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Prof. (Dr.) Prem Lal Patel,
Director

I am pleased to present Vol. II, Issue II of our Library Newsletter “Granthalaya Vani” for July–December 2025. The library continues to play a vital role in advancing our academic mission by expanding resources and enhancing learning support system. I commend the library team for their dedicated efforts and encourage all members of the institute to actively engage with the services and initiatives highlighted in this issue.



Dr. V. R. Kalamkar
Dean (ACD)

It is my privilege to share this message for the latest issue of the Library Newsletter. The progress made during July–December 2025, particularly in strengthening academic support and improving access to learning resources, is commendable. I appreciate the library’s commitment to academic excellence and urge students and faculty to make full use of the resources featured in this edition.



Dr. Anupama Kumar
Associate Dean (ET&LS)

I am pleased to contribute to this issue of the Library Newsletter. The developments undertaken during July–December 2025 reflect significant strides in integrating technology, enhancing digital resources, and improving user experience. I applaud the library team’s efforts and encourage readers to explore the initiatives presented in this edition.



ABOUT

LIBRARY & INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTRE

For over six decades, the VNIT Library & Information Resource Centre has stood as a pillar of academic excellence, serving the knowledge and research needs of students, faculties and staff. As a premier resource centre, it plays a crucial role in advancing intellectual growth and scholarly activities across disciplines. The library boasts a vast and diverse collection, including books, journals, e-resources and digital databases, thoughtfully curated to meet a wide spectrum of academic requirements. Library services are organized through following sections:

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| 1. Circulation Section | 6. Acquisition Section |
| 2. Technical Processing Section | 7. Book Bank Section |
| 3. Reference Section | 8. Bound Volume Section |
| 4. Social Welfare Book Bank Section | 9. Rarely Used Books Section |
| 5. Periodical Section | |

Together, these sections contribute to a robust and responsive academic infrastructure that continues to evolve with the needs of the VNIT community.

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One Day Workshop on "Awareness Regarding Book Publication and Authoring for International Publishers"

VISVESVARAYA NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, NAGPUR



Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology (VNIT), Nagpur, successfully organized a one-day workshop titled **"Awareness Regarding Book Publication & Authoring for International Publishers"** on **Saturday, July 26, 2025**. The event was jointly organized by the **Library and Information Resource Centre and the Office of the Dean, International and Alumni Affairs at VNIT**. The workshop was conducted at the Multi-Activity Centre in the campus and saw active participation from 53 faculty, researchers, and students from VNIT and other institutions.

The inaugural session began with a welcome address by **Dr. Anupama Kumar, Associate Dean (ET&LS)**, followed by the formal welcome of dignitaries, including **Prof. Dr. Mohan Lal Kolhe, Distinguished Professor, University of Agder, Norway**, who graced the occasion as the **Chief Guest**. Remarks were shared by **Dr. V. R. Kalamkar, Dean (Academics)**, and **Dr. K. M. Bhurchandi, Dean (International and Alumni Affairs)**. The inaugural session concluded with an insightful address by Prof. Kolhe, emphasizing global trends in academic publishing.

The technical sessions featured talks by eminent experts from leading international publishers:

- **Mr. Rajesh Dey**, Senior Commissioning Editor, Taylor & Francis, discussed publishing opportunities and manuscript preparation for global audiences.
- **Mr. Hemant K. Jha**, Head, Higher Education Products, McGraw Hill, shared insights into academic content development and market reach.
- **Dr. Deepak Suryavanshi**, Associate Editor, Applied and Engineering Sciences, Springer Nature, led a hands-on Book Writing Workshop guiding participants on structuring and submitting book proposals.
- **Mr. Kedar Murdeshwar**, Account Development & Events Manager, Springer Nature, delivered a keynote on Open Access Publishing, highlighting opportunities and ethical practices in scholarly dissemination.

The day concluded with a feedback session, certificate distribution, and refreshments. The workshop aimed to empower academicians and early-career researchers with the know-how of writing, publishing, and collaborating with reputed international publishers, encouraging quality contributions from Indian academia to the global knowledge ecosystem.

