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Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds(SWAYAM): Initiative of MHRD, Govt. of India

Digital revolution is bringing in sweeping changes in the Higher Education landscape. Institutes are taking various initiatives in promoting digital education. MHRD has taken up novel initiatives like SWAYAM (India's own MOOCs), Swayam Prabha, National Digital Library (containing 6.5 million books), and National Academic Depository. UGC has drafted New Online Education Regulation and rules for the same have also been framed. The use of technology through online education in higher education also becomes imperative due to several factors like a) Affordable, b) High Quality, c) Inclusive, d) Employability, e) Uses internet, f) Smart Phones, g) Higher spend, h) Retraining the workforce, i) Skilling the unskilled. Keeping this in mind MHRD has Launched the various digital initiatives for higher education namely, SWAYAM, SWAYAM Prabha, National Digital Library (NDL), National Academic Depository, e-Shodh Sindhu, Free and Open Source Software for Education (FOSSEE), e-Vidwan, Central Cloud Infrastructure etc.

SWAYAM is an indigenous IT Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) Platform for providing best quality education that can be accessed by anyone, anytime and anywhere using the IT system. The Concept of Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) involves online delivery of interactive learning content to large number of people simultaneously. It allows sharing of best quality education with everyone, thereby bringing in equity as far as the quality of education is concerned. There are 4 quadrants in the MOOC pedagogy:

a) **Video tutorials covering a whole course** – normally having about 20 hours of instruction in series of lectures.

b) **E-Content-** reading material that could add to the learning imparted through the video tutorials.

Announcement

Visva-Bharati Library Network is going to organize a two day “**Workshop on Research Methodology**” at Conference Hall, Central Library during 24-25 November 2017.

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c) **Self-Assessment-** Quizzes/assignments that intersperse the course

d) **Discussion forum for posting queries** - SWAYAM allows students in any part of the Country to take Courses offered by the best teachers in the Country, thereby promoting access to premier education to all.

Features of SWAYAM

- High quality learning experience using multimedia on anytime, anywhere basis.
- One-stop web location for interactive e-content for all courses from School to University level.
- State of the art system that allows easy access, monitoring and Certification.
- Peer group interaction and discussion forum to clarify doubts
- Hybrid model that adds to the quality of class room teaching

Creation of IT Platform

M/S Microsoft has been entrusted with the responsibility for creating the IT platform. Beta (β) Version of SWAYAM Portal has been launched on 15.08.2016. The full version is functional since October 2016.

Content creation

Courses under SWAYAM would be available in the following levels: For each level, there is a National Coordinator, who would be responsible for the quality of content:

- a) Out of school Children: for classes 9th to 12th (National Coordinator: National Open School Society).
- b) School children in classes 9th to 12th (National Coordinator: NCERT).
- c) Undergraduate (non-engineering) courses (National Coordinator: CEC).
- d) Post graduate (non-engineering) courses (National Coordinator: UGC).
- e) Engineering Courses (National Coordinator: IIT Madras).
- f) Management Courses (National Coordinator: IIM Bangalore).
- g) Out of college students (National Coordinator: IGNOU).
- h) Teaching the teachers (National Coordinator: NITTEr Chennai).

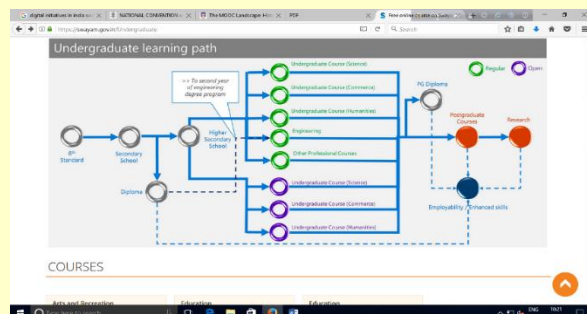
At present 408 numbers of courses available on the portal prepared by chosen professors from across the Country. Apart from this, NMEICT has funded the National Program on Technology Enabled Learning (NPTEL), which is a group of 7 IITs and IISc. NPTEL (<http://nptel.ac.in>) is a joint initiative of IITs and IISc funded by this Mission and provides e-learning through online Web and Video based courses in engineering, science and humanities streams and provides free online courseware. NPTEL have so far developed e-content in 23 Disciplines numbering 933 Courses. The NPTEL is expected to complete more than 990 Courses by December 2016. This content is also available on YouTube and on NPTEL Server and viewership of both has crossed 280 million. NPTEL takes the credit of world's most accessed Educational Channel. University Grants Commission vide Gazette Notification dated 19th July, 2016, notified Regulation, 2016 regarding 'Credit Framework for Online Learning Courses through SWAYAM'.

