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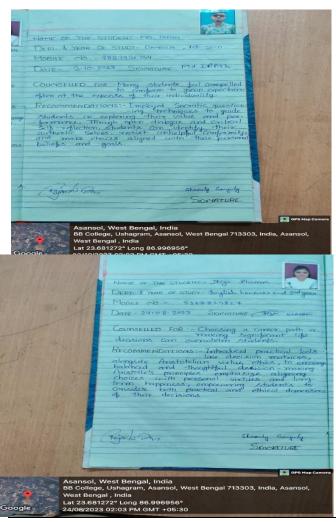
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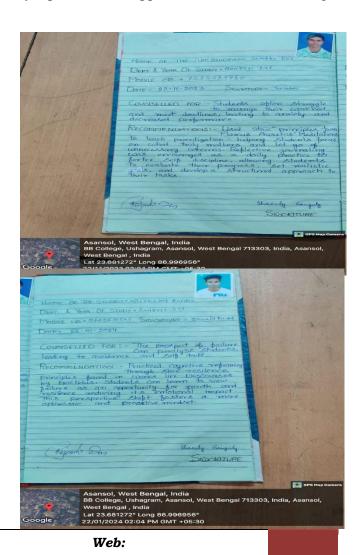
### Report on New Initiatives by the Central Library of B.B. College (2023-2024)

The Central Library of B.B. College has introduced several innovative services and collaborations during the academic year 2023-2024 to enhance student support, academic integrity, and research resources. These initiatives are aimed at fostering a more holistic learning environment by addressing mental well-being, academic research, and access to standardized information.

### 1. Mental Counselling Services through Bibliotherapy and Philosophical Concepts

Recognizing the growing concerns around students' mental health and emotional well-being, the Central Library of B.B. College has started providing mental counselling services utilizing bibliotherapy and philosophical concepts. Bibliotherapy, a method that uses carefully selected books to provide psychological support, helps students deal with stress, anxiety, and academic pressures. This initiative integrates philosophical wisdom, offering insights from various philosophical traditions to help students develop resilience, self-awareness, and critical thinking skills. By curating a collection of books and organizing interactive sessions, the library aims to provide a structured yet personalized approach to mental well-being.





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### 2. Establishment of a BSI Standards Collection Section

To support academic research and professional development, the library has established a dedicated section containing collections of Bureau of Indian Standards (BSI) guidelines. These standards play a crucial role in ensuring quality, safety, and efficiency in various fields, including engineering, science, and technology. The availability of these resources will benefit students, researchers, and faculty members, enabling them to reference nationally recognized standards in their academic projects and research work. This section is expected to serve as a valuable reference point for those involved in technical and industrial studies, ensuring they adhere to established benchmarks.





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## 3. Collaboration with Visva Bharati's Central Library for Plagiarism Checking

Maintaining academic integrity is a crucial aspect of higher education, and to uphold these standards, the Central Library of B.B. College in collaboration with the R&D Cell of B.B. College has collaborated with the Central Library of Visva Bharati University for plagiarism-checking services. This partnership allows students, faculties, and researchers to verify the originality of their work before submission to international book chapter publication in e-ConSus, an international conference for sustainable development, reducing instances of unintentional plagiarism and ensuring proper attribution of sources. The plagiarism-checking facility is expected to enhance the credibility of research output and help contributors develop better citation and referencing practices.



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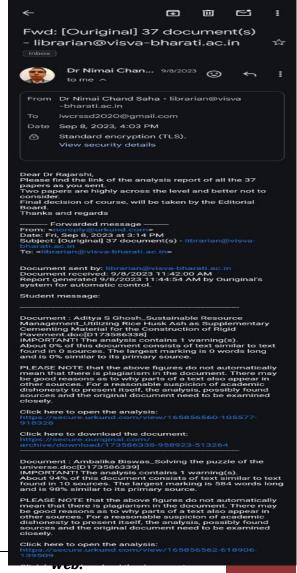
This is to certify that Dr. Amitava Basu, Principal of Banwarilal Bhalotia College (B.B. College), Asansol, West Bengal, formally requested Dr. Nimai Chand Saha, Librarian, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, considering his vast experience in the related domain to assist for checking similarity index for chapters of edited book(s). This is a purely academic cooperation without involving any monetary involvement from both sides.

In response to this request, Dr. Nimai Chand Saha, as the Librarian of Visva-Bharati, graciously agreed to provide the necessary support as purley voluntary academic cooperation. By using Urkund and Ouriginal plagiarism detection software he has checked the similarity index to ensure the academic integrity of the submitted chapters for edited book volumes spanning the years 2020 to 2023, covering a period of four years.

