Towards Modernization of Library at VECC

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A Journey from Conventional Library to Scientific Information Resources Facility (SIRF)

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Brief History of VECC Library (1970-1979)

- 1970's: VEC was a project of BARC
- 1974: Library of VECP started
 - Around 100 books in a room
 - Area: 30 sq.m. (approx)
 - No journal subscription
 - Around 10 users
- 1978: Shifted to ground floor of Main Building
 - Area: 100 sq. m. (approx)
 - Last Number in Accession Register:2162
 - Microfiche reader

Brief History of VECC Library (1980-1989)

- 1980: Mistral Package for INIS support
- 1982: Library automation using SOCRATE database on IRIS-80 computer (indigenous development)
- 1984: Library automation using SIBAS database on ND-560 computer (indigenous development)
- 1986: Report about reorganization of Library by Mr. K. N. Pai, BARC

International Nuclear Information System (INIS) Database Service (1980's)

- INIS world's most comprehensive information system on peaceful uses of nuclear science, technology, energy and environment.
- International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in collaboration with 111 member states and 19 cooperating international organizations produce and manage the INIS database
- Establishes in 1970, INIS database contains 2.4 million + bibliographic records and the annual growth rate is about 80,000 records
- India is a founder member of INIS
- SIRD, BARC is the national inputting centre for INIS database in India since 1970
- In 1980's, INIS Data, recorded in tapes, used to be received from IAEA, Vienna, and converted by a programme to create a modified database to be used by MISTRAL – the Library database of IRIS-80 computer
- VECC was actively involved in providing regular SDI (Selective Dissemination of Information) services to about 300 users of the various units under the Department of Atomic Energy, out of the INIS data base.

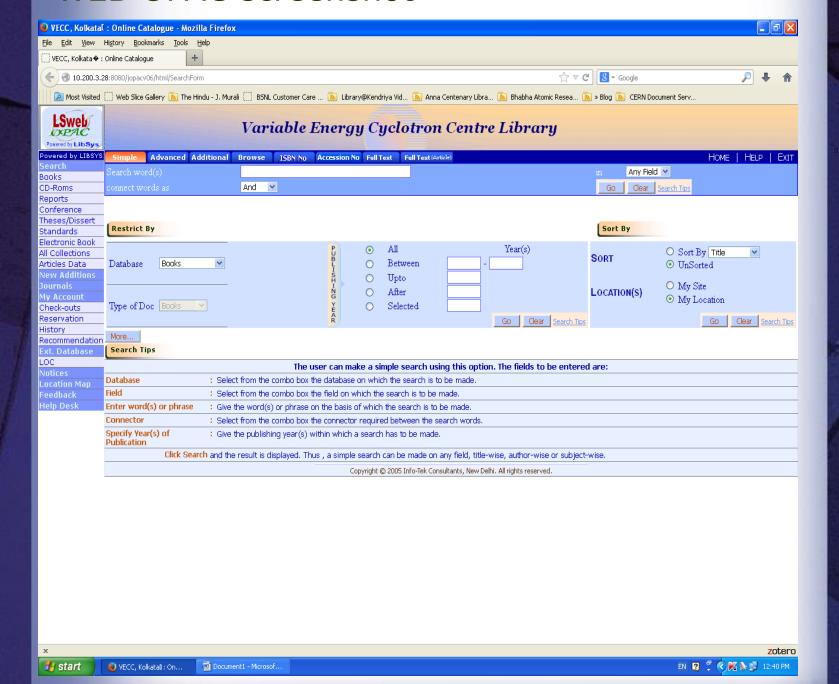
Salient points from the Report dated 20.07.1986

- Library holdings
 - Books: 4530
 - − Bound Volumes: ~ 3000
 - − Standards: ~ 2000
- Budget: Rs. 3 lakh
- Last no. in Accession Register: 7530
- Computerization of data available
- Suggestion: requirement of computer terminals and additional space

Brief History of VECC Library (1990-1999)

- 1999: Use of Libsys-4, an integrated library management software
- In line with the other units of DAE
- The Library Catalogue can be searched on the web – (Online Public Access Catalogue (Web-OPAC))

