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Universal Briefing

Universal Briefing (UB) is a voluntary non-profit making non-governmental platform with principle focus on "Library & Information Services"; it will try to inculcate professional expertise among young professionals, develop tools and techniques to expedite the professional skills among budding generations, disseminate new knowledge through research activities, try to foster information handling skill among students, to build an atmosphere of togetherness and fraternity within society and finally advocates its belief in open education, open science and openness of knowledge.

Latest Vacancies

- Recruitment for Technical Assistant (Library) Post at National University of Advanced Legal Studies (NUALS), Kerala: Last Date 08/12/23 For more info Click here
- Recruitment for Library Trainee Post at Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Kolkata: Last Date 08/12/23 For more info Click here
- Recruitment for Librarian Post at Sadbhavna College of Education for Women, Ludhiana: Last Date 10/12/23
 For more info Click here
- Recruitment for Assistant Librarian Post at Shri Vishwakarma Skill University (SVSU), Dudhola Last Date 10/12/23 For more info Click here
- Recruitment for Librarian Post at Tripura University, Agartala Last Date 12/12/23 For more info <u>Click here</u>
- Recruitment for Assistant Librarian (14)
 Posts at Anna University, Chennai Last
 Date 13/12/23 For more info Click here
- Recruitment for Library Professional Assistant Post at Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad, Last Date 13/12/23 For more info <u>Click here</u>

- Recruitment for Library Attendant at Indira Gandhi Institute of Physical Education & Sports Sciences (University of Delhi) Last Date 15/12/2023 For more info Click here
- Recruitment for Assistant Library & Information Officer (ALIO) Post at Central Information Commission (CIC), New Delhi Last Date 20/12/23 For more info Click here
- Recruitment for Library Officer (02) Post at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay: Last Date 21/12/23 For more info <u>Click here</u>
- Recruitment for Apprentice Library (06)
 Posts at Indian Council of Social Science
 Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, Last Date
 22/12/23 For more info Click here
- Recruitment for Class-III post at Assam Administrative Staff College, Guwahati: Last Date 29/12/23 For more info <u>Click</u> here
- Recruitment for Librarian Post at Raman Research Institute (RRI), Bengaluru, Last Date 04/01/24 For more info <u>Click here</u>





Announcement

UB-Study Circle (24th Session)

The **24th Study Circle** of Universal Briefing was held on 25th November, 2023 at 7:30pm through Google Meet. The speaker of the session was Dr. Susmita Sarkar Basu, Librarian, Bankim Sardar College, Tangrakhali, South 24 Parganas and the President of the session was Dr. Pronobi Porel, Librarian, Rabindra Mahavidyalaya, Hooghly. The topic of the study circle was "Emerging trends in Library and Information Science".

The speaker discussed about the latest technological trends in library and she illustrated upon its two categories that are collection management and user engagement. She elaborately described electronic resource management (ERM), cloud computing, federated search and use of Internet of things (IOT) in context of collection management. She also elaborated and highlighted the importance of digital displays, gamification, augmented reality and makerspace for user engagement.

UB-Study Circle (Forthcoming Notification)

The **25th study circle** of universal briefing will take place on 23rd December at 7.30 pm and the speaker for the session will be Dr. Anamika Das, Assistant Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Netaji Subhas Open University.

Retrospective Highlights

UB-International Seminar-23

Universal Briefing jointly with Narasinha Dutt College, organized a Two-Day International Seminar on "Library beyond Campus: Resurrecting Public Library Services for the Generation Next" on 4th and 5th February, 2023 at TEQIP Building Auditorium, Jadavpur University. The event was graced by a number of dignitaries and veterans from the field of Library Science and other fields including Prof. Ajay Pratap Singh, Prof. Chiranjb Bhattacharjee, Golam Mustafa, Sakil Malik, Prof. Pravakar Rath, Dr. Soma Bandyopadhyay, Smt. Kalpana Dasgupta and many others. The seminar's theme was focused on revitalization of Public Library services to keep pace with the current times. The seminar was divided into six technical sessions based on the themes - Public Library System and Services, Collection Development and related issues in the Public Library, National Education Policy/ SDGs/ Effects of Covid-19, IT and social media in the Public Library, and Green Public Library/User perceptions in the Public Library. A total of 79 papers were presented in the seminar by LIS students and library professionals. Click Here

UB-International Webinars-23

On the 10th of June 2023, the webinar titled "Protecting Content Owners' Rights: Looking through DRM Perspective" was organized by Universal Briefing, featuring three distinguished speakers who addressed crucial aspects of content protection and copyright enforcement. The central theme of the webinar revolved around safeguarding intellectual property in the digital age. Dr. Saptarshi Ghosh delivered a comprehensive presentation highlighting the significance of copyright laws and the strategic use of Digital Rights Management (DRM) software to protect content owners' rights against piracy. Mr. Indranil Dasgupta expanded on the practicalities of handling copyright strikes on platforms like YouTube, offering valuable insights for content creators and rights holders. Dr. Avik Roy discussed the pivotal concepts of copyleft and Creative Commons, providing a comprehensive understanding of how these concepts intersect with content protection, opening avenues for content sharing while maintaining creator rights. The collective insight of these speakers illuminated the multifaceted nature of content protection and demonstrated the comprehensive approach required to protect content owners' rights in the digital era. To watch the session Click Here



