

UNIVERSAL BRIEFING NEWSLETTER

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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 Professor and Associate Professor (Library and Information Sciences) at Central University of Himachal Pradesh - Last Date: 7 February, 2024 - [Click Here for More Details](#)
- Recruitment for Library Attendant at Hindu College University of Delhi - Last Date: 9 February, 2024 - [Click Here for More Details](#)
- Recruitment for 03 posts of Library Assistant 'A' in ISRO, National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) - Last Date: 12 February, 2024 - [Click Here for More Details](#)
- Recruitment for Scientist C (Library Science) at Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) - Last Date: 14 February, 2024- [Click Here for More Details](#)
- Recruitment for Assistant Librarians at Sri Dev Suman Uttarakhand Vishwavidhyalay - Last Date: 14 February, 2024 - [Click Here for More Details](#)
- Recruitment for Manager and Deputy Manager at Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) - Last Date: 16 February, 2024 - [Click Here for More Details](#)
- Recruitment for Library and Information Assistant at National Institute of Technology Delhi - Last Date: 18 February, 2024- [Click Here for More Details](#)
- Recruitment for Library Assistant at Guru Jambheshwar University of Science and Technology, Hisar - Last Date: 18 February, 2024- [Click Here for More Details](#)
- Recruitment for Information Scientist at Guru Jambheshwar University of Science and Technology - Last Date: 18 February, 2024 - [Click Here for More Details](#)
- Recruitment for Library Assistant at National Institute of Naturopathy - Ayush - Last Date: 18 February, 2024 - [Click Here for More Details](#)
- Recruitment for Librarian at Sikkim University (A Central University) - Last Date: 23 February, 2024 - [Click Here for More Details](#)
- Recruitment for Assistant Librarian at Uttar Pradesh Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Pashu Chikitsa Vigyan Vishwavidyalaya Evam Go Anusandhan Sansthan, Mathura - Last Date: 28 February, 2024 - [Click Here for More Details](#)

Announcement

UB-Study Circle (26th Session)

The 26th study circle of universal briefing took place on 27th January. The speaker for the session was Rupali Rupasmita Pradhan, Research Scholar, Department of Library and Information Science, Jadavpur University, and the President of the session was Dr. Soumen Mandal, Librarian, Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Mahavidyalaya, Kolkata. The topic of the study circle was "Beyond the Convention: Developing Green Libraries in India for Sustainable Development".

The speaker provided an overview of the green libraries. She discussed in detail the concept of green and beginning of the green movement in library. She also elaborately described the essential components that make an infrastructure green and sustainable. She highlighted the need of sustainability in libraries and the benefits of attaining it. She gave information about libraries abroad which have won IFLA Green Library Award and specified Indian standards and parameters for assessing green libraries. Furthermore, she suggested measures that libraries can adopt to become green.

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. Chiranjib 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, 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 wound 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](#).

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](#)



Research Spotlight

DLIS, Rabindra Bharati University (Awarded Works 2023)

1. **Thesis Title:** Vivek Subhashita Kosh
Scholar's Name: Animesh Halder
Supervisor: Dr. Salil Chandra Khan

2. **Thesis Title:** Professional Need of Non-Academic Libraries Vis-a-Vis Contemporary LIS Education in India: A Case Study
Scholar's Name: Falguni Pal
Supervisor: Dr. Sudip Ranjan Hatua

3. **Thesis Title:** Learners' Benefits Through Learning Resources Centres and Open Educational Resources at Kendriya Vidyalayas: An Evaluative Study
Scholar's Name: Subhasish Karak
Supervisor: Dr. Pinaki Nath Mukhopadhyay

4. **Thesis Title:** Designing a Model of Information System for Inland Fisheries
Scholar's Name: Abhijit Chakrabarti
Supervisor: Dr. Salil Chandra Khan

5. **Thesis Title:** Local History Collection of the District of South 24 Parganas: A Model
Scholar's Name: Arup Bijali
Supervisor: Dr. Salil Chandra Khan

