CENTRAL LIBRARY

REPORT ON ONLINE AWARENESS SESSION: CENTRAL LIBRARY SERVICES WITH KNIMBUS

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Speaker: Dr. Mahesh Solanki, Librarian, GTU-Central Library

Introduction:

Gujarat Technological University (GTU) Central Library organized an online awareness session on 17th April 2025 for enrolled Ph.D. research scholars to provide a comprehensive overview of the library services and digital resources available to support their academic and research activities.

The session aimed to introduce scholars to key services of the Central Library and ensure they are well-equipped to utilize these resources effectively throughout their research journey.

As part of these efforts, the Central Library, in collaboration with Elsevier, organized an online training session to familiarize faculty members, research scholars, and postgraduate students with the Scopus platform. This initiative reflects GTU's commitment to enhancing research capabilities, promoting academic excellence, and equipping its scholars with high-quality scholarly content and analytical tools.

Session Overview:

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.

KNIMBUS Awareness Session:

The training session aimed to empower participants with the skills to:

- Navigate the Scopus platform efficiently
- Conduct advanced literature searches
- Extract and interpret bibliometric data
- Strategically plan research and foster collaboration

Key Features of the KNIMBUS Platform:

1. M-Library Platform Access via KNIMBUS App
2. Login and Easy Accessibility
3. E-Catalogue Access
4. Research Made Easy
5. Content Sharing and Collection
6. Open Access Resources
7. Useful Links
8. Subject-Wise Content
9. Off-Campus Access

The session saw active participation from Ph.D. scholars across various disciplines. Attendees appreciated the clarity of information and practical demonstrations. The interactive Q&A session at the end allowed participants to clarify doubts regarding library access, digital tools, and research support systems.

Flyer of the event:

Conclusion:

The online awareness session successfully introduced research scholars to the comprehensive services provided by the GTU Central Library. With the integration of platforms like KNIMBUS and continuous digital access support, the library aims to become a cornerstone of research productivity at GTU. Such initiatives ensure that scholars are better informed and better equipped to conduct quality research using institutional resources.