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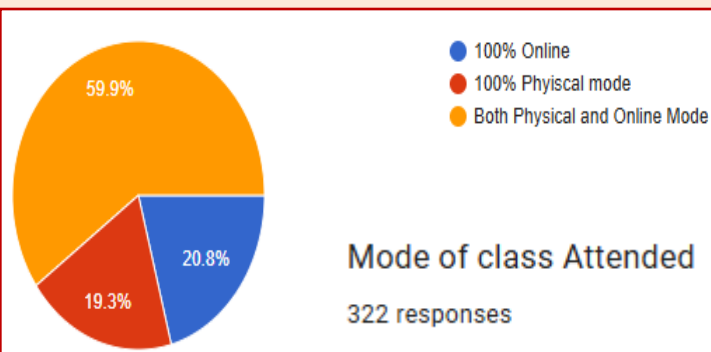
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“Research Publication Ethics (RPE)” a Common Course: Scholars’ Response

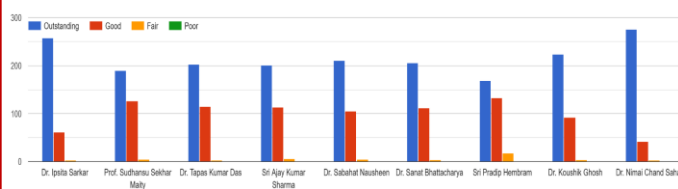
As per Notification of Visva-Bharati, a eleven-day common course work on the paper “Research Publication Ethics” for Ph.D. scholars of Visva-Bharati was conducted during 01-17 April 2026 (2.30 pm to 5.30 pm) through blended mode under the Coordinatorship of the University Librarian, Visva-Bharati. Three hundred twenty two research scholars (322) from different disciplines attended the course out of 312 scholars enrolled in various departments of Visva-Bharati in the academic session 2025-26. Two faculty members, namely Dr. Ipsita Sarkar, Department of Philosophy & Religion, Vidya Bhavana, and Prof. Sudhansu Sekhar Maity, Department of Statistics, Siksha Bhavana, along with seven library officers of Visva-Bharati Library Network, namely Dr. Nimai Chand Saha, Dr. Tapas Kumar Das, Sri Ajay Kumar Sharma, Dr. Sabahat Nausheen, Dr. Sanat Bhattacharya, Dr. Koushik Ghosh, and Sri Pradip Hembram took the classes for the said course.

In the teaching-learning process, student feedback plays an important role in measuring teaching quality as it helps to improve services depending on

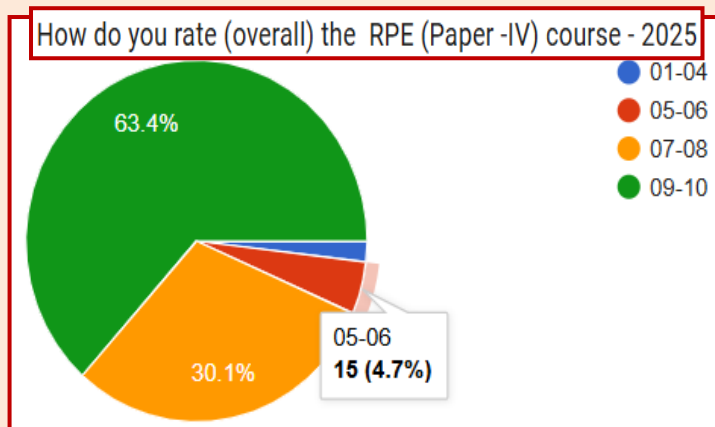
stakeholders' satisfaction levels. In view of the above, online feedback responses through 'Google Form'[Link: <https://forms.gle/M18ScMzGgnxU6PYf6>] were collected from the above-said course participants. Consequently, a five-point scale feedback form on the teaching-learning process was circulated and received 322 scholars' feedback. All the responses on different aspects are presented below.



