

CENTRAL LIBRARY

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

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Date of Session: 19th July 2024

Time of Session: 04:00 P.M. Onwards

Mode: Online

Introduction:

On July 19, 2024, the Gujarat Technological University (GTU) Central Library, in collaboration with ProQuest, organized an online training session on the ProQuest One Academic platform. Led by Mr. Sanjay Rajan, Training & Implementation Manager at ProQuest, the session was designed to equip GTU's academic and research community, including research scholars, faculty, postgraduate students, and library staff, with the skills to effectively navigate and utilize this comprehensive research resource.

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.

Outcomes:

The training yielded significant outcomes and benefits for the participants. They gained hands-on experience with a premier academic resource platform and achieved an improved understanding of efficient search practices and effective content utilization. The session also fostered an enhanced awareness of various citation tools and robust resource management strategies. Overall, the training successfully strengthened the research capabilities among GTU's academic community, empowering them to leverage ProQuest One Academic more effectively for their scholarly pursuits.

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ProQuest Training Session for Central Library User



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Conclusion:

The online training session on ProQuest One Academic, proficiently led by Mr. Sanjay Rajan, proved to be a highly valuable initiative. It successfully empowered GTU's academic and research community with the essential skills required to navigate and significantly benefit from one of the world's leading academic databases. This session strongly aligns with the Central Library's unwavering commitment to promoting digital literacy and fostering research excellence within the university.