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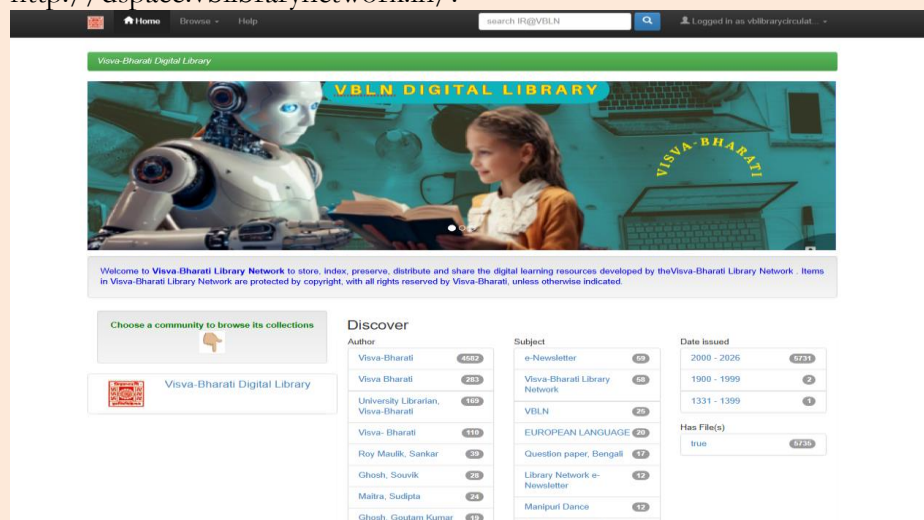
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Visva-Bharati Digital Library (VBDL)

<http://dspace.vblibrarynetwork.in>

Visva-Bharati Library Network has launched its digital library service during the pandemic. It is open to all at free of cost and is accessible from anywhere through any network. It is operated and maintained by Visva-Bharati Library Network (VBNL) and accessible through the URL: <http://dspace.vblibrarynetwork.in/>.



VBDL is a virtual repository of learning resources which mainly focuses on materials created or held by the Visva-Bharati community. Particularly, it is a home of collected materials of Visva-Bharati's scholarly publications, project reports, question papers, newsletter, annual report, etc. and serves as a centralized repository. The aim of the VBDL is to provide an effective means to distribute learning resources to students and other users.

It is a collection of digital / digitized documents consisting of accessible collections of scholarly publications that represent the intellectual assets of an institution. Visva-Bharati Library Network has developed its digital library (institutional repository) using dspace open source digital library software to manage the digitized documents their communities produce, maximize access to research outputs both preprint and post print publications and also to increase the visibility and academic prestige of both the institution and authors. However, Visva-Bharati Library Network was managing its IR using the Joomla open source content management software since 2011, when research publications have been shared to library for uploading on Visva-Bharati website.

- 1. Aims and objectives:** Authors may get citation based on the details of the original publication without hampering copyright issues. The download of full text from outside the campus is being restricted, but they can access it using the password communicated amongst users. Sometimes, the VB fraternity may not be aware of some publications of his/her colleagues and scholars, for which they need to pay the publishers or else have access to the full text of a particular publication. This initiative may remove that kind of limitation and indirectly enhance the interdisciplinary research. Thus, it is helpful to both the author/contributor of the publication and colleagues and scholars of the institute who are users.
- 2. Communities and collections:** Presently, one community, namely “Visva-Bharati Digital Library,” has been created, and under this community, seven collections have been created. It covers the Faculty / Staff / Scholars Publication, Gifted Books, Project / Technical Report, Question Papers, Syllabus, VB-Annual Report, VBLN e-Newsletter, VBLN Lecture Series, and VBLN-Annual Report. A total of 5701 full-text PDF files under the different collections have been uploaded in the digital library as on 16 October 2026.

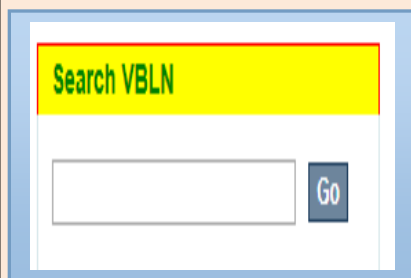
Sl. No.	Collection Name	Total no. of full-text files
1.	Faculty / Staff / Scholars Publication	478
2.	Gifted Books	05
3.	Project / Technical Report	12
4.	Question Papers	4816
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Key Features

- ❖ Efficient and qualitative services by collecting, organizing, storing, disseminating, retrieving and preserving the information.
- ❖ Preservation benefits besides making information retrieval and delivery more comfortable.
- ❖ Online access to the content of the repository from anywhere through any network.
- ❖ It is open to all at no cost.
- ❖ The service is available 24X7.
- ❖ Focused on digitization technology, metadata schemes, data management techniques, and digital preservation.
- ❖ Filtered and federated searching is employed to facilitate focused searching so that learners can find the right resource with the least effort and in the minimum time

Browse: Browse allows you to go through a list of items in some specified order.