The entire Library team comprising of Mr. Suhas Bhopale, Mr. Amit Kumar, Mr. Vipin Kumar, Mr. Nitin Dhawale, library associates and trainees under the guidance of Mrs Poonam Harode, Assistant Librarian, and Dr. Jameel Ansari, OSD, Library worked hard for the successful organization of the Workshop.





NATIONAL LIBRARIAN DAY

Information Literacy Session on Plagiarism and Research Ethics



On the occasion of **National Librarian Day**, the Library and Information Resource Centre, VNIT, organized an **Information Literacy Session on the theme “Plagiarism and Research Ethics”** for first- year Ph.D. scholars. The event was held in remembrance of the dedication and valuable contributions of Padmashree Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, the father of Library Science in India, commemorating his 133rd birth anniversary. The session took place on 12th August 2025, from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM, at the Smart Classroom of the Civil Engineering Department. The session, a part of the Research Methodology course, aimed at promoting academic integrity and awareness among research scholars. It witnessed an enthusiastic participation of 94 first-year Ph.D. scholars, who greatly benefited from the session’s insightful and informative content. The program commenced with a welcome address by **Dr. Anupama Kumar, Associate Dean (ET&LS)**, who emphasized the importance of National Librarian Day and its connection to Dr. Ranganathan’s legacy. She also highlighted the relevance of the session’s theme in the context of research methodology. Following this, **Dr. T. V. K. Gupta, Associate Professor and Course Coordinator for Research Methodology, formally welcomed the resource person, Dr. Manju Dubey, Librarian** at R. S. Mundle Dharampeth Arts and Commerce College. In his address, Dr. Gupta underlined the critical importance of understanding plagiarism and research ethics in academic writing. Mrs. Poonam Harode introduced the speaker, after which Dr. Manju N. Dubey delivered an engaging and thought-provoking talk.

Her session covered various facets of plagiarism and research ethics, touching upon key topics such as copyright, fair use, falsification, fabrication, and institutional policies on plagiarism. She illustrated her points with examples from globally reported plagiarism cases, thereby making the session both relatable and impactful.

The key takeaways from her session – deterrence, detection, and dealing – were emphasized as pillars of maintaining academic and professional integrity in scientific writing.

As a token of appreciation, Dr. Anupama Kumar felicitated Dr. Manju Dubey with a memento and a sapling on behalf of VNIT. Both Dr. Anupama Kumar and Dr. Gupta shared their thoughts on the importance of the topic and thanked the speaker for her valuable contribution.

The session concluded with an interactive Q&A round, during which participants raised thoughtful queries, all of which were addressed by Dr. Manju Dubey. A feedback form was also circulated to obtain responses from the attendees.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Poonam Harode, who acknowledged the efforts of the organizing team and expressed gratitude to all contributors. The program was initiated by Dr. T. V. K. Gupta and Dr. Anupama Kumar and was successfully coordinated by the Library team, including Mr. Suhas Bhopale, Mr. Vipin Kumar, Mr. Deepak Kharole, and Ms. Priti Pillai, under the guidance of Mrs. Poonam Harode and Dr. Jameel Ansari. The session was systematically anchored by Mr. Suhas Bhopale, ensuring a smooth and well-conducted program.



LIBRARY SUBSCRIPTION

RENEWALS

- **Scopus:** Scopus is a large, multidisciplinary abstract and citation database created by Elsevier, offering access to peer-reviewed research literature like journal articles, books, and conference proceedings, with tools to track, analyze, and visualize research impact, making it essential for researchers to find literature, evaluate research, and understand citation metrics like CiteScore and H-index. Covers a vast collection of peer-reviewed journals, conference proceedings, and books across science, technology, medicine, social sciences, and arts & humanities. Scopus includes indicators such as CiteScore, SJR, and SNIP to assess journal quality.
- **Turnitin:** Turnitin is a plagiarism detection software widely used by educational institutions. It helps ensure originality in academic writing by comparing submitted documents against a vast database of scholarly publications, web content, and previously submitted users papers. It also checks similarity to AI-generated text. Subscription of Turnitin is renewed for the next three years.
- **MyLOFT:** MyLOFT (My Library On Fingertips) is an one search remote access platform and mobile app that enables users to discover, access, save, and organize e-resources such as journals, eBooks, and databases subscribed by the institution. It provides seamless access across mobile, web, and browser extensions, featuring offline reading, tagging, and AI-driven content recommendations. The subscription is renewed for one year.

