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NOTICE

Sub: Regarding mandate of Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) for the usage of DrillBit (extreme Similarity Detection Software).

This is for information of all the faculty members of Visva-Bharati that, an e-mail has been sent by the DrillBit Team on 14 November 2025 regarding **mandate of Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)** of all DrillBit Account Holders, following government guidelines on information security and MFA best practices. The text of the mail is self explanatory and requests all the VB Faculty Members to comply within the date lines (**on or before 25 November 2025**) to avoid any future troubles;

Dear User,

As part of our ongoing commitment to strengthen account security and protect sensitive academic work, **DrillBit** is announcing a mandatory security enhancement for all institutional accounts.

In today's digital landscape, there is an increasing risk of credential misuse that can lead to breaches of student and research work, as well as unauthorized access to institutional repositories. To address this concern and ensure data integrity, we are **mandating Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)** for all accounts.

Action Required:

Please set up MFA on your account before November 25, 2025.

If MFA is not activated by this date, your account will automatically require MFA for access thereafter.

For any questions or support with MFA setup, you can reach us at:

support@drillbitplagiarism.com

We also encourage reviewing the following government guidelines on information security and MFA best practices:

https://email.gov.in/videos/docs/Guidelines_informationsecurity_practices_for_govt_entities_June2023.pdf

https://mospi.gov.in/sites/default/files/announcements/Guidelines_on_Information_Security_Practices_for_Government_employee.pdf

Also, we request you to circulate the following guidelines to all DrillBit users in your institution:

Steps to enable MFA:

1. Log in to DrillBit.
2. Click on **Settings**.
3. You will see a toggle button to enable MFA. Switch on the toggle.

After enabling MFA, whenever you log in to your DrillBit account, you will receive an OTP on your registered email ID. Enter the OTP to access your account.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping your institution's data and student research safe.

Warm regards,

Team DrillBit

In view of the above, I am to request all the DrillBit Account holder to protect their accounts with MFA for both the accounts;

(a) Institutional Login by using **only VB domain mail ID (aaaa.bbbb@visva-bharati.ac.in)** as **user ID** and pre-set password to proceed to check PhD Theses and related publications; and

(b) Institutional Login by using **only personal E-mail ID (aaaa.bbbb@gmail.com, @hotmail.com @yahoo.com, @yahoo.co.in, etc. etc. but not VB Domain Mail ID)** as **user ID** and pre-set password to proceed to check **Academic Outputs (Article, Book Chapter, Book, Proceedings, Project report, Dissertations, etc. etc.) i.e. other than PhD Theses of the Academic Fraternity of Visva-Bharati**

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The user guide is available through the link;

a) Video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pL2S4yKvrNM>

b) Text- <https://www.drillbitplagiarism.com/userGuide/DrillBit%20Organization%20user%20guide%20-%202025.pdf>