6. **Thesis Title:** UGC Infonet Digital Library Consortium Programmes in the Universities of West Bengal: An Evaluative Study from Users' Perspectives
Scholar's Name: Swarup Kumar Raj
Supervisor: Dr. Pinaki Nath Mukhopadhyay

7. **Thesis Title:** Bigato Das Bachore Bharate Bangla Prakasanay Granthosatto Aain Prayog Bastobata o Samasya
Scholar's Name: Kousik Mondal
Supervisor: Dr. Sudip Ranjan Hatua

8. **Thesis Title:** Treatment of Humanities as Reflected in DDC
Scholar's Name: Satarupa Saha
Supervisor: Dr. Sudip Ranjan Hatua

9. **Thesis Title:** Research Output of LIS Departments of Universities in West Bengal: A Bibliometric Study
Scholar's Name: Madhushree Dutta
Supervisor: Dr. Ziaur Rahman

Research Spotlight

DLIS, Kalyani University (Awarded Works 2023)

1. **Thesis Title:** Designing A Biblio-Cultural Information Space In Library Retrieval System
Scholar's Name: Anirban Dutta
Supervisor: Dr. Parthasarathi Mukhopadhyay
2. **Thesis Title:** Professional Development In The Libraries Of Higher Academic And Research Institutions In West Bengal: Testing Personality Trait With Five-Factor Model
Scholar's Name: Sujata Mandal
Supervisor: Dr. Parthasarathi Mukhopadhyay/Dr. Sibsankar Jana

Corrigendum

In the interest of accuracy, we would like to bring to your attention some corrections for the January edition, Volume 1, Number 3. Please take note of the following updates:

Page 10 - Research Recap Section:

The correct scholar's name for the thesis titled "State of Web-Based Library and Information Services for Engineering College Libraries: An Analytical Study" is **Siba Prasad Panda**, and the Supervisor's name is **Dr. R. K. Mahapatra**.

Page 11 - Research Recap Section:

The correct title for the thesis by Scholar Kshirod Das is **"NET Generation Social Software Opportunities: Assessing Impact on Knowledge Accumulation and Sharing Skills by LIS Students of Odisha."**

We apologize for any confusion caused and appreciate your understanding. Thank you for your continued support.




TWO-DAY INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

on

Intellectual Property Rights and the Conundrum of Information Managers Towards Creating an Open Society

February 17-18, 2024

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Research Recap

RESEARCH RECAP OF DIFFERENT UNIVERSITIES
(THIS EDITION FOCUS IS ON **RABINDRA BHARATI UNIVERSITY** AWARDED WORKS)

(Awarded Works in 2006)

- **Thesis Title:** Bharate Bangla Bhashaye Chalacitra Bishayak Prokashanar Udhvab o Bikash
Scholar's Name: Biswajit Das Thakur
Supervisor: Dr. Pinaki Nath Mukhopadhyay

(Awarded Works in 2009)

- **Thesis Title:** Projukti: Bishya Shiranam Talika/Techonology: A Subject Heading List
Scholar's Name: Kaya Basu
Supervisor: Dr. Pinaki Nath Mukhopadhyay

(Awarded Works in 2011)

- **Thesis Title:** Bangla Bhashaye Samajbigyanar Bishye Shiranam Talika/Social Science in Bengali Language: A Subject Heading List
Scholar's Name: Madhab Chandra Chattopadhyay
Supervisor: Dr. Pinaki Nath Mukhopadhyay

(Awarded Works in 2016)

- **Thesis Title:** Sources of Information on Himalayas Content Analysis
Scholar's Name: Gurudas Ghosh
Supervisor: Dr. Pinaki Nath Mukhopadhyay

(Awarded Works in 2017)

- **Thesis Title:** A Model for Information Services in Private Technical Colleges at West Bengal
Scholar's Name: Shyamal Ghosh
Supervisor: Dr. Sudip Ranjan Hatua
- **Thesis Title:** Designing a Model to Evaluate Scholarly Publications with Special Reference to Social Sciences in India
Scholar's Name: Bapan Kumar Maity
Supervisor: Dr. Sudip Ranjan Hatua
- **Thesis Title:** Probashi Protrikaya Prokashita Rachana Samuher Bishye Bhitik Bishleshan
Scholar's Name: Acharjya Nantu
Supervisor: Dr. Sudip Ranjan Hatua
- **Thesis Title:** Folksonomical Studies of Articles in Library Published by Professional Associations and Institutions in India During 1998-2012 and Information Science Journals
Scholar's Name: Sonali Dapsi
Supervisor: Dr. Sudip Ranjan Hatua

