IRINS

IRINS is web-based Research Information Management (RIM) service developed by INFLIBNET. The portal facilitates the faculty members to collect, curate and showcase the scholarly communication activities and provide an opportunity to create the scholarly network. URL: https://bits-pilani.irins.org.

INFOBITS

INFOBITS portal is a comprehensive platform that facilitates the booking of specialized facilities such as Brainstorm room, GD room, Makerspace, and Ideation Zone. Additionally, the portal assists users in claiming lost and found materials at the library, book recommendations, and user feedback. To access these features, authorized users are required to sign in, ensuring a secure and personalized experience for all.

GENERAL RULES

◆ The use of the library is restricted to the faculty, staff, students, and research scholars of the Institute. The Institute ID card serves as the library membership card and the card is non-transferable.

◆ Visitors and outsiders are allowed entry to the library with prior permission from the University Librarian, which must be accompanied by an introductory letter from the respective Organization/Institution.

BORROWING PRIVILEGES

CATEGORIES	ENTITLEMENT	DURATION
FIRST DEGREE STUDENTS	10 BOOKS	20 DAYS
HIGHER DEGREE STUDENTS	12 BOOKS	25 DAYS
PHD SCHOLARS	15 BOOKS	30 DAYS
FACULTY MEMBERS	30 BOOKS	180 DAYS
NON-TEACHING STAFF (ONLY GENERAL/NOVEL /FICTION ETC. BOOKS & YLS)	4 BOOKS	15 DAYS

LIBRARY AUTOMATION

The library has implemented a fully automated **RFID**-enabled system using KOHA ILMS. This advanced system ensures a seamless experience for library users by providing efficient access to various services. The self-checkout/check-in kiosk is a user-friendly station where library users can issue, return, and renew books on their own.

FLOOR GUIDE

Ground Floor

Foyer (Lobby) — Self Issue / Return Kiosk, Help Desk, Information Counter, E-Zone, New Arrivals, AC Reading Room, GMAT test centre and Library offices.

Hall No.1 — Birla Heritage Gallery, Magazines/Journals, Faculty publications and AC Reading Room, Reference Section.

Hall No. 2 — Books - Computer Science, Social Sciences, Languages, Science & Technology, basic sciences (Call No. 001-623).

Hall No.3 — Books - Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Environment Science, Management, Literature, History, Biographies, Novels/Fictions, GD Birla Rare Book Section (Call No. 624-999).

Hall No.4 — Reference Section, MakerSpace, Ideation Zone, Research Zone, Young Learner Section and Reading Room.

Hall No. 5 — Reading Room, Competitive Exam Materials Collections.

First Floor

Hall No. 6 — Bound Volumes and Secondary Collection.

Reading Area, Brainstorm Room, E- Zone, Study carrels, Data Centre, Group Discussion Room.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday to Saturday : **9:00 AM to 11:00 PM**

Sunday and Holidays : **9:00 AM to 9:00 PM**

DURING MID-TERM & COMPREHENSIVE EXAM

All Days : **9:00 AM to 6:00 AM**

ASK A LIBRARIAN

Please send your queries regarding general suggestions, complaints, inquiries, e-resources, Inter Library Loan (ILL), library timings, remote access service, online library access, purchase suggestions etc. to the

Librarian
Internal phone: 5241

Email: librarian@pilani.bits-pilani.ac.in
helpdesk.library@pilani.bits-pilani.ac.in

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INTRODUCTION

The BITS Pilani, Pilani campus library is housed in a state-of-the-art building, covering about 65000 sq.ft area, and is centrally located close to all academic blocks. Built on about 2.5 acres of land in the north-east corner of the campus, the library indeed is an architectural marvel with attractive palatial interiors high ceilings adequate natural lighting and ventilation with several series of courtyards. Two vaults in the main atrium have a theme based painting on "Guru Shishya parampara". The big 8M dis exposed brick arch becomes the gateway to the main entrance. Small green areas with nicely designed floor pattern and overlooking Jharokas makes one feel as if they are in a big lobby of an old palace. The thick walls and high ceilings keep the actual interiors of the library as cool as possible. In fact, the whole building is divided into two equal parts by a series of courtyards around which all the other areas of the library are placed. The most impressive part of the library is the dome in the centre of the building - seven meters in diameter in echo to the historic ambience of Rajasthan with expensive work in Dholpur stone, by creating stone jali railing, arches and column cladding. The ambience of the central court is to make one feel as if one was inside some palace. It also has a floral pattern in the flooring by using white and green marble along with Jaisalmer stone. The space is attractively designed so that the students and staff can relax with garden benches and subtle lighting and can enjoy the cool of the night. While the touches are Rajasthani style are reflected throughout the interiors, in the stone work, jharokas and painting. There are practical facilities such as administration services, cloakrooms, Information Counter, E-Zones, and convenient access to the first floor via the staircase from the atrium. The library's collection is extensive and diverse, comprising over 2.15 Lakhs+ print books, 2.38 Lakhs+ e-book titles, and 47,000 bound volumes of journals. Additionally, the library subscribes to over 100+ print journals, 11,000+ e-journals, and 50+ online research databases. Access to e-resources is available anytime and anywhere through the OpenAthens Federated SSO platform.

