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MediaWiki

A New Initiative at VBLN

VB Library Network has opened a MediaWiki account (<http://14.139.211.2/mediawiki/index.php>) to facilitate addition of information and knowledge on VB Library by the community.

MediaWiki is a open-source wiki software. It allows anyone (even without knowledge of webpage creation) to create and edit webpage contents. Purpose of MediaWiki, generally speaking, is to support *a community that creates and curates freely-reusable knowledge on an open platform.*

Visva-Bharati Library Network has created its wiki and invites all users to contribute and expand the knowledge-base of Visva-Bharati Library Network. You may visit the MediaWiki page of Visva Bharati Library Network at <http://14.139.211.2/mediawiki/index.php> for more information.

Homepage of Mediawiki at Visva Bharati Library Network

You add to the existing body of knowledge by editing an existing page or by creating new page (topic). In order to do either of these you should be creating an account (RHS, top) and log in to the wiki concerned beforehand.

Editorial Board

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Library website:

<http://172.16.2.2/index1.html>

(Intranet)

<http://14.139.211.2/library/index.php>

(Internet)



<https://www.facebook.com/vbllibnet>



<http://14.139.211.2/mediawiki/index.php>

Announcements

1. Change of library website links:

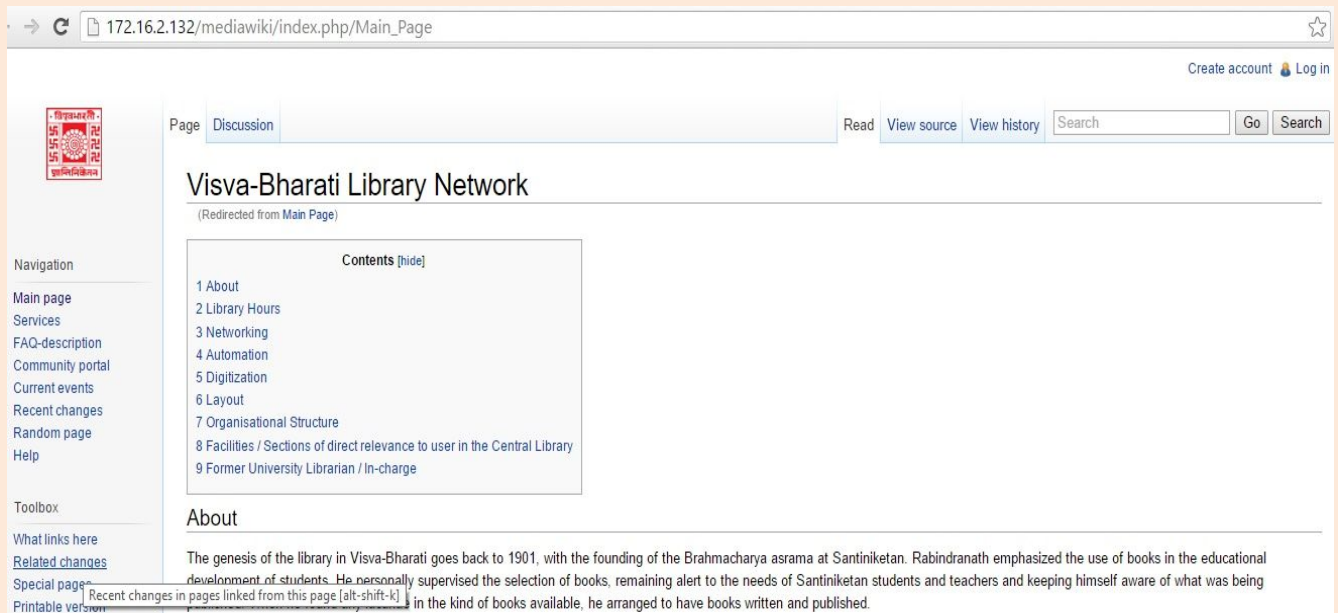
a) <http://14.139.211.2/library/index.php> or
<http://172.16.2.132/library/> (intranet)

b) WebOPAC: <http://14.139.211.2:8380/opac/>

a) Editing Pages

It's very easy to edit the contents of a wiki:

1. Log in / create account in mediawiki
2. Click the "Edit" page tab at the top of the page.
3. Make changes to the text.
4. Click the "Save page" button.



Simple as that!

The number one rule of wiki editing is to be bold. Go ahead - make changes. Other people can correct any mistakes you make, so have confidence, and give it a try! There are all kinds of editing conventions, rules, and philosophies for the editing of wiki pages, but the "be bold" rule is the most important of these!

