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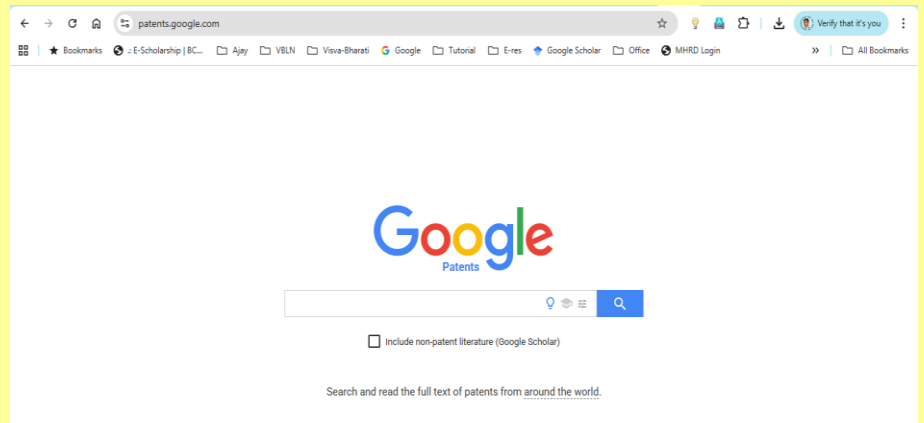
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### Google Patents: An Overview

Google created and manages Google Patents, a free worldwide patent search engine. It offers the public access to millions of patent documents from more than 100 patent offices worldwide and was introduced in 2006 as part of Google's ambition to organise the world's knowledge. Technical innovation data that was previously dispersed, costly, or challenging to get is now more widely accessible thanks to the service.



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### 1. Why use Google Patents Search:

- ✦ Because it's free and easy to use;
- ✦ freedom to conduct searches without having to shed a penny;
- ✦ Results displayed are very user-friendly as compared to other free databases like Espacenet, Patentscope, and USPTO PAIR;
- ✦ Fast – The results are obtained within a fraction of second;
- ✦ Easily shareable results;
- ✦ Legal Events information – The sequence of the legal events is very systematically provided;
- ✦ Presentation of information – The way the patent is displayed makes it very easy to study, with the claims provided on the right-hand side of the screen and the description provided on the left.

2. **Coverage:** Google Patents includes over 120 million patent publications from 100+ patent offices around the world, as well as many more technical documents and books indexed in Google Scholar and Google Books, and documents from the Prior Art Archive. Full-text patent documents are indexed from 22 of the biggest patent offices as mentioned below.

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| 1. United States | 2. The United Kingdom | 3. The Netherlands |
| 4. Europe        | 5. Canada             | 6. Austria         |
| 7. Japan         | 8. France             | 9. Australia       |
| 10. China        | 11. Spain             | 12. Brazil         |
| 13. South Korea  | 14. Belgium           | 15. Switzerland    |
| 16. WIPO         | 17. Denmark           | 18. Taiwan         |
| 19. Russia       | 20. Finland           |                    |
| 21. Germany      | 22. Luxembourg        |                    |

3. **Searching:** Searching on Google Patents is not very different from searching on Google. Just like Google, the user is provided with a search bar in this search platform as well. In this search bar, the user can enter either a number of a patent publication of interest or can enter the technology or the topic of interest in which s/he wishes to see what has been patented so far. There is a basic/ simple Google Patents search, searching with Boolean logic and an advanced search option. The search results also bring in materials from Google Scholar, Google Books and Google's Prior Art Archive.

i. **Simple Search:** The above (Fig. 1) interface is the “Simple Search” interface. In this search bar, one can type the publication number of a certain patent application or perform a general search on a particular technology. For example, I am interested in studying the patent publication US20150217229. I enter the publication number in the search bar and click on the suggestion presented.

