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NETWORKING & AUTOMATION of VISVA-BHARATI LIBRARY

The users of Visva-Bharati Library Network require as well as demand for resource, data, information and knowledge in various subjects and languages. All forms of research like applied research, multi-disciplinary research, and field or survey based research demand current and up-to-date data on specific disciplines.

To face this challenging situation Visva-Bharati has paid serious attention to improving the library-service environment by its modernization in the form of introduction of Information Communication Technology (ICT) and Networking Technology.

NETWORKING

The backbone of networking (scattered in 2 campuses covering around 19 kms) is the LAN provided by UGC-Information and Library Project (called GitanjaliNet) in 1998. It has facilitated networking of all Sectional Libraries, departments of studies and administrative offices with the Central Library, with fiber optic cables.

Every library in the Network, as indicated above, like Central Library, Sectional / Bhavana Libraries (12 in no.) and seminar / departmental libraries (30 in no.) is connected to the Central Library through the campus wide Optical Fiber Network.

Networking of libraries means sharing of databases, resources, hardware and software by constituent libraries and switching them interconnected with communication channels. The libraries at Visva-Bharati, though located at various places in the two campuses, function virtually as a single unit using a single software, single catalogue database (WebOPAC), single server and share all resources channeled through the single gateway (server) at Central Library.

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Library website:

<http://172.16.2.132/library/index1.php>

(Intranet)

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

(Internet)



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



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

<i>Departments/Sections</i>	<i>Descriptions of Use</i>	<i>Users</i>
Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Automation using LibSys (Library management software) Access to e-resources) Access to IT-enabled databases / facilities Access to Library & Information Services Internet & e-mail services 	Students, Research Scholars, Teachers, Library Staff, Visva-Bharati fraternity.
All Educational Departments	All departments are centrally connected with the GitanjaliNet through core switch (3Com 7758). They can access all resources as described above.	Students, Research Scholars, Teachers, Visva-Bharati fraternity
Others Administrative Offices like Principles' Office, Deans' Office, PMH, Rabindra Bhavan etc.	All offices are centrally connected with the GitanjaliNet through core switch (3Com 7758). They can access all resources as described above.	Officers, staff and library members

The services that are available to the users through this network:

- Union catalogue of documents of all libraries (including Granthana Vibhaga Library, Kolkata) in the network (WebOPAC: <http://14.139.211.2:8380/opac/>),
- Integrated automation through LibSys software,
- Access to digital and electronic resources like online journals & databases, e-books, digitized books, theses,
- Information services like Newspaper Clipping, CAS, Scholarship update, New Arrivals, Institutional Repository consisting of syllabuses and question papers,
- IT-enabled services like access to plagiarism detection software (Urkund: <http://www.urkund.com>), remote access facility (OpenAthens: www.openathens.net/), Single Window Search Engine (Discovery Service: <http://search.ebscohost.com>), Web of Science, JGate+, EndNote etc.,
- Library Website: Gateway to everything about the Library: <http://14.139.211.2/library/index.php>,
- Inter - Library Loan System (DELNET)

AUTOMATION

For automation of the libraries in the network, LibSys 7 (migration version; database in MySQL) had been adopted. LIBSYS is a fully unicode supported, integrated, multi-user, multitasking library system software. It is run on a wide spectrum of hardware / software platforms in client-server architecture.

LibSys follows the international standard format such as CCF (Common Communication Format), MARC (Machine Readable Cataloguing) etc. to facilitate data exchange. It also provides the (centralized)

bibliographic database on ANSI-Z39.50 format in order to facilitate OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue) on the web for its users.

The Visva Bharati Library Network has activated all menus and fully automated the libraries as described below:

1. Acquisition System

The acquisition system deals with ordering of library resources, receipt monitoring, invoice processing and accessioning. It also maintains expenditure and budget analysis under respective account heads.

- Currently all the functions of Acquisition Menu are utilized.
- Orders are placed on the internet /e-mail, and resources are processed fully through the system.
- Hand-entry in Accession Register is dispensed with as printed Accession Register are generated.
- Budget analysis.