Contents during the Presentation



Overall rate of the RPE (Paper -IV) course - 2025 conducted by the Library:



Some remarkable comments of the Scholars' response:

1. Honestly, the way you handled everything with 322 students — from the paper to the exams to keeping the whole atmosphere so smooth — it was really impressive. Huge thanks to you and your whole team for pulling it off. And yesterday, I didn't feel any pressure in the exam hall at all. Also, I picked up so many things from you. Beyond the ethics part, what really stuck with me was the teamwork, the way you managed everything, and just how much your attitude and work style made a difference. One thing I really noticed — the way you split the 50 marks into 10 for assignments and 10 for MCQs made things so much easier for us. And for the rest 30, you still managed to keep the questions at a level that matches a place like Visva-Bharati. That's not easy. At the end of the day, I just want to say — you're planning and how you executed it all was just brilliant... **by Abubakkar Mia, Biotechnology, Siksha Bhavana.**
2. It was a very nice experience to attend all the classes both in online and offline modes... Each and every professors were very cooperative and helpful.. We didn't face any type of problem regarding classes, notes. Specially Dr. Nimai Chand Saha Sir (Librarian of Visva Bharati University) was very kind towards all the students.. and one more thing it was very Well-organized exam and internal assessment process coordinated through the Central Library. It was a memorable experience. I would like to thanks all the Central Library members involved in this programme for making it very smooth and successful... **by Kuntal Chakraborty, Ph.D Scholar (Dept. Of Plant Pathology), PSB, Visva Bharati.**
3. When I was in school (Patha Bhavana), I was a voracious reader and spent a lot of time in the library Shamindra shishu Pathagar everyady, especially in my senior years. Back then Koushik da was posted there and he used to tell me and my friends jokingly that if our teachers are not satisfied with our attendance in class they should take it from the library register as we used to be present even in holidays! Now that I have attended his classes in the central library building and given the exam as well I realised from bunking classes to go to the library to going to the library to attend the classes life finally came to a circle! This feeling is phenomenall... **by Banya Lohar, Department of environmental studies.**
4. First of all, I would like to thank respected Librarian Dr. Nimai Chand Saha and the other library staff. I am very happy and proud that the paper on Research Publication Ethics for our PhD Coursework was taught, and the way the classes were conducted and the yesterday examination was held in a smooth and well-organized manner truly impressed me. Our respected Librarian Sir managed our class despite his busy schedule, and yesterday he conducted the examination beautifully. He taught every topic and chapter and not only that, he conducted the examination very well with a sympathetic, co - operation and liberal attitude. This has constantly inspired me in pursuing my PhD Coursework. I sincerely hope that I will receive the respected Librarian Sir's, resource person and the all library staff's valuable advice, proper guidance and various kinds of technical support to help me successfully complete my research work in the coming days. Therefore, as a Research Scholar of Visva-Bharati, I express my heartfelt respect, regards and best wishes to him and to all the staff... **by Pradip Karmakar from the Department of Economics and Politics, Vidya-Bhavana.**
5. I am extremely pleased and grateful to have completed the Research Publication Ethics (RPE) course offered as part of the Ph.D. course work at Visva-Bharati University. The course was exceptionally well-designed, highly informative, and immensely beneficial for developing a strong foundation in research ethics. It has significantly enhanced my understanding of responsible research practices and ethical publication standards.
 - a) **Overall Quality of the Course:** The course was comprehensive, well-structured, and highly relevant to the needs of research scholars. Every session was thoughtfully planned and delivered with clarity, making the learning experience engaging, meaningful, and intellectually enriching.
 - b) **Quality of Teaching:** The faculty members were highly knowledgeable, experienced, and dedicated. They explained every concept in a clear, systematic, and easy-to-understand manner. Their teaching methodology encouraged active participation, critical thinking, and meaningful discussions. They were always approachable, patient, and willing to clarify every doubt with great care.
 - c) **Online and Offline Classes:** Both the online and offline classes were conducted efficiently and professionally. The sessions were well-organized, interactive, and maintained excellent academic standards. The smooth coordination and effective use of teaching methods made the learning process enjoyable and productive.
 - d) **Course Organization and Management:** The entire course was managed with remarkable professionalism. The schedule was well-planned, all activities were conducted on time, and every aspect of the course reflected careful planning and excellent coordination. The administrative support was also highly efficient and student-friendly.
 - e) **Examination and Question Paper:** The examination was conducted in a fair, transparent, and systematic manner. The question paper was balanced, relevant, and closely aligned with the course objectives. It successfully evaluated both conceptual understanding and analytical skills.
 - f) **Examination Hall Environment:** The examination hall provided a calm, peaceful, and disciplined atmosphere that was highly conducive to concentration. The overall environment was comfortable and well-maintained, allowing students to perform their best without any inconvenience.
 - g) **Seating Arrangement:** The seating arrangement was excellent. It was spacious, comfortable, well-organized, and ensured a pleasant examination experience. Proper spacing and a clean environment contributed to a stress-free atmosphere.
 - h) **Discipline and Invigilation:** The discipline maintained throughout the examination was outstanding. The invigilators were sincere, responsible, courteous, and supportive. They conducted the examination smoothly while ensuring that all rules and regulations were followed fairly.
 - i) **Support During the Examination:** The examination staff and faculty members were extremely cooperative and helpful. They provided clear instructions and promptly addressed any concerns, making the entire examination process smooth and hassle-free.
 - j) **Knowledge and Skills Gained:** This course has provided me with valuable knowledge about research integrity, publication ethics, plagiarism, citation practices, responsible authorship, peer review, academic honesty, and ethical decision-making in research. These concepts are essential for conducting high-quality and responsible research.
 - k) **Future Benefits:** The knowledge gained from this course will be invaluable throughout my research career. It will help me conduct ethical research, prepare high-quality manuscripts, avoid academic misconduct, and contribute responsibly to the scientific and academic community.

