



Lib-InfoCast

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IITGN Library: Journey so far...

The Library at IIT Gandhinagar has been a part of the institute since its inception in 2008. Back then, it was operating from the K Block, Vishwakarma Government Engineering College, Chandkheda, with a collection of a little over 8000 books and only 2 staff members, assisted by 2 trainees and an attendant.



In July 2011, the Library shifted to Shed 2 of Vishwakarma Government Engineering College, Chandkheda to provide an exclusive and dedicated space for the IITGN community.

It continued to serve the community for almost the next 5 years from this accommodation.

The following year, Dr. T.S. Kumbar, who was mentoring the library till January 2012, joined the Institute as the very first Librarian in February 2012.



In the month of October, 2015, the library marked its presence on the Palaj Campus with 'Mini Library' in the Student Hostel Area. This library with its modest infrastructure and course related books, magazines, newspapers etc served very well as a link to the main Library on VGEC campus. The Mini Library soon became a popular place among the student community and till 6th March, 2016, operated solo on Palaj campus.

On 27th February, 2016, the doors of Library at Shed 2, VGEC, closed permanently. In a record time of 9 days (27th Feb to 6th March 2016), the library was shifted to the current location of Academic Block 3 on Palaj Campus, by Librarian, 3 regular staff, 5 trainees and 3 attendants. The collection strength was 23000+ then.



The newly setup library in this new location with great ambience, better arrangements and inviting space was opened to the Institute community on 7th March, 2016. Prof. Sudhir Kumar Jain, Director, graced the inaugural ceremony with his presence. The students, faculties and staff were thrilled to have their old library in a new, lively environment. Needless to say, so were we!



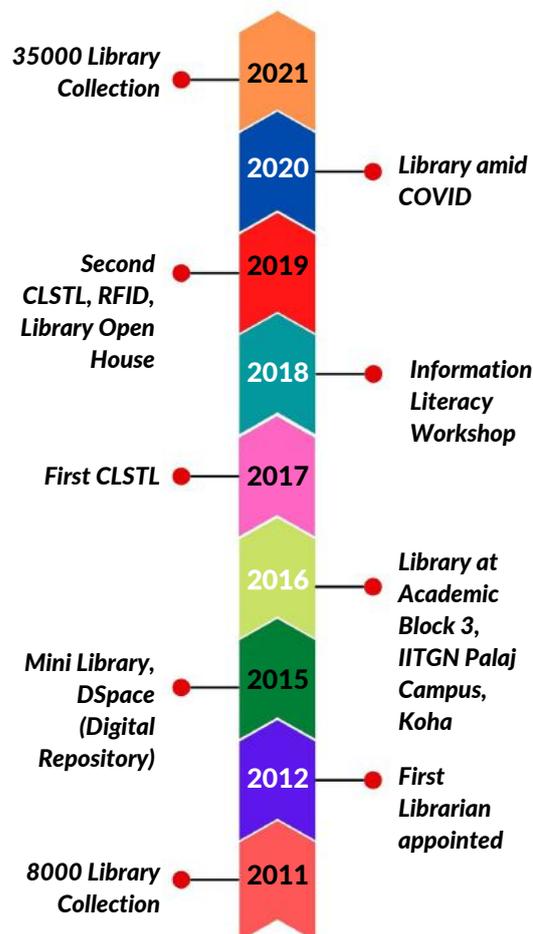
From down the hall of AB/3

IITGN Library is delighted to share the first issue of the E-newsletter 'Lib-InfoCast' with you all! This newsletter is designed to bring to you fascinating details regarding the various resources, facilities, and services of IITGN Library in a simple and lucid manner. From the genesis of the library to the battling COVID Pandemic, from the scholarly resources and tools to interesting reads for your leisure time, the assembly of this will fascinate you without fail. With this, we hope you are made aware of what this library has to offer and motivated to make optimum utilization of the facilities and services.

We look forward to hearing from you as to how we can make the library more inviting and proactive in assisting you in all your scholarly pursuits.

Happy Reading!

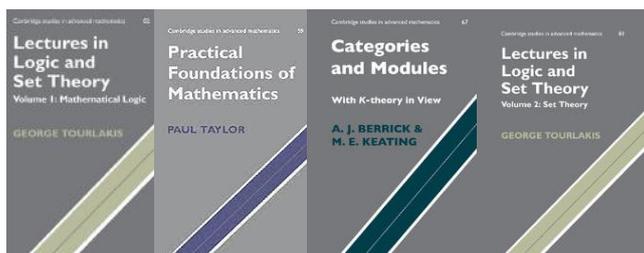
~ Librarian



Library during Covid Times

To battle the slowdown of academic activities brought about by Covid-19, the Library at IIT Gandhinagar came forward with exclusive services to facilitate the students, researchers and the faculty on and off the campus, keeping the safety factor in mind all the time.

