



“The dearest ones of time, the strongest friends of the soul - Books” - Emily Dickinson

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**Opening Hours**

Monday to Friday  
8:00 AM to 12 Midnight

Saturday & Sunday

8:00 AM to 9:00 PM

**Circulation Counter**

Monday to Saturday

9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

**Sunday Closed**

**North Campus Library**

Reading Room facility only

3:00 PM to 11:00

**Sunday Closed**

**Verona's Amphitheatre?  
Another Dining Facility?**



The upcoming building of the Central Library on North campus covers 1593 sq m. With 2.5 floors it will host a reading room, book stacks and other library facilities.

**Greetings from the Library Team!**

We are happy to present the second issue of the newsletter. As the first one was well received, it continues with a mixture of book recommendations, background information and updates on the happenings in and around the library. The focus of the new issue is the reading room facilities of the Central Library. We hope it will encourage you to drop by at some time. If so, note the new shelf at the entry: it displays a selection of books on a particular topic. Currently, it is on environmental issues - on occasion of World Environment Day -, but it will regularly be changed. Wishing you many new book discoveries,

Dr. Astrid Kiehn, LAC, chair.

The Central Library of IIT Mandi organized its first book fair from 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> February, 2017. Seven empanelled vendors and renowned publishers ( Sage, Cambridge University Press, World Scientific, Wiley etc.) participated in the book fair.

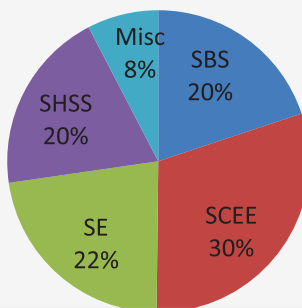
It was inaugurated by Prof. Subrata Ray (School of Engineering) in the presence of Prof. T.A. Gonsalves (Director, IIT Mandi), faculty members & students.



**Inauguration of Book Fair at Central Library**



The book fair was welcomed by the IIT Mandi community. Faculty, students, staff and campus residents not only recommended books for the library but also made purchases on their own behalf. Library staff spent some time processing all the recommendations, but finally many new interesting titles were added to the stock.



**School wise purchases**

School	Title
SBS	172
SCEE	262
SE	195
SHSS	170
Misc	66

**Total number of procured titles = 865**

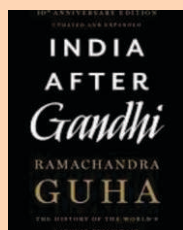
## Recommended Readings

Below listed books have recently been purchased by the library. The reason for being listed here are star ratings found at [www.goodreads.com](http://www.goodreads.com). Click the URL link given for each title to learn more about it.

	Star Rating
1. <a href="#">Granville Austin : The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation (OUP, 1999)</a>	4.24/5
2. <a href="#">Nijole V. Benokraitis : Marriages &amp; Families : Changes and Choice (Pearson, 1993)</a>	3.51/5
3. <a href="#">Gina Messina-Dysert : Rape Culture and Spiritual Violence (Routledge, 2014)</a>	4.0 /5
4. <a href="#">Lina Fruzzetti : When Marriages Go Astray (Orient BlackSwan, 2013)</a>	4.0/5
5. <a href="#">Pamela M. Paxton : Women, Politics, and Power (Sage Publications, 2007)</a>	3.88/5
6. <a href="#">Indu Bhan : Legal Eagles ( Penguin Books, 2013)</a>	3.39/5
7. <a href="#">Vasudha Dalmia : The Nationalization of Hindu Traditions (Permanent Black, 1999)</a>	4.0 /5
8. <a href="#">John Grisham : The Firm (Penguin Books, 2000)</a>	3.99/5
9. <a href="#">Anne Whitehead : Trauma Fiction (Edinburgh University Press, 2004)</a>	3.92/5
10. <a href="#">Nani Palkhivala : We, The People in India (UBS Publishers, 1999)</a>	4.23/5
11. <a href="#">John Banville : The Sea (Vintage, 2010)</a>	3.5/5
12. <a href="#">Gay Hendricks : The Big Leap (HarperOne, 2009)</a>	4.0/5