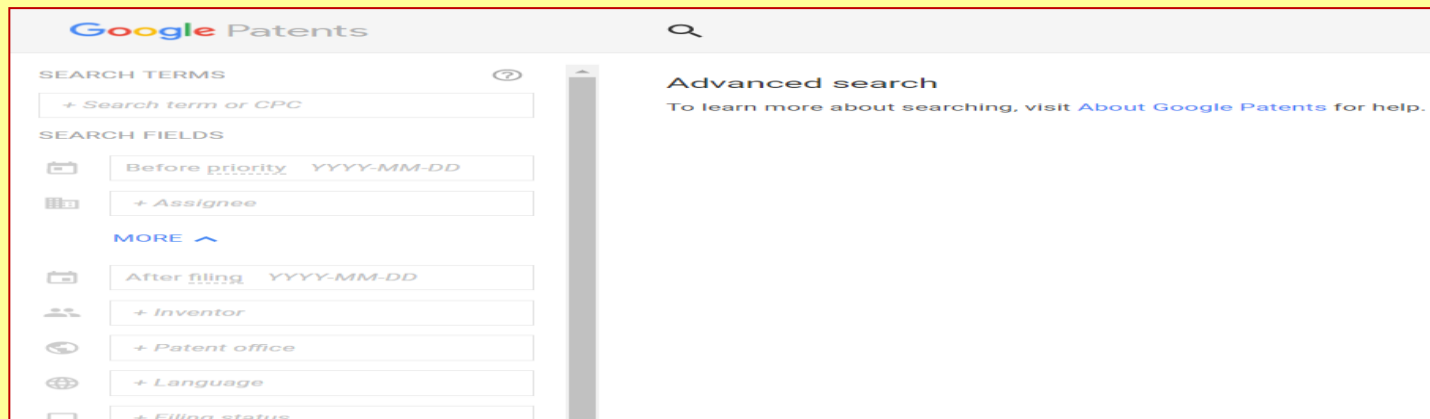


On selecting a display that depicts all there is about that particular patent publication; right from the filing date to claims to legal events that occurred in the lifetime of that particular patent publication.

ii. **Searching with boolean logic, proximity, in title/abstract/claims, and wildcards:** Boolean operators are the soul of a patent search. It is the usage of the Boolean operators which can either make or break the search. Boolean operators can be understood as the mortar which holds together the keywords of a patent search. Some of the Boolean operators which are primarily used in the patent searches are listed below.

- ‘AND’ – The And operator is used to search a set of words from which each and every word of the query is present in the searched results.
- ‘OR’ – The OR operator is used to search a set of words from which at least one of the words of the query is present in the searched results.
- ‘\*’ – The \* operator is used to search different forms of a root word, e.g., abut\* includes all the different words which begin with “abut” like abutment, abutting, abutted, and so on.
- ‘+’ – The + operator helps in searching stopwords.
- ‘-’ – The – operator removes a certain word from a phrase and only searches the remaining word. For example, if I frame a query as ((engine)-diesel), the results of the query would include patents on the engine devoid of the word “diesel” in the entire document.

iii. **Advanced Search:** Many search fields (like Search Terms, Before priority/filing/publication, Assignee, Inventor, Languages, Filing Status, etc.) are provided for the user to search for desired patent applications. Each and every search field is used differently for different kinds of searches.



4. **Legal Status:** The Legal status of a particular patent document is provided in “Legal Events” at the bottom portion of the page of that patent document. Have look at the bottom portion of the page for this link.

Legal Events			
Date	Code	Title	Description
2003-10-10	AS	Assignment	<b>Owner name:</b> ENCAP MOTOR CORPORATION, CALIFORNIA <b>Free format text:</b> ASSIGNMENT OF ASSIGNORS INTEREST;ASSIGNOR:NEAL, GRIFFITH D.;REEL/FRAME:014596/0432 <b>Effective date:</b> 20031007
2006-11-15	AS	Assignment	<b>Owner name:</b> ENCAP MERGER CO., INC., CALIFORNIA <b>Free format text:</b> MERGER;ASSIGNOR:ENCAP MOTOR CORPORATION;REEL/FRAME:018524/0001 <b>Effective date:</b> 20060519 <b>Owner name:</b> ENCAP TECHNOLOGIES, INC., CALIFORNIA <b>Free format text:</b> CHANGE OF NAME;ASSIGNOR:ENCAP MERGER CO., INC.;REEL/FRAME:018524/0039 <b>Effective date:</b> 20060717
2009-12-23	FPAY	Fee payment	<b>Year of fee payment:</b> 4

This feature is helpful in getting the legal status of a patent. Otherwise one has to search the documents on websites like USPTO PAIR or Espacenet and enter the file wrapper to find the legal status.

5. **Limitations of Google Patents Search:** There are many features of paid databases that Google Patents fails to offer.

- One such feature is the multiple highlights (highlighting more than one keyword at a time).
- Another issue is that it does not take the responsibility of certain data presented on the website.
- Regular updates are also an issue as most of the time, the patents are made available on the official website of particular jurisdictions, but they cannot be found on Google Patents. Whereas, the same data will be easily available on any of the paid patent databases.

