

UNIVERSAL BRIEFING NEWSLETTER

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Latest Vacancies

- Recruitment for Librarian & Deputy Librarian Post at Central University of Jammu, Jammu: Last Date 07/03/24 - [Click here for more info](#)
- Recruitment for Walk-in Skill Test for Library Trainee Post at Physical Research Laboratory (PRL), Ahmedabad - Interview Date: 07/03/24- [Click here for more info](#)
- Recruitment for Librarian Post at Sainik School Gopalganj - Last Date: 09/03/24 - [Click here for more info](#)
- Recruitment for Junior Library Assistant (03) Posts at Goa University, Goa - Last Date: 11/03/24- [Click here for more info](#)
- Recruitment of Director (Library) Post at Supreme Court of India, New Delhi - Last Date: 11/03/24 - [Click here for more info](#)
- Recruitment for Library Attendant (03) Posts at Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana - Last Date: 13/03/24 - [Click here for more info](#)
- Recruitment for Library Attendant (05) Post at Lady Shri Ram College for Women (LSRC), New Delhi : Last Date 15/03/24- [Click here for more info](#)
- Recruitment for Assistant Professor Post at Central University of Haryana (CUH), Haryana - Last Date: 15/03/24- [Click here for more info](#)
- Recruitment for Junior Technician (Library) Post at Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIITP), Pune - Last Date: 18/03/24 - [Click here for more info](#)
- Recruitment for Librarian & Assistant Librarian Post at Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology (MANIT), Bhopal : Last Date 19/03/24- [Click here for more info](#)
- Recruitment for Asst. Librarian Post at Gurugram University, Gurugram - Last Date: 20/03/24 - [Click here for more info](#)
- Recruitment for Assistant Professor Post at Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya Sagar, Madhya Pradesh - Last Date: 20/03/24 - [Click here for more info](#)
- Recruitment for Librarian Grade-II (School Edu.) Post at Rajasthan Public Service Commission (RPSC) - Last Date: 20/03/24 - [Click here for more info](#)
- Recruitment for Library Assistant Post at National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), Patna - Last Date: 27/03/24 - [Click here for more info](#)
- Recruitment for Assistant Library and Information Officer Post at National Library of India, Kolkata : Last Date 06/04/24- [Click here for more info](#)

Announcement

UB-Study Circle (27th Session)

The 27th study circle of universal briefing took place on 2nd March. The speaker for the session was Jaya Sharma, Librarian, Government General Degree College Singur, Hooghly, West Bengal & Research Scholar, Department of Library and Information Science, Jadavpur University. The President of the session was Dr. Suparna Naskar, Librarian, Kandi Raj College, Murshidabad. The topic of the study circle was "Open Educational Resources: A Holistic View from Definition to Application".

The speaker provided an overview of Open Educational Resources. She elaborated the concept of open educational resources and its impact on education system. She elaborately described types, attributes, and licensing models of OER. She also illustrated what contents are not OER. She mentioned about initiatives at global and national level. She discussed how to select, evaluate, adapt and use OER. Additionally, she provided guidelines on how librarians can play a significant role in wider use of OER. In a nutshell, through her detailed but compact presentation, the speaker touched upon every aspect of OER.

Retrospective Highlights



Detailed Report:

A Two-Day International Seminar on **"Intellectual Property Rights and the Conundrum of Information Managers Towards Creating an Open Society"** was 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. Our seminar's theme highlighted the crucial task of balancing innovation and ensuring fair access to knowledge with wisdom and foresight. Over those two days, the event delved into thought-provoking discussions from experts in the field, and new and innovative ways to address the conflict between IPR and the creation of an open society were explored.

Dr. Ranjan Samanta, General Secretary, Universal Briefing and Librarian, Naba Ballygunge Mahavidyalaya, Kolkata, in his welcome speech, briefly discussed the objectives, activities, and journey of Universal Briefing towards creating a knowledge society. Prof. B. V. Sharma, Director-General, Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Ministry of Culture, Government of India inaugurated the seminar, and shared his experiences of visits to different libraries across India and emphasized the role of library and information science professionals and researchers in nation-building through qualitative research. Prof. Prabhakar Rath, Former Vice-Chancellor, Mizoram University, Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Mizoram University, and Chief Guest of the seminar, efficiently described the three facets - IPR, Information Managers, and Open Society - associated with the seminar topic. Prof. Rath also shared his views about the conflict between IPR and Open Data and how libraries can provide Open Access data without compromising IPR.