Announcement

Universal Briefing organized a Two-Day International Webinar on November 20-21 on the topic "Open Educational Resources (OER): Research Perspectives". The webinar was inaugurated by Lt. Prof. Samantak Das, ex. Pro Vice-Chancellor, Jadavpur University and keynote address was delivered by Prof. Ajay Pratap Singh, Director General of The National Library, India, and Raja Rammohan Roy Library Foundation. The webinar was an extension of the October 2020 webinar "Pandemic Pedagogy: Teach-From-Home Students-At-Home," which focused on the lessons learned during the pandemic. The webinar emphasized the importance of Open Educational Resources (OER) for educators, students, and professional librarians. The webinar featured 29 papers which were presented over 6 technical sessions. The seminar winded up with a valedictory speech by Dr. N. Laxman Rao, UGC-Emeritus Fellow and Ex-Professor, Osmania University, Hyderabad. An edited book was also inaugurated, published by 'Prabha Prakashani' in collaboration with Universal Briefing, with 18 selected papers from the previous webinar. To watch the session Click Here

Universal Briefing organized a Two-Day International webinar on October 3-4, 2020. The Theme of the Webinar was "Pandemic Pedagogy: Teach from Home, Student at Home." The inaugural session was chaired by the Honourable Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Jadavpur University while the keynote address of the event was delivered by Prof. Swapna Banerjee of University of Calcutta. The Honourable Pro-VC discussed the impact of the pandemic on students' mental health. He highlighted the need for adaptability, technology integration, and equity in education systems and usage of learning management systems. Key topics covered in the webinar included the effectiveness of learner support systems, online education's SWOT analysis, student perceptions, digital divide elimination, digital humanities in libraries, mobile technology, social media communication, opinion mining, MOOCs, and open educational resources. The webinar underscored the importance of adaptability and technology integration in education. A total of 45 papers were presented in this webinar. The Valedictory Session was carried out by Dr. R. K. Ngurtinkhuma, Dean, School of Economics, Management, Information Science, Mizoram University. To watch the session Click Here.

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UB-Panel discussions-20-21

During the lockdown, several panel discussions were held online, focusing on various topics such as library management, enhancing e-resource usage, and meeting knowledge needs. The first panel discussed the role of librarians in library management during lockdown, discussing precautions, sanitization, contactless services, and challenges in implementing online services. The second panel focused on rethinking library management and services post-lockdown, discussing challenges faced by librarians and strategies to address them. The third panel discussed the National Education Policy 2020 and its future, discussing its planning, implementation, and pros and cons. The fourth panel discussed teaching in a pandemic environment, focusing on virtual mode and online educational resources. The following panel reminisced about Dr. Prof. Bijay Pada Mukhopadhyay's contributions to the LIS field, highlighting his expertise and engagement with students. The last panel discussed Covid-19 vaccination, covering the virus's nature, incubation period, transmission modes, symptoms, quarantine period, diet, virus detection tests, precautions, safety guidelines, and social distancing. The details of the panel discussions and webinars are available on the official webpage of Universal Briefing. Click Here





Announcement

UB-Workshops-22

A Two-Day National Workshop was conducted on "Koha in Academic Libraries" for students and library professionals on 2nd and 3rd April, 2022 in collaboration with and at the premises of Narasinha Dutt College, Howrah.

Dr. Sukumar Mandal, Assistant Professor, DLIS, The University of Burdwan; Dr. Samir Kumar Jalal, Deputy Librarian, Central Library, IIT Kharagpur; Dr. Tapan Barui, Assistant Professor, DLIS, University of North Bengal; Dr. Avik Roy, Librarian, Derozio Memorial College, Kolkata; Dr. Soumen Mondal, Librarian, Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Mahavidyalaya, Kolkata; Dr. Pronobi Porel, Librarian, Rabindra Mahavidyalaya, Hooghly joined in as the resource persons for the technical sessions. They elaborated and gave practical guidance on various aspects of Koha like acquisition, cataloguing, circulation, serial management, course reserve etc.

UB-International Seminar 24 (Forthcoming)

A Two-Day International Seminar on Intellectual Property Rights and the Conundrum of Information Managers Towards Creating an Open Society is going to be organised by Universal Briefing, Kolkata along with Central Library, Derozio Memorial College, Kolkata, and Open Access Bangladesh on 17-18th February 2024. At TEQIP Building Auditorium, Jadavpur University, Kolkata-32.

Full text with abstract: 31 December, 2023

Acceptance of paper intimation: 7 January, 2024

Last date of Registration: 1 February, 2024

Date of Conference: * 17 - 18 February, 2024

Registration Procedure:

- 1. Authors are requested to submit manuscripts of their papers.
- 2. All manuscripts of full paper (12pt Times New Roman font size) must be submitted in MS-Word format within 3000 words only to universalbriefing@gmail.com.
- 3. The manuscripts should not be published previously (partly or in full).
- 4. Reference must be maintained by following APA Style (6th edition) format.
- 5. The selected papers will be presented in the seminar and published in the Proceedings with ISBN.
- 6. Last date of submission of Full Text with abstract (within 200 words) is 31st December, 2023.
- 7. For Registration Fill up the Form by clicking or scanning the below QR Code
- 8. Last date of Registration is 1st February, 2024.
- 9. Notification of Acceptance / Rejection: 10 days after Submission.

For more details **Click Here**

Corrigendum

Professor (Dr.) Nivedita Bhattacharyya Sahu, is the supervisor of Scholar Asish Maity, whose thesis title is Scientometric profile of the e-journals in Library and Information Science published by Emerald during the period 2005-2015, rather than Professor (Dr.) Bidyarthi Dutta, as stated in the last issue of this newsletter.





