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Introduction

Granth Sanjeevani is an easy to use, powerful and efficient digital repository solution developed by the Asiatic Society of Mumbai to showcase its digitized collection of resources on the internet.

The centralized Digital Repository provides a self-service environment with which users can retrieve the desired resource by search on the Metadata Index Fields or from Within the Content of the Digital Resource.

The screenshot displays the Granth Sanjeevani website. At the top left is the Asiatic Society of Mumbai logo, established in 1804. The header includes a search bar, a 'HELP' link, and navigation links for HOME, ABOUT, CONTACT, and a user profile for WELCOME PARVEZ B. The main banner features the text 'Explore over 5 million pages digitized from the treasures of the Asiatic Society, Mumbai.' and a large image of a manuscript page titled 'DANTE'S DIVINE COMEDY'. Below the banner is a 'RESOURCES' section with three columns: 'Books' (featuring 'THEOPHRASTI BRESII'), 'Newspapers' (featuring 'The Atlas'), and 'Manuscripts' (featuring a colorful manuscript page). To the right is a 'NEWSPAPER COLLECTION' section with a 'View All' button and three newspaper titles on shelves: 'The Bombay Chronicle (1913 - 1958)', 'The Bombay Gazette (1814 - 1914)', and 'BOMBAY COURIER'.

Getting Started

Granth Sanjeevani is completely web based solution and it runs on a centralized server. The only software required on the client workstation is a JAVA enabled web-browser such as Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, Safari.

The Resources of the Library are classified into 6 distinctive categories - Books, Newspapers, Manuscripts, Government Publications, Journals & Maps. These are called **Resources**.

The Digital Objects (PDF Files) uploaded are referred to as **Items** on this portal.

Example:

A Physical Book with all its pages is uploaded as one multipage PDF and is referred to as 1 Item.

A Newspaper of a Particular Date, with all its pages is uploaded as one multipage PDF and is referred to as 1 Item.

Home Page

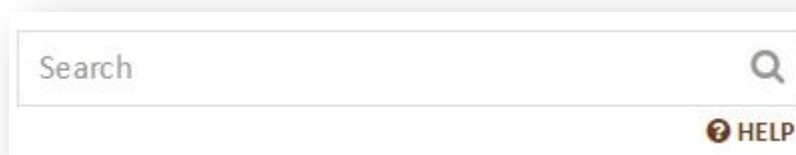
There are 7 main sections on the Home Page.

1. **Header Links** consisting of About Us, Contact and Login/Register Option.



2. **Search Box** to search across the complete repository.

This section has a Help Icon, which allows for a quick advanced search using Boolean Operators.




3. **Main Banner** to showcase a prominent item of the Library.

Explore over 5 million pages digitized from the treasures of the Asiatic Society, Mumbai.

Granth Sanjeevani has over 20,000 books, newspapers, manuscripts, maps, journals, government publications and reports. Though the majority of books are in English, there are books in Sanskrit and other ancient and modern Indian languages and in European languages like Greek, Latin, Italian, German and French. Books are in the traditional areas of Indology and Oriental scholarship, but also include Biography, Genealogy, Politics, Economics, Science, Management, Travel and Fictions. 15,000 have been classified as rare and valuable books, and they include first editions of antiquarian books in Indian and European languages.

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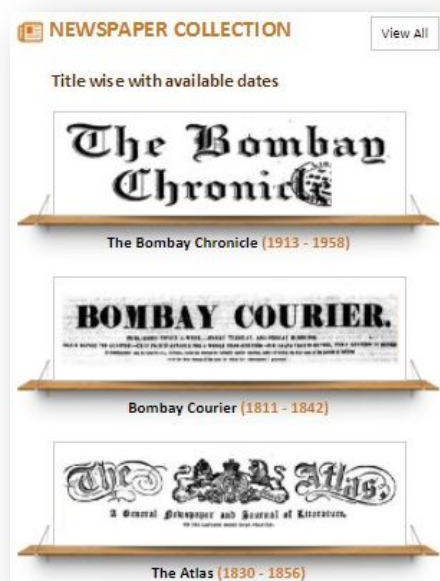


DANTE'S 'DIVINE COMEDY'
ORIGINAL 14TH CENTURY ITALIAN MANUSCRIPT

4. **Resource Section** which prominently displays 6 resources of the Society such as Books, Newspapers, Manuscripts, Government Publications, Maps & Journals.