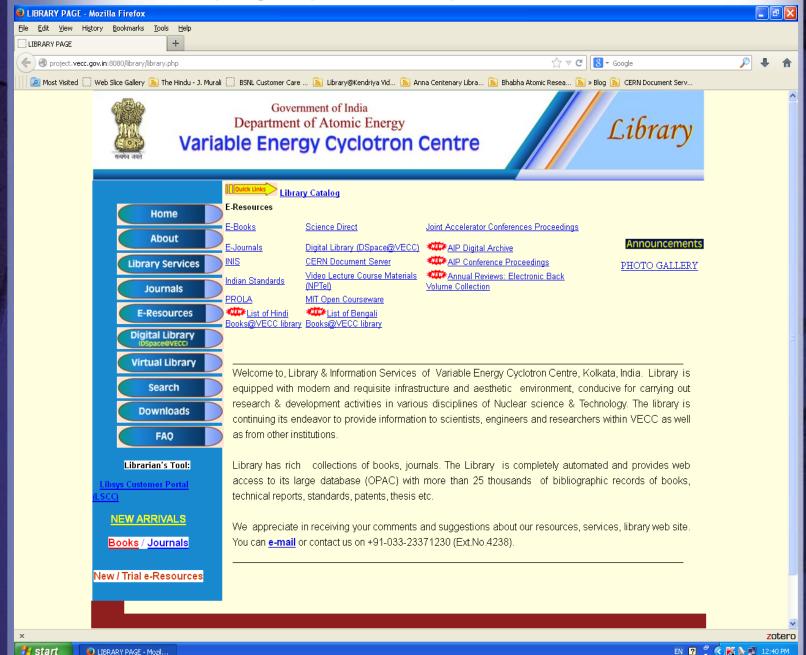
WEB OPAC screenshot



Brief History of VECC Library (2000-2009)

- 2002: Shifted to the Present Building
 - Area: 520 sq. m. (approx)
 - Last Number in Accession Register:13571
- 2006: Barcode based circulation system using Libsys software package
- 2007: Institutional Repository using Dspace
- 2007: Subscription to online journal (AIP)
- 2008: Hosting of new Library page
- 2009:LS Premia software

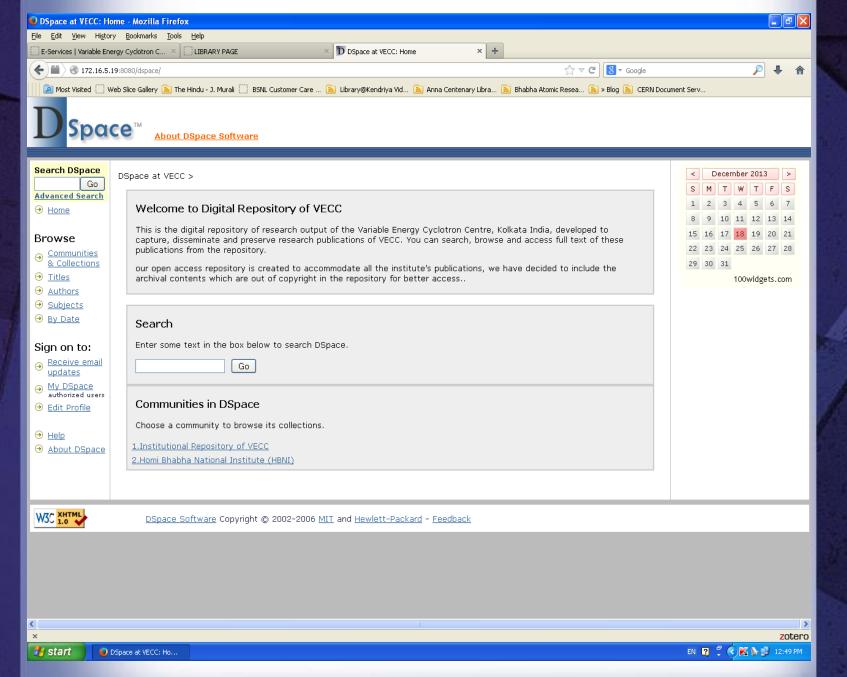
Library Webpage (Intranet)