Research Spotlight

DLIS, Assam University (Awarded Works 2023)

Thesis Title: Organisation and Management of NIT Libraries of North East India: An Empirical

Scholar's Name: Dr. Latifur Alom Ahmed **Supervisor**: Dr. Nabin Chandra Dey

Thesis Title: Natural Language Processing of Library Users' Feedbacks: A Model for Unstructured

Text Summarisation

Scholar's Name: Dr. Rajesh Chutia Supervisor: Dr. Mukut Sarmah; Co-Supervisor: Dr. Mousum Handique

Thesis Title: A Study of Cost-Benefit Analysis of Library Automation with Special Reference to Central

University Libraries of North East India

Scholar's Name: Dr. Rajesh Rangappa Aldarthi Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Manoj Kumar Sinha

Thesis Title: A Study on the Relative Worth of the Factors Influencing Acquisition Policies Adopted by the Libraries of Higher Educational Institutions Governed and Funded by the Government of India

Scholar's Name: Dr. Nirnimesh Pandiya Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Manoj Kumar Sinha

Thesis Title: Research Output of Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat: A Bibliometric Study

Scholar's Name: Dr. Dhan Maya Chetry Supervisor: Dr. Nabin Chandra Dey

Thesis Title: Assessing the Factors on Acceptance and Use of Institutional Repositories among the

BRIEF

Teachers in Central Universities of Northeast, India

Scholar's Name: Ms. Susmita Das Supervisor: Dr. Mukut Sarmah

DLIS, Gauhati University (Awarded Works of 2023)

Thesis Title: Organization and Management of Kendriya Vidyalaya Libraries with special reference to Assam: A Study

Scholar Name: Nitupan Sarmah Superviso: Prof. Narendra Lahkar

Thesis Title: Prospects of Integrating Public Library Services with Community Information Services

under Common Service Centres (CSCs) of North East India: A Study

Scholar Name: Sanjoy Kumar Hazarika

Supervisor: Tilak Hazarika

Thesis Title: Implementation of Latest Trends in University Library Services in Assam: A Prospective

Study

Scholar Name: Rubi Baishya **Supervisor:** Prof. Narendra Lahkar







Research Spotlight

Thesis Title: Effectiveness of Security Systems in Academic Libraries in India with Special Reference

to Assam

Scholar Name: Rima Nath **Supervisor:** Dipen Deka

Thesis Title: Resources and Services of the Law College Libraries in North East India: An analytical

Study

Scholar Name: Narender Pal

Supervisor: Prof. Rajani Kanta Barman

DLIS, Mizoram University (Awarded Works of 2023)

Thesis Title: Skills and Competencies of College Library Professionals of Mizoram in Changing

Information Scenario: A Study

Scholar's Name: B. Lalhlimpuii **Supervisor:** Prof. Pravakar Rath

Thesis Title: Human Resource Management in the Central University Libraries of Northeast India: An

Analytical Study

Scholar's Name: Lallawmawmi Supervisor: Dr. Lalngaizuali

Thesis Title: An Altmetric Analysis of Research Gate Profiles of LIS Teaching Faculty in Central

Universities in India

Scholar's Name: Dibaniyoti Buragohain

Supervisor: Dr. Amit Kumar

Thesis Title: Design and Development of an Institutional Repository on Educational Research and

Training with Reference to NIE (NCERT), New Delhi: A Conceptual Model

Scholar's Name: Deepak Kumar Kapoor

Supervisor: Prof. Pravakar Rath

Thesis Title: Web Presence of Central University Libraries in India: Content and Design Trend Analysis

Scholar's Name: Tribeni Pathak **Supervisor**: Dr. M.K. Verma

Thesis Title: Sentiment Analysis of Open Educational Resources (OER) Videos on YouTube: A Study

Scholar's Name: Manasiyoti Deka **Supervisor:** Dr. Amit Kumar

DLIS, Berhampur University (Awarded Works of 2023)

Thesis Title: Collection Development Policies of +2 College Libraries of Berhampur City: An

Evaluation

Scholar's Name: Madhabilata Mallick

Supervisor: Dr. K.C Panda





Research Spotlight

Thesis Title: Information Literacy and User Education Programme in the Digital Era: A Study of State

Agriculture Universities of India

Scholar's Name: Monisha Mishra **Supervisor**: Dr. K.C Panda

Research Recap

RESEARCH RECAP OF DIFFERENT UNIVERSITIES (THIS EDITION FOCUS IS ON GAUHATI UNIVERSITY AWARDED WORKS)

(Awarded Works 1991):

• Thesis Title: Personal Management in University Libraries of N E India with Special Reference to

Assam

Scholar Name: Rajani Kanta Barman

Supervisor: Prof. Niru Hazarika (Political Science)

(Awarded Works 1996):

• Thesis Title: A Study of the Socio-Cultural Aspects of Library Support for Non-Financial Learning

in Assam

Scholar Name: Alaka Buragohain

Supervisor: Independent

(Awarded Works 1998):

• Thesis Title: Prospects of Automated Cataloguing in the Three University Libraries of Assam:

Universal Briefing

Based on Users' Statistic Under Major Catalogue Code

Scholar Name: Narendra Lahkar Supervisor: Prof. Alaka Buragohain

(Awarded Works 2000):

Thesis Title: Role of Special Libraries in Assam and its Socio-Economic Impact on Societies: A

Study

Scholar Name: Bhrigu Ram Bharali

Supervisor: Prof. Narendra Nath Sharma

(Awarded Works 2003):

• Thesis Title: A Model System for Evaluation of the Resources of a Special Library on the Basis of User Satisfaction Using Bibliometric Techniques: A Case Study at Regional Research Laboratory

Scholar's Name: Pranab Kumar Barooah **Supervisor**: Prof. Narendra Nath Sharma





• Thesis Title: Documentation Works and Services of Forestry Literature of Indian Council of

Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE): A Study

Scholar's Name: Tilak Hazarika **Supervisor:** Prof. Narendra Lahkar

(Awarded Works 2004):

• Thesis Title: A Model System for Evaluation of the Resources of a Special Library on the Basis of User Satisfaction Using Bibliometric Techniques: A Case Study at Regional Research Laboratory

Scholar's Name: Pranab Kumar Barooah **Supervisor:** Prof. Narendra Nath Sharma

• Thesis Title: Documentation Works and Services of Forestry Literature of Indian Council of

Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE): A Study

Scholar's Name: Tilak Hazarika **Supervisor:** Prof. Narendra Lahkar

(Awarded Works 2005):