Prof. Udayan Bhattacharya, Director of the seminar, shared his experience about how Universal Briefing is helping students and scholars to flourish their intellectual thoughts. Prof. Bhattacharya also shared the relevance of the seminar topic in the present era. Dr. Saikat Mondal, President of the seminar, welcomed all to the seminar and also shared his thoughts about why IPR is needed to protect the creator's right.

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Prof. R.K. Bhatt, Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Delhi, the keynote speaker of the seminar, shared his intellectual thoughts about how Ranganathan gives importance to local libraries.

Prof. Bhatt also suggested concrete policies and actions that should be framed for libraries to properly maintain the documents created during Azadi ki Amrit Mahotsav. Prof. Bhat also emphasized marketing library resources to maximize resource utilization and proposed that every research scholar should have knowledge about academic integrity and professional ethics.

Dr. Shalini Lihitkar, Prof, Dept. of Library and Information Science, Shivaji University, was invited to speak in the first session, and the topic of the session was "Creative Commons and Open Licensing". Prof. Arun Kumar Chakraborty, Former- DG, RRRLF & National Library, Kolkata, Professor & Head, Dept. of Library and Information Science, Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata acted as the chairperson and Dr. Ziaur Rahaman, Associate Professor & Head, Dept. of Library and Information Science, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata acted as co-chairperson of the first technical session. Dr. Lihitkar shared her experience about copyright, creative commons, open licensing, different types of licensing, and engagement, etc.

Prof. Subhrojyoti Bhowmick, Clinical Director - Academics, Quality & Research Department, Peerless Hospital, Kolkata, acted as the chairperson and Dr. Pubalika Bhattacharya Maitra, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Library and Information Science, University of Calcutta, Kolkata acted as co-chairperson of technical session 2, and the topic of the session was "IPR and Health industry" Dr. Bhowmick shared valuable thoughts about the importance of IPR and why patents are needed. He also narrated how much money is involved in R & D and clinical trials in the drug industry and it is because of patents, that companies or organizations engage in the research.

Prof. R. K. Mahapatra, Professor & Head, Department of Library and Information Science, Tripura University, was invited to speak in the 3rd session, and the topic of the session was "Government initiatives towards IPR in India and abroad". Session chairperson was Prof. Pravakar Rath, Professor & Head, Department of Library and Information Science, Mizoram University, Mizoram where Co-Chairperson was Dr. Mahuya Bhoumik, Associate Professor & Head, Department of English, Derozio Memorial College, Kolkata. Prof. Mahapatra covered IPR-related Government initiatives in India and abroad.

Prof. Durga Shankar Rath, Professor, Dept. of Library and Information Science, Vidyasagar University, was invited to talk in session 4, and the topic of this session was "IPR, sustainability issues and Green revolution". Dr. Nimai Chand Saha, Librarian and University Librarian (Acting), Visva-Bharati, West Bengal acted as chairperson and Dr. Tapan Barui, Assistant Professor, University of North Bengal, Darjeeling acted as co-chairperson. Prof. Rath shared his views about IPR and Traditional Knowledge, the importance of IPR, TKDL, Bio-Piracy, and misuse of traditional knowledge, etc.

Dr. Ch. Ibohal Singh, Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Manipur University, was invited to talk in session 5, and the topic of this session was "IPR and social media". Chairperson and co-chairperson were Prof. Subarna Kumar Das, Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Jadavpur University, Kolkata and Dr. Sibshankar Jana, Associate Professor, Dept. of Library and Information Science, Kalyani University, Nadia. Prof. Singh discussed Intellectual Property, social media, its challenges, strategies for protection, important areas of research, licensing of social media content, etc.

Dr. S. Dhanavandan, Deputy Librarian, Central University of Tamil Nadu, was invited to talk in session 6, and the topic of discussion of this session was "Practical aspects of IPR including case studies, legal proceedings etc".