- ❖ **Browse by Communities / Collections** takes you through the communities in alphabetical order and allows you to see the sub-communities and collections within each community.
- ❖ **Browse by Issue Date** allows you to move through a list of all items in DSpace in ascending order.
- ❖ **Browse by Authors** allows you to move through an alphabetical list of all authors of items in DSpace.
- ❖ **Browse by Titles** allows you to move through an alphabetical list of all titles of items in DSpace.
- ❖ **Browse by Subjects** allows you to move through an alphabetical list of subjects assigned to items in DSpace.



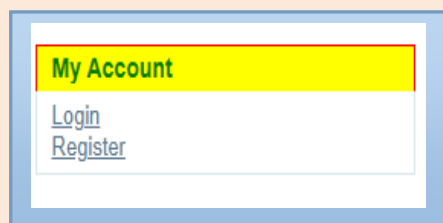
In DSpace, use the yellow search box at the top of the navigation bar on the left (or the search box in the middle of the home page). To limit your search to a specific community or collection, navigate to that community or collection and use the search bar on that page. What is searched in the general keyword Stop Words, the search engine ignores certain words that occur frequently in English, but do not add value to the search. **These are:** "a", "and", "are", "as", "at", "be", "but", "by", "for", "if", "in", "into", "is", "it", "no", "not", "of", "on", "or", "such", "the", "to", "was". Users can also use “Truncation Search” an asterisk (*) after a word stem to get all hits having words starting with that root, Phrase Searching, and Boolean searching.

Advanced search: The advanced search option allows to specify the fields you wish to search, and to combine these

the right of the top box. If you want your search to encompass all of DSpace, leave that box in the default position.

Then select the field to search in the left-hand column and enter the word or phrase you are searching in the right hand column. You can select the Boolean operator to combine searches by clicking on the arrow to the right of the "AND" box.

My Account: When anyone accesses an area of DSpace that requires authorization, the system will require you to log in. All users can register to become subscribers. Some restricted functions, such as content submission, require authorization from the community.



Before you log in for the first time, you will need to click on "register with DSpace" and follow the instructions. After that, you will need to enter your e-mail address and password in the log-in form that appears.

❖ Your e-mail address should include your name and be sensitive.

❖ Type your password exactly as you entered it originally. It is case sensitive. Be sure to click on the "log in" button to continue.

However, this 'My Account' facility has not been opened yet for general users of the Visva-Bharati Library Network. Presently, Visva-Bharati Library Network is using only the administrative account to create and develop the digital library. But soon it will be open for the Visva-Bharati fraternity for uploading their digital documents on their side by logging in to DSpace using their allotted ID & Password.

Discover: Likewise, the browse will also allow you to go through a list of items in some specified order.

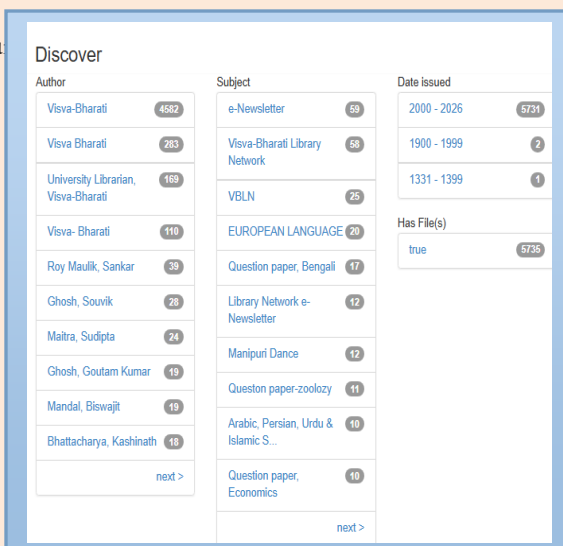
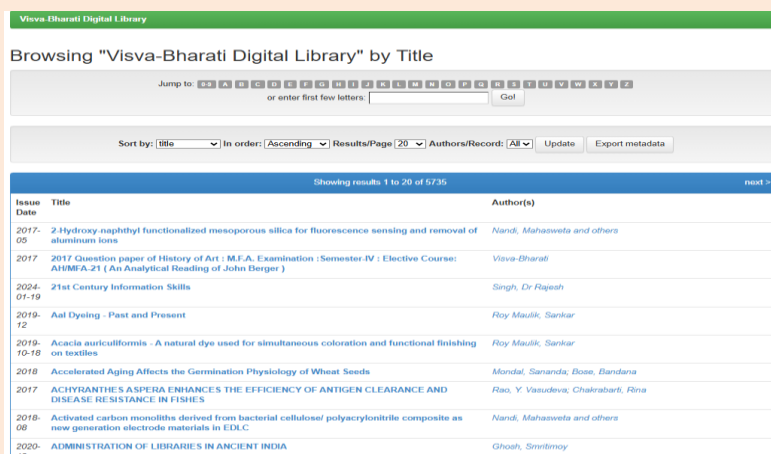
❖ **Discover by Author** allows you to move through a list of all authors of items in DSpace displayed in order of relevance.

