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SWAYAM Prabha and others: Initiatives of MHRD, Govt. of India *(Continued from the last issue)*

On the auspicious day of Guru Purnima (9th July 2017), the Ministry of Human Resource Development organized an innovative and best practices conference on digital initiatives in Higher Education. Some of these initiatives has been mentioned earlier and some are below.

1. SWAYAM Prabha: the 32 Educational DTH Channels:

The SWAYAM PRABHA has been conceived as the project for telecasting high quality educational programmes through 32 DTH channels on 24X7 basis. Every day, there will be new content of at least (4) hours which would be repeated 6 times a day, allowing the student to convenient time. The DTH Channels cover: -



(a) Curriculum based course contents covering diverse disciplines such as arts, science, commerce, performing arts, social sciences and humanities subjects, engineering, technology, law, medicine, agriculture etc. in higher education domain (all courses would be certification-ready in their detailed offering).

(b) School education (9-12 levels) modules; for teacher training as well as teaching and learning aids to children of India to help them understand the subjects better and also help them in better preparedness for competitive examinations for admissions to professional degree programmes.

(c) Curricula and courses that can meet the needs of life-long learners

(d) IIT-PAL - to assist the students in the Classes 11 and 12 aspiring to join IITs by encouraging scientific thinking and conceptual understanding critical to answer the 'tough' questions of JEE Advanced, so that good quality students enter the portals of IITs. The four channels under this would be on Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology.

Announcement

Visva-Bharati Library Network is going to organize a 'Web Training Session on Urkund Anti Plagiarism Services' at Conference Hall, Central Library 05 December 2017, at 2.30pm. All interested faculty members, research scholars, library professionals and staff are invited/requested to attend the

The project completed within 3 months with the active participation of the Bhaskaracharya Satellite Application Centre and Geoinformatics (BISAG) Gandhinagar and ECIL Hyderabad (Source: <https://www.swayamprabha.gov.in/>).

2. National Academic Depository: Initiative of MHRD, Govt. of India

National Academic Depository (NAD) is an initiative to facilitate digital issuance, storage, access and verification of Academic Awards issued by Academic Institutions. NAD is a Unique, Innovative and Progressive initiative under

“Digital India” theme towards achieving Digital enablement of the Education Records. NAD aspires to make the vision of Digital Academic Certificates for every Indian a reality. This touches the lives of Indian youth and empowers them with Digital, Online, Trusted, Verifiable Certificates which are accessible in a secure manner at all times. NAD promises to do away with difficulties /inefficiencies of collecting, maintaining, and presenting physical paper certificates (source: <http://nad.gov.in/>).

3. e-Shodh Sindhu:

More than 15,000 international electronic journals and e-books are made available to all the higher educational institutions through the e shodh Sindhu initiative. This allows access to be best education resources in the world using digital mode. The INFLIBNET, Gandhinagar, Gujarat is implementing the Scheme (Source: <https://www.inflibnet.ac.in/ess/>).

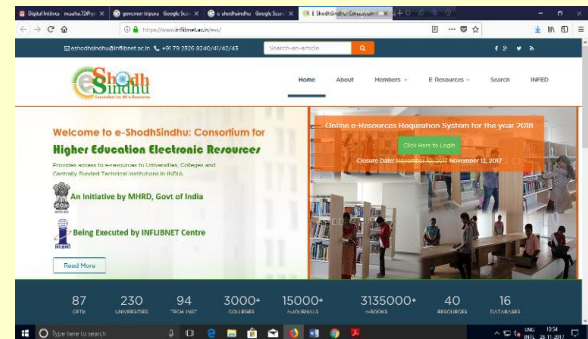
4. Virtual Labs

Physical distances and the lack of resources make us unable to perform experiments, especially when they involve sophisticated instruments. Also, good teachers are always a scarce resource. With the present-day internet and computer technologies the above limitations can no more hamper students and researchers in enhancing their skills and knowledge. Also, in a country like India, costly instruments and equipment need to be shared with fellow researchers to the extent possible. Today most equipment has computer interface for control and data storage. It is possible to design good experiments around some of these equipment, which would enhance the learning of a student. Internet-based experimentation further permits use of resources – knowledge, software, and data available on the web, apart from encouraging skillful experiments being simultaneously

performed at points separated in space (and possibly, time). Virtual Lab does not require any additional infrastructural setup for conducting experiments at user premises. Over 205 virtual labs in 9 Engineering & Science disciplines, comprising about 1515 experiments are operational and currently being accessed by more than 6 lakh students. (Source: <http://vlab.co.in/>).

5. e-Yantra

An MHRD initiative under NMEICT Programme, named “e-Yantra” is implemented to incorporate Robotics into engineering education with the objective of engaging students through exciting hands-on application of mathematics, computer science, and engineering principles. Creation of robotic platforms has been very successfully demonstrated during phase-I of the project. Presently, e-Yantra has been implemented in 100 colleges. e-Yantra is creating skills by setting up lab infrastructure for project based learning and training teachers in these 100 engineering colleges. Going ahead, MHRD sees the core skills developed by IITB as generating, distributing and analyzing content to further create manpower with practical skills. All the projects and code are available on the e-Yantra website as open source content (Source: www.eyantra.org).