• Thesis Title: A Study of the Trend of Growth of Agricultural Literature in North Eastern Region

from 1976 to 1996 and its Impact upon Higher Studies in Agricultural Science

Scholar's Name: Morgan D Syiem Supervisor: Prof. Alaka Buragohain

(Awarded Works 2006):

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 Thesis Title: A Study of Public Library System as Community Information Centers in Nagaland:

Realities and Challenges

Scholar's Name: A Takatemsu Imchen
Supervisor: Prof. Narendra Nath Sharma

Thesis Title: Role of Public Libraries in the Development of Adults Education of Arunachal Pradesh:

With Special View on Papumpare District: An Analytical Approach

Scholar's Name: Vijay Raghav Tiwari Supervisor: Prof. Narendra Nath Sharma

Thesis Title: A Study of the Impact of Information Technology on the Effective Management of

Library Operations with Special Reference to Assam

Scholar's Name: Sanjay Kumar Singh **Supervisor:** Prof. Alaka Buragohain

(Awarded Works 2007)

Thesis Title: Reflection of Rural Information in Leading Newspapers of Assam: A Critical Study

Scholar's Name: Hari Charan Das

Supervisor: Prof. Narendra Nath Sharma





• Thesis Title: Document Description and their Practices in University Libraries in North East India:

A Study

Scholar's Name: Dhrubajit Das **Supervisor:** Prof. Narendra Lahkar

Thesis Title: A Study on Organization and Services of Libraries in Research and Training

Programme in Financial Institutions of North East India

Scholar's Name: Anu Hazarika Supervisor: Prof. Narendra Lahkar

• Thesis Title: Feasibility of Library Software Packages for Library Automation in Higher

Educational Institutions of Assam: A Critical Study

Scholar's Name: Hemanta Kumar Barman **Supervisor:** Prof. Alaka Buragohain

• Thesis Title: Information Needs and Information Seeking Behavior of Users in Major Science and

Technology Libraries of North East Region with Special Reference to Assam

Scholar's Name: Bibhuti Choudhury
Supervisor: Prof. Rajani Kanta Barman

(Awarded Works 2008):

Thesis Title: Public Libraries in a Multicultural Society and their Role in Promoting Social Harmony:

A Critical Study with Special Reference to Assam

Scholar's Name: Mahtab Hussain

Supervisor: Prof. Narendra Nath Sharma

Thesis Title: Prospects of Application of Information Technology in Academic Libraries in Assam:

A Study

Scholar's Name: Mukut Sarma Supervisor: Prof. Alaka Buragohain

• Thesis Title: Impact of Academic Libraries in the Development of Human Resources: with Special

Reference to Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland (Colleges and Universities) 1971 to 1999

Scholar's Name: Ranvir Singh Yadav Supervisor: Prof. Alaka Buragohain

• Thesis Title: A Critical Study of the Growth of Tea Literature with Special Reference to India

from 1970-2002

Scholar's Name: Smiriti Rekha Baruah Supervisor: Prof. Alaka Buragohain

Thesis Title: Retrieving Information on the Socioeconomic and Sociocultural Conditions of North

East India using Different Internet Search Engines

Scholar's Name: Bikika Laloo Supervisor: Prof. Narendra Lahkar







(Awarded Works 2009):

• Thesis Title: Public Library System in Bhutan: A Systematic Approach for Future Developments

Scholar's Name: S Kannan

Supervisor: Prof. Narendra Lahkar

• Thesis Title: Search Engines and their Search Performance in Retrieving Internet Resources: An

Evaluative Study

Scholar's Name: Sanjib Kumar Deka **Supervisor:** Prof. Narendra Lahkar

Thesis Title: Impact of User Education on Academic Libraries in Assam: A Study on Strategic

Management of Resources and Services Scholar's Name: Jnyandeep Saikia Supervisor: Prof. Rajani Kanta Barman

• Thesis Title: Deviance in Academic Libraries: A Sociological Study with Reference to Assam

Scholar's Name: Nabajyoti Das Supervisor: Prof. Narendra Nath Sharma

(Awarded Works 2010):

Thesis Title: Information Seeking Behaviour of Degree Students of General Colleges of Barak

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On Seeking Behaviour of Degree Students of General Colleges of Barak

Valley

Scholar's Name: Sarita Bhattacharjee

Supervisor: Prof. Narendra Nath Sharma

• Thesis Title: Use of Internet Service in the University Libraries of Assam: An Evaluative Study

Scholar's Name: Sumana Chakrabarty Supervisor: Prof. Alaka Buragohain

Thesis Title: Buddhist Manuscripts with Special Reference to Arunachal Pradesh: Utilization,

Restoration and Digitization

Scholar's Name: Motebennur Maltesh Ningaya

Supervisor: Prof. Narendra Lahkar

(Awarded Works 2011):

Thesis Title: Prospects of Library Marketing in North East India: A Study

Scholar Name: Kishore Kumar Sarmah **Supervisor:** Prof. Narendra Lahkar





(Awarded Works 2012):

Thesis Title: Web Resources in Library and Information Science: A Managerial Approach

Scholar's Name: Badan Barman Supervisor: Prof. Narendra Lahkar

• Thesis Title: Prospects of Human Resource Development in the Libraries of Institutions of Higher Education in North East India with Special Reference to Library Automation: A Critical Study

Scholar's Name: Niraj Barua

Supervisor: Prof. Rajani Kanta Barman

Thesis Title: A Study on Growth and Development of Literature in Naga Languages

Scholar's Name: Sashilemla Ao **Supervisor:** Prof. Narendra Lahkar

Thesis Title: Digital Resources Management with Reference to Indian University Libraries

Scholar's Name: Dipen Deka Supervisor: Prof. Narendra Lahkar

(Awarded Works 2013):