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Dr. Moses Mark Naga, Professor & Head, Department of Library and Information Science, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong jointly chaired the session with Dr. Ch. Ibohal Singh, Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Manipur University. Dr. Dhanavandan discussed practical aspects of IPR, the process to get a patent, trademark, copyright infringement, violation of law, etc.

Dr. Amit Kumar, Associate Professor & Head, School of Library and Information Science, Central University of Gujarat, was invited to talk to session 7, and the topic of this session was "IPR and social media contexts". Prof. R. K. Mahapatra, Professor & Head, Department of Library and Information Science, Tripura University acted as chairperson and Dr. Prabin Karkee, Assistant Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Gour Banga, Malda acted as co-chairperson in that session. Dr. Kumar discussed privacy concerns of social media, authenticity, cyber-attacks, IP on social media, etc.

Dr. Moses Mark Naga, Professor & Head, Department of Library and Information Science, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong, was invited to talk to session 8. The topic of this session was "IPR and traditional knowledge". Dr. Parikshit Mondal, Associate Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Calcutta, Kolkata acted as chairperson of that session. Dr. Naga discussed safeguarding traditional knowledge related to herbal medicinal plants through proper documentation and IPR like copyright.

Dr. Manirul Islam of Open Access Bangladesh, Librarian, Prime Minister's Office, Dhaka, Bangladesh was invited to talk in parallel session 8. Parallel session was chaired by Dr. Tapan Barui, Assistant Professor, University of North Bengal, Darjeeling. Dr. Islam discussed various aspects of IPR in Bangladesh. Prof. Amitava Datta, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Jadavpur University, delivered the valedictory address.

The seminar comprised eight technical sessions with the focus on themes like Creative Commons and Open Licensing, IPR and Health industry, Government initiatives towards IPR in India and abroad; IPR, sustainability issues and green revolution, IPR and the social media, Practical aspects of IPR including case studies, legal proceedings etc., IPR and social media contexts, IPR and the traditional knowledge and one parallel session. Eight speakers, all well-known eminent professionals of the library science field and beyond, delivered invited lectures. A total of 52 papers were presented in the seminar by the participants which mainly consisted of LIS students and library professionals, and the discussions covered a myriad of topics and concepts including transformative impact of open licensing, the interdisciplinary landscape of open data the implications of IPR in the context of pharmaceuticals and public health in developing countries like India, the rights of differently abled individuals under Indian Copyright Law, the sociological theories and philosophical doctrines to understand the concept of society through individual perspectives, Classification of Interdisciplinary nature of Open Data Literature from a Machine Learning approach, the Traditional Knowledge Digital Library's (TKDL) role in safeguarding India's traditional knowledge within Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs), Pharmaceutical Patent in India, Fake News, Social Media Algorithms, and Intellectual Property Laws in the modern era, Geographical Indications In India, open science and IPR, Radical humanism and open society, Global Framework for IPR, the challenges of cyber-squatting in the digital era, Sustainable Utilization of Resources for an Open Society and many more.

Dr. Soumen Mondal, Librarian, Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Mahavidyalaya, Kolkata acted as the Rapporteur General of the seminar. The formal vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Swapan Khan, General Secretary, Universal Briefing, Kolkata and Librarian, Narasinha Dutt College, Howrah. He sincerely acknowledged the authority of Derozio Memorial College, Open Access Bangladesh, Jadavpur University, the organizing secretary Dr. Avik Roy and Prof. Udayan Bhattacharya, Seminar Director of the event, the keynote speakers, chairpersons, rapporteurs, authors of the papers, delegates and the volunteers for their effort and support in making this event a memorable and great success.