## BOOK REVIEW

**India After Gandhi: The History of The World's Largest Democracy**  
by Ramachandra Guha (Picador Books, 2007)



Several accounts of Indian history may be available on the shelves but none of them excite interest as Guha's narratives of Indian history after Independence. Written in gripping style, using materials from vernacular to national and at times international dailies, culling out popular discourses and slogans, it immediately sketches pictures and runs as reel in front of the reader. The book

presents interesting accounts of conundrums of national integration to the actual fissures seen in contemporary India. Guha's book helps establishing links among multiple factors that possibly relate to any critical event. Though the topics covered are arranged chronologically but it is narratives than time that engages the reader be it: the matters relating to the Partition, efforts to include Kashmir and other Princely states, relations with neighbouring states and India's wars, linguistic creation of state, Emergency, rise and failure of non-Congress parties, issues of *mandir-masjid* and *mandal-kamandal*,

issues of corruption or matters of secularism. I personally feel that such a work shall be read by all from across disciplinary inclinations. The book is, in no way, a work of simple historical account. It is a kaleidoscopic view of our recent past that we all must be aware of.



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## Students' Corner



The library is an epitome of the world of knowledge. One such library is our Central Library at IIT Mandi with its rich collection of

journals & multidisciplinary books. Here we have a wide & varied collection of these which greatly help research scholars in writing their own research findings in a more clear & concise manner.

Avantika  
Research Scholar

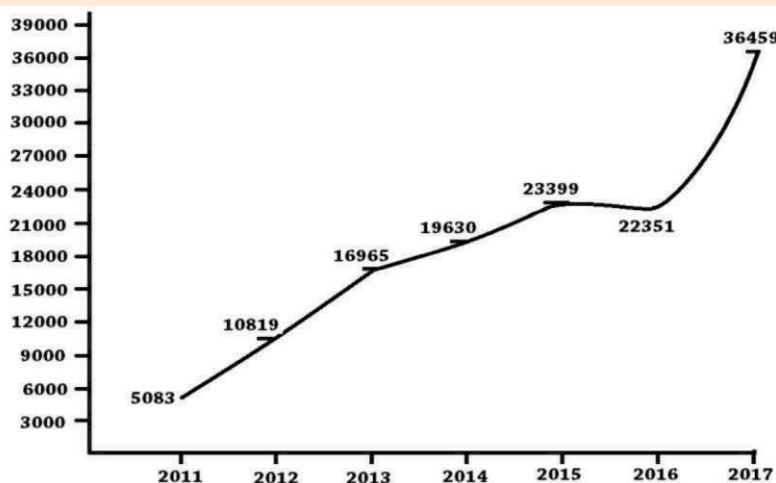
## Most circulated books during last 6 month

Details of books	Check-outs
1. Microelectronic circuits by Sedra, Adels (OUP, 2009)	68
2. Signals and systems by Oppenheim, A.V. (Prentice Hall, 1997)	65
3. Thermodynamics by Cengel, Y.A. (Tata McGraw Hill, 2009)	55
4. Electrodynamics by Griffiths, David J. (Prentice Hall, 1999)	48
5. Computer organization by Hamacher, Carl (TMH, 2002)	41

## ACS Journal

The **American Chemical Society (ACS)** is a scientific society based in the United States that supports scientific inquiry in the field of chemistry. Founded in 1876 at New York University, the ACS currently has more than 1,61,000 members at all degree levels and in all fields of chemistry, chemical engineering, and related fields. It is the world's largest scientific society by membership. The ACS is a non-profit organization and holds a congressional charter under Title 36 of the United States Code. Its headquarters are located in Washington, D.C., and it has a large concentration of staff in Columbus, Ohio.

