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## Library e-Newsletter

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## OPEN ACCESS @ VISVA-BHARATI LIBRARY NETWORK

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### Note

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

(Intranet)

<http://14.139.211.2/index1.html>

(Internet)

### Editorial Board

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### Announcement

#### Writing off of books: All are invited to participate

The VB Standing Committee on identifying damaged books for withdrawal recommended, in its meeting on 26 Feb. 2015, that the list of damaged books be publicized on the website as well as displayed to enable any one to inspect and recommend such books for preservation (in whatever condition they are), if she/or he feels so. Hence, damaged and mutilated books recommended for withdrawal are displayed in the Technical Section of Central Library (RHS as you enter the Library building). They will be in place for a week (4 – 11 Dec. 2015). All are welcome to inspect them for recommendation of preservation, if any, before they are withdrawn from the Library. Contact persons: Smt Mridula Bhattacharya (Ph: 9531533296) and Sri Biswajit Majumdar (Ph: 9475242745). For photo, see page 7

## Why Open Access?

- It can increase the discoverability of research. This increased visibility has the potential to lead to a larger readership which, in turn, could result in more citations, both of which can help in one's career.
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- Articles freely available online are more highly cited. For greater impact and faster scientific progress, authors and publishers should aim to make research easy to access.

## How to publish in Open Access?

Two of the ways authors can provide open access are:

- **Green Open Access:** Self-archiving one's journal articles in an open access repository is known as 'Green Open Access'. Authors self-archive their articles that are already published in a journal for free public use in their institutional repositories, in a central repositories (such as PubMed Central) or in some other open access websites. These journals provide free access to all articles and utilize a form of licensing that puts minimal restrictions on the use of articles such as the Creative Commons Attribution License. Example: Biomedical Digital Libraries. [A Creative Commons (CC) license is one of several public copyright licenses that enable the free distribution of an otherwise copyrighted work. A CC license is used when an author wants to give people (like non-commercial users) the right to share, use, and build upon a work that they have created.]

The Registry of Open Access Repositories (ROAR) indexes the creation, location and growth of open access institutional repositories and their contents.

- **Gold Open Access:** Publishing in an open access journal is known as 'Gold Open Access'. Gold open access provides immediate open access to all of one's articles, usually on the publisher's website. Hybrid open access journals are subscription journals that provide gold open access only for those individual articles for which their authors (or their author's institution or funder) pay an open access publishing fee. These journals provide free access to all articles and utilize a variety of copyright statements (e.g the journal's copyright statement may grant liberal educational copying provisions), but they do not use a Creative Commons Attribution License or similar license. Example: The Public-Access Computer Systems Review.

## Open Access at Visva-Bharati Library Network

The Visva-Bharati Library Network promotes open access through its institutional repository (IR) which contains articles by faculty, syllabi, past question papers and open archives.

Go to the Visva-Bharati website ([www.visvabharati.ac.in](http://www.visvabharati.ac.in)) → Central Library → Resources → Open Access Resources.

The Open Access resources are arranged in defined categories with the links as follow:

- **Open Access E-Resources** (as listed in the Library website)

- E – Journals
- E-Books

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### ➤ Open Access E-Journals

- Academic Journals <http://www.academicjournals.org/>
- Bioline International <http://www.bioline.org.br/>
- BioMed Central <http://www.biomedcentral.com/>
- HighWire Press <http://highwire.stanford.edu/>
- Indian Academy of Sciences (IAS) <http://www.ias.ac.in/>
- Indian Journals <http://indianjournals.com/>
- Journal of Digital Information (JoDI) <http://jodi.tamu.edu/>
- Journal of Postgraduate Medicine <http://www.jpjgmonline.com/>
- MedIND <http://medind.nic.in/>
- Medknow <http://www.medknow.com/>
- Molecular Diversity Preservation International (MDPI) <http://www.mdpi.org/>
- Public Library of Science (PLoS) <http://www.plos.org/>
- PubMed Central <http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/>
- Trials <http://www.trialsjournal.com/>

### ➤ Open Access E-book portals

- Open Access to Oriya Books @ NITR <http://oaob.nitrkl.ac.in/>
- Open Access Books @ INTECH <http://www.intechopen.com/books>

### ➤ Open Access Directories

- Bengali Periodicals and Newspapers @ Savifa <http://www.savifa.uni-hd.de/>
- Directory of Open Access Books (DOAB) <http://www.doabooks.org/doab>
- Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) <http://www.doaj.org/>
- Free Medical Journals <http://www.freemedicaljournals.com/>
- OJS @ Public Knowledge Project <http://pkp.sfu.ca/ojs-journals/>
- Open J-Gate <http://www.openj-gate.com/>

### ➤ Open Access Digital Repository

- World Digital Library <http://www.wdl.org/en/>
- Digital Library of India <http://www.new.dli.ernet.in/>
- Digital repository of 'West Bengal Public Library Network' <http://www.wbpublibnet.gov.in>
- Digital Repository Museums of India <http://www.museumsofindia.gov.in/>