Overall, this course exceeded my expectations in every aspect. The outstanding teaching, excellent course management, well-organized classes, fair examination system, and supportive academic environment made this a truly memorable and enriching learning experience. I sincerely appreciate the dedication, hard work, and commitment of all the faculty members and organizers. Their continuous guidance and encouragement have greatly inspired us. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone involved in making this course such a remarkable success. I strongly believe that this course will have a lasting positive impact on my academic and research journey. Thank you for organizing such an excellent and valuable course. Debabrata Mondal, Department of Chemistry, Siksha Bhavana

6. বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের সমস্ত বিভাগের ২০২৫-২৬ শিক্ষাবর্ষের গবেষকদের এক ছাদের তলায় নিয়ে এসে এতো সুপ্রসিকল্পিত ও সুন্দরভাবে যে RPE কোর্সটি সম্পন্ন হয়েছে, তা একথায় অনবদ্য। সিলেবাস তৈরি, নির্দেশনা দেওয়া, ক্লাসের বিষয়বস্তু উপস্থাপন, পরীক্ষা-সমস্তই যথার্থ সচেতনতার সঙ্গে সুব্যবস্থার মধ্য দিয়ে শেষ হয়েছে। সিলেবাস ও তার বাইরেও অনেক কিছুই শিখেছি। এজন্য নিমাইদা সহ বিশ্বভারতী লাইব্রেরি নেটওয়ার্কের সবাইকে আন্তরিক ধন্যবাদ ও কৃতজ্ঞতা জানাই। তুলেশ সিংহ, বাংলা বিভাগ, ভাষা ভবন,
7. It was a great experience at RPE examination conducted by the Central Library, Visva Bharati on 22nd July 2026. The well designed sitting arrangement, cordial guidance by the invigilators, Moreover, mineral water & Tea refreshment for each & every candidate definitely Set an example of amiable environment all through! It was fascinating to be a part of this. My Sincere gratitude to the Central Library & the entire team! ... by **Sanchali Chatterjee, PhD Research Scholar, Department of History, Vidya Bhavana.**
8. The Ph.D. coursework on Research Publication and Ethics under the guidance of Dr. Nimai Chand Saba Sir and his entire team has been a truly enriching experience. The sessions were engaging, informative, and helped us understand different aspects of research in a simple and practical way. The examination was also thoughtfully designed, with questions that were neither too easy nor too difficult, but balanced and moderate in nature. Rather than focusing merely on memorisation, the questions encouraged us to understand the concepts, think critically, and express our own perspectives. This made the examination a meaningful part of our learning experience. I am sincerely grateful to Dr. Nimai Chand Saba Sir and his entire team for their continuous guidance and encouragement, which will remain valuable throughout our future research journey... by **Kartick Adhikary, a Ph.D. scholar in the Department of Education.**
9. As a student, I sincerely thank Dr. Nimai Chand Sir for conducting such an excellent Research Publication and Ethics course. The classes were informative, engaging, and easy to understand. The examination was also well-organized, fair, and conducted in a systematic manner. I am grateful to Dr. Nimai sir and everyone involved for their guidance, support, and dedication in making this course a valuable learning experience... by **Ishita Sen, Department of Silpa Sadana, PSV.**
10. Thanks to every faculty member for their classes, it really helped a lot. As a PhD beginner all the students face so much confusion regarding how to write, how to publish, what to do, what not to ... These classes really cleared the concepts. And in the end I'll really miss the vibe of the class, tea and biscuits... by **Tanushri Majumder, Department of Economics and Politics.**
11. शोध प्रकाशन एवं नैतिकता (Research Publication and Ethics) पर आधारित पीएच.डी. पाठ्यक्रम मेरे लिए अत्यंत उपयोगी और प्रेरणादायक अनुभव रहा। प्रत्येक कक्षा सुव्यवस्थित, संवादात्मक तथा व्यावहारिक दृष्टिकोण से समृद्ध थी, जिसने शोध नैतिकता और अकादमिक लेखन की हमारी समझ को और अधिक सुदृढ़ किया। शिक्षण की शैली ने विद्यार्थियों को सक्रिय सहभागिता और समालोचनात्मक चिंतन के लिए प्रेरित किया, जिससे जटिल विषयों को भी सरलता से समझना संभव हुआ। परीक्षा भी इसी उद्देश्य को ध्यान में रखकर तैयार की गई थी, जिसमें रटने के बजाय विषय की अवधारणात्मक समझ और उसके व्यावहारिक अनुप्रयोग का मूल्यांकन किया गया। मैं डॉ. निमाई चंद साहा सर एवं उनकी संपूर्ण टीम के प्रति उनके समर्पित मार्गदर्शन, सतत सहयोग और प्रेरणा के लिए हार्दिक आभार व्यक्त करता हूँ। उनका मार्गदर्शन हमारे भावी शोध-जीवन में सदैव प्रेरणास्रोत और अत्यंत उपयोगी रहेगा। **अमित कुमार सिंह, शोधार्थी, हिन्दी विभाग, भाषा भवन.**
12. The Research and Publication Ethics (RPE) examination, held on 22 July 2026, was a fine example of thoughtful planning and efficient organisation. Successfully conducting the examination for 315 research scholars from across the university was indeed a commendable achievement. The smooth management of the entire process reflected the dedication, sincerity, and hard work of everyone involved. What made the occasion truly special was the warmth and care extended to every participant. The thoughtful gesture of placing a bottle of water on each candidate's desk before the examination began, followed by serving tea and biscuits during the examination, spoke volumes about the organisers' concern for the comfort and well-being of the research scholars. Such kindness added a human touch to an otherwise formal academic event. We sincerely thank our respected Librarian, Dr. Nimai Chandra Saba Da, and the entire Library Staff for their excellent leadership, meticulous coordination, and wholehearted support. Their tireless efforts ensured the smooth and successful conduct of the examination. We deeply appreciate their dedication and extend our heartfelt gratitude for making the experience so comfortable and memorable. **Subhasis Das, Department of Bengali Bhasha Bhavana, Student ID- 11181932534**
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RECENT ACTIVITIES:

- **Training Program on File Tracking Management System (FTMS) through SAMARTH Portal:** Towards introduction of e-Office, a training program in association with Nodal Officer SAMARTH on File Tracking Management System (FTMS) through SAMARTH Portal for the library staff has been arranged on 08 July 2026 from 5.00 Pm where total fourteen staff of the Central Library has participated.
- **Documents / Article Delivery Services:** During the month 06 no. of soft copies of the articles have been collected and delivered through mail as requested by the academics/scholars.

RECENT ACTIVITIES:

- **Academic Skill Development Programme:** Under the leadership of Librarian, Visva-Bharati Library Network has organized a five-day “Research/Academic Skill Development Programme” during 06-10 July 2026 from 11.30 AM in blended mode as part of routine activities and to enhance the skills of the Academics & Research Scholars of Visva-Bharati and beyond. **Day-1(06.07.2026):** Dr. Shiva Kanaujia Sukula, Deputy Librarian, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Central Library, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi delivered a lecture on **Insights into Research Metrics**. **Day-2(07.07.2026):** Dr. Partha Sarathi Das, Library and Information Officer, National Library of India, Kolkata-700027, West Bengal, India delivered a lecture on **Use of Journals in Academic Research and Scholarly Publishing**. **Day-3(08.07.2026):** Dr. S. Dhanavandan, Deputy Librarian (Level -14), Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvavur – 610005, Tamil Nadu delivered a lecture on **Open Access Publishing : Journal Finders & Tools**. **Day-4(09.07.2026):** Dr. Achala Munigal, Associate Professor/ Deputy Librarian, Bharat Ratna Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Memorial Library, Osmania University, Hyderabad-500007, Telangana delivered a lecture on **Research Ethics: Current Contexts** and **Day-5(10.07.2026):** Dr. Sandip Kumar Pathak, Librarian & In-charge, Central Library, IISER, Bhopal delivered a lecture on **Issues Relating to Increase Research Visibility**. Dr Koushik Ghosh, Assistant Librarian has acted coordinator of the program. Total 542 participants (@108+ per day) from Visva-Bharati and other institutes of across the country have been witnessed the program to enhance their skills.
- **Course Work Examination for RPE (Paper – IV):** Conducted Course Work Examination for Research and Publication Ethics (RPE, Paper – IV) on 22 July 2026 at the three galleries of composite building of the Bhasha-Vidya Bhavana. Out of total 322 candidates, 312 candidates of eight different Bhavanas and sixty-two Departments have attended the examination. the examination was conducted in a successful manner with the hard work and dedication of the Officers, Professionals and Staff of the VBLN and all support from Examination Section, authority of the Bhasha & Vya Bhavan and Security Section of the University.
- **Book Fair:** Rathindra pathagar, Siksha Satra has successfully organized a three-day Book Fair during 21-23 July 2026. Interest on the book of the students was really notable.
- **Similarity Checking through DrillBit Software:** Total 525 units (total 22156 Units from 01 October 2023 to 31 July 2026) or 139 Documents/Files/ Theses/ Articles (total 5308 Documents/Files/ Theses/ Articles) have been checked through DrillBit during the month and on requirement, library has extended necessary assistance.
- **Visitors:** Sri Madhusudan Sarkar, retired employee of Govt. of WB has visited Central Library on 08 July 2026 and gifted four books written by him to the library. After visting the library he has express deep sense of satisfaction.
- **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) Birth/Death day of Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy on 1 July 2026
 - b) Death Anniversary of Mahasweta Devi on 20 July 2026
 - c) Birthday of Prof. A.P.J Abdul Kalam on 30 July 2026.
- **Total number of purchased books added during the month:**
 - Number of purchased books Accessioned: 16 (Acc. No. 445418 – 445433) and Gift Book: NIL