NEW SUBSCRIPTION

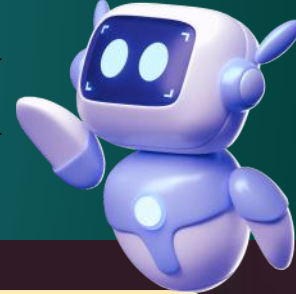
- **MathSciNet:** MathSciNet is a premier bibliographic database developed by the American Mathematical Society, providing authoritative reviews, abstracts, and citation data for scholarly literature in mathematics. It is an essential research tool for mathematicians, supporting advanced study, literature discovery, and citation tracking.
- **Engineering Standards:** The procurement request for Engineering Standards has been received from the Mechanical, Mining, Metallurgical, and Electronics & Communication Departments to enhance laboratory quality and testing capabilities in line with NABL accreditation. Accordingly, these engineering standards were procured and provided to the concerned department in PDF Format. Engineering Standards provide technical guidelines and specifications that ensure the safety, quality, consistency, and reliability of materials, products, and processes across industries.
- **EndNote:** The EndNote software is a reference management tool that helps researchers, students, and scholars organize sources, insert citations, and generate bibliographies in various styles (like APA, MLA, etc). The software simplifies managing heavy research loads by creating personal reference libraries, importing from databases, and formatting citations automatically within documents.
- **IWAP:** International Water Association (IWA) Publishing is a leading global publisher specializing in water, wastewater, and environmental research. It publishes high-quality peer-reviewed journals, books, and digital resources that support research, policy, and professional practice in water science and management, serving academics, practitioners, and institutions worldwide. The library has subscribed to the IWAP Read & Publish (2026) model, offering access to 14 journals along with unlimited publishing in these titles. No Article Processing Charges (APCs) will be levied for publishing under this subscription. Additionally, IWAP is providing complimentary access to 800+ eBooks from IWA Publishing.
- **McGraw-Hill:** A total of 58 titles of E-Books for Chemistry, Electrical, Chemical, and Mechanical Engineering were purchased from McGraw-Hill. Subscription is valid for 7 years and access is provided through campus IP authentication as well as remote access via MYLOFT.

Workshop Attended by Library Staff

One-day programme on 19th July 2025 at IIT Bombay.
Shri Amit Kumar, Library and Information Assistant.

Shri Amit Kumar has successfully completed five PhD coursework examinations through the SWAYAM Portal and has earned the recognition of NPTEL STAR. As a token of appreciation, IIT Bombay invited him to attend a special event, the NPTEL Stars Interactive Session, held on July 19. SWAYAM (Study Webs of Active-Learning for Young Aspiring Minds) is India's national online learning platform launched by the Government of India, offering free and interactive Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) to learners across the country.

AI TOOLS IN RESEARCH



Napkin



Napkin.ai is a highly effective AI-powered visual creation tool that helps researchers and educators turn complicated textual data into understandable, visually appealing formats including flowcharts, infographics, concept maps, and diagrams. The tool creates editable, publication-ready graphics automatically and lets users input or import research content from documents or presentations. From frequent visualization tasks to collaborative academic projects which require extensive visual documentation, Napkin.ai serves wide variety of research needs. It is a useful tool for academic writing, presentations, and knowledge sharing because of its user-friendly interface and AI-assisted design capabilities, which help researchers demonstrate findings, conceptual frameworks, and data insights more effectively.

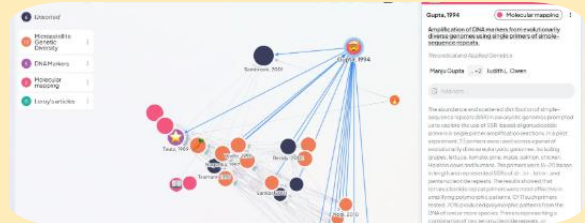
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LIBRARY SECTIONS

AN OVERVIEW

ACQUISITION

The Acquisition Section oversees the development of the library's collection by acquiring books and other academic materials, managing both purchases and donations, and handling theses and dissertations. Its key duties include inviting book recommendations from faculty members, checking for duplicates, collecting quotations from vendors, and placing orders based on the best financial offer. The section also receives and processes new materials, records acquisitions, and handles payment of bills, ensuring all items are properly documented before being added to the collection. Donated books and theses are evaluated and included in respective sections in accordance with library policies.