Sources:

- i. <https://www.greyb.com/>
- ii. <https://patents.google.com/>

### RECENT ACTIVITIES:

- **Vigilance Awareness Week-2025:** As assigned by the university authority, Central Library has organized Vigilance Awareness Week-2025 from 27 October to 03 November 2025 in proper was. The concerned report has been sent to Minsitry and available through the link - <https://www.visvabharati.ac.in/home/vigilance-week/>
- **Swachhata Drive :** Visva-Bharati Library Network has organized a Swachhata Drive in and around the Central Library premises, in aligning with the nationwide call for the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign, commemorating the values of cleanliness and community service as advocated by Mahatma Gandhi on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025. Library staff members enthusiastically participated in the cleaning activities inside the library premises and the surrounding areas. Through this initiative, the Visva-Bharati Library Network paid tribute to the Father of the Nation on his birthday and reaffirmed its commitment to promoting cleanliness, sustainability, and civic duty awareness.
- **Total number of purchased books added during the month:**
  - **Purchased books:** 72 (Accn. No. 444462 – 444533) and
  - **Gift Book:** 29 (Accn. No. G11372 - 11400)
- **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) 157<sup>th</sup> Birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on 2 October 2025.
  - b) 150<sup>th</sup> Birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Paetl on 31 October 2025

## RECENT ACTIVITIES:

- **Visitors: Visitors: a)** Mr. Suraj Pathak, Sr. Advocate, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi along with two colleagues have visited Central Library, Visva-Bharati on 28 October 2025 and expressed her entire satisfaction and appreciation after visiting the library.
- b) Mr. Sujit Kumar Mitra, Former Joint Secretary, ICAR and Former Registrar, Biswa Bangla Biswabidyalaya, Bolpur, has visited Central Library on 30 October 2025. He was kind enough to appreciate the efforts of the library.
- c) Sri Rana Mukherjee, Additional Superintendent of Police has visited Central Library on 16 October 2025
- **Documents / Article Delivery Services:** During the month 15 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 551 units or 111 (total 4870 units from 01 October 2023 to 30 September 2025) Documents/Files/ Theses/ Articles/ have been checked through DrillBit during the month and on requirement, library has extended necessary technical assistance.
- **Event by the Siksha-Bhavana Library:**
  - a) **Library Orientation program:** On October 27, 2025, at 11.30 a.m., the Siksha-Bhavana Library hosted a Library Orientation Programme (LOP) for its UG (Semester I) students. There were 141 students in all departments at Siksha-Bhavana present in the program. Sri Saradindu Sarkar provides a quick overview of the Bhavana Library and its general rules & regulations as well as how the resources, services and facilities of VBLn have been accessed. Dr. Sanat Bhattacharya, Assistant Librarian & In-charge, Siksha-Bhavana Library, gave a brief overview of the Visva-Bharati Library and the Siksha-Bhavana Library at the beginning of the program. Sri Somen Chakraborty demonstrates in practice how to look for books using the web OPAC. Rabindra Sangit is played in the beginning of the show and at the end by Sudipta Mandal (Library CardNo.24s/34), Chemistry (UG] and Sneha Roy (Library Card no.23s/77) Physics (5<sup>th</sup> Sem.).
  - b) **Farewell Program:** Farewell Program of Prof. Madan Mohan Panja, Mathematics department, Siksha-Bhavana. Professor Madam Mohan Panja was given a farewell by the Siksha-Bhavana Library on October 27, 2025, at 11 a.m. On October 31, 2025, he will be retiring from his current position. He has described his transition from scholar to faculty member at this university. He has discussed his teaching and learning activities at this university with students. Book Exhibition: On October 27, 2025, at 12 p.m., Siksha-Bhavana Library will host a book exhibition. Prof. Modan Mohan Panja of the Siksha-Bhavana Department of Mathematics opened the book exhibition. These books, which are funded under the Annual Library Book Budget 2025–2026, have been recommended by the academic members of many departments of Siksha-Bhavan. In this context, on October 21, 2025, we circulated a note from us several Siksha-Bhavana departments. There were 101 students from various Siksha-Bhavan departments present at the book exhibition.
  - c) **Debate Program:** Siksha-Bhavana Library has organized a on “Are people free and independent, if the country is independent? *“(দেশস্বাধীন হলেই কি জনগন স্বাধীন এবং মুক্ত?)”* on October 27, 2025, at 1.00pm. Total 14 students that desire to take part in this program. According to the assessment of the audience, Md. Kamruz, Botany, was declared in the first place.

