technical Session – VII: The lecture on "*Web Technologies & Website Creation Tools*" was delivered by *Dr. K. Palanivel*, System Analyst, Ananda Rangapillai Library, Pondichery University, Puducherry.

Technical Session – VIII: *Dr. Nabi Hasan*, Librarian at IIT Delhi, New Delhi, delivered the lecture on "*MOOCs and Open Educational Resources.*"

Technical Session – IX: The lecture on "*AI-based Literature Review*" was delivered by *Dr. Ujjawal Marjit*, CIRM, University of Kalyani, Nadia.

Technical Session – X and XI: The lecture on "*Data Carpentry and AI/ML for Libraries*" was delivered by *Prof. Partha Sarathi Mukhopadhyay*, Professor and Head, DLISc, University of Kalyani.

Technical Session – XII: The lecture on "*Open Access Policies and Compliances (Copyright, Licensing, etc.)*" was delivered by *Dr. Akash Singh*, Assistant Librarian, National Law University, Delhi.

Technical Session – XIII: The lecture on "*Open Discovery Tools*" was delivered by *Prof. Saptarshi Ghosh*, Professor, DLISc, University of North Bengal, Darjeeling, West Bengal.

Technical Session – XIV & XV: The lecture on "*Open Source Research & Data-analytics tool*" was delivered by *Prof. Arup Bakshi*, Professor, Department of Business Administration, Aliah University, Kolkata.

Technical Session – XVI: The lecture on "*Establishing library research support services from scratch*" was delivered by *Prof. (Dr.) Sanjay Kataria,* University Librarian and Professor, Bennett University, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.

Technical Session – XVII: The lecture on "*Open Digital Library Software*" was delivered by *Dr. Bibhuti Bhusan Sahoo*, Deputy Librarian, IIT, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

Technical Session - XVIII & XIX: The lecture on "*Unveiling Moodle: Open Source Learning Management System (OSLMS)*" was delivered by *Dr. Vinit Kumar*, Assistant Professor, DLISc, BBA University, Lucknow.
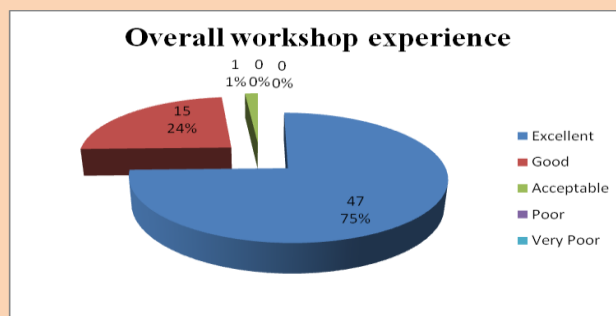
Technical Session – XX: The lecture on "*Data analysis in Python using a machine learning model*" was delivered by *Dr. Rajesh Das*, Assistant Professor and Head, DLISc, University of Burdwan.

In the Valediction session, the Workshop was reported by *Shri Ajay Kumar Sharma*, Joint Organizing Secretary, UKOAS-2024, & Assistant Librarian (SG), Visva-Bharati in brief, followed by the Address of the Chief Guest, *Prof. Ajay Pratap Singh*, Director General of the National Library of India, Kolkata. The Address of the Guest of Honour delivered by *Prof. Moses M. Naga*, Head, DLISC, NEHU, Shillong and *Prof. Amrit Sen*, Director Granthana Vibhaga & Professor, Dept of English, Visva-Bharati, delivered the Presidential Address. *Dr. Sabahat Nausheen*, Assistant Librarian (II), Rabindra Bhavana, Visva-Bharati, offered a word of thanks. The Workshop was concluded by Ashram Sangeet.
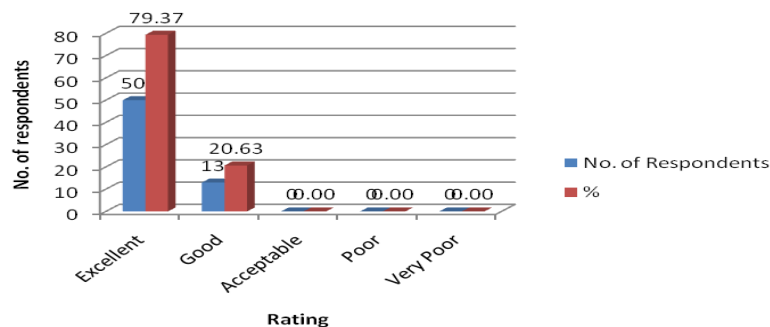
The registration link was open for 20 days, and 51 participants from different academic levels, like students, research scholars, and faculty members, registered themselves from different disciplines. Among them, 31 were male, and the remaining 20 were female participants from 14 states of India. Out of the total, 40 participants were from the Library and Information Science disciplines, and the remaining 12 were from other domains. About half of the participants were working professionals; the rest were students or research scholars.