### ➤ IRs of University / Institutions

- DSpace@IIT Bombay <http://dspace.library.iitb.ac.in/jspui/>
- Eprint & Etd@IIT Delhi <http://eprint.iitd.ac.in/dspace/>
- DSpace@IIM Kozhikode <http://dspace.iimk.ac.in/>
- Eprints@IISc Bangalore <http://eprints.iisc.ernet.in/>
- DU Eprint Archive <http://eprints.du.ac.in/>
- DSpace@dce <http://dspace.dce.ac.in/>
- DSpace@nitrr <http://dspace.nitrkl.ac.in/dspace/>
- DSpace@Thapar University <http://dspace.tiet.ac.in:8080/dspace/>
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- DSpace@IUCAA, Puna <http://www.iucaa.ernet.in:8080/jspui/>
- DSpace@Pondicherry University <http://dspace.pondiuni.edu.in/jspui/>
- Dyuthi, Digital Repository of Cochin University of Science and Technology <http://dyuthi.cusat.ac.in/xmlui/>
- Etheses@Saurashtra University <http://etheses.saurashtrauniversity.edu/>
- MGU Ph. D. Theses Archive <http://www.mgutheses.org>
- Osmania University Digital Library [OUDL] <http://oudl.osmania.ac.in/>

(Sujit Kujur, Asst. Librarian)

## Recent Library Activities / Developments

- **New Library Services:** Circulation Section of Visva-Bharati Central Library started three new services as under:
  - 'No-dues Certificate' through LIBSYS- The issue of the certificate is automated through the library software, LIBSYS.
  - Reservation through LIBSYS-The system will now onwards manage the Reservation of Books.
  - Recall/Follow-up Notice for books through LIBSYS- The system will generate e-mails to recall books which are under issue.
- **Shifting to Open Source:** In pursuance of a stated policy to shift to open/free Operating System, the Central Library is gradually replacing Microsoft Operating System with Ubuntu, an open source OS. All machines for the public use have already been shifted to Ubuntu. The Cheena Bhavana Library has adopted Ubuntu in all its machines.
- **Book Fair on Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel:** On Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day), a week-long Book-Fair (from 31/10/2015 to 06/11/2015) and exhibitions were organized at Central Library, Visva-Bharati on 31 October 2015 to commemorate the 140<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

The programme was inaugurated by Prof. Swapan Kumar Datta, Hon'ble Pro Vice- Chancellor, Visva-Bharati who also spoke on the subject. Dr. (Col.) Mani Mukut Mitra, Registrar (Acting) and Director PSNS, VB read out the unity pledge. Prof. Tapati Mukherjee, Director CCR&H and Rabindra Bhavana and Prof Rameshwar Prasad Mishra, Dept of Hindi and Chairman IQAC, VB spoke on the topic. Around hundred participants (comprising of Faculty members, officers, Library professionals, staff, scholars, students and media people) were present. Dr. V. K. Thomas welcomed the guests and Dr. Nimai Chand Saha registered vote of thanks.
- **Visitors:** Faculty and scholars from Dept of Buddhist Studies, Huafan University, Taiwan visited the Central Library on 2 November 2015 and went through all sections and service points.
- **Celebration of Constitution Day:** The Central Library celebrated the Constitution Day on 26 November in memory of adoption of the Constitution on 26 November 1949. On this occasion 'Preamble' to the Constitution was read out by the Librarian to the staff and students in the quadrangle of the Library.
- **Visit to Sectional Libraries:** University Librarian, Dr. V. K. Thomas and Deputy Librarian, Dr. Nimai Chand Saha visited Patha Bhavana Library on 17 and 21 November to coordinate stock taking matters.

### Personalia

- Dr. Nimai Chand Saha, Deputy Librarian has been assigned classes by the Dept. Physical Education, Visva-Bharati for Ph. D. Course Work (twice a week) for its candidates/scholars.
- Dr. Partha Pratim Ray, Dy. Librarian has published a paper entitled *Information for Tribal Development: A Case Study of Santals' Attitude and Adjustment* in SRELS Journal of Information Management, Vol. 52 (5), October 2015. Link: [http:// www.srels.org](http://www.srels.org)
- Shri Atanu Kumar Sinha, Professional Assistant has published an article *Evaluation of Library Collection of Palli Samgathana Vibhaga Library, Visva-Bharati: A Survey* in the SRELS Journal of Information Management, Vol. 52(5), October 2015.

## New Arrivals (Books and Periodicals)

[Books](#) (click)

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### Conferences/Seminars/Workshops in Library & Information Science

1. Three Day National Workshop on *Open Source Software – Koba Training and Certification* at Ghaziabad during 18-20 December 2015. Website: <http://www.inmantec.edu> Phone: 7428412031.
2. National Conference on *Application of Social Media in Innovative Knowledge Services* in New Delhi on 19 December 2015. Website: <http://www.sirsindia.org>
3. National Level Seminar on *Harvesting Web Resources & Academic Publishing* at Islamiah College (Autonomous), Vaniyambdi, Vellore District on 26 December 2015. Website: <http://www.islamiahcollege.edu.in/>
4. One day seminar on *From P to E: Managing the Transformation* at Asia Pacific Institute of Management 3&4, Institutional Area, Jasola, New Delhi-110025 on 19 December 2015.
5. NISCAIR is organizing five-day short term training programme on *Library Automation and Networking* during 14-18 December 2015. For details: <http://www.niscair.res.in/ActivitiesandServices/act.asp?a=topframe.htm&b=leftcon.asp&c=../forthtrng.asp&d=test>



Inauguration of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (31.10.2015) - Prof. Swapan Kumar Datta speaks



Inauguration of the Book Fair and exhibitions on Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, 31.10.2015



Guests from Dept of Buddhist Studies, Huafan University, Taiwan at Central Library on 2. 11. 2015



Celebration the Constitution Day at Central Library on 26.11.2015. Librarian reads out the 'Preamble' to the Constitution



Display of damaged books during 3-10 Dec 2015 at Central Library (Ref to 'Announcement' at p.1)