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NOTICE

Sub: Regarding improper usage of DrillBit (an extreme Similarity Detection Software).

Even after several notices, DrillBit (an Extreme 'Similarity Detection Software) provided through PDS service by the INFLIBNET, the INFLIBNET Centre is noticing from the Database several misuses by the Visva-Bharati, like;

- a) One chapter of a thesis has been checked multiple times.
- b) After checking all chapters separately numerous times, the entire thesis has been checked multiple times.
- c) As a combination of the above (a and b), one particular thesis has been checked more than 15/16 times, misused and surprising. As a result, the document allotted for Visva-Bharati by INFLIBNET for checking has been reached well before the time.
- d) Dissertations, project reports, book chapters, and articles are prohibited from being checked through PDS by INFLIBNET, but we are checking. Only the thesis and thesis-related two publications may be checked, and one file is to be checked only once.

Considering the above, the system has deactivated many faculty members' accounts. On 05 December 2024, our VB account once again reached its ceiling, and the system automatically ceased the VB account to check. As coordinator, I am worry, if INFLIBNET is not able to increase our document cap to check, then from today similarity checking of theses will not be possible, till Visva-Bharati is subscribing the same from its own fund.

In view of the above, let me seek invite the kind attention of the VB faculty members on the following major points of the Undertaking and requested to comply;

- a) **One particular Thesis/ File or its part/chapter not to 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 to ensure proper use.**
- d) **As communicated by INFLIBNET, only theses and thesis-related publications are to 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.**

Given the above, this is for the information of all concerned that Visva-Bharati Library Network (VBLN) is ready to arrange a **training/orientation program on DrillBit at the Department and or Bhavana level.** All the principals and HODs are requested to fix a suitable date and time and contact the Librarian, Central Library, or person in charge of the Bhavana Library to arrange the training program to ensure proper use of the software and avoid misuse.

External Audit Team (C&AG), has been raised several queries relating to improper usage of the PDS during their visit on February-March 2025.

[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].

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-%202025.pdf>