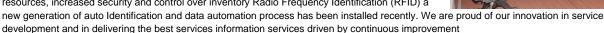# INFORMATION AND LIBRARY

Welcome to the Information and Library section of Hill Campus, Ranichauri. We aim to provide an inspiring information environment to deliver the best of services in support of the University's Mission to all students, faculty and staff of this campus.

About Us

The library and information unit of this campus closely supports education and research in the areas of Forestry, Horticulture and vegetable Sciences, Crop improvement, seed sciences, and other allied agricultural discipline. The library is housed in beautiful top floor of collage building and offers excellent environment for studies. It has great track record in providing quality information services to campus Community within our limited resources consisting of more than 20000 documents and e-resources. The library has the credit of being pioneer in introducing latest information technology to automate its services in the Tehri Garhwal region. The automation operation was initiated as early as in the year 1999. Currently the entire learning resources of the library has been automated for electronic retrieval by creating an in-house database searchable through an OPAC . For better management of learning resources, increased security and control over inventory Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) a new generation of auto Identification and data automation process has been installed recently. We are proud of our innovation in service development and in delivering the best services information services driven by continuous improvement

Collection of Learning Resources

The library and information unit provides access to a fairly a good collection of more than 15500 learning resources including both print and e-resources consisting of most frequently used 10280 books, manuals and various types national and international reports. Besides special publications, back volumes of periodicals, audiovisual aids, E-thesis and important databases for research are also available . The library subscribes to more than 102 periodicals in print and databases like CAB Abstract, AGRIS , Indian Forester etc. These are accessible through a network of CD servers under a local area network. The library constantly updates and develops its collection on recommendations of faculty from time to time in areas of Forest sciences, Horticulture, Crop Improvement , Seed sciences, Vegetable Sciences and other allied disciplines of Hill Agriculture. It is also our Endeavour to procure all publications relating to Hill area development.

Online Public Access Catalogue

To supplement your learning whether you're looking for a book on your reading list, doing some wider reading or need some extra references to add to your essays, The best places to find relevant information is the catalogue. The library has automated all its resources and is searchable through simple search techniques. The OPAC will tell you what we have, whether it is available and where to find it

The OPAC and e-resources

The books and other learning resources are arranged using Dewey system of classification. Make sure that you note down the full class number or the call number before you look for them in shelves. Students may get more help in finding information by attending credit based information literacy course offered by the library.
The library has the following In-house Bibliographic databases search able through the OPAC 1. Database of all books in print 2 Database of Periodical holdings subscribed by the library. 3. Database of Compact Discs learning resources or a CD library

Access and Membership

Access to all library and information resources is dependent on compliance with the rules and regulations of the university membership is open to staff and students currently employed by or registered at the university. Members of other institutions may use the facilities for reference, however, borrowing and inter library loan shall be limited to the terms of formal agreement with the authorities of both institutes

Arrangment for Loan

All staff and students must obtain a borrowers card from the circulation section of the library . The cards must be produced at the help desk for any loans that may be requested. It may also be noted that cards are non transferable and card holder shall be responsible for all items borrowed against the card

No. of Loans Admissible to various categories of member.

Post Graduate Students	7 for 15 days
Under Graduate Students	4 for 15 days
Faculty	10 for 30 days or a Semester
Officers	5 for 30 days
Other Staff	2 for 15 days
Research fellow	5 for 15 days
Teaching Assist	5 for 15 days

In order to obtain the card all staff and students are required to complete a registration form which is available at the help desk . Overdue charges at the rate of 0.50 Paisa shall be charged on each item/ learning resource kept beyond the period of loan. Reading materials can renewed for further period if not required by other readers. All users will have to return all items loaned on or before the due date . Journals , reference books and e-recourses are to be used in the library only and may not be borrowed. Users will have to pay the replacement cost of any item borrowed which is lost , stolen or damaged.

Digital Information Resources and E-journals

The library is equipped with the latest communication media and information technologies with latest desktop, Mirror servers for storage of CD and DVDs, Work station for accessing database references, Online power backups . It also provides access to VSAT based internet services via Local Area Network. You may explore the following important sources for information in your area of interest from e-resources unit of the library also known as the E-library.