Accordingly, a student studying at a recognized institute anywhere in the country and having cleared the Online Course through SWAYAM, shall be awarded Credits and the credits earned by such a student shall be transferred from the Host Institute to the Parent Institute where the student is studying.

The students will be able not only access the best teaching resources, but would be able to interact with the teachers from anywhere in the Country using the IT systems. Backward rural areas can access teaching from the best institutes in the country electronically, thereby, raising the overall standards of higher education in the country. Thus, Libraries can play a lead role by providing its students a wide platform for the digital initiatives taken by the ministry for upliftment and to familiarize the students of higher education on these initiatives and to evolve action plans for effective adoption and utilization of these digital Initiatives in the higher educational institutions.

One special session on Digital initiatives by the MHRD, Govt. India, was organized at the Conference Hall, Central Library on 14 July 2017 which was chaired by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Visva-Bharati. (Source: <https://swayam.gov.in>)

OBITUARY: *The members of Visva-Bharati Library Network are deeply mourned by the sad demise of M N Nagraj (b. 09.09.1927) on 9th September 2017. He served National Library (India) in different capacities for a long time and retired as Deputy Librarian. Mr. Nagraj was associated with teaching learning activities of Library and Information Science as well as Library Movement.*



Some Recent Library Activities / Developments

- **The 'Best Library User Award, 2016 and 2017'** was bestowed upon Ms. Firdaus Tabassum, UGC-MANF, SRF, Department of Physical Education, Vinaya-Bhavana and Ms. Sangeeta Roy, JRF, Dept. of Zoology, Siksha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati respectively on 28 October 2017 at Central Library. The award was bestowed upon them as a mark of recognition to them as the most frequent user of the resources of Central Library and a lover of the library system. Moreover, they motivate others for participating programme organized by the Library and use library resources too. A certificate of appreciation was handed over to both of them in presence of faculty members, scholars, students and library professionals.
- **Visitors:** Faculty and students (n=33) from Holy Cross College, Trichy 2, Tamil Nadu, visited the Central Library on 27 October 2017. After a brief introduction about the Resources, Services and Facilities of Visva-Bharati Library Network at the Conference Hall, they have observed activities of various sections of the Central Library.
- **Visitor:** Prof. Yoganand Shastri, Former Health Minister and Former Speaker, Delhi Assembly with other delegates visited the Hindi Bhavana Library on 12 October 2017.
- **Article Delivery Services:** During the month 05 no of soft copies of the articles have been collected and delivered through mail as requested by the academics/scholars in and out of the Visva-Bharati.
- **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;
 - To homage 86th Birth Anniversary of Dr. A P J AbdulKalam, Former President and Renowned Scientist of India on 15 October 2017. PSB Library has also organized a book exhibition and display of quotes of Kalam for the same.
 - 142nd birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man of India on 31 October 2017.
- **Meeting with the Visually Challenged Students:** A special meeting with the Visually Challenged Students to address the several issues relating to Braille Library Service has been organized on 31 October 2017 at 4pm at the Conference Hall of the Library. Total 15 challenged students were attending the meeting.
- **New Additions (Books) during the Month**

Cheena Bhavana Library

Number of books received as Gift : 01 (CG4654; contains 2 DVDs)

Hindi Bhavana Library

Number of books received as Gift : 02 (HG209 - HG210)

➤ **Observation of "Best Library Users" :**

Ms. Firdaus Tabassum (UGC-MANF, SRF) Best Library Users – 2016: By mentioning the Deputy Librarian's quote "Where we go Library goes with us", I personally feel that due to the facilities of the Library, we can enhance our knowledge not only while studying in the Library but also beyond the library. As a regular researcher of Visva-Bharati we have to visit different places for data collection, for conferences and workshops at that moment the remote access facility of the VB central library facilitates us. The library is just like a paradise for me as it provides lots of facilities to enhance our research skill. To foster critical thinking, providing students with the skills they need to analyze, form, and communicate ideas in compelling ways Central Library conducts various seminars and workshops periodically. If we want to be a big tree with lots of fruits (knowledge) then this is the time for feeding and nurturing our roots (by utilizing various facilities of the Library and by spending our precious time in the Library). All the Library



staff always readily help us. So, this is the time to extend the facilities of Library by increasing our response towards it.