• Thesis Title: Citation Pattern of Doctoral Dissertations in Physics Submitted to the Gauhati

University, Guwahati 1993-2000: A Bibliometric Study

Scholar's Name: Am<mark>al</mark> Kum<mark>ar</mark> Mondal **Supervisor:** Prof. Raj<mark>a</mark>ni Kan<mark>t</mark>a Barman

Thesis Title: Audio Visual Materials and their Management and Preservation in Television Media

Organizations: A Case Study of the Library of Guwahati Doordarshan Kendra

Scholar's Name: Sanjoy Kumar Barman Supervisor: Prof. Alaka Buragohain

Thesis Title: Growth of Research Output in Science and Technology Institutes in Assam and the

Role of Libraries

Scholar's Name: Tarini Dev Goswami **Supervisor:** Prof. Narendra Lahkar

Thesis Title: Information Needs and Information Seeking Behaviour of Urban Community and its

Satisfaction by the Public Library System

Scholar's Name: Utpal Sarma **Supervisor**: Prof. Alaka Buragohain

Thesis Title: Use of Online Resources Among Research Scholars in Social Sciences in University

Libraries of Assam: A Study

Scholar's Name: Gouri Sankar Karmakar Supervisor: Prof. Narendra Lahkar





(Awarded Works 2014):

Thesis Title: The Working and Functioning of the Assam Legislative Assembly Library and its Use

and Impact on Legislators and Administrators: A Critical Study

Scholar's Name: Sanatan Deka

Supervisor: Prof. Narendra Nath Sharma

Thesis Title: The Role of Library Professionals for Effective Use of Library Resources in the present

context: A Study with Reference to the University Libraries of Assam

Scholar's Name: Ranjanjyoti Sarmah Supervisor: Prof. Narendra Nath Sharma

Thesis Title: Documentation of Information Resources in Women's Studies Centres of India with

Reference to North East India Scholar's Name: Pallavi Gogoi

Supervisor: Prof. Narendra Nath Sharma

Thesis Title: Library Services in Medical and Paramedical Colleges in Assam: Analytical Study

Scholar's Name: Dalimi Devi

Supervisor: Prof. Narendra Nath Sharma

(Awarded Works 2015):

Thesis Title: A Critical Study of Preservation Techniques for Sanchi Manuscripts of Assam

Scholar's Name: Utpal Das

nuiversai Ruisiind Supervisor: Prof. Alaka Buragohain

Thesis Title: Collection Development in the Libraries of Technical Institutions in Assam: A Study in

the Context of Emerging ICT

Scholar's Name: Bhupendra Nath Sarma Supervisor: Prof. Rajani Kanta Barman

Thesis Title: Use of Web-Based Resources in Engineering College Libraries of Assam: An Empirical

Scholar's Name: Apurba Jyoti Majumder Supervisor: Prof. Narendra Lahkar

Thesis Title: Convergence of Information Technology in Special Libraries of Assam: Its Challenges

with References to Organizational Management

Scholar's Name: Kishor Sarma Supervisor: Dr. Sanjay Kumar Singh





(Awarded Works 2016):

Thesis title: Management of Indian Institutional Repositories: An Evaluative Study

Scholar Name: Kankana Baishya **Supervisor**: Prof. Sanjay Kumar Singh

• Thesis title: Prospects of Coordinating Sarba Siksha Abhijan and Rural Libraries for Social

Development in Assam with Special Reference to Kamrup District

Scholar Name: Prasanta Kumar Deka **Supervisor:** Prof. Narendra Nath Sharma

• Thesis title: LIS Education in the Universities of India: A study on the Course Contents with Reference

to Universities of NE India
Scholar Name: Zabeen Ahmed
Supervisor: Narendra Lahkar

Thesis title: Prospects of Using Open Source Library Management Software in College and University

Libraries of Assam

Scholar Name: Gautam Ku<mark>m</mark>ar Sarma **Supervisor:** Prof. Narend<mark>r</mark>a Lahk<mark>a</mark>r

• Thesis title: Use of Online Reference Sources in Engineering College Libraries of Assam: A Study

Scholar Name: Jyotika Devi

Supervisor: Prof. Narendra Lahkar:

• Thesis title: Management of Manuscript Collection in Assam in the Digital era: A Practical Approach

using ICT tools

Scholar Name: Nirmal Ranjan Mazumdar
Supervisor: Prof. Sanjay Kumar Singh

Thesis title: Information Support to Social Scientists in Social Science Libraries in Assam

Scholar Name: Gajendra Ballabh Dev Choudhury

Supervisor: Prof. Rajani Kanta Barman

• Thesis title: Digital Archiving of Newspapers and their Content Dissemination in Media Archival in

India with Special Reference to Assam
Scholar Name: Jyotirekha Bhattacharyya
Supervisor: Prof. Sanjay Kumar Singh

Thesis title: Job Analysis of Library Professionals in Science and Technology Institutes of Assam: An

Evaluative Study

Scholar Name: Barsha Rani Duarah **Supervisor**: Prof. Narendra Nath Sharma

(Awarded Works 2017):

• Thesis Title: Prospects of Consortia-based Resource Sharing among the Agricultural University of North

East India with special reference to Central Agricultural University Imphal

Scholar Name: Nabin Chandra Dey **Supervisor:** Prof. Sanjay Kumar Singh





• Thesis Title: College Library Effectiveness Study with Special Reference to the Tinsukia and Dibrugarh

District

Scholar Name: Sadananda Nath

Supervisor: Prof. Narendra Nath Sharma

• Thesis Title: Challenges and Realities of Children Libraries of Assam: An Analytical Study

Scholar Name: Kishore Kalita

Supervisor: Prof. Narendra Nath Sharma

• Thesis Title: Evaluation of University Library Websites of West Bengal: A Study from Librarians'