Circulation and help Desk

IndiaAgristat.com http://www.indiaagristat.com/default.aspx
Provides access to most recent data information about selected state wise principle cops in India.
Krishi Prabha
Provides access to full text online thesis of Indian Agricultural doctoral dissertations submitted by research scholars to 45 state and deemed Agricultural Universities.
CeRA http://cera.jccc.in
Is a Consortium for e-resources in Agriculture Sciences . Provides access to more than 2000 journals from publishers like Springer, Annual Reviews, American Society of Agronomy, CSIRO, Elsevier, Oxford journal, Wiley online library etc.
e-Granth http://egranth.ac.in
e-granth or AgriCat is a Union Catalogue of the holdings of 12 major libraries of the ICAR Institutes and SAUs combined together. A collaborative effort of India with OCLC (USA) Click on to know more.
OPEN J-Gates http://www.openj-gate.com
Open J Gate s a global e-journal gateway providing seamless access to number of journals articles. It provides access to 9732 open access journals and 6508 peer reviewed journals.
ICAR Journals in Open Access www.icar.org.in/openaccess/jlist.php
ICAR has decided to allow open access to its research journals online for the benefit of students, researchers and farmers for free nationally and internationally. The journals namely, Indian Journal of Agricultural Sciences and Indian Journal of Animal Sciences and Journal of Indian society of Agricultural Statistics are available in open access from ICAR web site. Vidyanidhi meaning 'Treasure of Knowledge' in Sanskrit language is India's premier Digital Library initiative to facilitate the creation, archiving and accessing of doctoral dissertations.
AGRIS http://agris.fao.org
AGRIS: International Information System for Agricultural Sciences and Technology
. AGRIS is a global public domain Database with 2665635 structured bibliographical records on agricultural science and technology. 82.12% of records are citations from scientific journals. The bibliographic references contain either links to the full text of the publication or additional information retrieved from related Internet resources.
AGICOLA http://agricola.nal.usda.gov
The NAL Catalog (AGRICOLA) provides citations to agricultural literature. Click on to know more.
Information Literacy
Information literacy focuses on recognizing the need for Information, Understanding, locating, Critically evaluating and using information . It is a key competency for life long learning and one of the most important skills recognized for graduate students. Through a curriculum based course "Storage and Retrieval of Scientific Information" the library extends its services in provides training to teach skills required to identify information sources, develop search strategy and conduct independent searches. Students are highly encouraged to make use of this course to improve their information skills for self learning. To know more about course content contact the Help Desk of the library.
Reference and Other E-resources
You may discover the following online open access reference materials. Click on to know further.
BUBL http://bubl.ac.uk
Catalogue of select Internet resources covering all academic subject areas. provides access to quality controlled scientific and Scholarly journals.
DOAJ http://doaj.org
Directory of Open access journals in all subject areas and discipline.
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The free encyclopedia that one can edit . click on to know more.
DMOZ Open Directory Project http://www.dmoz.org/
Provides access to information on all subject areas. Its is a multilingual open content directory of world wide links.
Academic Info www.academicinfo.net
Find online degree programs & learn about earning a degree through online education. Accredited online schools & colleges. Including subject guides. **The WWW Virtual Library** http://vlib.org/
A directory of information resources on all subjects. Click on to know more.

Cera – e resource

e-Journals Access: Jgateplus.com -

It provides access to College / University to more than two thousand international / national Journals of leading publishers through CeRA. The access of following publishers has provided to College/University. Access types are Full text (more than 2000 journals) and request article (RA) based.

S.No	Name of the Publisher	Number of Journals Access Activated
1	Annual Reviews	26
2	Elsevier	469
3	Indian Journals	15
4	Springer	375
5	Oxford University Press	77
6	AAAS	02
7	Taylor & Francis	1148
8	Wiley	41

Link: http://jgateplus.com (via Campus LAN Connectivity only)

e-Books Access: Science direct.com -

The website is accessible to V.C.S.G Uttarakhand University of Horticulture and Forestry for the year 2017 and onwards through CeRA.
It provides access to total 1174 e-books along with the 17 e-books series of Elsevier through the science direct platform.
Link: http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/bookbshsrw (via Campus LAN connectivity only)
For the e-books Title List and Guide to access the e-books, user may contact to the Library.

Wiley Online Library :

It is one of the world's most extensive multidisciplinary collections of online resource with over 4 million articles from 1,500 journals, 18,000 books, and hundreds of multi-volume reference works, laboratory protocols and databases. Wiley Journals accessible to Consortium for e-Resources in Agriculture via Wiley Online Library to VCSG UUHF are eighty four (84) in numbers.
Link: http://www.wileyindia.com/Wiley_Online_Resources/CeRA/CeRA.html (Campus LAN connectivity only)
For more details and accessibility users may contact to the library.

Other Resources: Indiaagristat.com -

The website is accessible to V.C.S.G Uttarakhand University of Horticulture and Forestry through CeRA. It provides secondary level socio -economic statistical information about agricultural sector of India.
Link: - http://www.indiaagristat.com/default.aspx (via Campus LAN connectivity only)
Important Note: In case the session has abruptly expired or the browser users are using remain idle for more than 20 minutes after login, system will automatically get the user logout from the website. An access type is single user access to each institution (Forestry / Horticulture Campus). In case the site is already been accessed by someone else, an error message will be popped out indicating that "Allotted numbers are already logged in". For quick reference guide and more information users may contact to the library

World e-book Library

World e-book library is founded in 1996 and is a shared digital library provides access to digital content to the College / University Users. It is a branch of world public library, an IRC 501 (C) (4) organization, organized not- for- profit but operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare.
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Audio books	Educational resources
Academic articles	Classic literature collection
Technical Manuals	Springer

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National Science Digital Library (NSDL)
http://nsdl.niscair.res.in
National Science Digital Library (NSDL) aims at providing comprehensive S&T information to students of science, engineering, agriculture and technology in the country. Begun as a Tenth Five Year Plan Network Project of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), NSDL is the only one of its kind that provides curriculum based content to address the information needs of the undergraduate students of science. Authored by eminent teachers and validated by renowned faculty in Indian universities and colleges, NSDL envisages to bring finest content to the students. To know more click on to the above link.