Ms. Sangeeta Roy (JRF) Best Library Users – 2017: As a research scholar and library user of Visva-Bharati University, it is my pleasure to have an opportunity to share my experience about facilities provided by Central library to enhance the quality of research as well as knowledge by using our own library resources. In this digital era, everyone needs faster, reliable and precise information and our central library network is providing us with that support online as well as offline. The remote access facility which I am using, the article delivery services, text books, e-books, digitized books, number of subscribed good journals etc. are available from library. But the fact is that we are unaware of many of these potential services. For that very reason, the library faculties have been organizing workshops, special sessions, seminars, E-demo programmes only to enrich us with its versatile resources. Being a participant, I feel that the programmes are knowledge enhancing. All the participants are allowed to interact with their inquisitives during the lecturer sessions. The monthly library e- Newsletter updates us about library activities and upcoming events. The beauty of our library is not only the resources; the resource persons of library are also very enthusiastic and co-operative. Hope to have such beautiful educational environment in future.



New Arrivals (Books and Periodicals)

[Books](#) (click)

[Journals](#) (click)

Conferences / Seminars / Workshops in Library & Information Science

1. IEEE (Uttar Pradesh Section) along with Bennett University is organizing 5th International Symposium on "Emerging Trends and Technologies in Libraries and Information Services" (ETTLIS) during 21-23 Feb 2018 at Bennett University, Greater Noida, India. For details, log in to www.bennett.edu.in/ettlis2017
2. The Information and Library network (INFLIBNET) is organizing Advanced Training Programme on "Bibliometrics and Research Output Analysis" scheduled to be held at INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar during 20-24 November, 2017. For source, please log in to https://www.inflibnet.ac.in/forthcoming/bibliometrics_2017.pdf
3. The Information and Library network (INFLIBNET) is organizing "National Conference iETD 2017" scheduled to be held during 13-14 December 2017 at INFLIBNET Centre. For source, please log in to <http://inflibnet.ac.in/ietd2017/>
4. The Information and Library network (INFLIBNET) is organizing "Advances Training Programme on Shodhganga" scheduled to be held on 13-15th December 2017 at INFLIBNET Centre. For details, log in to <https://www.inflibnet.ac.in/forthcoming/shodhganga2017.pdf>

Important Links

Murty Classical Library: <http://www.murtylibrary.com/>

To present the greatest literary works of India from the past two millennia to the largest readership in the world is the mission of the Murty Classical Library of India. The aim is to reintroduce classical works, a part of world literature's treasured heritage, to the new generation. Translated into English by world-class scholars, reflecting the highest standards of contemporary book design, and featuring elegant, newly commissioned typefaces, these volumes are a modern invitation to diverse pre-modern literary worlds in languages such as Bangla, Hindi, Kannada, Marathi, Pali, Panjabi, Persian, Sanskrit, Sindhi, Tamil, Telugu, and Urdu. The series provides English translations of classical works alongside the Indic originals in the appropriate regional script. New books will be added to the series annually.

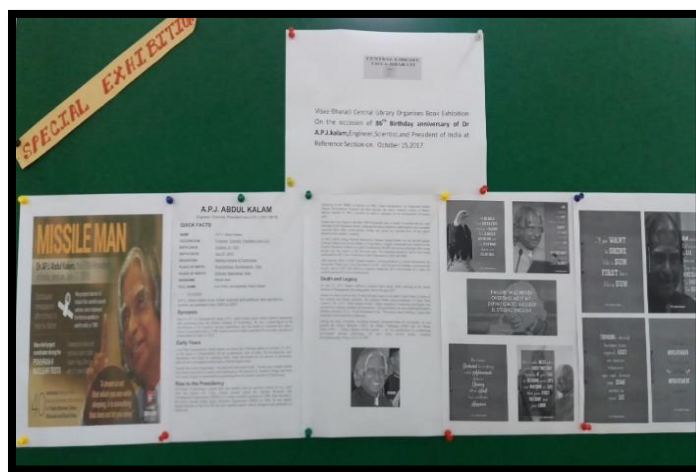
e-Shodh Sindhu: <https://www.inflibnet.ac.in>

Based on the recommendation of an Expert Committee, the MHRD has formed e-ShodhSindhu merging three consortia initiatives, namely UGC-INFONET Digital Library Consortium, NLIST and INDEST-AICTE Consortium. The main objective of the e-ShodhSindhu is to act as a consortium for Higher Education E-Resources to provide access to qualitative electronic resources including full-text, bibliographic and factual databases to academic institutions at a lower rate of subscription.

A Tribute to A P J Abdul Kalam on his 86th birth Anniversary on 15 October 2017:



At PSB Library



At Central Library



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Felicitation to Firdaus and Sangeeta as 'Best library user' of 2016 and 2017 on 28 October 2017.



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