LIBRARY FACILITIES & SERVICES

BOOKS RESERVATION/RENEWAL

To place a hold on a title, log on to WebOPAC at https://bitspilani-opac.kohacloud.in. Select your desired title and click on the "Place hold" button located on the right side of the page. If you have books that are currently issued to you, they can be renewed for two more cycles, provided no other reader has reserved the book. You can renew the books online using your UID and password on the same website or bring them to the library for reissue. Library members receive email alerts for book issue, return, renewal, reservation, and overdue notifications.

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

The library offers valuable assistance to users in locating and searching for accurate information from a wide range of sources.The library provides support and guidance in conducting literature reviews, developing well-structured theses and dissertations, publishing research articles, and writing citations of sources.

NEW ARRIVALS

Newly acquired books are prominently showcased in the "New Arrivals" section, and the library website provides a comprehensive list of monthly additions to our collection.

WEB OPAC

The entire library collection has been seamlessly automated using the KOHA integrated Library Management System, enabling users to access bibliographic details through the Web OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue). This streamlined system facilitates quick resource discovery for users url: https://bitspilani-opac.koha-cloud.in.

INTER LIBRARY LOAN (ILL)/DOCUMENT DELIVERY SERVICE

The library is a member of DELNET-Developing Library Network, New Delhi, which is a major resource-sharing library network in India. It connects over 7700 institutions in 33 states in India and a few other countries. To request an unavailable book or article at your library, please send the full bibliographic details, including the DOI, to ildrs@pilani.bits-pilani.ac.in. Please note that the user is responsible for remitting the photocopying and courier fees to DELNET.

ONE SEARCH ENGINE (EDS)

One Search is an online discovery tool that consolidates subscribed Library resources, allowing users to explore them using a single search box. In other words, instead of searching different resources individually, users can utilize One Search to obtain the most relevant results.

REMOTE ACCESS SERVICE

The library provides remote access service through the OpenAthens single sign-on service to all authorized users enabling them to access subscribed e-resources from anywhere and at any time.

PLAGIARISM CHECKING SERVICE

To avail the plagiarism checking facilities using URKUND and Turnitin, students and research scholars can send a request to librarian@pilani.bits-pilani.ac.in, along with the final version of their document (article/dissertation/thesis/synopsis, etc.).

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Faculty, students, and research scholars are encouraged to recommend books for the library. Suggestions can be submitted through the communication panel on the INFOBITS portal or via the online library catalogue. Book suggestion forms can also be downloaded from the library website under the "Download Forms" section.

PATRON TRAFFIC COUNTER (PTC)

This system automates recording Patron IN and OUT entries through a touch & GO interface. It is integrated with the KOHA database, enabling Patrons to record their library visit timings using their ID card.

PRINTING AND REPROGRAPHY SERVICE

The black & white and color printing facilities along with reprographic services are available in the Library Central Zone area. The service is available on a paid basis. Furthermore, library users have the option to purchase stationery items such as pens, pencils, etc. from the Reprography Center.

REPOSITORY OF AWARDED THESES @BITS PILANI

The awarded theses are archived in the Institutional repository as well as on Shodhganga, which serves as a reservoir of Indian theses at INFLIBNET. Students can access the awarded theses from the Institutional repository, which is available on the Intranet at http://dspace.bits-pilani.ac.in:8080/jspui/ or from the open access repository at https://shodhganga.inflibnet.ac.in/handle/10603/24860.

BIRLA HERITAGE GALLERY

A unique space has been developed in the library known as "Birla Heritage Gallery" which is one of the best photo gallery presents the historical journey of BITS Pilani from Pathashala to the present Institute of Eminence (IoE).

G.D BIRLA RARE BOOKS SECTION

The rare books section, located at Hall No. 3, houses a remarkable collection of books dating back 100 to 300 years. This special section comprises nearly five thousand books, spanning a wide range of subjects including philosophy, iconography, and texts on Gentoo Laws. Among the treasures are unique works such as "The Ordination of Pundits" translated from Sanskrit to Persian, and then to English, ancient manuscripts written on palm leaves, the renowned "Prajnaporamita," exquisite paintings from Dr. Sukarno's personal collection, insightful volumes on Mohenjo Daro and the Indus civilization, as well as books on Vedas, psychology, Ramayana in China, the first edition of the Indian Constitution, and an extensive collection on Mahatma Gandhi.

BRAINSTORM & GROUP DISCUSSION ROOM

The library has an air-conditioned, spacious Brainstorm Room on its first floor, with a seating capacity for about 20 persons. Additionally, there is a GD Room that can accommodate up to 6 persons. This versatile room is designed for various academic activities, including discussions, deliberations, small seminars, brainstorming sessions, video screenings, webinars, and more.

RESEARCH ZONE

The Research Zone, located in Hall No. 4 on the ground floor, is designed for researchers and faculty members offers a quiet and focused atmosphere, ensuring minimal distractions. This spacious room provides an ideal environment for carrying out your research work.The room is equipped with modern amenities and resources to support research endeavors effectively.

INNOVATION ZONE/MAKERSPACE

Innovation Zone located in Hall No. 4 on the ground floor, has a seating capacity for 8 persons equipped with few IOTs, HPC and 3D Printers etc. This room can be used for Innovative projects - Ideation, Product Design Modeling, Rapid prototyping and any other academic discussions.

IDEATION ZONE

Ideation Zone located in Hall No. 4 on the ground floor, has a seating capacity for 50 persons. This room is designed for various academic activities such as discussions, deliberations, small seminars, brainstorming sessions, video screenings, webinars, conducting orientation program, training program and more.