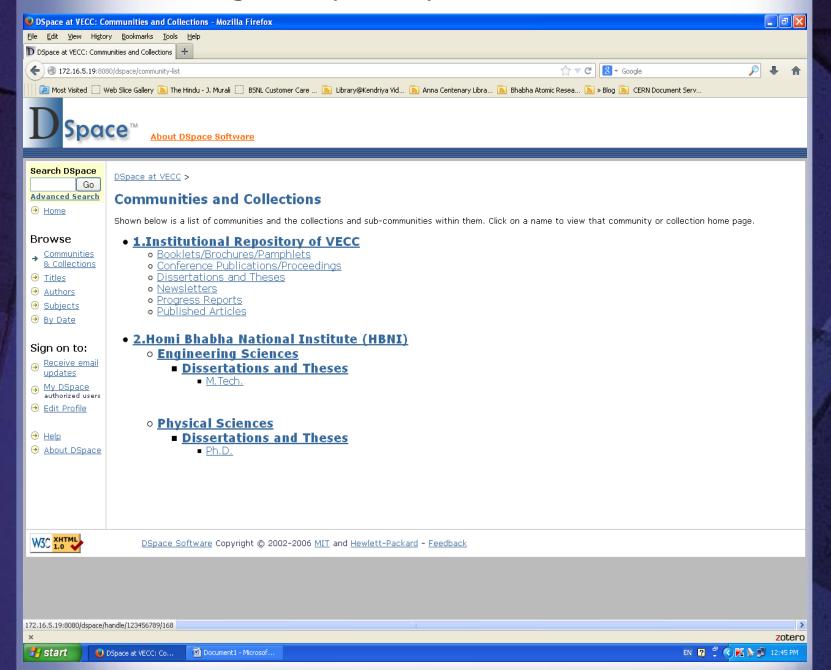
Institutional Repository using Dspace

- Collection, preservation and dissemination of the research output of VECC
- All the scholarly publications are indexed and preserved for easy retrieval through web interface
- Institutional repository is restricted within VECC Campus
- From the year 1974 till date
- 650 journal articles

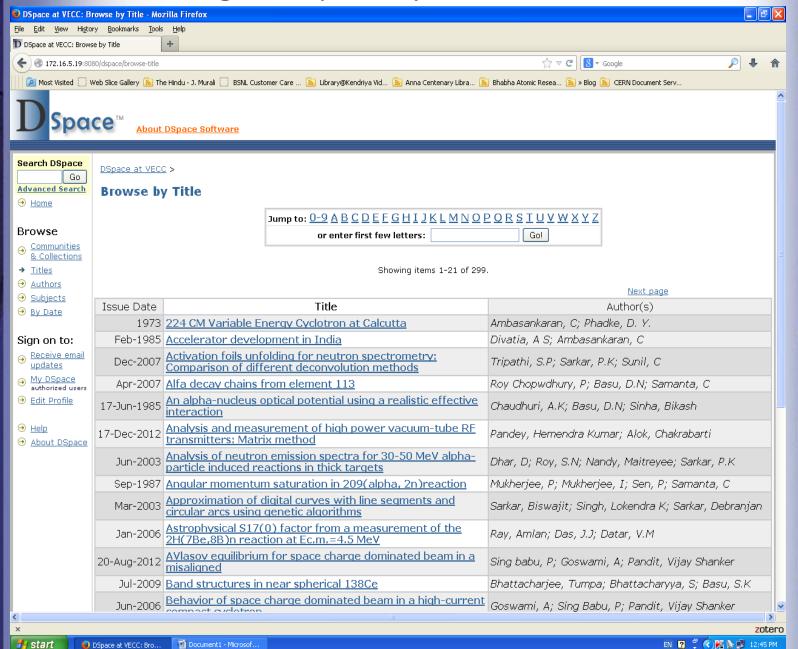
Institutional Digital Repository of VECC



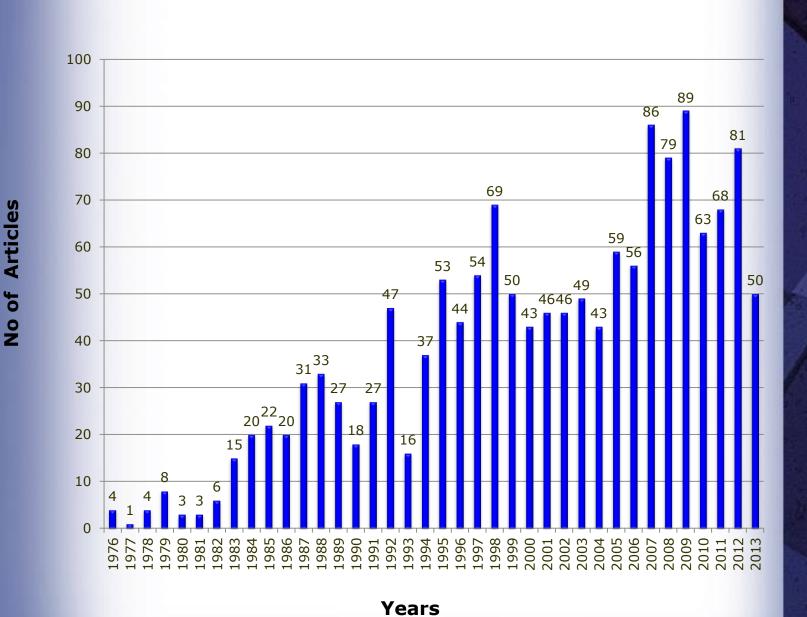
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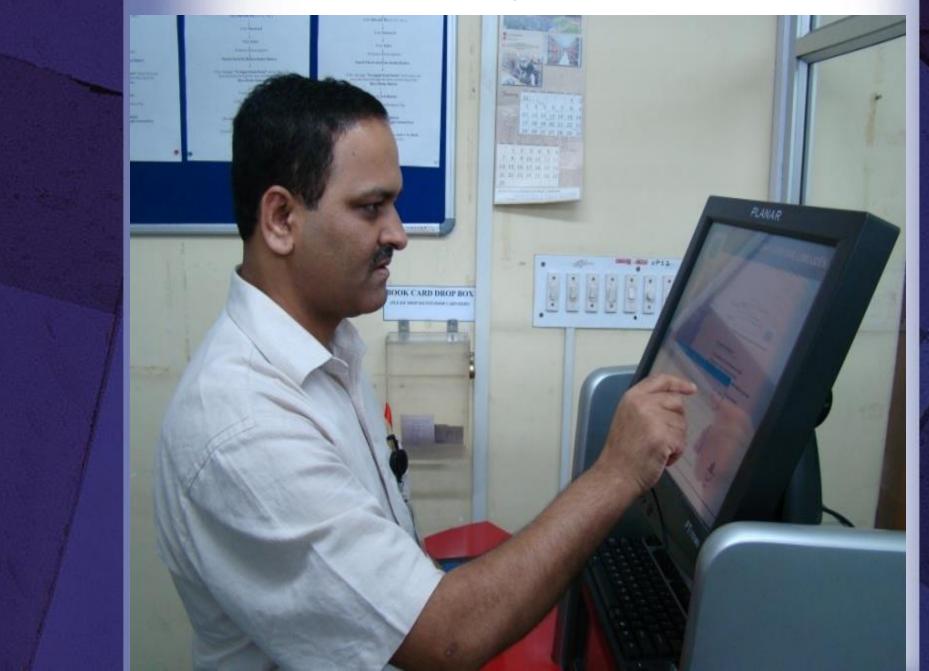
Year Wise Institutional Digital Repository of VECC



