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A Report on "VTU Consortium Training Program on IEEE and EBSCO E-resources"

On the 8th of March 2025, the Department of Library & Information Center at New Horizon College of Engineering successfully organized a **VTU Consortium Training Program** focused on raising awareness about two significant e-resources available to the academic community: **IEEE** and **EBSCO**. The program aimed to familiarize the participants with the vast digital resources, including journals, research papers, conference proceedings, databases, and Micro courses offered by these platforms, which are crucial for academic research and professional development.

Objectives of the Training Program

1. **To introduce IEEE and EBSCO E-resources,** aimed at providing knowledge about the usage, features, and accessibility of IEEE and EBSCO databases.
2. **Enhance research capabilities:** To empower students, faculty members, and researchers with the tools they need to access a wide range of academic literature.
3. **Promote efficient information retrieval:** Training participants to effectively search, filter, and utilize digital resources to maximize the value of available academic content.
4. **Create awareness about consortium-based access:** Highlighting the VTU Consortium's role in facilitating access to high-quality digital resources across various academic institutions.
5. **AMA Micro course & EBSCO mobile app:** Explained about the newly introduced AMA Micro courses & EBSCO mobile app powered by EBSCO.

Program Highlights

1. **Introductory Session:** The event started with the welcome speech and introduction of speaker Mr. Srinivas M.S. In the opening remarks, the speaker emphasized the growing importance of digital resources in today's education system and how platforms like IEEE and EBSCO provide invaluable research tools.

2. **Session on EBSCO E-resources:** A key session was dedicated to understanding the **EBSCO** and its extensive range of databases. EBSCO provides access to a variety of academic resources across multiple disciplines. The session included:

- An introduction to EBSCOhost, a robust database for discovering scholarly articles, e-books, and other academic content.
- Navigating through different subject-based databases such as Academic Search Premier, Business Source Premier, and more.

- Features such as advanced search filters, citation tools, and how to set up alerts for research updates.
- Practical demonstration of using EBSCOhost to locate academic articles, journals, and research reports.
- Introduced AMA Micro courses
- Demonstrated the EBSCO mobile app

3. **Session on IEEE Resources:** Another session focused on **the IEEE Xplore Digital Library**, renowned for providing access to high-quality scientific and technical content. The session covered the following topics:
- Overview of IEEE Xplore and its key features.
- Types of resources available (journals, conferences, standards, and books).
- How to search for academic papers, articles, and research reports.
- Accessing full-text articles and using advanced search techniques to narrow results.
- Practical demonstration on how to access IEEE resources through VTU Consortium.
- Inquired regarding IEEE (POPALL) Conference proceedings

4. **Interactive Q&A Session:** At the end of each session, there was an interactive Q&A session where participants could ask questions, clarify doubts, and share experiences regarding accessing digital resources.

5. **Hands-on Training:** The participants were allowed to engage in hands-on activities, practicing how to search, download, and organize resources using both IEEE and EBSCO. This helped participants become familiar with the platforms and gain practical skills in managing digital academic resources.

6. **Activities**
   - The Quiz was conducted enthusiastically with Slido.com, and prizes were distributed to the top five winners**.**
   - Collecting responses and generating training certificates

Conclusion: The **VTU Consortium Training Program on IEEE and EBSCO E-resources**, held on 8th March 2025, successfully enhanced the academic community's awareness and usage of digital research resources. The hands-on approach to understanding IEEE and EBSCO E-resources will help the 137 participants improve their research methods and academic pursuits. The program also emphasized the importance of consortium-based access to digital resources. It served as a valuable opportunity for students, faculty, and researchers to develop their skills in navigating and utilizing these extensive online platforms.

For Event Photos, Click the below link:

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