5. **Newspaper Collection** to explore Title Wise Newspapers with Available Dates.



6. **Information Section** at the lower end of the Home Page showing Project Sponsors, Announcements and Accomplishments of the Portal.



7. **Footer Links** consisting of Terms & Conditions, Privacy Policy, Disclaimer, Copyright and Takedown Policy and Site Map.



Website Navigation

There are two ways to navigate this portal.

Option I: Explore the Resources from their Home Page by their type – Books, Newspapers, Manuscripts, Government Publications, Journals or Maps

In this case, the most recently uploaded Item will be visible first.

Option II: Search for a word, multiple words, and exact phrase using the Search Bar.

In this case the most relevant Item to the Searched Term will be visible first.

Both Options take the user to the Results Display Page and from here the user can further narrow down his search using the Filters as well as Sort the Results in various orders.

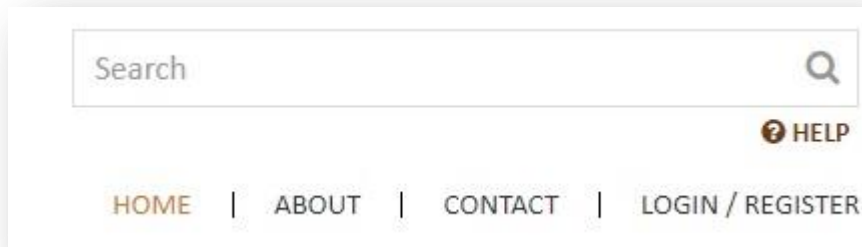
The Search Term has to be keyed in first and only then should the user apply the filters to narrow down the search results

The Newspaper Collection navigation is value add on Feature, which is useful, if a user wants to know what all date newspapers are available on this portal for a particular Title.

The user can click on any of the Newspaper Collection and then check the Calendar View to track available editions.

Search

A Search Box available on the top right corner of every page.



By default, this search box looks for content in which any of the supplied terms match in either the metadata or full text.

You can perform Advanced Searches from this box using Boolean Operators

The basic operators for refining your search are +, -, and ".

To indicate that a term must appear in the search result, prepend a plus-sign (+) to the term.

Example:

+Queen +Victoria

To indicate that a term must not appear in the search result, prepend a minus-sign (-) to the term.

Example:

Queen -Victoria

To search for an exact phrase, surround it with quotes (").


Example:

"Queen Victoria"

The combination of these operators can be used to refine your search result.

Example:

"Queen Victoria" -England

The  button available below the Search Bar, explains this functionality.

Results View

The screenshot displays the search results interface. On the left, there is a 'FILTER' sidebar with sections for 'By Resource' (Book, Newspaper, Manuscript, Government Publication, Journal, Map) and 'By Year' (1482 to 2013, with an 'APPLY' button and a date range slider). Below this is a 'By Subject' section with 'History of Asia (520)' and 'Geography & Travel (124)'. The main search area shows 'You searched for: queen victoria x Author > Ellison, Carmen E. x Language > English x' and 'Subject > Laureates x Year > 2010 x'. A 'Start Over' button is present. Below the search area, it states '11 Items found in 0.005 seconds'. The breadcrumb trail is 'Home » Resources » Books [340 items]'. There are controls for 'Sort By', '15 per page', and view toggles. Five item thumbnails are shown, each with a title, year, author, and a 'Views' count (10,000, 50, 30, 100, and 40 views respectively).

This screen displays the Relevant Items and provides the user with a Filter Option on the left side to narrow down the results.

The User can filter the Items by Resource Type, Year, Subject, Author, Publisher, Place of Publication and Language.

The number of Items to be displayed on a single screen can be controlled from here. The Options available are 15, 50 and 100 items on a single screen.

The Items are displayed with their Title Page, Title, Year/Date and Author Value in the Thumbnail View mode.

The user can switch over to a Detailed List View which shows detailed Metadata Index values for the Item.

The number of times an Item is viewed by other user users on the Portal is displayed as Views with every Item.

There is an Option to Bookmark an Item for future reference. This Feature is available only to the registered user.

Registered Users can directly click on the Read Icon and directly open the Item in the Viewer.

All Other Users can click on a particular Item of Interest and view the Item Details.