## New Arrivals (Books and Periodicals)

- 📖 Books (click)
- 📖 Journals (click)

## IMPORTANT LINKS:

- **She Research Network in India (SheRNI)** (<https://sherni.inflibnet.ac.in/>): She Research Network in India (SheRNI), a UGC-funded INFLIBNET initiative, is the expert profile network system that connects and leverages the knowledge, skills, and expertise of women across various fields in India. This system aims to empower women by providing opportunities for collaboration, mentorship, and knowledge-sharing. The system supports the women scientists/faculty members to build a strong professional network that fosters collaboration, mentorship, and career advancement opportunities.
- **Vidyanjali** (<https://vidyanjali.education.gov.in/>): Vidyanjali (from Sanskrit Vidya – "knowledge" + Anjali – "offering") is a Ministry of Education portal enabling volunteers—alumni, teachers, professionals, diaspora, and organizations—to contribute services/skills or assets/materials (infrastructure, digital tools, teaching aids, sports equipment, etc.) directly to government and government-aided schools across India.

## CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/TRAINING PROGRAMME:

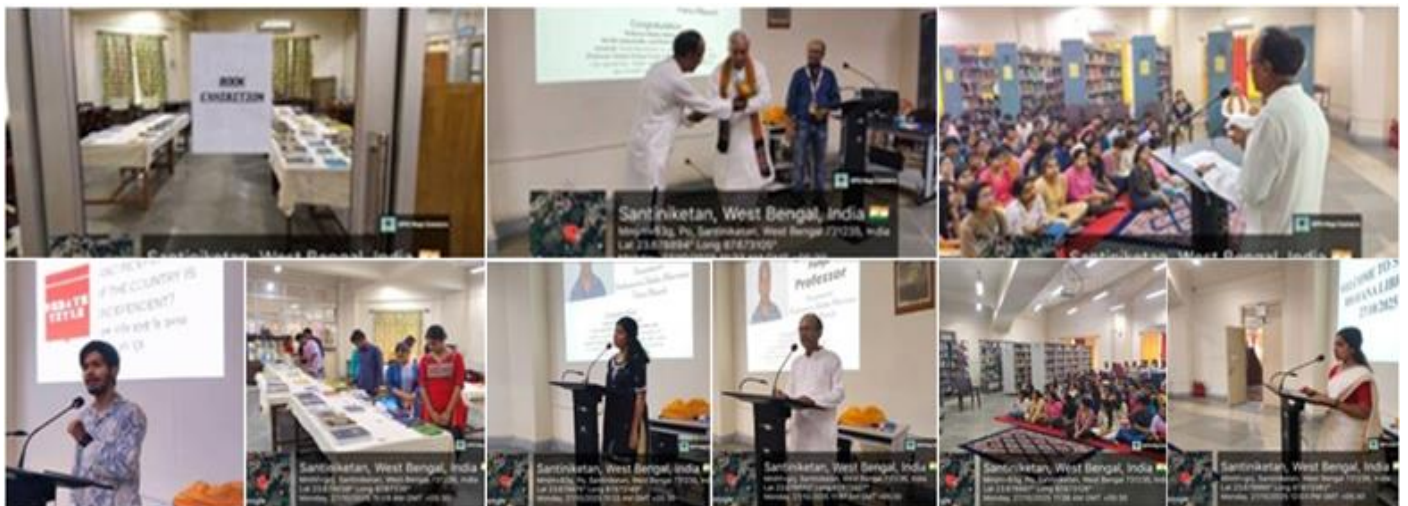
- The 22<sup>nd</sup> MANLIBNET CONVENTION & International Conference on “Marching Beyond the Libraries: Talent, Technology, and Transformation (ICMBL)” organized by Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) Deemed to be University Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India in association with Management Libraries Network (MANLIBNET) on 18-20 December 2025.. For more details: <https://event.kiit.ac.in/manlibnet-2025/>
- International Conference on New Generation of Libraries for Literacy and Lifelong Learning (NGLLLL 2026). For more details: <https://sites.google.com/nct.ac.in/nglll2026/home>.



Glimpses of Vigilance Awareness Week - 2025



Moments of Swachhata Drive - 02/10/2025



Glimpses of the events at the Siksha Bhavana Library- Debate, Farewell, and Orientation Program