Research Recap

(Awarded Works in 2018)

- **Thesis Title:** Designing a Bibliographic Information System for Scholarly Communication on Ganga River in West Bengal: A Model-Based Approach
Scholar's Name: Mohitosh Das
Supervisor: Dr. Sudip Ranjan Hatua
- **Thesis Title:** Research Outcome in Basic Sciences in Fundamental Research Institutes in West Bengal a Bibliometric Analysis
Scholar's Name: Sayan Panlit
Supervisor: Dr. Sudip Ranjan Hatua

Obituary



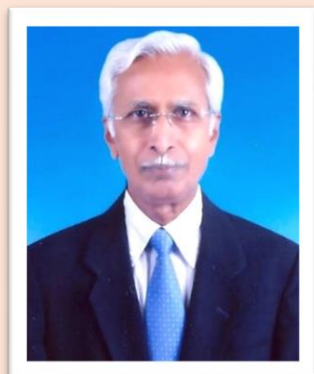
It is with deep sorrow that we convey the unfortunate news of the demise of Prof. Manorama Srinath, the Former Professor and Head of the Department of Library and Information Science at the University of Madras. She passed away on January 18, 2024, succumbing to a cardiac arrest.

Prof. Manorama Srinath began her career as Technical Assistant in Library of Madras University in 1970. In 1978, she became Assistant Librarian at University of Madras. Following this, she transitioned to the role of Lecturer in the Department of Library and Information Science (DLIS) at Madras University, serving from 1982 to 1990. Progressing in her academic journey, she became a Reader in DLIS and later attained the position of Professor, holding the esteemed role from 1996 to 2007.

Throughout her career, Prof. Srinath made significant contributions to the academic community, authoring over 100 research papers published at national and international platforms. Her commitment extended beyond publications, as she diligently prepared various course materials.

In recognition of her outstanding contributions, Prof. Srinath was honored with the IATLIS Smt. N. Ratnalaxaman Rao Best Women Teacher Award in 2001. Her involvement in professional associations was extensive, as she held life memberships in organizations such as the Madras Library Association, ILA, IATLIS, IASLIC, SIS, and several others. Prof. Manorama Srinath's dedication to the field of library and information science left a lasting impact on both her colleagues and the broader academic community. We express profound sorrow and heartfelt condolences for the passing of Prof. Manorama Srinath.

Obituary



We express our condolences on the recent passing of Dr. E Rama Reddy, the former Librarian of the University of Hyderabad, on January 30, 2024. He dedicated his service to UOH from 1978 to 2005 and later served as an Advisor to the library at Satavahana University in Karimnagar from 2015.

Before joining the University of Hyderabad, Dr. Reddy contributed to the Osmania Medical College Library from October 1966 to January 1970 and subsequently served at the Osmania University Library from January 1970 to 1978.

Dr. Rama Reddy was honored with several awards for his outstanding contributions. Notably, he received the ILA-Kaula "Best Librarian Award 2003" at the 50th All India Library Conference in Baroda on December 1, 2004. Additionally, he was conferred with the "Prof. Gangadhar Rao Memorial Award, 2004" by P.S. Telugu University, Hyderabad, on December 28, 2004, and the "National Librarian 2004" award by SATKAL Trust, Chandigarh, on January 15, 2005. He also received the National Award from Chandigarh University for his role as the Best Library Administrator.

Dr. Rama Reddy played a pivotal role in initiating the DLAN (formerly PGDLAN) course at the University of Hyderabad. His significant contributions have left a lasting impact on the field of library administration and education.