Perspectives

Scholar Name: Sharmila Bose **Supervisor:** Prof. Narendra Lahkar

Thesis Title: Designing of an E-Learning Model for Supplementing LIS Education Programmes

Scholar Name: Vijay Kumar Anand Supervisor: Prof. Rajani Kanta Barman

• Thesis Title: Job Satisfaction of University Library Professionals in Assam: A Critical Analysis

Scholar Name: Nikhil Hazarika

Supervisor: Prof. Rajani Kanta Barman

Thesis Title: Impact of Information Technology on the Collection Development in University Libraries

of Assam: A Study

Scholar Name: Alok Kumar Pathak

Supervisor: Prof. Narendra Lahkar

Thesis Title: Strategic Capacity Planning for Hybrid Library Environment

Scholar Name: Ranjit Kumar Rajbangshi Supervisor: Prof. Sanjay Kumar Singh

• Thesis Title: The Effectiveness of Continuing Education Programme vis-a-vis in-service Training for LIS

Professionals: A Study of University Libraries of North East India

Scholar Name: Rajib Kumar Das

Supervisor: Prof. Narendra Nath Sharma

(Awarded Works 2018):

• Thesis Title: The Factors of Competency Development Among the Working Library Professionals of

the University Libraries of North East India: Challenges and Realities

Scholar Name: Deepa Baruah

Supervisor: Prof. Narendra Nath Sharma

• Thesis Title: Growth and Development of University Libraries of Assam in the Context of

Ranganathan's Fifth Law of Library Science in IT Environment Since 1995

Scholar Name: Tonmay Sabhapandit Supervisor: Prof. Rajani Kanta Barman







• Thesis Title: Use of Library Software Packages in the Libraries of Institutes of Higher Learning in Assam with Reference to Serial Control Module: An Evaluative Study

Scholar Name: Bijoya Ray

Supervisor: Prof. Sanjay Kumar Singh

• Thesis Title: Impact of INFLIBNET in the Modernization of University Libraries in India with Special

Reference to North Eastern Region **Scholar Name:** Birender Pal

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Qualitative Development

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Scholar Name: Rumi Das

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Libraries of Assam: An Empirical Study
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Assam: A Study

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Supervisor: Prof. Sanjay Kumar Singh

Thesis Title: Problems and Prospects of Library Networking in Public Library System in Assam: A Study

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Research Recap





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Supervisor: Prof. Sanjay Kumar Singh

• Thesis Title: Ontology on Traditional Dances of Assam for the Semantic Web with Special Reference

to the Dances of Rabha Community **Scholar Name:** Deepjyoti Kalita

Supervisor: Dipen Deka

Thesis Title: Usages of ICT in the College Libraries of Assam: A Study

Scholar Name: Prafulla Kumar Mahanta

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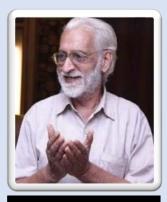
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Universal Briefing

Obituary



Late Sh. Krishan Kumar Bhatia 24th August, 1929 - 2nd November, 2023

Krisan Kumar Bhatia, born in 1929, led a multifaceted life that seamlessly blended various roles. Beginning as an ex-armed forces individual, he transitioned into a profession as a librarian. Beyond his professional commitments, Bhatia actively participated in India's struggle for independence and dedicated himself to various social causes. His tireless efforts for the betterment of society continued until his passing in November 2023.

Operating from his modest single-story residence in Rajouri Garden, surrounded by opulent bungalows, Bhatia relied solely on his pension to fund his endeavors. Notably, he collaborated with the Tihar authorities, advocating for the promotion of reading habits among prisoners and emphasizing the importance of establishing libraries within prison facilities. His persistent advocacy led to the

establishment of a branch of the Delhi Public Library (DPL) within Tihar jail. Post-retirement, Bhatia embarked on journeys to remote regions in Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand. His goal was to raise awareness about the advantages of rural libraries, reflecting his commitment to expanding access to knowledge in underserved areas. Known for his unwavering integrity and profound belief in social causes, Bhatia made a significant commitment by pledging his body to medical science before his demise. His life's work stands as a testament to the profound impact that one individual, fueled by dedication and asense of social responsibility, can have on the betterment of society.





Professional Development

Conferences & Seminars

- Indian Association of • The Special Libraries and Information Centres (IASLIC) 33rd All India Conference 2023 on "Collaborative Librarianship" will be organised in collaboration with the Department of Library & Information Pondicherry University, scheduled to be held at the Pondicherry University, Puducherry, during December 7-9, 2023. For more info: Click Here
- International Webinar- Role of Al in Modern Day Libraries. Date: Friday, 8th December, 2023. For more info: <u>Click</u> Here
- Invitation to All Librarians Worldwide!
 Join Our Exclusive International
 Webinar Free of Cost and Elevate Your
 Expertise on 8/12/23. Register here
- Bengal Library Association (BLA) will be holding a conference on "Rebuilding Library Infrastructure" on 20th Dec, 2023 to celebrate the Librarian's Day. For more info: Click Here
- Upcoming webinar on Google Looker Studio for Librarians. Date: 20 Dec, 2023. For more info: Click Here
- Online International Conference
 Organised by Sankar Polytechnic
 College (SPC) and San Jose State
 University, California (SJSU) on
 06/01/2024. For more info: Click Here
- One Day National Conference on "Emerging Trends in Science & Technology for Sustainable Development. Date: 23rd Jan, 2024. Organized by Netaji Subhashchandra Science College, Mulchera. For more info: Click Here
- National Conference on Evidence Based Library Transformations: Quality Services for NextGen Users – 2024 by Indian Institute of Petroleum and Energy. Date: 24-25 January, 2024. For more info: Click Here
- The 69th ILA Annual Conference on "Building the Future: Transforming Libraries for Sustainability" will be held from 1-3 February 2024 at Gauhati University, Guwahati, Assam. For more info: Click Here