- For all users, the due date was extended multiple times to minimise the physical visits to the library.
- The number of Childrens' books issued was increased to 6 from 2.
- All books returned were sterilized using UV lights. The UV Sterilization Box was built as an initiative by Prof. Sriram Kanvah and the combined efforts of Electrical and Mechanical Dept.
- All students were given RemoteXs accounts for accessing e-resources off campus.
- Access to the stack area, reading and browsing area, cubicles, computers and printers were restricted. Only the lobby area was accessible during the first phase of the nationwide lockdown.
- Access to all print materials was restricted. But on request, the book(s) were kept ready for borrowing. For off-campus users, a scanned copy of the desired chapters were emailed. This included Course Reserve books as well.
- A list of major resources relating to Covid-19 was put up by the Library Team.
- Many e-resources, made freely available by the publishers and on trial, were put up for research assistance.
- Information about Open Textbooks, Virtual Labs, Streaming Resources (on trial) were compiled and sent to the research community.
- Library continued providing Inter Library Loan of Books, Documents Delivery Services (articles, book chapters delivery), Plagiarism check and Grammarly services.
- Library Team started interacting and assisting students using virtual platforms, like Zoom, Google Meet and others.



Stories from the Stacks

Cambridge Studies in Advanced Mathematics

Library has added 148 titles from the series "Cambridge Studies in Advanced Mathematics". The series covers the most active areas of research in Mathematics in recent times, which is easily comprehensible by graduate students.

Find them all here:

https://legacy.iitgn.ac.in/sites/default/files/library_files/2021/31_032021.pdf

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Library Technology Update

Library has been housing two excellent scanners for the use of the IITGN community.

- [Bookeye® 4 Basic- Book scanner](#) by Image Access GmbH, Germany.



- [ScanSnap SV600](#) by Fujitsu Ltd. Japan.



Be it any official material, reading materials (*subject to Copyright restrictions*), or any other important document related to teaching, learning and research activities, the users are welcome to use these scanners!

Resource on Watch - "Think. Check. Submit."

When a bright idea flickers in the curious mind of a scholar, the general notion is that materialising it into a tangible reality is the biggest challenge. While that remains true, scholars often struggle with the right choice of publication to report their findings. That is an understandable problem, given that there are more than 30,000+ high quality journals available in the world and the number is pululating. How to pick the most suitable publication for an article? How to determine which one is genuine and which is predatory? The concerns are endless. That is exactly where a resource like 'Think. Check. Submit.' comes in handy.

Think.Check.Submit. is a cross-industry initiative led by representatives from [DOAJ](#), [INASP](#), [ISSN](#), [LIBER](#), [OASPA](#), [STM](#), and [UKSG](#) in October, 2015. The drive behind this was to eliminate the threats of predatory publishing and prepare the academic community against the same.

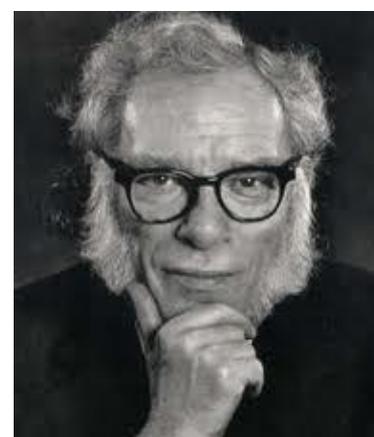
The complexity of the whole process has been divided into 3 simple steps: Think - about the context of the article against the theme of the publication, Check - on the legitimacy of the publishers and finally Submit. A simple checklist has been created for different content types, which the author can simply answer in 'Yes' or 'No'. In case the majority of the answers is Yes, it is safe to trust the publisher in question.

So next time, when a thought tinkers, go ahead with the big idea. As for letting the world know of your exploration in the best possible way - well,   

Did you know?



Isaac Asimov has written books in nearly all categories of Dewey Decimal System. Except for class number 100 Philosophy and Psychology, he has written and published 40 novels, 383 short stories, over 280 non-fiction books, and edited about 147 others. Although Asimov wrote the foreword for *The Humanist Way* (1988) by Edward L Ericson and *In Pursuit of Truth* (1982) by Paul Levinson, both of which fall under class number 100, none of his own books were classified under class 100. The Dewey Decimal Classification System was developed by Melvil Dewey in 1873. It's been adopted by more than 200,000 libraries in 135 countries, including our own.



Source: asimovonline.com

Engaged in Events

4th January 2021: A virtual session of **Library Orientation** was arranged for all Post Graduate and PhD students. A virtual tour of the library was given and the various services were introduced by the Library Team, followed by demonstration of access to various resources. Over 314 new enrolled students joined the session.