On the last day (19.02.2024), a link to the feedback form was circulated among the participants to examine the participants' views on the Workshop regarding the resource persons, content of the Workshop, etc. The response was very positive and encouraging. It was seen that 12 (Twelve) more people were showing interest in this Workshop besides registered participants. Therefore, a total of 63 (sixty-three) participants submitted their opinions regarding the Workshop by filling out the feedback form, and they (63) have been considered to analyze their valuable feedback and presented here.

Overall workshop : Out of the 63 participants, it is seen from the pie chart that the highest number of respondents, 75 percent (47 participants) found it excellent, nearly 24 percent (15 participants) remarked it good, and very few (1.59%) respondents rated it acceptable. No respondent rated it poor or very poor.
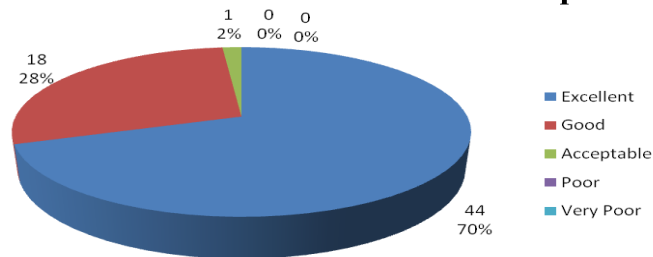

Overall workshop experience

Views on Resource Persons

Resource Persons: The bar diagram given at the left side shows the participants' views on the resource persons of the Workshop. It reveals that the maximum number of participants in the Workshop, more than 79 percent (50 participants), found the resource person of the Workshop excellent, followed by the rating as good (20.63%).

Contents of the Workshop : Further, out of the total respondents, it is seen from the pie chart given right side that about 70 percent (forty-four) responded that the content of the Workshop was excellent, followed by a total number of 18 (28%) participants who found it good, and only one (1.59%) remarked it acceptable.

Views on contents of the Workshop

Objectives Clearance: It is also seen from the responses of the participants that more than 57 percent (thirty-six) of the participants marked that the objectives of the Workshop was very much clear, followed by 38.9% (twenty-four) found it clear, and a few respondents with 4.8% (3) rated it acceptable.

The participation certificate was given only to those registered members who attended the workshop satisfactorily.

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 [will be mentioned in the next issue/month**

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

Recent activities:

➢ **Six-day online National workshop (UKOAS-2024) :** Visva-Bharati Library Network has organized a six-day online National workshop (UKOAS-2024) during 19-24 February 2024 and noted under main theme of this month (page one onwards) The main activities of the month

➢ **Documents / Article Delivery Services:** During the month 12 no. of soft copies of the articles have been collected and delivered through mail as requested by the academics/scholars.

➢ **Similarity Checking Through DrillBit Software:** total 636 units or 216 files/ Theses/ articles/ have been checked through DrillBit during the month and on requirement, library has extended necessary assistance.

➢ **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 2024.

   b) 222nd Birth anniversary **Victor Hugo** on 27 February 2024.

➢ **New Additions (Books) during the Month**: Central Library: Number of Books received as
   Purchased- 79 Nos (443275 - 443353) and Gift- 01 Nos (G11221)

➢ **Visitors:**

   a) A team of 41 (36 students, 04 teachers and 01 Foreign mentor) candidates from the St. Stephen's Academy, Kaffer, Kalimpong, have visited Central Library, Visva-Bharati on 02 February 2024 as part of their educational tour. The team has visited all the sections of the library and has an interaction with the team.

   b) Dr Stephen G, Assistant Librarian, St. Xaviers University, Kolkata, has visited Central Library, Visva-Bharati on 24 February 2024 and expressed his deep satisfaction after visiting the library followed by interaction with the staff.

   c) Prof. Mukul Raj Mehta, Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi, has visited Central Library, Visva-Bharati on 25 February 2024 and expressed his deep satisfaction after visiting the library followed by interaction with the staff.

New Arrivals (Books and Periodicals)

   ✚ **Books (click)**

   ✚ **Journals (click)**

IMPORTANT LINKS:

✓ African Journals Online (AJOL) (https://www.ajol.info/) : 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.

✓ OER Commons (https://www.oercommons.org) Open educational resources (OER) are teaching, learning, and research resources that reside in the public domain or have been released under an intellectual property license that permits their free use and re-purposing by others. OER include full courses, course materials, modules, textbooks, streaming videos, tests, software, and any other tools, materials, or techniques used to support access to knowledge.

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/TRAINING PROGRAMME:

✓ PLANNER: A National Convention for North Eastern Region 12th Convention PLANNER 2024 is being organized by INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar at Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh from September 19-21, 20224. More details are available at:https://planner.in-flibnet.ac.in/index.php.

✓ Two day National Workshop on "Data Analysis using SPSS software" is going to organise during 27-28 March 2024. Organized By: Jagadish Bujugundala, Assistant Professor, Pingle Government College for Women (Autonomous). More details are available at : https://sites.google.com/view/spss-workshop-2024/home?authuser=2

Glimpses of six-day National online Workshop - UKOAS-2024

Glimpses of visit of the St. Stephen's Academy on 01/02/2024