Memo No. CL/ 297 /2024-25/(36)   Date: 29 July 2024

NOTICE

Sub: Regarding PDS Service by the INFLIBNET for using DrillBit, an Extreme 'Plagiarism Detection Software'.

In continuation of the notification vide Memo No. CL/128/2024-25/(36), dated 16 May 2024, link - https://visvabharati.ac.in/files/474160524_Notice_Drillbit_based_on_INFLIBNET_Communication_16052024.pdf, Memo No. CL/172/2024-25/(36), dated 04 June 2024, link - https://visvabharati.ac.in/files/268040624_Notice_Drillbit_based_on_INFLIBNET_Communication_04062024.pdf, and Memo No. CL/ 181 /2024-25/(36), Date: 06 June 2024, Link - https://visvabharati.ac.in/files/790060624_Notice_Drillbit_PDS_service_resumption_by_the_INFLIBNET_06062024.pdf, this is to notify for all concerned that, **based on the submission of Undertaking through proper channel, IFLIBNET is kind enough to resume the PDS services,** i.e., checking similarity of PhD theses and thesis related publications only through DrillBit on and from 06 June 2024, i.e. today 2.00 pm for VB faculty members.

The major points of the Undertaking were as follows;

a) One particular file may not be checked multiple times.

b) A separate chapter of the thesis is strictly prohibited from being uploaded and checked through DrillBit.

c) The ID and Password of the faculty members are not to be shared among the scholars to ensure proper use.

d) As communicated by INFLIBNET, only **theses and thesis-related publications may be checked by DrillBit through PDS from INFLIBNET.**

e) A copy of the certificate (signed by the guide and candidate) downloaded from the DrillBit must be incorporated into the thesis, along with the soft and hard copies.

Therefore, all the Principals, Directors, HODs, and Faculty Members are requested to extend necessary cooperation to check PhD theses and thesis-related publications only in compliance with the guidelines of INFLIBNET to avoid any untoward situation in the future.

Alternatively, documents other than a thesis and thesis-related publications may be checked through a similarity-checking facility in Grammarly.

VB faculty members are expected to be kind enough **to use the DrilBit in adherence with the guidelines given by the INFLIBNET on 30 April and 01 June 2024, as mentioned on the next page**.

Librarian
Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan

[To access the DrillBit platform, account for all the faculty members may check their VB official mail ID

(Inbox/ Spam Box/ Trash mail from support@drillbitplagiarism.com) to get the ID and Password. OR faculty members are requested to use their VB mail ID as 'DrillBit account ID' through the link https://www.drillbitplagiarismcheck.com/auth/login and click 'Forgot Password' to reset their password to proceed].

Temporarily Stopping the PDS Service due to Exorbitant Use by HEIs - Regd.

Dear Dr Nimai Chand Saha,

There is an announcement from **INFLIBNET**

Dear University Coordinator (ShodhShuddhi), While extending the contract for 6 more months with the PDS vendor for the DrillBit Extreme Software for checking plagiarism, the Centre has requested on 30 April 2024, to follow the guidelines strictly in order to avoid submitting documents other than PhD Theses and articles related to PhD Theses. Unfortunately, many universities have not adhered to the guidelines. This caused the submission of documents of nearly 2 lakh documents in the last month, (i.e.May) many of which are not related to PhD. Theses. Kindly note that the documents cap for the country is only 10 lakh/annum which was estimated for the PhD Theses and articles related to PhD Theses and the sanctioned budget is limited. In this context, I am directed to inform you that the PDS access will be temporarily stopped till the universities assure to use it for only PhD Theses. An undertaking is to be submitted by the universities for the proper usage. Inconvenience caused in this regard is highly regretted. Team ShodhShuddhi

If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact our support team at support@drillbitplagiarism.com.

Happy Learning!

The DrillBit Team

You are receiving this email because you are enrolled in our courses.

Communication received from INFLIBNET on 30 April 2024 as noted below;

The INFLIBNET Centre is pleased to inform that the Services of the ***DrillBit-Extreme Software provided under the ShodhShuddhi-PDS initiative is extended for another Six Months.***

However, strictly observe the following points: (Guidelines/Alerts for Universities/Users using PDS under ShodhShuddhi)

1. Plagiarism checks under ShodhShuddhi is to be restricted only for **PhD Theses and Research Articles and not for Students'** Assignments/Student Papers/ question-answer papers/sheets or study/learning materials etc.

2. Access to Colleges and their associated/affiliated Colleges and institutions are also restricted under this scheme. **As per the Policy Guidelines, only University teachers and PhD Supervisors/Guides of the Universities are eligible for the PDS Service.**

3. Please note that, as per the request of many Institutes under the scheme, the users from old PDS Software (i.e. Ouriginal/URKUND) were migrated to the New DrillBit Extreme Software. For left-out or Passed-out Users, please send us the Names/Email IDs of left-out/passed-out Users in Excel Sheet to be disabled from the

Database. (However, records of old users who were previously associated with the University will be retained by the INFLIBNET Centre to avoid duplicates in the Deactivated Tab)

4. Over-usage by the University/Institute will be monitored strictly and further allocation will be blocked. (Please avoid checking test documents).

5. The University Coordinator is responsible for maintaining **Backup** records of the generated analysis reports/Uploaded Documents in the DrillBit of the University at their end.

6. Any changes in the University Coordinator account/user email IDs are to be routed through the Competent Authority of the University (VC/Registrar) only to ShodhShuddhi/PDS and not the DrillBit.

7. Universities/Institutions that joined ShodhShuddhi also requested to sign MoU for Shodhganga as per UGC Notifications, 2009/2022, if not signed yet.

8. One-page plagiarism Report/Certificate needs to be uploaded with Shodhganga Theses.

9. Access should be granted exclusively to PhD/Post-doctoral students, Research Scholars (JRF/SRF), and faculty members/PhD supervisors/Guides.

10. Plagiarism check for Undergraduate (UG) or Postgraduate (PG) students is strictly prohibited. Should it be discovered, that your account is being used for UG/PG students, the account may be suspended.

NB: For monitoring and quality control purposes, the Centre reserves the right to conduct random checks to ensure compliance with the current guidelines by the University.

The user guide is available through the link;

a) Video - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pL2S4yKvrNM

b) Text-https://www.drillbitplagiarism.com/userGuide/DrillBit%20Organization%20user%20guide%20-%202022.pdf