An edit can contribute whole new paragraphs or pages of information, or it can be as simple as fixing a typo or a spelling mistake. In general, try to add or edit text so that it is clear and concise. Most importantly, make sure you are always aiming to do something which improves the contents of the wiki. (https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/Help:Editing_pages, 22.1.2016)

b) Starting a new page (topic)

There are several ways to start a new page (topic).

Usually "From the search page" is the best way to create a new page. Search for a topic that doesn't exist in the content box (using the search box and "Go" button on the left of the page), and you will be provided with a link to create that particular topic (page).

Discussion

Every article has its own "talk page" where you can ask questions, make suggestions, or discuss corrections.

(Administrator: Ajay Kumar Sharma, ajaysharma.lib@gmail.com)

Panchanan Mondal Collection: Central Library, Visva-Bharati

Panchanan Mondal collection housed at Central Library, Visva -Bharati is a collection of 2,410 books and periodicals donated in 1992 by Panchanan Mondal (1916-1998), a renowned professor of Dept. of Bengali, Visva- Bharati. Prof. Mondal, an expert in Bengali manuscripts, dedicated himself to collecting, preserving and editing of manuscripts.

The major part of the collection is of Ratan Library, Suri, Birbhum (W. Bengal). Ratan Library was the first Library of Suri, established in 1901, by Sibratan Mitra (1871-1939). Sibratan Mitra was a clerk by profession but was a very learned person. One will be astonished at the range of collections in a personal library, that too in 1930's. It is said Ashutosh Mukhopadhyay wanted to purchase the collection of Ratan Library for Calcutta University Library but Sibratan Mitra refused, *I can part with my son, but not with the books.* Prof. Mondal eventually collected these old manuscripts, books and periodicals of Ratan Library from Amalendu Mitra, grandson of Sibratan Mitra. Visva-Bharati should feel elated that it got possession of these valuable books.

Rabindranath Tagore was also an admirer of Sibratan Mitra. Sibratan Mitra was the first writer of biographical dictionary of Bengali writers called *Bangiya Sahitya Sevak* (1-16 vols). Rabindranath wrote about this, *I have not seen such elaborate reference books on the life and works of Bengali writers.* He was also aware of Ratan Library and wrote in a letter; *when I will go to Suri I will visit your Library.*

Out of 2,410 books of this collection 327 books are in English. All the English books are very rare in nature. There are some files of English periodicals such as The Fortnightly Review (1920); The Nineteenth Century and After (1919); The Edinburgh Review (1920), Dawn Magazine (1912); The Journal of the Asiatic Society (1848); The Dhaka Review (1911-14); The Islamic Review (1922) etc.

The English books are mainly of history, geography, biography, art, music, travel and English language and literature. Some important titles are given below:

1. A brief history of Indian People/W. W. Hunter (1886)
2. Alternative Geography Readers/W. & R. Chambers (1898)
3. The Geography of British India/George Smith (1882)
4. Arithmetic in Bengal/P. Ghosh (1881)
5. Reminiscences of the Great Mutiny 1857-59/William Forbes- Mitchell (1895)
6. Letters from a Mahratta Camp: during the Year 1809/Thomas Duer Broughton (1832)
7. The Story of Music/Frederick J Crowest (1902)
8. The Book of Good Counsels: from the Sanskrit of the "Hitopadesa"/Edwin Arnold (1893)
9. Cyclopaedia of English Literature, vol-1/William and Robert Chamber (1844)
10. A Woman of India : being the Life of Saroj Nalini /G. S. Dutta (1929)

There are 507 bound volumes of old and rare Bengali periodicals in Panchanan Mondal collection such as Tattwabodhini, Manasi, Mansi o Marmabani, Bharatbarsha, Bharati, Nabyabhart, Sahitya, Bangadarsham, Birbhumi Nabaparyay, Navajivan, Bharati o Balak, Pradip, Bamabodhini Patrika, Balak and others.

The collection holds 1,576 Bengali books. These are also of various subjects and rare in nature. Some of the rare books are mentioned below:

1. Bangiya Sahitya Sebak (1-16 vol) / Sibratan Mitra
2. Sadbhab Satak/ Krishna Chandra Majumdar
3. Kabi Krishna Chandra Majumdarer jibancharit/ Indu prakash Bandyopadhyay
4. Bangala bhasha o Sahitya bisayak baktrita/Rajnarayan Basu
5. Mohan Sudha/Sibratan Mitra
6. Bratamala bidhan/Panchanan Tarkaratna
7. Kafri mulluke/Baradakumar Pal
8. Charit Kirtan/Gaurihar Mitra
9. Sabdakalpa tarangini/Jagannath Prasad Mullick
10. Puspanjali/Sibnath Sastri

All the books and periodicals of Panchanan Mondal collection are kept in the 2nd floor of Central Library along with such other collections. The P M collection is much in demand.