The screenshot shows a library catalog interface. On the left, there are filter sections: 'Public Administration & Military Science (2)', 'By Author' (listing Bombay Geographical Society (16), Wheeler, J. Talboys (10), Hunter, William Wilson (9), Thornton, Edward (8), and Abu al-Fazl ibn Mubarak (7)), 'By Language' (listing English (610), Marathi (12), French (9), Urdu (5), and German (4)), and 'By Publisher' (listing Trubner and Co. (5)). Each filter section has a 'More »' link. On the right, there are three book cards:

- Past and Present**: Year: 1845, Author: Thomas Carlyle, 30 Views.
- Moores Poetical Works**: Year: 1843, Author: Moore, 100 Views.
- Great Exhibition of the Works of Industry of all Nations - Official Descriptive and Illustrated Catalogue**: Year: 1851, Author: Authority of the Royal Commission, 40 Views.

By default only the top 5 values are visible for each filter. To view the other filter values, user has to click on **More** to get these details.

The screenshot shows an 'Author' filter dropdown menu. It contains a list of authors and their respective counts:

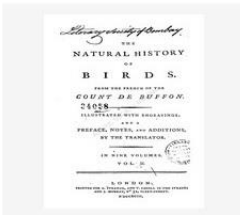
Author	Count
Bell, Evans	5
Vaidya, Shankar Laxman	5
Elphinstone, Monutstuart	4
Gleg, G.R.	4
Augustus, Frederick	2
Eden, Family	2
Hunter, William Wilson	2
Keene, Henery George	2
Modak, Balaji Prabakar	2
Sinclair, David	2
Aberigh-Mackay, George	1
Aitchison, Charles	1
Beveridge, Annette S. (tr)	1

At the bottom of the dropdown, there are navigation buttons: « Prev, Next », and sorting options: Sort by Name, Sort by Count.

Single Item View

The Natural History of Birds Vol II

Series : 42967	54168 VIEWS
Resource Type : Book	
Author / Contributor : Lumsden, M	
Year / Date of Publication : 1810	
Subject : History	
Collection : Rare Books	
Publisher : T.Watley	
Place of Publication : Paris	
Language : English	
Page Description : vi, 109p	
Notes / Description : The first six chapters of Yaska's Nirukta, which is a commentary on the Nighantus. A critical edition of Nirukta has been recently brought forth by Dr. L Sarup, Oxford.	







Add Bookmark

Table of Content

Read

HIGHLIGHTS

This screen displays the complete Metadata Index values of a Single Item.

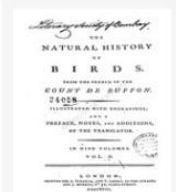
Option to Read and Bookmark the Item is available to the Registered Users.

Table of Content Page and important Highlight Pages within the Book, if exist can be previewed on this screen.

Below this Single Item, Other Similar Items in the repository are displayed to the users.

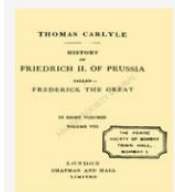
The software automatically displays these other similar items based on similar Title, Author and other Metadata values

OTHER SIMILAR ITEMS



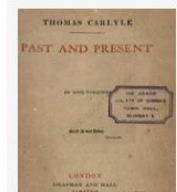
The Natural History of Birds Vol II
Year: 1666
Author: Count De Buffon

10,000 Views




History of the Friedrich II of Prussia called Frederick The Great Volume VIII
Year: 1858
Author: Thomas Carlyle

50 Views




Past and Present
Year: 1845
Author: Thomas Carlyle

30 Views



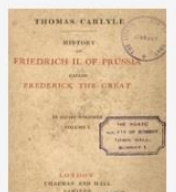
Moores Poetical Works
Year: 1843
Author: Moore