VECC Library (2010-2013)

- 2010: RFID Based Circulation system implemented
 - About 17,500 titles
 - Security gates
 - Self Check-in / Check-out station
 - Issue/return of multiple books simultaneously
 - RFID Staff workstation
 - Inventory Reader for shelf management and stock verification
 - Sorting and locating books
- 2011: CCD Dome Camera for Surveillance

RFID Based Self Check- Out/ Check- In Kiosk



Collections at SIRF, VECC as on December 31, 2013

Books	7326
 Conference Proceedings 	1221
 Technical Reports 	325
Standards	2173
- CD/DVD	179
Thesis / dissertations	54
 Bound Volume Journals 	6512

SIRF, VECC as on today

- Area 520 sq. m. (approx)
- Number of users: 559
- The collection includes latest publications on
 - Accelerator science and technology
 - Nuclear science and technology
 - Different branches of engineering
 - Mechanical, Electronics, Electrical, computer etc.
 - Material science
 - Physical, chemical & environmental sciences etc...

SIRF, VECC as on today

- Access to 1800+ electronic journals in accelerator science, nuclear science and allied fields
- Subscription to 92 journals
- Open access system
- Universal Decimal Classification (UDC) scheme
- Anglo American Cataloging Rule II
- Completely automated
- Web access to its database (WEB OPAC)
 containing ~18,000 bibliographic records

E-RESOUCES

- E journals
- > E books
- > AIP Conference proceedings
- AIP digital archive.
- Full-text journals (Science direct)
- Physical Review Online archive
- ➤ IEEE for HBNI (INDEST-AICTE Consortium)

SERVICES

- Current Awareness service
- Document delivery through email
- Article indexing
- Inter library Loan
- Web-OPAC, a powerful search engine for searching the holdings of library

Electronic resources

- AIP Digital Archive
- Elsevier's Science Direct
- PROLA
- Annual Reviews: Electronic Back Volume Collection
- Indian Standards on DVD-ROMs
- International Nuclear Information System (INIS)

Library Services

- Circulation Services
 - Membership Registration
 - Check-out, Check-in
 - Renewal of books
 - Library Fine collection
 - Overdue alert service
 - Reservation alert service
 - Issue of No Due Certificate
 - Lost book Recovery

Library Services

- Orientation programme for in-house users
- Literature searches/ Document Supply
- Selective Dissemination of Information
- Content- Page Service
- Reference Service

Resources

- ➤ AIP Conference Proceedings (1970 till date)
- ➤ AIP Digital Archive (1930-1998 Back file)
- Annual Reviews (All articles before 2007)
- Science Direct (DAE Consortia)
- >PROLA
- Standards Collection (Indian Standards)
- ➤ Electronic Database (International Nuclear Information System)

Development of *GranthaSahayak*, an Integrated Library Management Software

- No Vendor Lock-in
- Cost-effective (No License fee and AMC Charges)
- Comprehensive functionality
 - Circulation
 - Cataloging
 - Acquisitions etc.
- Complete automation with RFID tags
- Library standard compliant
- Adaptability and user friendliness
- In use worldwide in libraries of all sizes including academic libraries.

Future Plan

- Fully Digital Library
- Development of Library Management software using Open source for the DAE units
- Building knowledge centre for Accelerator community
- More consortia among DAE units

Thank you