This collaborative effort reflects the mutual commitment of both institutions to uphold academic excellence and ethical standards in scholarly publishing.

We sincerely acknowledge the cooperation extended by Dr. Nimai Chand Saha and the Visva-Bharati Central Library team for their diligent efforts in ensuring the quality and originality of the academic work.





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## 4. Introduction of a Multidisciplinary Course on Information and Media Literacy under NEP 2020

In alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the Central library has launched a multidisciplinary course on Information and Media Literacy during the 2023-2024 academic session. This course aims to equip students with critical skills to navigate, evaluate, and ethically engage with information in the digital age. The course covers:

- **Fundamentals of Information Literacy:** Understanding the credibility and authenticity of information sources.
- **Media Literacy:** Analyzing media content, distinguishing between fact and misinformation, and recognizing biases.
- **Digital Citizenship:** Safe and responsible use of digital platforms.
- Research and Academic Integrity: Ethical writing, citation techniques, and avoiding plagiarism.

By offering this course, the library is actively promoting digital literacy, research skills, and responsible media consumption among students, ensuring they are well-prepared for both academic and professional challenges in an information-driven world.

## 5. Six-Day Short-Term Course on Digital Archiving in Practice

The Rarh-Chive, the digital archive of RARH-Bangla, under the Central Library of B.B. College, Asansol, successfully organized a six-day short-term course on Digital Archiving in Practice in collaboration with several esteemed partners. This event, sponsored by the British Library and patronaged by INFLIBNET, aimed to equip participants with practical skills and



knowledge in the field of digital archiving, preservation, and access management. The course covered key aspects such as:

- Principles and Practices of Digital Archiving
- Metadata Standards and Digital Cataloguing
- Digitization Techniques and Preservation Strategies
- Ethical and Legal Aspects of Digital Archives
- Software Tools for Digital Archiving
- Case Studies and Hands-on Training

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Participants included students, researchers, librarians, and archivists, who benefited from expert-led sessions, interactive workshops, and practical demonstrations. The collaboration with British Library and INFLIBNET provided access to global best practices and cutting-edge methodologies.

This initiative reflects the Central Library of B.B. College's commitment to advancing digital preservation, research accessibility, and scholarly resource management, ensuring that archival heritage is effectively maintained and utilized for future generations.









### 6. Integration of BBA-BCA Library into Central Library

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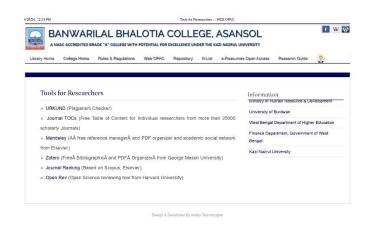
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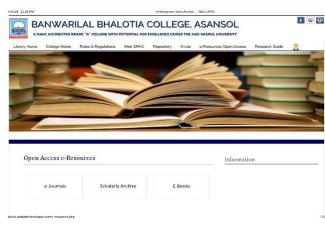
The BCA Library has been successfully merged with the Central Library. This integration streamlines access to resources and ensures that all materials are available in a single, centralized location. Students and faculty from the BCA department can now utilize the consolidated collection more efficiently, fostering a unified academic environment.

#### 7. Full Automation of Book Issues and Return

The book issue and return process in the Central Library is now fully computerized. This advancement eliminates manual processing, significantly reducing time and errors in book transactions. The computerized system offers the following benefits:

- \*Enhanced Efficiency: Faster processing of book loans and returns.
- \*Improved Accuracy: Minimized errors in transaction records.
- \*User Convenience: Real-time updates on book availability and transaction history.
- \*Streamlined Management: Efficient tracking of overdue books and inventory.





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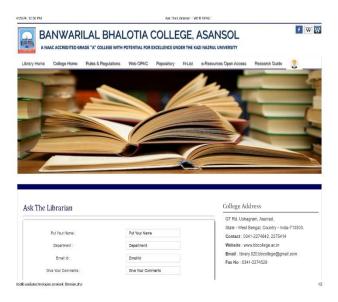


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With these initiatives, the Central Library of B.B. College is taking significant strides towards enhancing student well-being, improving access to critical academic resources, and promoting ethical research practices. By integrating mental health support through bibliotherapy, providing standardized knowledge resources, and ensuring academic integrity through plagiarism checks, the library is positioning itself as a comprehensive support system for students and faculty. These efforts not only enrich the academic environment but also contribute to the holistic development of students, preparing them for both academic and professional challenges.

Yours sincerely,

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