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In conclusion, our seminar on "Intellectual Property Rights and the Conundrum of Information Managers Towards Creating an Open Society" was a testament to the power of dialogue, collaboration, and collective inquiry. Over the course of our discussions, we navigated the complex terrain of intellectual property rights with nuance, depth, and a shared commitment to fostering innovation and openness. To watch the event, [click here](#)



Department of Library & Information Science, Jadavpur University: Announcement
Forthcoming National Level Seminar

National Seminar on Inclusion, Diversity & Equity in Library

Date: 22.03.2024

Time: 10:30 AM

Venue: M.P. Sinha Memorial Hall, Jadavpur University, Kolkata-32

A special departmental journal will be published, featuring selected articles from the seminar, this assigned its unique ISSN for scholarly recognition. Additionally, certificates will be provided to authors whose papers are presented during the event, acknowledging their valuable contributions to the discourse on inclusion, diversity, and equity in library services.

Last date of submission abstract: 15.03.2024

Acceptance / rejection within 20th March, 2024

Last date of registration 21.03.2024

Date of Seminar: 22.03.2024

Last date of submission full text: 30.03.2024

For more details Click Here

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Research Spotlight

DLIS, Alagappa University, Karaikudi (Awarded Works 2024):

- **Thesis Title:** Impact of ICT on the Effective Use of Library Resources among the Pharmacy Students of Selected Colleges of Karnataka: A Study
 - **Scholar's Name:** B. Shylendra Kumar
 - **Supervisor:** Dr. S Kishore Kumar
- **Thesis Title:** Research Output of Elephantiasis: A Scientometric Analysis
 - **Scholar's Name:** K. Thiruppathi
 - **Supervisor:** Dr. A Thirunavukkarasu
- **Thesis Title:** Changing Role of Library Professionals into Knowledge Facilitators Using Collaborative Technologies
 - **Scholar's Name:** Kulkarni Anant Madhav
 - **Supervisor:** Dr. P Muthumari
- **Thesis Title:** The Impact of Information Literacy among PG Students of the Colleges Affiliated to University of Calicut: A Study
 - **Scholar's Name:** U Jolly Varghese
 - **Supervisor:** Dr. A Thirunavukkarasu
- **Thesis Title:** Green and Sustainable Library Initiatives at Selected Institutions in South India: An Evaluative Study
 - **Scholar's Name:** S Athulya
 - **Supervisor:** Dr. S. Thanuskodi

DLIS (Swami Vivekananda School of Library Sciences), Assam University, Silchar (Awarded Works 2024):

- **Thesis Title:** A Study on Availability and Usage of Information Sources and Services at Select Media Libraries in Delhi
 - **Scholar's Name:** Anupama Khera
 - **Supervisor:** Prof. Manoj Kumar Sinha

DLIS, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvavur (Awarded Works 2023):

- **Thesis Title:** Awareness & Usage of Open Access Resources
 - **Scholar's Name:** Fakrudhin Ali Ahamed H
 - **Supervisor:** Dr. Anila Sulochana
- **Thesis Title:** Use Pattern of E-Resource
 - **Scholar's Name:** Sonteni Srinivas
 - **Supervisor:** Dr. Taddi Murali

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DLIS, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam (Awarded Works 2023):

- **Thesis Title:** Utilization Of E-Shodhsindhu Consortium by Faculty Members of Private Autonomous Engineering & Technology Libraries In A.P, A Study
 - **Scholar's Name:** M. Anil Kumar
 - **Supervisor:** Dr. V. Dhana Raju
- **Thesis Title:** Changing Patterns of Information Use and Communication Practices Among College Teachers: Impact of Modern Technologies - A Study
 - **Scholar's Name:** G. Bhavani
 - **Supervisor:** Prof. C. Sasikala/Dr. V. Dhana Raju
- **Thesis Title:** Information Use Patterns of Employees in Steel Industrial Libraries in Eastern Part of India: A study of Durgapur, Bhilai, Bokaro, Rourkela Plants under the Steel Authority of India Ltd
 - **Scholar's Name:** N. Siva Prasad
 - **Supervisor:** Dr. V. Dhana Raju
- **Thesis Title:** Bibliometric Analysis of Library and Information Science UGC Care Journals during 2011-2020: A study
 - **Scholar's Name:** V. Rajeev
 - **Supervisor:** Dr. V. Dhana Raju

DLIS, Alagappa University, Karaikudi (Awarded Works 2023):