(Suchismita Sarkar)

Conferences/Seminars/Workshops in Library & Information Science

1. Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati is offering a 3 day workshop on *Basic Statistical Tests and Data Analysis Using SPSS* from 30 March to 1 April 2016. For more details visit: <http://www.iitg.ac.in/>
2. Indian Institute of Management, Indore is holding an international conference in collaboration with Asian Library Association on the theme *Digital Governance: Innovation, Information and Libraries* during 14-16 April 2016. The conference's highlight is a workshop on Paper Development and Publishing in an Electronic World on 14 April. For more details visit: <http://www.iimidr.ac.in>.
3. *International Conference on From Ownership to Access: Leveraging the Digital Paradigm* will take place in the 5th Library and Information Professionals Summit 2016 (LIPS 2016) in New Delhi during 19 - 20 May 2016. It is organized by Ambedkar University Delhi, Society for Library Professionals (SLP) and the Special Libraries Association (USA), Asian Chapter. For more details visit: <http://slp.org.in/lips2016/lipshistory.html>.
4. IAMR Group of Institutions, Ghaziabad is going to organize a *National Workshop on ILS KOHA*, which is scheduled during 9 - 10 April 2016. E-mail ID: centrallibrary@iamrgzb.com. Contact No. +91 7417222682.

New Arrivals (Books and Periodicals)

[Books](#) (click)

[Journals](#) (click)

Some Recent Library Activities / Developments

- A 2-day **Orientation Programme for Ph. D Scholars** (Repeat Programme) was organized in the Conference Hall, Central Library during 1-2 February 2016. It covered resources, services (including OpenAthes, Discovery Service, Urkund, EndNote), facilities and research methodology over 10 sessions. Forty seven (47) Research Scholars attended the programme. Participation certificates were issued to all.
- **Bibliography on 'Research Methodology'**: A bibliography on 'Research Methodology' has been uploaded on the Library website. It has been prepared by Dr Partha Partim Roy. Click here for the bibliography: <http://172.16.2.132/library/index.php/services/bibliography>.
- **Exhibition of Books and Celebration**: Central Library organized special exhibition on 192nd birth anniversary of Swami Dayanand Saraswati on 12 February 2016 at Reference Section, Central Library.
- **QR Codes**: More and comprehensive Quick Reference Codes have been created on various facilities, resources and services of the Library Network. These will be published in few forthcoming issues (including the current issue) for the benefit of the readers.
- **Visit of Chinese Team**: Faculty and students (32 in number) from Yunnan University, China visited the Central Library on 19 February 2016. After a brief introduction at the Conference Hall, they went around various sections of the Library.
- **Cheena Bhavana Library**: A meeting of the Cheena Bhavana Library Advisory Committee was held on 22 February 2016 to consider stock verification report and various issues related to library development. It was chaired by Dr. Avijit Banerjee, HoD.

Faculty and students (32 in number) from Yunnan University, China visited the Cheena Bhavana Library on 19 February.

New Additions (Books) during February 2016

Central Library

Number of Books Purchased:	6
Accession Numbers of the books Purchased:	425089 - 425094
Number of Books received as gift:	35
Accession Numbers of the books as gift:	G9035 - G9069
Number of Theses added:	03
Accession Numbers of the theses added:	TH1655-TH1657

Cheena Bhavana Library:

Number of Books received as gift:	05
Accession Numbers of the books as gift:	CG4448 to CG4452

Hindi Bhavana Library:

Number of Books Purchased through CL:	62
Accession Numbers of the books Purchased:	HB35361 - HB35422

QR CODES: CARRY LIBRARY IN YOUR POCKET



Know your Library (FAQs)



WebOPAC



IT-Enabled Services
(Urkund, OpenAthens, Discovery, WoS, Endnote,
ILL& WebOPAC)



Library Website



Online Databases
(JSTOR, Indiatat, EPW, ISID,
Artstor, JGate, ACS, IOP, Nature,
CUP, AIP....)



Information Services



Resources and Services (With
Links)



List of Theses



List of e-Journals
(Alphabetical order)



List of Current Journals



List of Bound Volume Journals



Reading Room: Book List



Reference Room: Book List

QR (Quick Response) Codes

1. Download and install 'QR Code Reader' (free, from Google 'Play Store') in your smart phone,
2. Scan the codes with the 'Reader' (Scanner), and
3. Save the content/ information in the desired folder in your phone.



Orientation Programme for Ph. D Scholars: Participants interact



Faculty and Students from Yunnan University, China visit Central Library



Central Library Gardens: The Flowery Season