Professional Development

Conferences & Seminars

- 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](#)
- I-KOAL 2024 - International Conference on Knowledge Organisation in Academic Libraries from 15th to 16th February 2024. For more info: [Click Here](#)
- Webinar "Switching it Up! Creating a Video Game Collection for Your Library". Date 22nd February 2024. Presented by: Joseph Lanning, Reference Librarian and Archivist, Billings Public Library (MT). For more info: [Click Here](#)
- International Online Conference 2024 on Libraries Beyond Libraries: Innovation, Inclusion and Integration from 22nd – 24th February 2024, University of Calicut. For more info: [Click Here](#)
- Webinar "Co-Creating Library Services for Transformative Impact". Date 27th February 2024. Presented by: Dr. Audrey Barbakoff, CEO of Co/Lab Capacity, Angel Jewel Tucker, Program Manager, Johnson County Library (KS), Beck Tench. For more info: [Click Here](#)
- Sankar Polytechnic College (SPC), San Jose State University, California (SJSU) and SALIS Society for the Advancement of Library and Information Science are proposed to organize an Online Conference on "Interdisciplinary Collaboration and Opportunities: Social Science, STEM and Information Science" from 28th to 29th February 2024. For more info: [Click Here](#)
- 6th National conference on "Innovative Global Trends in Art, Design, Technology, Management, Vedic science, Education, Architecture, Film, and Media" is being organized at MIT ADT University, Loni Campus, Pune from 21st March to 23th March 2024. For more info: [Click Here](#)
- Two-Day International Conference on "Building Information Resilient Society in the Changing Information Ecosystem," scheduled for March 27-28, 2024 organised by University of Calcutta and Institute for Development studies Kolkata. Venue: University of Calcutta, 87/1, College Street, Kolkata, India. For more info: [Click Here](#)
- The Public Library Association (PLA) 2024 Conference, April 3–5, in the vibrant city of Columbus, Ohio. For more info: [Click Here](#)
- The Central Library, Nandha College of Technology, Erode–Perundurai Main Road, Vaikkaalmedu, Erode–638052. Tamilnadu and the Society for the Advancement of Library and Information Science (SALIS) jointly together organize a National Conference on "NCAAIL 2024: Application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Libraries" on 20th April 2024. For more info: [Click Here](#)
- ICAL -2024 International Conference of Asian Libraries. "Academic Libraries: Sustaining Excellence through Innovation & Technology". Organised by Akal University and Asian Library Association. Date: 26th- 27th April, 2024. For more info: [Click Here](#)
- ALIA National Conference 2024. 6th- 9th May, 2024. Venue: Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, Australia. For more info: [Click Here](#)

Professional Development

- ICLIM 2024: 18. International Conference on Library and Information Management, May 23-24, 2024 in Tokyo, Japan. For more info: [Click Here](#)
- The 34th SIBMAS Conference takes place 23-27 June 2024 at Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, with the theme of “Dramaturgies of Collecting: Conserving, Restaging, and Interpreting the Performing Arts”. For more info: [Click Here](#)
- PACIS 2024, the annual Pacific Asia Conference on Information Systems takes place 1-5 July 2024 in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. The theme is “Preparing the Next Generation for the IT-Driven Future”. For more info: [Click Here](#)
- VALA 2024 Reiterated – Getting IT back to grass roots. Takes place 9-11 July 2024 at RMIT University, Australia. For more info: [Click Here](#)
- American Library Association opens registration for the 2024 LibLearnX. LibLearnX is a four-day learning conference that invites American Library Association (ALA) members and non-members to participate in collaborative and engaging education, networking, and celebrations. For more info: [Click Here](#)

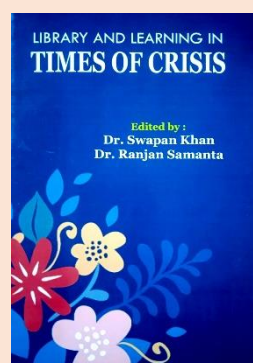
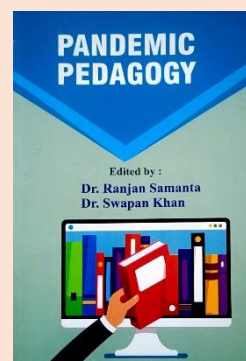
Workshops & Programmes