- G20 Library Summit: Uniting Nations for Knowledge, Equity, and Cultural Heritage at Ananda Rangapillai Library, Pondicherry University, Puducherry, India. Dates of the conference: 7-9 February, 2024 (Wed, Thu, Fri). For more info: Click Here
- National Conference on Evidence Based Library Transformations: Quality Services for NextGen Users EBLT – 2024 by Indian Institute of Petroleum and Energy. For more details Click Here

Workshops & Programmes

- Five Days Offline Training Programme on SOUL 3.0: Installation and Operations is being organized by INFLIBNET Centre during 04th 08th December, 2023. For more info: Click Here
- Dr. GRD Memorial Library at PSG College of Technology, Coimbatore, is hosting a 6 days AICTE-ATAL FDP on "Reengineering of Library Landscape: Adopting Industry 5.0 for 21st Century" from December 04 to 09, 2023. For more info: Click Here
- CVM University, and Institute of Language Studies and Applied Social Sciences (ILSASS), Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat in collaboration with Public Knowledge Project (PKP) Simon Fraser University (SFU), Canada, is hosting a virtual one-day workshop on "Open Journal Systems: A primer on workflow and key features" on December 8, 2023 at 10:00 AM (IST) Register here
 - Workshop on "Open Journal Systems: A primer on workflow and key features". Organized by The CVM University, Institute of Language Studies, and Applied Social Sciences, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat (India) in collaboration with Public Knowledge Project (PKP), Simon Fraser University, British Columbia, Canada on 8th December, 2023 10: 00 AM (IST) onwards. For more info: Click Here





Professional Development

Workshops & Programmes

- State Level Online Workshop Academic Horizons: the Ai Integration from Dec 08-15, 2023 for more <u>Click here</u>
- Advanced Training Programme on Bibliometrics and Research Output Analysis is being organized by INFLIBNET Centre during 11th - 15th December 2023. For more info: <u>Click Here</u>
- One Week National Workshop on Koha Organized By: Department of Library and Information Science, Central University of Haryana from December 11, 2023 to December 15, 2023. To apply Click here
- Five Days National Workshop on Federated Identity and Access Management (INFED Off Campus Access to E-Resources using Shibboleth) is being organized by INFLIBNET Centre during 18th -22nd December 2023. For more info: Click Here
- ICSSR Sponsored "Two Weeks Capacity Building Programme (CBP)" [16-17 January, 2024] –
 EINFOLIB. For more info: Click Here
- Attachment Training Programme for Practicing Library Professionals by INFLIBNET. For more info: <u>Click Here</u>.
- Maulana Azad Library, Aligarh Muslim University organises "National Workshop on Koha Integrated Library Management Software" from December 23-28, 2023. For more info <u>Click Here</u>

Courses

- Advanced Certificate in Digital Library Applications, VuFind, USA. Date: December 9, 2023 to February 29, 2024. For more info: <u>Click Here</u>
- Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi Sponsored Ten Days Research Methodology Course for M.Phil./Ph.D./PDF Scholars in Social Sciences - from 22/01/2024 to 31/01/2024. Last date of receipt of the complete application form - 31 December, 2023. For more info Click Here
- Virtual course on the topic "Academic Writing" conducted by Swayam Platform will be starting at 15th January 2024. For more info: Click Here
- Two-day Online Training Program on "Dspace: Institutional Repository" Day and Date: Saturday-Sunday, 30-31 December, 2023 Time: 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm, Last Date: 29-12-2023. For more info Click Here

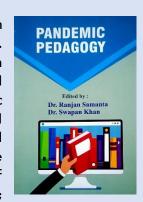


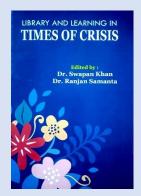


Latest Publication

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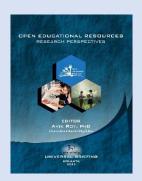
The book "Pandamic Pedagogy" was published by Prova Prakashani in collaboration with Universal Briefing in the year 2020. It was jointly edited by Dr. Ranjan Samanta and Dr. Swapan Khan. The book had informative eighteenth chapters. The outstanding contribution of authors presented an exceptional dimension on pandemic pedagogy in relation to academic library and pandemic pedagogy mainly in higher education. Thought content, practical experience and knowledge of authors would help the students, scholars, library professional and others to understand the situation of education during Pandemic and the challenge taken to overcome; teaching learning process of that situation; advancement of new technology; extension of online education and open educational resources; opportunities and threats of online education.





The book "Library and Learning in Times of Crisis" was published by Prova Prakashani in collaboration with Universal Briefing in the year 2021, edited by Dr. Ranjan Samanta and Dr. Swapan Khan. It contained seventeenth valuable research papers highlighted the role of libraries especially academic libraries and online teaching learning during the period of Global Pandemic of Covid-19. Some papers focused on Government initiatives for learners during Covid-19, effectiveness of social media for education; strength, weakness, opportunity, and threat of elearning; importance of e-resources etc. The papers helped librarian to take various steps in every aspect of library services. Overall, all papers were very informative and insightful for learners, teachers, administrators, policy makers and government.

A book was published in February 2023 by Universal briefing with the title "Open Educational Resources: Research Perspectives", comprising selected articles from the two-day International Webinar of the same title, which was organised by Universal Briefing on 20th and 21st November, 2021 at Kolkata, India. The book contains 13 selected articles on different aspects of OER including SWOT analysis, NEP, copyright and license, sustainability of OER etc., written by LIS professionals from various fields. This conference proceedings volume is edited by Dr. Avik Roy, Librarian, Derozio Memorial College; and illustrated by Avijit Naskar.