25th January 2021: IIT Gandhinagar Library in association with IEEE Publications (IEEEXplore) organized a webinar on **Inspiring Research & Innovation Using IEEE Publications (IEEEXplore)** on 25th January, 2021. The discovery of new ideas for technical reports, interpreting technology trends and overall strengthening the current research work were the chosen topics.

27th January 2021: A webinar on **Advance Your Research Using SciFinder-n** was arranged. The role of SciFindern to advance the research using various features and new enhancements from CAS was discussed.

1st February 2021: A webinar, in association with Clarivate Analytics, on **Effective Use of 'Web of Science': Taking Your Research To A Next Level** was arranged. Trainer from Clarivate Analytics, spoke to the community about various features of Web of Science, and their importance in improving the quality of publication.

5th February 2021: A webinar on **EndNote-Reference Management Made Easy** was arranged in association with Clarivate Analytics. The effective use and management of EndNote was the focal point of the discussion.

23rd February 2021: IIT Gandhinagar and IEEE arranged for a webinar on **Basics of Writing and Getting Published: A Quality Technical Paper**. The event focused on various insights in the publishing industry, like why editors/reviewers reject a paper, how to choose a journal to publish paper in, ethics and avoiding misconduct pitfalls to name a few.

25th February 2021: A webinar on **Integrating Scopus (Citation & Bibliographic Database) in Research Workflow**, in association with Elsevier, took place. The complex pursuit of research and the comprehensive use of Scopus to assist in the same was discussed.

18th March 2021: We joined hands with Elsevier Publisher, to arrange a webinar on **Integrating MENDELEY - Reference Management Software in your Research Workflow**, where topics like managing references, citing resources and collaboration possibilities with other researchers, made possible by MENDELEY were discussed.

If you want us to organize any particular Workshop/Webinar, kindly write to us at librarian@iitgn.ac.in.

A Lookback on 2020

The year 2020 changed life as we know it. It was a difficult time for entire humankind everywhere. Amidst all the pandemonium of the pandemic, Library at IIT Gandhinagar stayed open - physically and virtually.

- The Library was closed physically for a very brief period from 26th March 2020 to 20th April 2020. However, to ensure the overall safety, most services were made available in virtual form.
- It remained partially open from 9 AM to 6.30 PM and the issuing of books was from 10 AM to 1 PM, using RFID Kiosk.
- First series of Virtual Library Orientation for Newly Admitted Students took place from 17-29 September, 2020.
- Several services in the context of COVID-19 to ensure safety of users were initiated, without compromising the access to information.
- **CORAL**, an Open Access Electronic Resources Management System, was implemented for effectively managing the eResources subscribed by the Library.
- The Library Team collaborated with 14 Student Clubs on Campus to understand their objectives and activities in detail and subsequently assist them with resources and archiving.
- A virtual internship programme for 4 Library and Information Science students from Central University of Gujarat was conducted from 1 Sept. to 31st October 2020.
- On 31st July, 2020, the Library at IIT Gandhinagar ventured into the world of social media, by making its presence felt on six social media platforms.
- The Library worked closely with the HoMI (History of Mathematics in India) Project, in an attempt to document, research and propagate India's contributions to mathematics from ancient to recent times.
- The Library Team conducted weekly brainstorming sessions on topical concepts that would promote incremental improvement in daily activities of the Library, like Design Thinking, RDA, SWOT Analysis, Stock verification, Dark Archive, DRM, REALM, Altmetrics, Kaizen Techniques, Metadata Standards, Balanced Scorecard to name a few.
- The Mini Library remained closed. However, this gave us time to fix the infrastructure and equip the space with centralized AC and new convenient furnishings.

Read, Review & Roll!

While the Library keeps recommending books to all our users, we for a change wanted to know which book moved you to the core and you think is an absolute treat for any booklover out there. Or maybe there is that one book that got you into the habit of reading. Shoot a short video of yourself, narrating about your favourite book and your experience reading it! [Learn more here.](#)

Watch the Read, Review & Roll! videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLRfu94TCePTswy9BY13-mA94gN9Fb-Zj1>

Archiving Covid 19 Experiences

It's been over a year that we are fighting this invisible microscopic villain, along with the accompanying terror, anxiety and grief.

But the wonder that is human resilience!

The Library at IIT Gandhinagar took an initiative to preserve the survival stories within IITGN Community, as well as, keep a record of all research by the institute on fighting Covid.

And, we welcome you to share your experiences with us too!

Learn more about this initiative:

https://iitgn.ac.in/research/library/covid19_experience

Down the Line

As a precaution against COVID infection, the Library has stopped subscribing to Newspapers for a while now. But we are aware of our users' need for a daily dose of current affairs and latest news. Thus, we are bringing to you a solution like no other to read 7000+ newspapers and magazines across the globe, right at your fingertips.

IITGn Library family is growing! Get to meet our new members in the next issue.

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