Some Recent Library Activities / Developments

- **Two Day Workshop on Research methodology:** A two-day ‘Workshop on Research Methodology’ for Ph. D. Scholars was organised in the Conference Hall, Central Library during 24-25 November 2017. It covered all aspects of research including resources, services, facilities and research methodology in eleven (11) different sessions. Total thirty-six participants attended the programme. Sri Ajay Kumar Sharma, Sr. Assistant Librarian, Cheena Bhavana Library and Smt. Sabahat Nausheen, Sr Asst. Librarian, Central Library, were the Joint Organizing Secretaries of the programme. All library officers of Visva-Bharati Library Network were the resource persons in the workshop. Certificate were issued to all participants at the end of the programme.
- **Visitors:**
 - a) **At Central Library**
 - A team of four students and two faculties from Department of Library and Information Sciences, Calcutta University on their educational tour visited Central Library, Visva-Bharati on 09 November 2017.
 - Hon’ble Governor of Tripura along with Hon’ble Vice Chancellor of Visva-Bharati visited Central Library, Visva-Bharati on 13 November 2017.
 - Dr. Bhaskar Sanyal, Scientist-F from Bhabha Atomic Research Center (BARC), Mumbai Maharashtra visited Central Library on 16 November 2017.
 - Smt. Seema Khurana Patra, Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, (Kolkata), Govt. of India visited Central Library on 23 November 2017.
 - b) **At PSB Library** - Students of MLISc of Calcutta University with Special Paper: Agriculture Information Systems visited PSB Library on 11 November 2017.
 - c) **At Hindi Bhavana Library** - Sangeeta Mishra along with 60 students from Techno India Group Public School, Bolpur visited the Hindi Bhavana Library on 24th November 2017.
- **Article Delivery Services:** During the month 09 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.
- **Transfer of Books:** books (no. 203) received as gift by the Central Library has been transferred (without accessioning) to Lifelong Learning and Continuing Education (formerly Rural Extension Center) for users of Rural Libraries under REC on 21 November 2017.
- **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 homage;
 - a. 127th Birth Anniversary of Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru Former Prime Minister of India on 14 November 2017.
 - b. 129th Birth Anniversary of Rathindranath Tagore, First Vice Chancellor of Visva-Bharati on 27 November 2017.
- **New Additions (Books) during the Month**

➤	Central Library
➤	Number of Books Purchased : 141 (Acc. No. 428790 - 428930)
➤	Number of Books received as Gift : 31 (Acc. No. G 9417 - G 9447)
➤	Cheena Bhavana Library
➤	Number of books received as Gift : 13 (CG4655-4667)
➤	Hindi Bhavana Library
➤	Number of books received as Gift : 05 (HG211 - HG215)
➤	PSB Library
➤	Number of books received as Gift : 05 (PB50120 – PB50124)

New Arrivals (Books and Periodicals)

[Books](#)(click)

[Journals](#) (click)

Conferences / Seminars / Workshops in Library & Information Science

1. Department of Library Dharmamurthi Rao Bahadur CalavalaCunnan Chetty's Hindu College Pattabiram, Chennai in collaboration with academic Library Association (ALA) Tamil Nadu is organizing Two –Day International Conference on Knowledge Resources and Technologies in Higher Education (KRTHE 2018) on February 16- 17, 2018 at Chennai. For details log in to <https://krthe2018.weebly.com/>
2. Library Resource Center, Ansal University is organizing National Conference on “Changing Digital Landscape in SMART Environment” (NCCDLSE) 2018 .February 8- 9, 2018 at Gurugram, Haryana. For details log in to <http://www.lisportal.com/en/events/event/145-national-conference-on-changing-digital-landscape-in-smart-environment-nccdlse-2018>
3. Informatics along with Goa University Library is organizing Library Technology Conclave (LTC) 2018 from January 23- 25, 2018 at Goa University. For details log in to <http://ltc2018.informaticsglobal.com>
4. CSIR-NISCAIR is organizing Social Media Communication from February 05 - 16, 2018 at NISCAIR, New Delhi. For details log in to <http://www.niscair.res.in/ActivitiesandServices/HRD/NISCAIR-Training-Calendar-2017-18.pdf>(<http://www.niscair.res.in/>)
5. CSIR-NISCAIR is organizing Library Automation and Networking from February 26 - March 09, 2018. For details log in to <http://www.niscair.res.in/ActivitiesandServices/HRD/NISCAIR-Training-Calendar-2017-18.pdf> (<http://www.niscair.res.in/>)

Important Links

1. MHRD: <http://mhrd.gov.in/institutions-national-importance>. Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development. It caters information regarding higher education of India, Statistics, Institutions and their links, Multimedia, Government Schemes from Ministry of higher Education.
2. Gandhi: <http://www.mkgandhi.org/> A Place to learn about Gandhi, his life, work & philosophy. This comprehensive site is regularly updated & maintained by non-profit Gandhian Organizations in India & has a wealth of information & material for researchers, students, activists & anyone interested in Gandhi.
3. Rabindranath Tagore: <http://www.tagoreweb.in/> Biography and other creations of Tagores, like songs verses and novels are available chapter wise, all in Bengali Language.



Sri Tathagata Roy, Hon'ble Governor, Tripura Visited Central Library on 13 Nov.



Moment of Inauguration of the two-day Workshop on Research Methodology on 24 Nov.



A Tribute to Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru on his 127th Birth Anniversary on 14 Nov.



A Tribute to Rathindranath Tagore on his 129th Birth Anniversary on 27 Nov.



Smt. Seema Khurana Patra, Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Visited Central Library on 23 Nov.



Teacher and students, Techno India Group Public School, Bolpur visited Hindi Bhavana Library on 24 Nov.