❖ **Discover by Subject** allows you to move through a list of subjects assigned to items in DSpace displayed in order of relevance.

❖ **Discover by Date Issued** allows you to move through a list of all items in DSpace displayed in order of relevance.

❖ **Discover by Has File(s)** Option yes, allows you to move through a list of all items in DSpace displayed in order of relevance.

❖ **An Appeal:** All the Faculty / Staff / Scholar of Visva-Bharati University are requested to provide the soft copy (preferably pdf files of the publication along with Abstract) of their publications to make accessible throughout the globe via the Visva-Bharati Digital Library and also to make our repository more resourceful.



RECENT ACTIVITIES:

- **Library Orientation Programme:** Siksha-Bhavana Library organized a **Library Orientation Programme** for the newly admitted postgraduate (PG) students for the academic year **2026–27**, on August 25, 2026, at 3.30pm the. Approximately **41 students** attended the programme. During the programme, a brief introduction to the Siksha-Bhavana Library, its resources, and services was given by **Sri Saradindu Sarkar**. **Sri Anshuman Banerjee** provided an introduction to the library databases and demonstrated how to search and access various library resources. The programme was conducted with technical support provided by **Sri Somen Chakraborty**. The orientation programme aimed to familiarize the newly admitted students with the library's resources, services, and facilities and to help them effectively utilize the available academic information resources.
- **Staff Training Program:** Training Program on the status of application and advancement on the KOHA (The Integrated Library Management Software) has been arranged in association with our service and platform provider, M/S Avior Technology, Kolkata, on 10 September 2026. The developer came and demonstrated the recent development of the KOHA and interacted with the Professionals and Staff of the VBLN on the challenges they faced. The session was purposeful, and many issues have been sorted out in the coming days, including some of our requirements. A total of twenty-four Professionals and Staff of the VBLN have attended the session.
- **Documents / Article Delivery Services:** During the month 08 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:** **Similarity Checking through DrillBit Software:** Total 580 units (total 24301 Units from 01 October 2023 to 30 September 2026) or 182 Documents/Files/ Theses/ Articles (total 5711 Documents/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 three special exhibitions of books and allied materials, including quotations and photographs, to celebrate;
 - a) 139th birthday of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan on 5 September 2026
 - b) 134th anniversary of Swami Vivekananda's Chicago Speech on 11 September 2026
- **Total number of purchased books added during the month:**
 - Purchased books: NIL and Gift Book: NIL

 **New Arrivals (Books and Periodicals)**

 **Books (click)**

 **Journals (click)**

IMPORTANT LINKS:

- **SheRNI** (<https://sherni.inflibnet.ac.in/>): She Research Network in India (SheRNI) 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 objectives of this project are to create a national-level expert profile system for women faculty members and facilitate the exchange of expertise, insights, and experiences among women experts in diverse fields.
- **ILMS** (<https://ilms.inflibnet.ac.in/>): INFLIBNET Learning Management Service offered by the Information and Library Network Centre (An IUC of UGC) to the institutions of higher education across the country. This service is being offered to all the Central, State and Deemed universities on request basis. It provides pre-populated learning content, derived from e-PG Pathshala: A Gateway to PG Courses, as per the prevailing guidelines of UGC.

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/TRAINING PROGRAMME:

- National Conference on Knowledge Futures 2047: Libraries, Artificial Intelligence and Knowledge Systems for Viksit Bharat on 10–11 December 2026 organized by Central Library and the Department of Library and Information Science, BLDE (Deemed to be University), Vijayapura (For more details: <https://bldedu.ac.in/conference/lis>).
- The 29th International Symposium on Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETD-2026) is being organised by the Central Library, IIT Delhi, in association with NDLT, from October 23–25, 2026 (For more details: <https://etd2026.iitd.ac.in/registration-page/>)



Moments of Orientation Program at the Siksha Bhavana Library



Glimpses of the training program on KOHA at the Central Library