

**A Report on User Awareness Programmes on
“Utilising Library resources & Plagiarism check”
Organized by Library & Documentation Division, IGNOU**

Background

Library and Documentation Division (L&DD) acts as the information hub of IGNOU to provide access to large no. of books, journals, reports, theses, microforms, IGNOU Archives, IGNOU Course materials and e-resources in diverse disciplines. The central library caters to the needs of teachers, academics, administrative and support staff at the Headquarters, all research scholars, learners and visiting faculty.

The holdings of the library collection and access of e-resources can be browsed and downloaded by users from their own desktops through Web-OPAC and Integrated Search Engines. The library has installed Koha software for Central Library and Regional Centre Libraries.

L & DD has got the core membership of E-ShodhSindhu Consortium (ESS) through which access is provided to an estimated 7900 e-journals and 1711 e-books through 9 databases. L&DD has implemented the remote login facility to authorized users within the framework of copyright laws for the benefit of scholars at both Headquarters and RCs for accessing the e-resources from anywhere, anytime using the INFED (Indian Access Management Federation) under the ESS authentication system of UGC's INFLIBNET Centre.

L&DD is also taking advantage of DELNET services such as browsing of Union Catalogues, Inter-Library Loan and Document Delivery facilities from more than 4000 libraries.

MoU with Shodhganga has been signed, a UGC INFLIBNET project which provides a platform for the researchers to archive their research work (Ph.D. theses and Masters Dissertations) and make it available to the entire scholarly community in Open Access environment. The MoU also covers the provision of Ouriginal, a fully automated system for plagiarism detection.

For effective utilization of library resources and information services, L&DD conducts Orientation Programmes from time to time for our users including Teachers, Academics, Research Scholars.

Programme Objectives

The basic objectives of the orientation programmes are:

- To orient our users about the effective use of various library resources and services including e-resources and online catalogue
- To familiarize library users with the various sections and collections of the Library
- To explore the information sources and obtain effective information services according to the information needs in the area of research and specialization
- To facilitate individual remote logins to get access to the e-resources from anywhere 24*7
- To brief about the plagiarism check using Ouriginal-URKUND software, that will help faculty in writing papers, submission of theses of their students within the set similarity norms

Participants

32 sessions for the orientation programmes were held during 01 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, attended by 44 academics and 160 researchers. The initiative was coordinated by Dr. B.B. Bhanot.

Resource persons

Dr.V.K.Jagajeevan, Librarian, Dr. Seema Chandhok, Deputy Librarian and Dr. SN Imam were the resource persons for these programmes.

Duration and Dates:

06-14 Sep 2021: 11 Sessions (01 Hr. each)
15-23 Sep 201 : 10 Sessions (01 Hr.each)
17 Nov 2021 : 01 Session (02 Hrs)
22-30 Nov 2021: 10 Sessions (01 Hr each)

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Co-ordinator: Dr.B.B. Bhanot

About the programmes:

Dr. V. K. Jagajeevan, Librarian welcomed the participants and introduced them with the Library staff. He briefed about the objectives of the orientation programme.

Dr. Bhanot took the participants to various sections to familiarise them with the various sections of the Library including Circulation Counter, Books and Journals Stack Areas, Reading Area, IGNOU Archives section etc.

Dr.S.N. Imam gave demonstration on OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue) to know the available printed books, printed subscribed journals, Magazines, Newspaper etc. He described how to obtain a User ID and Password to use the platform of Remote Access to E-Resources for accessing numerous subscribed databases. He further explained the available e-journals with full-text under the package, elaborating the advanced features of searching the database with precision and relevance.

He described about the significance of originality of research and explained about the various concerns of fabrication, falsification, plagiarism and violation of authorship rules.

He explained plagiarism guidelines of UGC, levels of similarity, and penalties. He finished by demonstrating many proprietary and open source plagiarism detection tools, paying particular attention to the Urkund/Ouriginal supplied by INFLIBNET.

He also discussed numerous citation formats, such as APA, MLA, Chicago, and Vancouver, and spoke about the many techniques of quoting, paraphrasing, and summarizing.

Dr. Seema Chandhok talked about various online databases (JSTOR, JGate, APS, Springer Link, Taylor & Francis and Project Muse etc) available for the readers and the search techniques to get the relevant information from these sources. She explained the procedures for downloading full-text journal articles from databases. She also discussed about the Citation databases and UGC Care list Journals.

Dr.V.K. Jagajeevan covered the topics of predatory journals, Journal finder tools. He explained some strategies for identifying journals that can be useful for researchers to publish their scholarly works. He highlighted the features of numerous journal finder tools, including the Think, Check and Submit, Journal Guide, Elsevier Journal Finder, Springer Journal Suggester, Wiley Journal Finder, and Journal/Author Name Estimator (JANE) etc.

The programmes were followed by Question-Answer sessions during which several doubts were clarified by the resource persons.



Outcomes of the programmes (2-3 lines)

The users were acquainted with the basic knowledge or understanding and skills which are necessary for effective and efficient use of the library services and resources as well as to practice academic integrity. More than 2600 remote logins have been created using INFED software provided by UGC-INFLIBNET.