CATALOGING/TECHNICAL PROCESSING

The Technical Section is the backbone of library operations, ensuring that newly acquired materials are properly processed before reaching users. It organizes, prepares, and maintains resources to support smooth library functioning.

This section manages cataloguing and key technical tasks that move items from acquisition to shelf-readiness. Its responsibilities include classifying and cataloguing new materials in the Library Management Software (LMS), entering bibliographic data, and assigning call numbers, spine labels, and RFID tags. It also oversees backend workflows in LIBSYS across modules such as Acquisition, Cataloguing, Circulation, Periodicals, and Reference. Additionally, the section handles physical processing tasks like labeling, binding, and repairing items to ensure easy retrieval and long-term preservation.

CIRCULATION

The Circulation Section serves as the frontline service point of the library, responsible for managing the movement of books and ensuring smooth access to resources for all users. It plays a vital role in maintaining efficient library operations through systematic record-keeping and user support.

The circulation section manages several key services, including membership registration for new patron and renewal of existing memberships. It oversees the issue, reissue, and return of books, as well as the reservation of titles which have been already issued. The system also generates various automated email alerts related to circulation activities. Through the Social Welfare Book Bank Scheme (SWBB), books are issued to eligible students for an entire semester. The section handles the collection of late fees for overdue books and manages cost recovery or replacement processes for lost or damaged items. It also facilitates the issuance of No Dues Certificates to patron.

SOCIAL WELFARE

The Social Welfare Book Bank (SWBB) Section is dedicated to supporting SC/ST students of the B.Tech. program by providing essential books. The scheme is committed for promoting academic equity and ensuring that essential learning resources are accessible to all eligible students.

The issuance process is conducted twice a year at the beginning of the Odd Semester in August and the Even Semester in January. Each eligible student may borrow up to ten books per semester, which are to be returned after the semester examinations.

By ensuring that the SWBB Section contributes significantly to improved academic performance. This initiative reflects the institution's commitment to social justice, inclusive education, and the upliftment of marginalized communities.

LIBRARY SECTIONS

AN OVERVIEW

PERIODICALS

The Periodical Section houses a diverse collection of current and past issues of journals, magazines, newsletters, and other serial publications. The Periodical Section consists of a range of international journals in both print and electronic formats. It also includes a variety of magazines and newsletters from VNIT and other organizations. We continuously upgrade our journal subscriptions and reading materials to meet academic and research needs. A total of 31 publishers are providing 13 thousand plus journals through ONOS, while additional titles are procured by the VNIT Library. The Section plays a vital role in supporting research by ensuring users have access to up-to-date information and recent developments in their fields.

BOOK BANK

The Book Bank Section is located on the first floor on the left side of the library building. This section houses approximately 28,500 books. The Book Bank area is well-lit with adequate natural sunlight through windows, creating a comfortable reading environment.

REFERENCE

The Reference Section is a specialized area that holds information for reference purpose. It contains standard reference sources such as Dictionaries, Handbooks, General Reference Books, Conference Proceeding, Symposium Proceedings, Workshop Proceeding, Survey Research Reports, Lecture Notes, Atlas, Guide Books, Gazetteers, Data Books, Manuals, GATE Books, Yearbooks, Annual Reports, Encyclopedia, Bibliography, IS/ BS code, Thesis and Dissertation. These sources are not issued for home reading. Users can refer this sources in the reference section. Services of reference section includes Newspaper clippings and uploading of Ph.D Thesis and M.Sc./M.Tech. Dissertation on Shodhganga and Shodhgangotri portal maintained by the INFLIBNET centre.

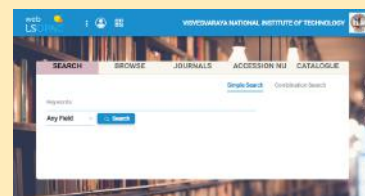
BOUND VOLUME

VNIT library Bound volumes section is the collections of past single-issue journals or periodicals securely bound together for long-term archival storage and future reference. The Bound Volume Section is located on the second floor of the library building. It houses bound volumes of journals and magazines such as India Today, The Week, Current Science, Science India, IETE, Springer, and many others.

