

## I.2: Remote access to eResources over internet

Scientific Information Resource Centre (SIRC) has deployed a service of remote access called 'RemoteXs', which enables authenticated access to online scientific information resources (eResources) over internet, from outside RRCAT technical / laboratory area. It is a gateway to access online resources subscribed by SIRC of RRCAT from outside RRCATNet. It provides library patrons a single window access to online resources from outside RRCATNet on webbrowser enabled devices, having internet access. 'RemoteXs' also allows to analyze and optimize usage of available eResources and nurture research interests of scientists, engineers, faculties, research scholars and students.

In its continued endeavor to go digital and paperless, SIRC has enabled online access to large number of research journals and citation database from different international publishers. It provides perpetual access to only on-line version of many journals which includes access to complete back issues (archives) of journals from many prestigious international Science and Technology (S&T) publishers and societies like American Physical Society (APS), American Institute of Physics (AIP), Institute Of Physics (IOP), Optical Society of America (OSA), Science, Nature, Springer, Wiley etc. SIRC has also enabled access to Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) / Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) Electronic Library (IEL) which includes all 179 IEEE journals (with complete back issues), 26 IET journals, 14000 IEEE conference titles and 2800 IEEE standards. It provides consortium based online access to 'Science Direct' which provides full-text access to around 3000 S&T journals published by Elsevier and its allied publishers. It also provides perpetual access to current issues with thirty years back files of the bibliographic and citation database 'Web-of-Science'.

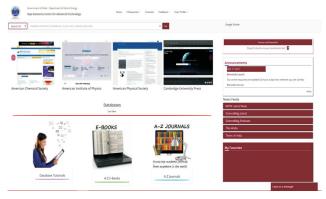


Fig. I.2.1: RemoteXs portal.

Prior to the deployment of 'RemoteXs', access to these vital subscribed (paid) licensed eResources was from any Personal

Computer (PC) connected to RRCATNet, based on the registration of Internet Protocol (IP) addresses with the publishers as per the terms and conditions in the license agreements. From the research and academic point of view. these eResources are quite important and are required by the users for reference from anywhere, anytime. There was a growing demand from the users to have access to these eResources over internet with no time limitation. To overcome this limitation, a new facility 'RemoteXs' (Figure I.2.1) has been deployed. This facilitates access to eResources from outside RRCAT technical/laboratory area over internet. Scientists and engineers of the centre can now access the licensed eResources from anywhere at any time. It is now possible for the users to access the eResources from their home and also while they are out of station; anywhere in the country or abroad. They can now access the eResources using any of their personal net connected devices like laptops, tabs, smart phones etc. The access is authenticated and enabled through the proxy server of 'RemoteXs' service provider.

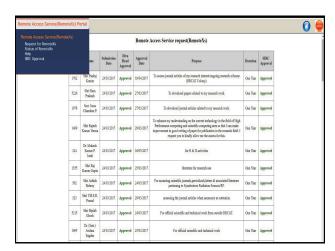


Fig. I.2.2: Account activation status.

For availing this facility, users are required to obtain user-id and password on the proxy server 'RemoteXs'. For managing user accounts activation, deactivation, validity etc., a work flow based software system is developed by SIRC and deployed on RRCATInfonet. Interested users can apply for user-id and password using this online facility over RRCATInfonet. The on-line application form can be filled after authenticated login on RRCATInfonet and using the menu option at Online Applications -> Remote Access Service (RemoteXs). The workflow involves authenticated online application, approval by their respective Head of Division/ Independent Section (HoDIS) and automated e-mail messages regarding account activation status (Figure I.2.2).

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