100 Views



Great Exhibition of the Works of Industry of all Nations - Official Descriptive and Illustrated Catalogue
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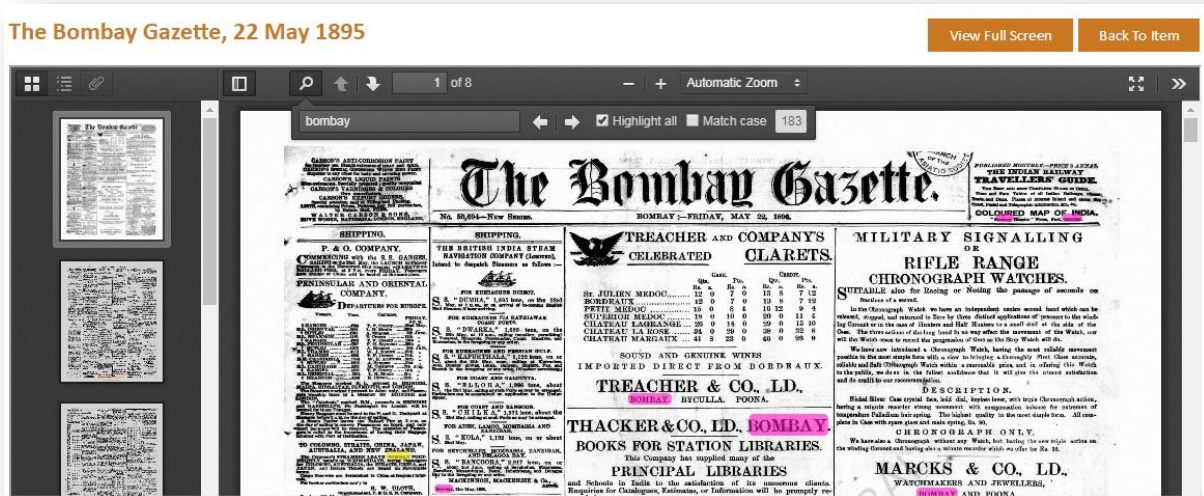
40 Views



History of the Friedrich II of Prussia called Frederick The Great Volume I
Year: 1858
Author: Thomas Carlyle

30 Views

Read an Item



Only Registered Users can Read an Item Online.

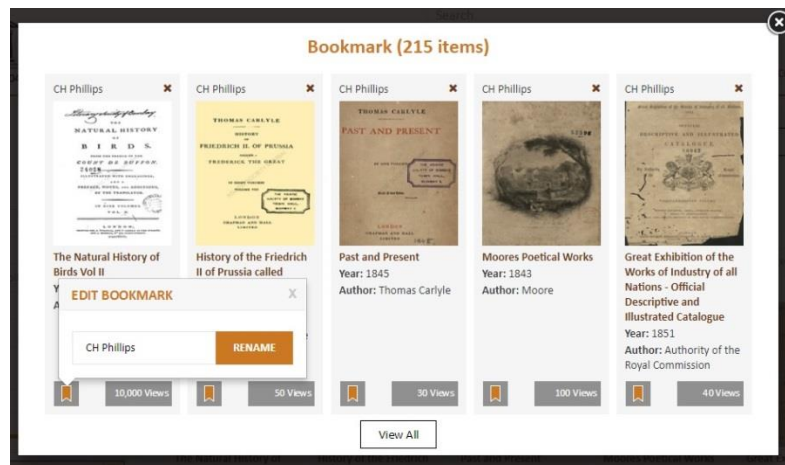
In case the user has come to this page, using a simple search word, the item will open on the page, where the first occurrence of this word appears.

In all other cases, the first page of the Item is displayed in the Viewer

The user cannot download, save or print the Item from the Viewer

The user can search for other terms in the Opened Item and can navigate to these searched results in the Opened Item using the in page highlighter.

Bookmark an Item



Registered users can Bookmark Items of their interest, for easy reference in the future. Bookmarks can be added, renamed and deleted for every item.

User Registration and Login

Register

FIRST NAME *	LAST NAME *
EMAIL ID *	MOBILE NUMBER
PASSWORD *	VERIFY PASSWORD *

Type the characters you see in the picture below.
These characters are case sensitive. *


[Accept Agreement](#)

REGISTER

LOGIN

USERNAME (Enter your Email) *	ENTER YOUR PASSWORD
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Type the characters you see in the picture below.
These characters are case sensitive. *

 Refresh

Remember

LOGIN [Forgot Password](#)

Registered User Can Login from any of the screens, by clicking the Login Button in the header.

Alternatively, if a user is not logged in and if he tries to Read an Item, he will be prompted to Login.

Only one concurrent login per user id is acceptable by the system.

The user will be logged out from the previous login session, whenever a new a login session is initiated.

System will log out the user, if there is no activity for continuous 30 minutes.

Registered Users have the Bookmark feature available to them.

Registered Users can modify their passwords, once logged in.

Password must be at least 8 characters including at least 1 number, 1 lowercase letter, 1 uppercase letter and a special character from !@#\$%&*?

Conclusion

Granth Sanjeevani is a state-of-the-art digital repository web application capable of handling large number of records and terabytes of digital assets.

This application is perfectly aligned with the guiding vision of an information society where more activities and business processes are being supported by electronic mediums streamlining and ensuring a complete, fast and transparent service to the research scholars.