- Three Days Training Programme on "Research Methodology and Ethics: Plagiarism Issues, Reference Management Tools and Altmetrics". Date: 07 - 09 February 2024. For more info: [Click Here](#)
- Two Days Training Programme on "Retrospective Conversion of Bibliographic Records using Metadata Standards". Date: 15 - 16 February 2024. For more info: [Click Here](#)
- Attachment Training Programme for Practicing Library Professionals by INFLIBNET. For more info: [Click Here](#)
- WebJuction, a program of OCLC Research. To find details of upcoming webinar on “switching it up! Creating a Video Game Collection for Your Library” and “Co-Creating Library Services for Transformative Impact” [Click Here](#).

Latest Publication

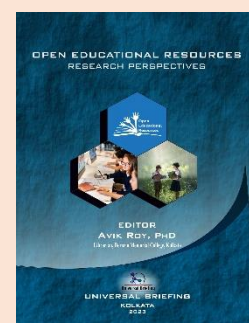
UB-Own Publication

The book “Pandemic 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.

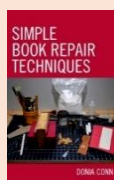


The book “Library and Learning in Times of Crisis” was published by Prova Prakashani in collaboration with Universal Briefing in the year 2021, edited by Dr. Ranjan Samanta and Dr. Swapan Khan. It contained seventeenth valuable research papers highlighted the role of libraries especially academic libraries 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 e-learning; 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



Simple Book Repair Techniques, by Donia Conn. Rowman & Littlefield, Jun. 2023. ISBN 9781538167434 \$125.00; pbk ISBN 9781538167441 \$45.00; ebook ISBN 9781538167458 \$42.50

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



Latest Publication



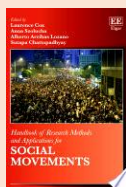
The Fight against Book Bans: Perspectives from the Field, ed. by Shannon M. Oltmann. ABC-CLIO/Libraries Unlimited, Jun. 2023. pbk ISBN 9781440879760 \$55.00e

Be Data Analytical: How to Use Analytics to Turn Data into Value, by Jordan Morrow. Kogan Page, Jun. 2023e. pbk ISBN 9781398609280 \$29.99; ebook ISBN and price not yet set



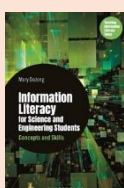
Confident Cyber Security: The Essential Insights and How to Protect from Threats, by Jessica Barker. [Kogan Page](#), Sep. 2023. pbk ISBN 9781398611924 price not yet set; ebook ISBN and price not yet set

Plunkett's Green Technology Industry Almanac (2023): Green Technology Industry Market Research, Statistics, Trends and Leading Companies, by Jack W. Plunkett, ed. by Jack W. Plunkett. [Plunkett](#), Feb. 2024e. pbk ISBN 9781647880293 \$399.99; ebook ISBN 9781647885212 \$399.99



Handbook of Research Methods and Applications for Social Movements, ed. by Laurence Cox et al. [Edward Elgar](#), Jan. 2024. ISBN 9781803922010 \$300.00e; ebook ISBN 9781803922027 \$300.00e

Research Handbook on Social Media and Society, ed. by Marko M. Skoric and Natalie Pang. [Edward Elgar](#), Dec. 2023e. ISBN 9781800377042 \$245.00e; ebook ISBN 9781800377059 \$245.00e



Information Literacy for Science and Engineering Students: Concepts and Skills, by Mary DeJong. ABC-CLIO/ Libraries Unlimited, Mar. 2024. pbk ISBN 9781440878763 \$55.00e

Trends on Tech

Useful AI Tools

BIT.AI

Bit.ai is a document-sharing platform that allows students and educators to collaborate across shared multimedia documents. Available for businesses and schools, Bit.ai is a helpful tool for educators looking to interact directly with student work and encourage collaborative learning. Whether students are working together in-class or after school, the tool can expand their ability to collaborate on the same project in real time. It helps in Research also. Online research means going through numerous websites, articles, blogs, images, videos, infographics, and many more. For our dynamic, interactive, and media-rich research, we need a tool that incorporates all facets of **modern-day research** under one roof. Bit allows researchers and teams to collaborate, share, track, and manage all knowledge and research in one place. It is the perfect research tool to share multi-dimensional research with peers. It allows to add articles, PDFs, videos, white papers, ebooks, audio samples etc.