2. Cataloguing System

The cataloguing system makes available the catalogues / indices online for instant reference.

- Entries are made in different regional languages, and in standard machine-readable format as MARC, Bibliographies, CAS, SDI are generated from the system.
- Imports bibliographic data from other libraries in standard exchange formats, meeting specific requirements.

3. Serial Control System

The serial system provides control over periodical/journal subscription and subsequently their scheduled arrival and their management.

- The system maintains record of budget sanctioned for serials under different categories, amount encumbered and expended, thus providing complete budgetary control.
- This also handles serials which may be received on gratis or exchange basis.
- The whole monitoring of receipt of journal issues is automated.

4. Article Indexing System

The article indexing and abstracting provide facility to create separate article database. Apart from Article Indexing Service, different services like SDI, Documentation, Bibliographies etc are also provided by the Library Network.

5. Circulation System

The circulation system maintains up-to-date records on membership and circulation of resources.

- The library network has initiated online registration of membership and automatic generation of library cards.
- Overdue notices are generated automatically and delivered through e-mail.
- Issue and Return of books are automated and information on every transaction is conveyed to the concerned library member through e-mail.

6. OPAC System

The OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue) provides online facility to search the bibliographic databases (books, e-books, digitized books, theses etc.) extensively, which also includes word based search facility using Boolean Operators (AND, OR, NOT). The OPAC also provides the periodic list of recent additions to library collection and allows users to find material issued out to them as well to put materials on reserves.

- The OPAC is currently mobile compliant.
- Users can search OPAC through LAN and WAN (through WebOPAC)
- One can get bibliographic details of all the multilingual books too.
- Users can get to see his / her account i. e. issued books, checkout history etc.

Conclusion

It can be said, without hesitation, that the process of automation and networking of Visva-Bharati Library Network is total today.

(Ram Prasad Mazumdar)

New Arrivals (Books and Periodicals)

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Some Recent Library Activities / Developments

➤ Vigilance Awareness Week, 2016

As a part of observance of Vigilance Awareness Week, 2016, the first day (31 October) was celebrated by taking the pledge in the quadrangle of the Central Library at 11 am. Staff and students participated in the pledge taking.

➤ Visitors

A team of 28 students and Prof. Rajani Kanta Barman from Department of Library and Information Science, Guwahati University visited the Central Library on 27 October as part of their study tour. During the visit the University Librarian and Dy. Librarian talked and interacted with them, in the Conference Hall. They also visited Cheena Bhavana Library.

➤ New Additions (Books) during March 2016

Central Library

Number of books purchased: 16 (Acc. Nos. 426358-426373)

Cheena Bhavana Library

Number of books received as gift: 12 (Acc. No. CG4515-CG4526)

Hindi Bhavana Library

Number of books received as gift: 26 (Acc. No. HG101 - HG126)

➤ Exhibition and Celebration of Important Days

The Central Library organized special exhibitions, in the Reference Section, of books and allied materials including quotations and photographs to celebrate birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on 2 October; A. P. J. Abdul Kalam on 15 October and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on 31 October. An exhibition on 'Vigilance Awareness Week, 2016' was also organized for a week from 31 October.

Send off:

Sri Tushar Kanti Pal, Semi-Professional Assistant attached to Central Library, retired from service on 31 October 2016. He was given a warm send off at the Central Library. The Visva-Bharati Library Network wishes him all the best in his post-service life.