- **Thesis Title:** Scientometric Analysis of Literature on Bioinformatics
 - **Scholar's Name:** P. Veeramuthu
 - **Supervisor:** Dr. C. Baskaran
- **Thesis Title:** Assessment of Information Needs of Tourist and Designing of a Tourism Information System for West Bengal
 - **Scholar's Name:** Sk. Abdul Gaffar
 - **Supervisor:** Dr. S Kishore Kumar

DLIS, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli (Awarded Works 2023):

- **Thesis Title:** Mapping Of Research Productivity on Forestry: A Scientometric Study of SAARC Countries
 - **Scholar's Name:** Mr. K. Arun
 - **Supervisor:** Dr. S. Srinivasaragavan
- **Thesis Title:** A Study on Impact of Emotional Intelligence on Work Efficiency among Library Professional of Arts and Science Colleges in Tamilnadu
 - **Scholar's Name:** Mr. P. Balamurugan
 - **Supervisor:** Dr. C. Ranganathan
- **Thesis Title:** Research productivity of Agricultural Universities in South India: A Scientometric Analysis.
 - **Scholar's Name:** Mr. S. Kalaiselvan
 - **Supervisor:** Dr. R. Balasubramani

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- **Thesis Title:** Global Trends in Pathogenic Research: A Scientometric Analysis
 - **Scholar's Name:** Ms. Abida Durrany
 - **Supervisor:** Dr. N. Amsaveni

DLIS (Swami Vivekananda School of Library Sciences), Assam University, Silchar (Awarded Works 2023):

- **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 Government of India
 - **Scholar's Name:** Nirnimesh Pandiya
 - **Supervisor:** Prof. Manoj Kumar Sinha
- **Thesis Title:** A Study on Cost-Benefit Analysis of Library Automation with Special Reference to Central University Libraries of North East India
 - **Scholar's Name:** Rajesh Rangappa Aldarathi
 - **Supervisor:** Prof. Manoj Kumar Sinha
- **Thesis Title:** Natural Language Processing of Library User's Feedback: A Model for Unstructured Text Summarization
 - **Scholar's Name:** Rajesh Chutia
 - **Supervisor:** Dr. Mukut Sarmah
- **Thesis Title:** Assessing the Factors on Acceptance and Use of Institutional Repositories among the Teachers in Central Universities of Northeast, India
 - **Scholar's Name:** Susmita Das
 - **Supervisor:** Dr. Mukut Sarmah
- **Thesis Title:** Research Output of Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat: A Bibliometric Study
 - **Scholar's Name:** Dhan Maya Chetry
 - **Supervisor:** Dr. Nabin Chandra Dey
- **Thesis Title:** Organization and Management of NIT Libraries of North East India: An Empirical Study
 - **Scholar's Name:** Latifur Alom Ahmed
 - **Supervisor:** Dr. Nabin Chandra Dey

DLIS, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvavur (Awarded Works 2022):

- **Thesis Title:** Digitization of Manuscripts & Rare Collections(M.Phil)
 - **Scholar's Name:** Deepika R
 - **Supervisor:** Dr. K. G. Sudhier
- **Thesis Title:** Use of Social Media in Medicine(M.Phil)
 - **Scholar's Name:** Kavya Asok
 - **Supervisor:** Dr. Anila Sulochana

Research Recap

RESEARCH RECAP OF DIFFERENT UNIVERSITIES

(THIS EDITION FOCUS IS ON **BHARATHIDASAN UNIVERSITY, ASSAM UNIVERSITY & UNIVERSITY OF KALYANI** AWARDED WORKS)

BHARATHIDASAN UNIVERSITY

Awarded Works in 2012:

- **Thesis Title:** A Study on Best Practices in Libraries with reference to Academic and Special Libraries in Bangalore and Mysore
Scholar's Name: Mr. M. Majunath
Supervisor: Dr. S. Srinivasaragavan
- **Thesis Title:** Networking of College Libraries Affiliated to Bharathidasan University: A Study
Scholar's Name: Mr. R. Prabu
Supervisor: Dr. S. Srinivasaragavan

Awarded Works in 2013:

- **Thesis Title:** Information Literacy and its impact on Information Use Pattern of Women Scientist: A Study on Research Institutions in Southern Tamilnadu
Scholar's Name: Mrs. C. Kokila
Supervisor: Dr. S. Srinivasaragavan
- **Thesis Title:** Use of Web Based Information Services in The University Libraries of Tamilnadu and Karnataka: A Comparative Study
Scholar's Name: Mr. B. Neelakandan
Supervisor: Dr. S. Srinivasaragavan
- **Thesis Title:** Library and Information Services in Enhancing the E-Learning Practices: A Study with special reference to select Higher Educational Institutions in Tamilnadu
Scholar's Name: Mr. M. Mandhriasalam
Supervisor: Dr. S. Srinivasaragavan
- **Thesis Title:** Mapping the research productivity of green computing: a scientometric study
Scholar's Name: Mr. M. Surulinathi
Supervisor: Dr. R. Balasubramani

Awarded Works in 2014:

- **Thesis Title:** Resource Development of University Libraries in Tamilnadu: Analytical Study
Scholar's Name: Mrs. P. Jayanthi
Supervisor: Dr. S. Srinivasaragavan
- **Thesis Title:** Evaluation of the Medicinal Plants Research: A Scientometric Study
Scholar's Name: Mrs. A. Kalisdha
Supervisor: Dr. R. Balasubramani

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- **Thesis Title:** User's Satisfaction on Library and Its Information System with Special Reference to Central Library Loyola College Chennai: A Case Study
Scholar's Name: Mr. P. Ashokkumar
Supervisor: Dr. R. Balasubramani

Awarded Works in 2015:

- **Thesis Title:** Mapping of Research in Global Warming: A Scientometric Study
Scholar's Name: Mr. R. Muthukrishnan
Supervisor: Dr. S. Srinivasaragavan

Awarded Works in 2016:

- **Thesis Title:** Mapping The Research Output of Jawaharlal Nehru University: A Scientometric Study
Scholar's Name: Mr. R. Duraipandi
Supervisor: Dr. R. Balasubramani
- **Thesis Title:** A Scientometric Evaluation of Worldwide Research Output in Environmental Management
Scholar's Name: Mrs. R. Vasanthi
Supervisor: Dr. N. Amsaveni
- **Thesis Title:** A Scientometric Assessment of Research Activities In Sensor Networks
Scholar's Name: Mrs. M. Manjula
Supervisor: Dr. N. Amsaveni

Awarded Works in 2017:

- **Thesis Title:** Measuring The Research Productivity of Bharathidasan University: A Scientometric Study of Scholarly Publications
Scholar's Name: Mrs. N. Prsanna Kumari
Supervisor: Dr. M. Surulinathi
- **Thesis Title:** Mapping Of Digital Learning Research Output: A Scientometric Analysis
Scholar's Name: Mrs. S. Kangasundari
Supervisor: Dr. M. Surulinathi
- **Thesis Title:** Evaluation Of Research Productivity on Green Chemistry: A Scientometric Study
Scholar's Name: Mr. C. Ranganathan
Supervisor: Dr. R. Balasubramani

Awarded Works in 2018:

- **Thesis Title:** Mapping Of Research Productivity In Management Information System: A Scientometric Analysis
Scholar's Name: Mr. M. Manikandan
Supervisor: Dr. N. Amsaveni

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- **Thesis Title:** Scientometric perspective on Global Research in Forensic Science
Scholar's Name: Mr. K. Ramesh
Supervisor: Dr. N. Amsaveni

Awarded Works in 2019:

- **Thesis Title:** Awareness and Utilization of Academic Social Networking Sites and Online Research Tools among Research Scholars in Universities of Tamil Nadu: A Study
Scholar's Name: Mr. J. Issac Arputharaj
Supervisor: Dr. B. Jeyapragash
- **Thesis Title:** Scientometric Analysis of Big Data Research Output: A Global Perspective
Scholar's Name: Mrs. G.T. Kohila
Supervisor: Dr. R. Balasubramani
- **Thesis Title:** Development And Evaluation of Web-Based Model to Facilitate E-Learning: A Special Reference To UGC/NET/JRF Aspirants Of Library And Information Science
Scholar's Name: Mr. K.S. Abu
Supervisor: Dr. R. Balasubramani