Other notable features of Bit include:

- An easy-to-use, minimal editor that supports Markdown.
- Collaborative, real-time editing and communication with peers.
- Add any type of digital content (images, videos, etc) to your Bit document.
- A content library to save all your media files for quick access.
- Smart search, allows anyone to search and find any files, images, documents, links, etc quickly.

Pricing:

- Free with limited functionality to know more click [here](#).

ELINK. IO

Research often involves going through hundreds of links and articles and compiling them in one safe space for future reference or publishing them for your audience. This is why many researchers use bookmarking and curation tools like elink to quickly save their links under one roof and share them with their peers. elink makes it easy for researchers to save content from around the web. They can save article links, videos, cloud files, social media posts, and much more. Researchers have the option of saving content to their link library or adding them directly to content collections and **sharing their research with their peers**. To make the bookmarking process a breeze, elink also has a chrome extension. Simply click on the extension or right-click on any webpage to save the content directly to your elink dashboard. Researchers can edit the title and description to add their own voices or notes. They can even bundle links together and share their link collection with others as a newsletter or embed the collection on your blog/website!

Key Features of elink:

- Save links quickly using the chrome extension
- Create and share research links as a newsletter or embed it on your website
- Easy user-interface

Pricing:

- Free with limited functionality. To know more click [here](#)

Social Media News

Miscellaneous Info from several media

Indian Institute of Management, Ranchi is the first IIM to start a community library at airport. Library is open to all passengers, providing them with access to a wide range of books across various genres. This initiative was in collaboration with the Aarambha Foundation and the Airports Authority of India. For more details [click here](#)



On February 1, 2024, Dr. Bablu Sutradhar, Librarian at Central Library of IIT Kharagpur was honoured with the ILA-Kaula Best Librarian Award by the Indian Library Association during the 69th Annual Conference of ILA held at Guwahati University.

The 47th edition of the International Kolkata Book Fair concluded on January 31, establishing a new record with approximately 2.9 million visitors and achieving a historic Rs 27 crore in book sales. For more details [click here](#)



Dorothy Porter, distinguished as a librarian, bibliographer, and curator, gained renown for her contributions such as the Dewey Decimal Decolonizer. She holds the distinction of being the first African American to graduate from Columbia's library school. Notably, she played a pivotal role in built and elevating the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center into a world-class collection.

[Click here](#) for the summary of All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2021-2022 released by Ministry of Education and see how higher education is progressing in India.

Dr. Radhakrishnan Committee Report on Reforms in NAAC Accreditation and Ranking can be accessed [here](#)

Special Report under GLAM



The 12th edition of the Tata Steel Kolkata Literary Meet, in collaboration with Victoria Memorial Hall, transpired from January 23 to January 27, 2024. Governor of West Bengal CV Ananda Bose inaugurated the 5-day literary event, and the opening ceremony witnessed the presence of the Guest of Honour, Abdulrazak Gurnah, the 2021 Nobel Prize winner for Literature.

A notable addition to this edition was the introduction of a new segment called "State of Focus," with Kerala being the highlighted region this year.

The event boasted a lineup of nearly 150 speakers, including eminent personalities like Sudha Murty, Anupam Roy, Srijato Bandopadhyay, Devika Rege, Damon Galgut, Sebastian Faulks, John Boyne, Mihaela Gligor, Naseeruddin Shah, Huma Qureshi, Amitav Ghosh, Perumal Murugan, Jacek Łumiński, and many more.

The grand finale of KALAM featured classical vocal performances (khayal and thumri) by Shubha Mudgal, provided a melodious conclusion to the literary extravaganza that featured more than 80 enlightening sessions.

Next year, the 13th edition of the Tata Steel Kolkata Literary Meet is scheduled to take place from January 21 to January 26, 2025. To view all sessions, [click here](#)

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