New Arrivals (Books and Periodicals)



Books (click)



Journals (click)

IMPORTANT LINKS:

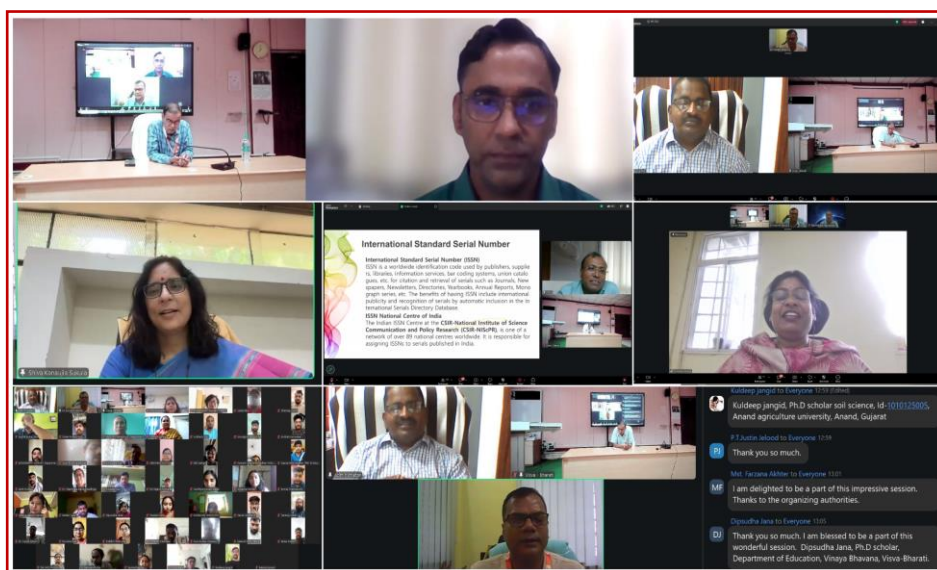
- **SheRNI** (<https://sherni.inflibnet.ac.in/>): She Research Network in India (SheRNI) is the expert profile network system that connects and leverages the knowledge, skills, and expertise of women across various fields in India. This system aims to empower women by providing opportunities for collaboration, 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:

- 13th Convention Planner 2026 (Promotion of Library Automation and Networking in North-Eastern Region) organized by INFLIBNET Gandhinagar in collaboration with Gauhati University, Guwahati, Assam during September 18, 2026 at 9am to September 20, 2026 (For more details: <https://planner.inflibnet.ac.in/>)
- The 29th International Symposium on Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETD-2026) is being organised by the Central Library, IIT Delhi, in association with NDLTD, from October 23–25, 2026 (For more details: <https://etd2026.iitd.ac.in/registration-page/>)



Glimpses of Ph.D Course Work Examination RPE (Paper – IV)



Moments of Academic and Research Skill Development Program



Glimpses of Book Fair at Rathindra Pathagar, Siksha Satra