Some Recent Publication

The revised version of "Library and information science UGC NET Guide" by Badan Barman" book is launched under a new title

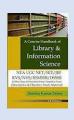
A Comprehensive Book on Library and Information Science, by Dr. Badan Barman. Guwahati: LIS Links. ISBN: 978-81-908708-2-5







Latest Publication



A Concise Handbook of Library & Information Science New Edition 2023, by Jitendra Kumar Dubey. Y K Publishers. Pbk: ₹850.00

The ChatGPT Handbook: Your Comprehensive Guide to Using AI in Everyday Life: Unlocking the Potential of ChatGPT in Personal and Professional Domains, by Elly Kroll.

Ebk: ₹654.00 on Kindle



Metadata Management: Tools and Workflows, by Michael Bolam and Kelsey George. Taylor & Francis Group, Dec. 2023e. ISBN 9780367536381 \$155.00e

Museums and Technologies of Presence: Investigating the Potential of Emerging Technologies, ed. by Maria Shehade and Theopis Stylianou-Lambert. Taylor & Francis Group, Dec. 2023e. ISBN 9781032368801 \$160.00





The Nordic Model of Digital Archiving, ed. by Greg Bak and Marianne Rostgaard. Taylor & Francis Group, Dec. 2023e. ISBN 9781032351223 \$160.00e

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Grow Your Library Career: Developing Soft Skills from Networking to Negotiation, by Melissa S. Lockaby. ABC-CLIO/Libraries Unlimited, Dec. 2023. pbk ISBN 9781440874659 \$50.00e





Confident Data Science: The Essential Skills of Data Science, by Adam Ross Nelson. Kogan Page, Sep. 2023. pbk ISBN 9781398612327 price not yet set; ebook ISBN price not yet set

Simple Positive Play at the Library, by Jennifer Ilardi. Rowman & Littlefield, Jul. 2023. ISBN 9781538172940 \$85.00; pbk ISBN 9781538172957 \$34.00; ebook ISBN 9781538172964 \$32.00





What Every Library Director Should Know, by Susan Carol Curzon. 2nd ed. Rowman & Littlefield, Jun. 2023. ISBN 9781538172681 \$90.00; pbk ISBN 9781538172698 \$42.00; ebook ISBN 9781538172704 \$39.50

Cybersecurity for Libraries and Archives, by Heather Bowden. Taylor & Francis Group, Oct. 2023e. ISBN 9780367470692 \$155.00e





Trends on Tech

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In a first in the State, a public sector university, Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (KVASU), is exploring the possibility of using ChatGPT, an Al-powered chatbot, and artificial intelligence (Al) tools in classrooms to enhance the quality of research work, teaching methodologies, and capacity building on technology-driven start-ups in agricultural and life science streams. For More <u>Details</u>

Miscellaneous Info

- Koha 23.11 released on Saturday December 2nd, 2023. For more Click here
- ChatGPT is a free-to-use Al system. Use it for engaging conversations, gain insights, automate tasks, and witness the future of Al, all in one place.
- Over 3.5 Crore Pages from History Now Available at Click of a Mouse. Read more Click here
- Google Bard: A conversational Al tool by Google Bard helps to brainstorm ideas, spark creativity, and accelerate productivity. It is free to use for the age 18 and above.
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- > ISRO is offering a free online Cyber security course. For more Click here
- Calibre 7.0 is now available for download. Click here
- We are thrilled to let you know about an upcoming webinar on Google Looker Studio for Librarians on 20 Dec, 2023 at 07:30 PM Reserve your spot Click here
- Gondwana University, Gadchiroli is organizing one day national conference on Emerging Trends in Science & Technology for Sustainable Development on 23rd January 2024. Register here





Social Media News

Special Report under GLAM

Aadi Chitra

Indian Museum, Kolkata in collaboration with the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED), organised "Aadi Chitra" an exhibition of exquisite Tribal paintings on the auspicious occasion of "Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas" to commemorate the birth anniversary of visionary leader, Bhagwan Birsa Munda from 15th to 24th November 2023 at First



Floor of Indian Museum. His Excellency, the Honourable Governor of West Bengal, Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose inaugurated the exhibition in the esteemed presence of Dr. Hemlata Mohan, Head of Governor's Mission Cultural Affairs and Shri Arijit Dutta Choudhury, Director, Indian Museum, Kolkata.



'Aadi Chitra' stands as a heartfelt homage to the legacy of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, encapsulating the core of his visionary leadership. The display not only reflected the diverse cultural fabric of India but also represented a connection between traditional values and contemporary perspectives. As His Excellency inaugurated this artistic showcase, it signalled a

united celebration of our her<mark>it</mark>age <mark>a</mark>nd creativity. Several exquisite handmade tribal artefacts were there to beautify our home. The exhibition featured Gond Painting from Madhya Pradesh, Warli Painting from Maharashtra, Pithora Painting from Gujarat, and Saura Painting from Odisha.

Miscellaneous Info from several media

- Prof Devika Madalli (DRTC) appointed as Director, INFLIBNET.
- Indian Researchers Invest \$17 Million In 2020 For Open Access: Need To Sustain Scholarly Communication Read Here
- UGC to introduce one-year master's degrees The Draft Curriculum and Credit Framework for Postgraduate programmes was approved by the Commission in its meeting on November 3 and the UGC will make the document public later this week for feedback. Read here
- Dr. Ramesh, Professor of Library & Information Science Department, Bangalore University became new President of IATLIS
- UGC NET DECEMBER 2023 for Library and Information Science will be held on 13th December 2023in first shift.
- 25th West Bengal State Eligibility Test will be held on 17th December 2023.
- Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan's Provisional list of selected candidates for the post of Librarian is out for more <u>Click here</u>
- The list of selected candidates in PhD for Jadavpur University is out. For more Click here
- The list of selected candidates in PhD for Calcutta University through RET is out. For more Clickhere
- SLET NE in Library and Information Science: 2024 Notification out. Last date for application 08/01/2024 For more <u>Click here</u>





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