Conferences / Seminars / Workshops in Library & Information Science

1. Department of Library and Information Science, Karnataka State Women's University, Vijayapura, Karnataka, in collaboration with Karnataka State College Librarians' Association, Bangalore (7th KSCLA) is going to organize a two-day national level conference on *Information Literacy and Embedded Librarianship: Changing Role of College Libraries in Digital Era* during 18 -19 November 2016. For more information call 9448825666
2. NISCAIR's Short Term Training Programme on *Graphics and Web Designing* will be held during 28 November - 2 December 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.
3. Punjab Library Association's national conference on *Role of Academic and Public Libraries in the Internet Era: Challenges & Opportunities* will be organized by Malout Institute of Management & Information Technology (MIMIT), Malout during 3-4 December 2016. For more information e-mail: librarianmimit@gmail.com, mobile No.: 9417093230
4. The 8th meeting of Forum for Information Retrieval Evaluation (FIRE) 2016 will be held in Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, during 7-10 December 2016. For more information contact: <http://fire.irs.res.in/fire/2016/home>

Visitors' Diary

While visiting your (Central) Library's stack room which I observed very minutely, this was done by me as because it is linked with Viswakabi Tagore's philosophy of free knowledge, I am glad that your staff have honored the same with their full dedication which our students also pointed out to me. According to them it is the only library where stacks are neat and clean and continuously rectified by the fully motivated semi-professionals. Besides, the homely atmosphere inside the stack area will certainly encourage the users to browse the inf. of their choice without any problem.

Prof. R. K. Barman, Guwahati University, 27.10.2016

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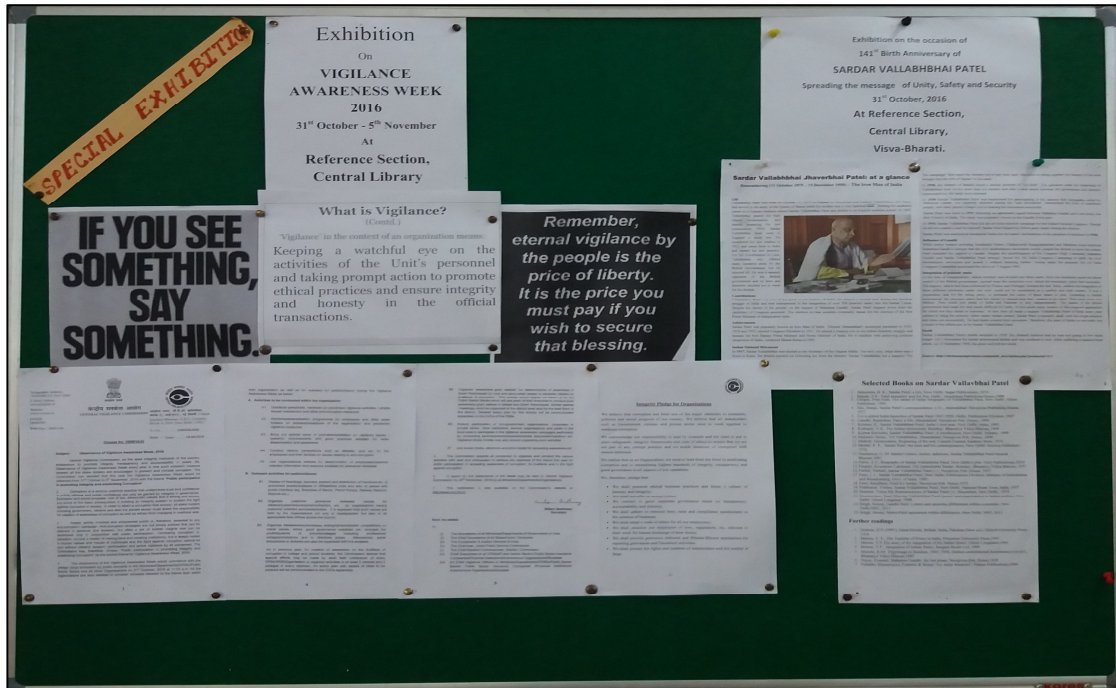


QR (Quick Response) Code of the Visva-Bharati Library Network.

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



Students from Guwahati University in the Inter-active Session in Central Library



Special Exhibition on 'Vigilance Awareness Week, 2016' in Reference Section



Souvenir Shop – Display Cabinet at the Entrance to Central Library



Pledge taking on 'Vigilance Awareness Week, 2016' at Quadrangle, Central Library



Discussion by Officers from Central Library at Raipur Public Library, Bolpur