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Introduction

On the basis of recommendation of a National Commission (L. K. Elmhirst, first director of Sriniketan was also a member), an Institution of Rural Higher Education was set up at Sriniketan in 1957. The institute offered three years diploma course in Rural Services and two years certificate course in Agriculture. Later in 1963 Palli Siksha Sadan was set up offering four and three years degree course in Agriculture and Social Work respectively. In revised Visva-Bharati Act of 1984 it was again renamed as Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture) which offers honours, masters as well as Ph. D degree in agriculture. PSB library serves Palli Siksha Bhavana comprising of four departments, Social Work and Palli Charcha Kendra in particular and to others departments of Visva-Bharati in general.

E-resources are resources where information is stored in electronic format and can be accessed through electronic system and networks like online databases, e-books, e-journals, internet resources etc. E-resources can be defined as any electronic product that delivers collection of data be it in text, numerical, graphical or time based, as a commercially available resources. Awareness is a mental state or ability to perceive, to feel, or to be conscious on events, objects or sensory patterns.

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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>

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Access: Two (2) designated machines in Journal Section (Central Library) and 3 in Computer Centre.

SAGE Research Methods Online

See p. 3 for detailed write-up

Methods and Materials

A well structured close ended questionnaire was distributed among the post graduate students of Palli Siksha Bhavana and Social Work Departments. Main object was to assess the awareness about e-resources of PSB library users. Respondents were asked to put tick mark on Yes/No in respect of the statements. One hundred and six (106) responses were received from the students.

Analysis and Interpretation of Data

Collected data were tabulated and analyzed in the following manner.

Table

Awareness about E-Resources

Sr. No.	Statements	No. of respondents	Frequency		Percentage	
			Yes	No	Yes	No
1.	Visva-Bharati Library Network (GitanjaliNet)?	106	62	44	58.49	41.51
2.	OPAC (Open Public Access Catalogue) search?	106	69	37	65.09	34.91
3.	Visva-Bharati Library Home page?	106	58	48	54.72	45.28
4.	E-journals?	106	51	55	48.11	51.89
5.	E-books?	106	49	57	46.23	53.77
6.	E-reprints?	106	28	78	26.42	73.58
7.	E-patents?	106	12	94	11.32	88.68
8.	CD/DVD?	106	106	0	100	0
9.	Search-engine?	106	47	59	44.34	55.66
10.	Presentation software?	106	18	88	16.98	83.02
11.	About ETS's (Electronic Theses Dissertations)?	106	46	60	43.40	56.60
12.	Offline portable database?	106	43	63	40.57	59.43

From the table above it is clear that majority (ranging from 54.72% to 65.09%) of the respondents were aware about Visva-Bharati library network, library home page and OPAC. A moderate percentage of respondents (ranging from 40.57 to 48.11%) were aware about offline portable database, ETS, search engine, e-books and e-journals. But respondents awareness is low (ranging from 11.32 to 26.42%) in respect of e-patients, presentation software and e-reprints. All the respondents are aware about CD/DVD.

Conclusion

Modern age is the age of information. Information communication technology (ICT) has tremendous impact on knowledge society for collection, processing and dissemination of knowledge-based products and services. Library as a knowledge hub is now-a-days dependent on ICT for its services. So, knowledge and awareness about e-resources of the users of a library can enhance use of library resources both hard copy as well as virtual, thus pave the way of research.

From the study it may be concluded that awareness about e-resources of the users of PSB library is moderate and there is ample scope for its enhancement. More user orientation programme, informal discussion about library e-resources with the users but for this infrastructural facility particularly availability of uninterrupted internet facility is must.

(Dr. Partha Pratim Ray)

Notice

- Workshop on KOHA** (open - source library software) during 25-26 July 2016 (tentative) for the neighborhood librarians (college, school and public libraries in Birbhum District). Contact; Koushik Ghosh +917063533810(M) / Tapas Das +919433192373(M)
- Travelling Library:** By an agreement with Goethe-Institut / Max Mueller Bhavan Kolkata a program named "Travelling Library", 74 items including books, DVD, CD, magazine and newspaper (in German language) are displayed at Reference Section, Central Library, Visva-Bharati. Item can be borrowed by the faculties, Students and VB staffs on condition.

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New Arrivals (Books and Periodicals)

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Conferences/Seminars/Workshops in Library & Information Science

1. The 10th PLANNER (2016) is being organised by INFLIBNET Centre in collaboration with North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Shillong, Meghalaya during 9-11 November 2016 at NEHU, Shillong, Meghalaya. For more information: <http://www.inflibnet.ac.in/planner2016/>
2. Karmashree Hiteswar Saikia College, Guwahati, Assam is organising a One Day UGC Sponsored National Workshop on “Library in Digital Environment on 4th July, 2016. For more information visit website: <http://khscollege.com/pdf/seminarlibrary.pdf> or email gitika.das.40@gmail.com.
3. READIT (Recent Advances in Information Technology)’ 2016, organized by IGCAR, Kalpakkam on the theme “Information Access in Digital Era” during 13-14 July 2016 at IGCAR, Kalpakkam. For more information visit <http://www.igcar.gov.in/seminars/readit2016/>.
4. Two Day National Conference on “Quality of Library and Information Services for Teaching, Learning and Research in the Present Era: Challenges and Opportunities” organized by Department of Library, Thiruvalluvar College, Papanasam, Tirunelveli District, Tamil Nadu during 5-6 August 2016. For more information email: baalabharkavi@yahoo.co.in, chandrikaabaalachandran@gmail.com.
5. NISCAIR’s Short Term Training Program on Library Automation using Koha during 20-24 June 2016. Contact address Head, Education and Training Division, NISCAIR, 14-Satsang Vihar Marg, New Delhi-110067. Email: training@niscair.res.in, narendrakumar@niscair.res.in.

Some Recent Library Activities / Developments

- **Exhibition of Books and Celebration:** Central Library organized special exhibitions on 156th birth anniversary of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore on 8 May 2016 (২৫শে বৈশাখ ১৪২৩) at Reference Section, Central Library.
- **Discussion Corner:** The corner has been provided at the Journal Section (Northern End), Central Library for the benefit of students.

New Additions (Books) during February 2016

➤ **Central Library**

Number of Books Purchased	:	71
Accession Numbers of the books Purchased	:	426158-426227
Number of Books received as gift	:	1
Accession Numbers of the books as gift	:	G-9089
Number of Theses added	:	212
Accession Numbers of the theses added	:	TH1658-TH1869

➤ **Cheena Bhavana Library:**

Number of Books received as gift	:	18
Accession Numbers of the books as gift	:	CG4454 to CG4471

➤ **Hindi Bhavana Library:**

Number of Books Purchased	:	05
Accession Numbers of the books Purchased	:	HB35566 - HB35570

Staff publication

Atanu Kumar Sinha, *Attitude towards Education and Level of Adjustment among Santals of Birbhum District, West Bengal: A Study of Influence of Family Climate and Socio-economic Status* in Indian Journal of Adult Education, 77(2) (April-June 2016): 59-68 (ISSN 0019-5006).



Examination Fever grips the Students: Reading Room, Central Library



Final year students queued for the 'No-Dues' clearance



PSB Library Reading Room



Hon'ble VC inaugurates Workshop on Community Library organized by Pratchi Trust in Central Library