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Wikibooks is a Wikimedia community for creating a free library of educational textbooks that anyone can edit.
Subject Information Gateways

Subject Information gateways provide access to online searchable web based information resources including documents, websites, data, multimedia files and other resources like e- journals that focuses on set of various academic subject areas or disciplines . The subject gateways may also provide links to related sites, mailing list , discussion groups or forums and may even allow to the users to post their materials for online public access.

Access the following useful Copyright Links to know about copyright laws.
The British Library and Copyright http://www.bl.uk/services/information/copyright.html
Copyright Licensing Agency http://www.cla.co.uk/
Design and Artists Copyright Society http://www.dacs.org.uk/
Educational Recordings Agency http://www.era.org.uk/
IPR Help Desk http://www.ipr-helpdesk.org/index.html
Intellectual Property http://www.intellectual-property.gov.uk/
JISC Legal Information Service http://www.jisclegal.ac.uk/ipr/IntellectualProperty.htm
The Office of Public Sector Information http://www.opsi.gov.uk/
The Patent Office Copyright Pages http://www.patent.gov.uk/copy/index.htm
British Copyright Council http://www.britishcopyright.org/

Library and Information Services

The library and information unit has the pleasure of providing the following services for its users.

Reference services

You may approach the Circulation and Help desk for any information or any assistance that you may require in use of learning resources and services. For specialized information need you may also contact the office-in -charge library. College of Forestry, Ranichauri.

Interlibrary loan

Inter library loan for books and periodicals not available in libraries holdings is made by procuring it from other neighboring universities and Institutes. The library in turn also lends its resources to other academic institutes . You may make a request in writing at the help desk.

E resource and Data bases searches.

CD based database searches can be made from the E- Resources section. The databases are mapped on CD server and accessible on all computer terminals . You may browse and also avail print outs at the rate of Rupee 1 per print page . Users from other institutes can also make use the facility at the rate of Rs 50/- as browsing charges , cost for print outs is additional. Besides, the section can also be used for accessing other online bibliographical databases and services like Open J-Gate, e-journals through CeRA, AgriCat etc

Text Book & Book Bank Services

The library maintains a separate collection of text books under book bank scheme . these are mostly prescribed text books recommended by the course instructors . The students can borrow up to 10 books for a period of an entire semester at the cost of Rs 10/- as rental charges .

Online Current Awareness Service

The members are informed about the new arrivals and learning resources through email.
In order to avail this service you may get your email address included at the help desk.
New additions are also displayed for a period of one week in the reading units of the Library .

Regulations, Conduct and safety

The members are strongly advised to take care of the following regulations governing the use of information resources. Access to all library and information services is dependent on compliance with the stated regulations.

1. Observe silence in the library premises and comply with the requirement of the designated area for Silent Study and quite Group Study.
2. Talking on cell phones in side the library premises is highly discouraged. All mobile phones should either be switched off or switched to silent mode.
3. Smoking is strictly prohibited. Consumption of soft, hot or cold drinks is not permitted inside the reading units. However you may carry bottled water.
4. The Information and library Unit reserves the right to check bags, poly bags etc being taken through the exists if our staff has reasonable grounds to suspect an infringement. Users are requested to keep all their personal belongings near the exit gate counter.
5. No property facilitating the users should be damaged in any way. You will be required to pay for any kind of damage.
6. Any accidents or hazardous situation like fire, electric short circuit etc should be reported immediately to the staff.

Reference Hours

We encourage all members of the university campus to take advantages of the resources the library has to offer. Check the following opening hours;
Monday to Friday- 9 am to 6 pm
First and Third Saturdays - 9am to 2pm
Sundays - closed
Semester Break - 9am to 5 pm

Donate Books and Learning Material

The campus library and information unit welcomes gifts of books and other learning resources that extend and compliment our existing collections. The gifts of books and other materials have helped strengthen our collection through the years ever since the inception of the library. Some of the libraries collection began with donations from individuals. Due to high cost of processing and storage we shall make every efforts to accept only appropriate and relevant items in our subject areas.
Make a Gift Now: Mail to: Librarycof.uuhf@gmail.com
Donors wishing to give rare and unique material to the library are encouraged to contact us.

Contacting Us and Feed Back

If you have any suggestions about the services that you receive from the Information and library Unit of College of Forestry Campus; you may contact us by email or call. Your suggestion shall be taken in to the consideration straight away and all actions will be taken to improve the quality of services in the best possible way.

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