Source: <http://pubs.acs.org/>



The ACS is a leading source of scientific information through its peer-reviewed scientific journals, national conferences, and the Chemical Abstracts Service. Its publications division produces 51 scholarly journals including the prestigious *Journal of the American Chemical Society*, as well as the weekly trade magazine *Chemical & Engineering News*. ACS members now enjoy expanded access to over one million articles and book chapters from the most trusted, most cited, most read publications in the chemical and related sciences.

Source: <http://pubs.acs.org/>

**IIT Mandi has perpetual access to ACS Journals from 2011 till date.**

### Usage

IIT Mandi started subscribing to the ACS database from 2011. In 2011, 45 full-text e-resources were accessible under the umbrella of ACS with 5083 downloads. In the span of 7 years of continuous subscription, with the growing community of IIT Mandi, the usage has now increased up to 36549 downloads with 61 e-resources till the end of December 2017. From the usage point of view, ACS is the 4th most used database among all the subscribed databases by IIT Mandi.

## Visit of the Librarian from BTH University, Sweden



Group photo with Mr. Peter Linde (Librarian) from BTH University in Sweden



Presentation given by Mr. Peter Linde about BTH Library to Library Staff

From 3<sup>rd</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> March 2018 Mr. Peter Linde, librarian at the Blekinge Institute of Technology (BTH), Sweden visited the Central Library IIT Mandi as part of the Erasmus exchange program with BTH. In several interaction rounds with DL Mr. N.S. Bhandari, library staff and with the members of the Library Advisory Council, Mr. Peter Linde shared and discussed the functioning of the big and modern library of BTH. His many pictures of the BTH library and his suggestions for our upcoming library buildings on the North campus were very much welcomed. As an expert on digital libraries, we also learned from his experience in this domain.



## Reading Room Facilities of the Central Library

The reading room on South campus covers 1040 sq ft with a capacity for more than 45 users at a time. There are three computers to access online resources. The reading room is equipped with wifi and AC facility.

### Collections in Reading Room, South Campus

- Reference Books (630)
- Textbooks (670)
- Theses & Dissertations (86)

### Some Renowned Encyclopedia

- The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern World (Vol 1-8)
- McGraw Hill Encyclopedia of Science and Technology (Vol 1- 20)

### New Reading Room, North Campus



Since 15 March 2018, there is a reading room in North campus as well. It is centrally located below the mess and was set up with constructive feedback from users. It can accommodate 20 users. Currently, It is mostly used by M. Sc. students, followed by 3<sup>rd</sup> year B.Tech. and PhD students. With approx. 500 visits over the last two months, this new facility is very popular.

### Collections in the reading room, North Campus:

- Text books (300)
- Newspapers:
  - (i) The Tribune
  - (ii) Indian Express
  - (iii) Dainik Jagran

### List of Subscribed Periodicals available in South Campus



### Magazines

- Kadambini (Hindi)
- Hans (Hindi)
- The Week
- Outlook
- India Today (English)
- India Today (Hindi)
- Economist
- Electronics For You
- Hindi Champak
- English Champak
- PC Quest
- Digit
- Down to Earth
- Competition Success Review
- National Geographic
- Pratiyogita Darpan (English)
- Pratiyogita Darpan (Hindi)

### Journals

- American Economic Review
- American Economic Journal (Applied)
- American Economic Journal (Microeconomics)
- American Economic Journal (Macroeconomics)
- American Economic Journal (Economic Policy)
- Journal of CPRI
- Journal of Economic Literature
- Bloomberg Business week
- Indian Economic Review
- Biblio : A Review of Books
- The Book Review

There are print copies of 17 magazines & 11 journals available in the reading room, South Campus.

### List of Subscribed Newspapers

English	Hindi
• Times of India	• Amar Ujala
• The Tribune	• Aapka Faisla
• Hindustan Times	• Divya Himachal
• Financial Express	• Dainik Jagran
• Economic Times	• Dainik Bhaskar
• The Hindu	• Punjab Kesari
• Indian Express	
• Employment News	

News related to IIT Mandi is searched daily and made available in the News Clipping portal of the library. Back volumes for last 3 months are also available for retrospective search.