HOW TO SEARCH BOOK ?

The Library Web OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue) allows users to search for books anytime, anywhere, using any device. Through OPAC, users can easily search for required books by title, author, subject, or keywords. Complete bibliographic details of each book are available, including author, publisher, edition, classification number, number of copies, and their current availability status. The OPAC also provides information on the physical location of books, which are arranged according to a classification system (UDC).

Guide charts displayed on the sides of each rack mention the range of class numbers, helping users quickly locate the required books on the shelves. In addition to print resources, e-books subscribed by the library are also accessible through the OPAC, enabling users to conveniently explore both physical and digital collections from a single platform. Overall the library plays a vital role in supporting the teaching, learning and research activities by providing access to authentic information and resources.



<https://vnitopac.libsys10.in/home/dashboard>



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Library Statistics 2025



Total Library Footfalls

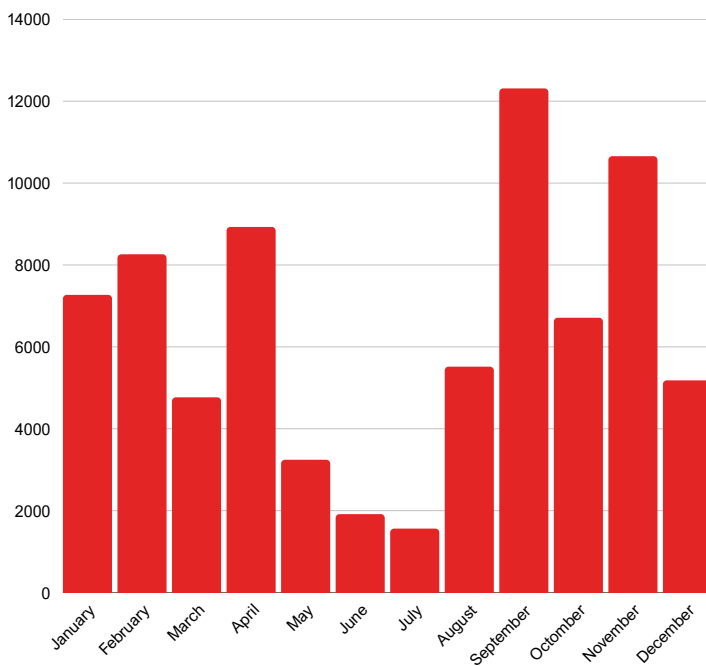
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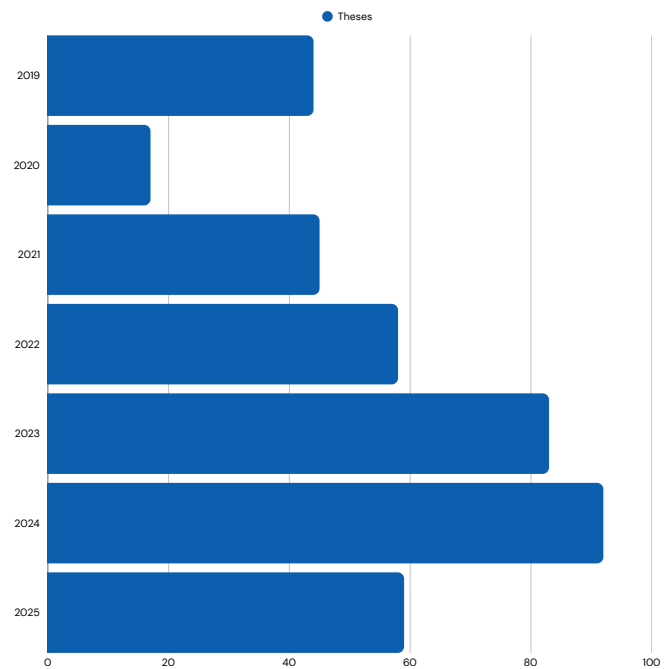
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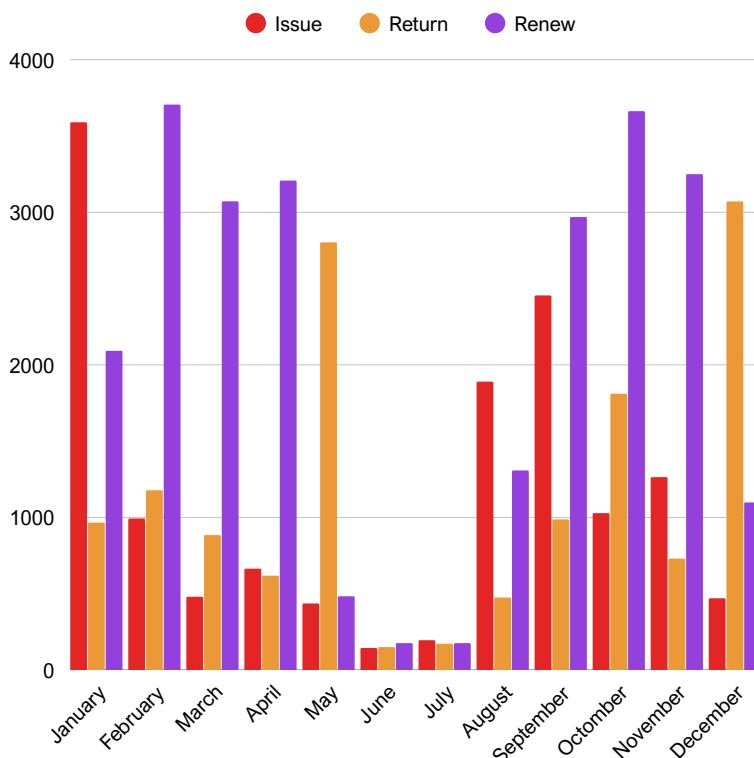
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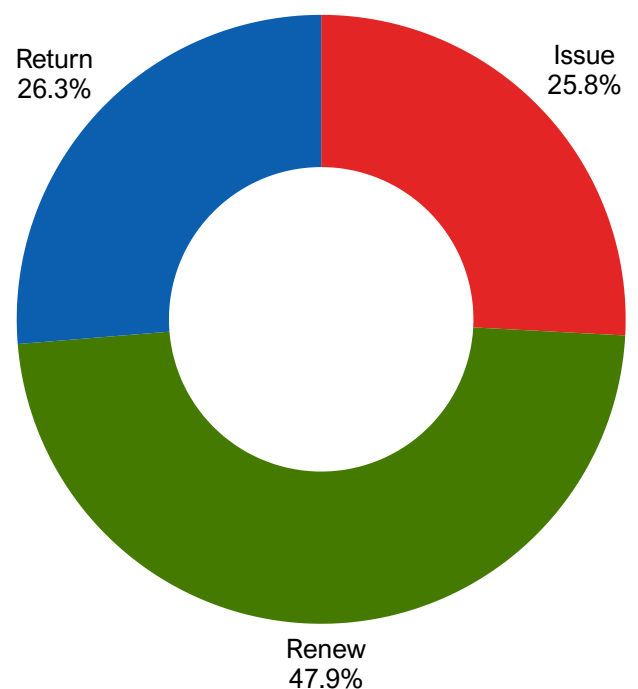
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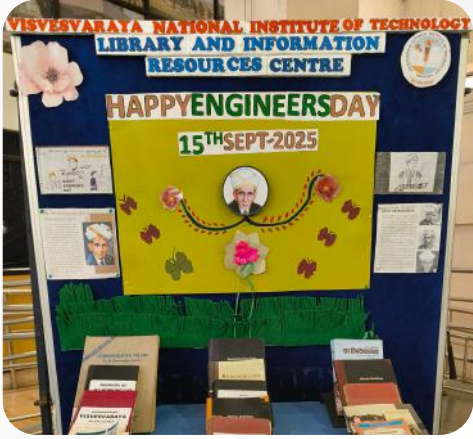
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Library Activities & Achievements



Engineers Day



Hindi Pakhwada



Swachhata Pledge



Vigilance Week



Commemoration of 150th Years of Indian National Song



Constitution Day

Hindi Pakhwada



Har Ghar Tiranga Exhibition



Mahaparinirvan Diwas



Awareness Session on Rabies

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTRE HAS SECURED FIRST RANK IN THE CLEANLINES DRIVE CONDUCTED UNDER THE SWACHH BHARAT ABHIYAN-2025!

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