Central Library, GTU

REPORT ON ONLINE TRAINING: USER AWARNESS PROGRAM ON PROQUEST ONE ACADEMIC FOR CENTRAL LIBRARY USERS

Date of Session: 19th January 2026
Time of Session: 3:00 P.M. to 04:00 P.M

- **Flyer of the event**

Gujarat Technological University
Central Library

User Awareness Programme on
ProQuest One Academic

Speaker :
Mr. Sanjay Rajan

DATE
19 JANUARY, 2026

TIME
3:00PM – 4:00PM

JOIN NOW

Organised By
Central Library

• Introduction

On January 19, 2026, the GTU Central Library and ProQuest collaborated to host a virtual training session focusing on the comprehensive ProQuest One Academic platform. The session was led by Mr. Sanjay Rajan, ProQuest's Training & Implementation Manager. The goal was to provide essential skills to the university's academic and research members, including faculty, postgraduate students, research scholars, and library staff, so they could maximize the use of this research tool.

• Session Objectives

The session was led by Dr. Mahesh K. Solanki, Librarian, GTU, who provided a detailed introduction to the library's infrastructure, physical and digital collections, and academic support services, Library membership and access protocols, Access to digital databases and e-journals, Facilities available at the Central Library, including reading spaces, Wi-Fi, and digital access point.

Participants received practical training on various search and browsing techniques, covering both simple and advanced search options, the use of filters, subject categories, and strategies for full-text access. The session also detailed multi-format content engagement, showcasing access to diverse resources such as Academic Video Online, Academic Complete (full-text ebooks), ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global, and a wide range of scholarly journals, magazines, and newspapers. Furthermore, the training included demonstrations of essential research and citation tools, specifically focusing on citation export options (APA, MLA, Chicago styles) and bibliographic tools for research organization.

The session concluded with a live demonstration by Mr. Sanjay Rajan, illustrating search processes, content saving, and user personalization options, followed by an interactive Q&A segment where participants' queries were addressed in real-time. New AI Features for Research

ProQuest has recently launched an AI-powered Research Assistant to streamline the research process. These features are available within full-text documents:

Quick Evaluation: The AI provides instant "key takeaways" or summaries of full-text documents, helping researchers quickly determine an article's relevance without having to read the entire paper manually.

Enhanced Search: The assistant helps users craft more effective search queries by suggesting relevant keywords and building targeted Boolean searches.

Deeper Engagement: It identifies key concepts within a document and explains their relevance, allowing users to explore related topics with a single click.
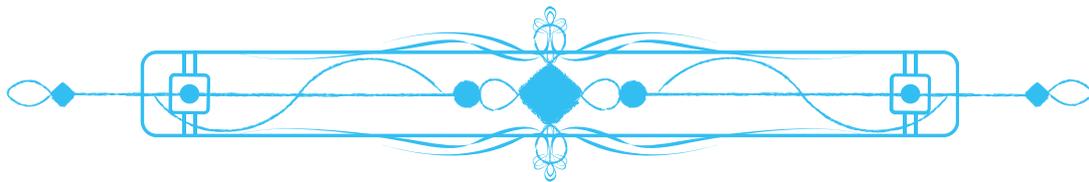
This AI integration helps students navigate complex documents more efficiently and use the extensive resources provided by the library with greater ease.

• Outcomes

 The training had many great results and helped the people who attended. They got to practice using a top library website and learned how to search faster and better for information. The session also taught them about tools to cite sources correctly and how to manage their research information well. Overall, the training successfully made the research skills of the GTU students stronger, helping them to use the ProQuest website better for their studies.

• Conclusion

The online training session for ProQuest One Academic, skillfully taught by Mr. Sanjay Rajan, was extremely useful. It successfully gave GTU students and researchers the key skills needed to use one of the best academic databases in the world. This session strongly supports the Central Library's ongoing dedication to teaching digital skills and encouraging excellent research throughout the university.

Dr. Mahesh K. Solanki
Librarian
Central Library
Gujarat Technological university
Email- librarian@gtu.edu.in