Awarded Works in 2020:

- **Thesis Title:** Mapping of Research on School Education in India: A Bibliometric Study
Scholar's Name: Mr. CPS Balamurugan
Supervisor: Dr. S. Srinivasaragavan
- **Thesis Title:** Use Of Information Resources and Services by The Faculty Members and Students of Management College Libraries In Bangalore City: An Analytical Study
Scholar's Name: Mr. Yacob Johnson
Supervisor: Dr. S. Srinivasaragavan
- **Thesis Title:** Information Needs and Information Seeking Behaviour of Faculty members and Research Scholars in Bangalore University: A Study
Scholar's Name: Mr. N.G. Balaji
Supervisor: Dr. S. Srinivasaragavan
- **Thesis Title:** Utilization of Electronic Information Sources and Services in Medical College Libraries in Bangalore: A Study
Scholar's Name: Mrs.H.M. Shashikala
Supervisor: Dr. S. Srinivasaragavan
- **Thesis Title:** Information Literacy and Reading Habits Among Higher Secondary School Students: A Status of CBSE Schools in Tamil Nadu, India
Scholar's Name: Mr.M. Muthukumar
Supervisor: Dr. S. Srinivasaragavan

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- Thesis Title:** Mapping of Research Output on Renewable Energy: A Scientometric Study
Scholar's Name: Mr. K. Sivasekaran
Supervisor: Dr. S. Srinivasaragavan
- Thesis Title:** Research Contribution and Utilization of ResearchGate by Indian Universities: An Analytical Study
Scholar's Name: Mr. T. Rajkumar
Supervisor: Dr. B. Jeyapragash
- Thesis Title:** Utilization of Social Media for Information Access by Faculty Members and Research Scholars of Tamilnadu Agricultural University
Scholar's Name: Mrs. M.C. Subangi
Supervisor: Dr. B. Jeyapragash
- Thesis Title:** Designing A Prototype Model For The Application Of Knowledge Management Strategies Towards Increasing The Efficiency And Effectiveness Of Agriculture
Scholar's Name: Santosh A. Navalur
Supervisor: Dr. R. Balasubramani
- Thesis Title:** Use of Information Sources and Information Seeking Behaviour of Graduate School Teachers in Sri Lanka
Scholar's Name: Mrs. PGDS Gunasekara
Supervisor: Dr. R. Balasubramani
- Thesis Title:** Research Productivity of Select NIRF Ranked Technical Education Institutions of Tamil Nadu
Scholar's Name: Mr. J. Arumugam
Supervisor: Dr. R. Balasubramani
- Thesis Title:** Scientometric Study on Cloud Computing
Scholar's Name: Mr. A. Gopinath
Supervisor: Dr. M. Surulinathi
- Thesis Title:** Research Productivity of Social Scientists in Tamil Nadu State Universities: A Bibliometric Study
Scholar's Name: Mrs. N. Rajalakshmi
Supervisor: Dr. M. Surulinathi
- Thesis Title:** Yoga Research Output: A Scientometric Study
Scholar's Name: Mrs. A. Poornima
Supervisor: Dr. M. Surulinathi
- Thesis Title:** Mapping the Research Output on Hantavirus: The Global Perspective
Scholar's Name: Mr. M. Karthi
Supervisor: Dr. M. Surulinathi

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- **Thesis Title:** Mapping the Research Output on Coronavirus: A Scientometric Study
Scholar's Name: Mrs. S. Laksham
Supervisor: Dr. M. Surulinathi
- **Thesis Title:** Research Output on Marine Cyanobacteria: Global and Indian Perspective
Scholar's Name: Mr. Ankasetty
Supervisor: Dr. M. Surulinathi
- **Thesis Title:** Recency Pattern of Citations: An Analytical Study of Citations of Research Published in the Journal of Scientometrics
Scholar's Name: Mr. Shiva Shankar
Supervisor: Dr. N. Amsaveni

Awarded Works in 2021:

- **Thesis Title:** Use and Promotion of Library Resources in Higher Education Institutions in United Arab Emirates
Scholar's Name: Mr. M. Duraimurugan
Supervisor: Dr. S. Srinivasaragavan
- **Thesis Title:** Scholarly Publications on Neuroscience: A Scientometric
Scholar's Name: Mr. G. Karthikeyan
Supervisor: Dr. S. Srinivasaragavan

Awarded Works in 2022:

- **Thesis Title:** Research Output on Himalayas: A Scientometric Mapping of Publications.
Scholar's Name: Mr. A. Varatharajaperumal
Supervisor: Dr. S. Srinivasaragavan
- **Thesis Title:** Mapping of Research productivity in Geochemistry in Scientometric Study
Scholar's Name: Ms. M. Sumathi
Supervisor: Dr. C. Ranganathan

ASSAM UNIVERSITY

Awarded Works in 2016:

- **Thesis Title:** Usage of E-Resources in the University Libraries of Assam: A Comparative Study.
Scholar's Name: Sucheta Bhattacharjee
Supervisor: Prof. Manoj Kumar Sinha

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- **Thesis Title:** Information Needs and Information Seeking Behaviour among Scientific Community in Digital Era: A Study of University Library Users in Assam State.
Scholar's Name: Sudip Bhattacharjee
Supervisor: Prof. Manoj Kumar Sinha
- **Thesis Title:** Insights into Information Seeking and Communicating Behaviour of Agricultural Scientists of ICAR Institutes and Centres in North East India: A Study.
Scholar's Name: Monita Choudhury
Supervisor: Dr. Mukut Sarmah
- **Thesis Title:** Awareness Towards Blended Learning as Paradigm of LIS Education in Selected
Scholar's Name: Deepshika Sen
Supervisor: Dr. Mukut Sarmah
- **Thesis Title:** Status of Collection Development and ICT Application in Libraries of Higher Education Institutions of Sikkim: A Study.
Scholar's Name: Nawal Kishor Manoj
Supervisor: Prof. Manoj Kumar Sinha
- ***Thesis Title:** Usage of Electronic Journals by Faculty Members: A Study of Selected Engineering College Libraries of Western Uttar Pradesh.
Scholar's Name: Ram Kumar Pathak
Supervisor: Prof. Manoj Kumar Sinha

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Awarded Works in 2017:

- **Thesis Title:** Information Use Pattern by Scientist Working at Selected CSIR Laboratories of North East and Eastern India: A Study
Scholar's Name: Jyotika Borthakar
Supervisor: Prof. Manoj Kumar Sinha
- **Thesis Title:** A Study on Best Practices with Special Emphasis on Modernisation in the Libraries of Degree Colleges Affiliated to Dibrugarh University, Assam.
Scholar's Name: Rajendra Mohan Dev Sarmah
Supervisor: Dr. Mukut Sarmah
- **Thesis Title:** Bibliometric Analysis of Doctoral Thesis in Life Sciences submitted to Assam University during 1996 to 2012.
Scholar's Name: Sehnara Begum Choudhury
Supervisor: Dr. Mukut Sarmah

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Awarded Works in 2018:

- **Thesis Title:** Impact of Information Communication Technology on Management and Services of College Libraries Affiliated to Assam University: A Study.
Scholar's Name: Shibojit Choudhury
Supervisor: Dr. Mukut Sarmah
- **Thesis Title:** Management & Usage of Electronic Resources in Central University Libraries of Uttar Pradesh: A Study.
Scholar's Name: Awadesh Singh Gautam
Supervisor: Prof. Manoj Kumar Sinha
- **Thesis Title:** Implementation of RFID Technology in Libraries of Higher Learning Institutions of North East India: A Survey
Scholar's Name: Anupam Chanda
Supervisor: Prof. Manoj Kumar Sinha

Awarded Works in 2007:

- **Thesis Title:** Bibliographic Control of Bengali Publications: A Study of Current Bibliographic Sources
Scholar's Name: Dibyendu Paul
Supervisor: Prof. Sabuj Dasgupta

Awarded Works in 2008:

- **Thesis Title:** Preservation of Library and Archival Materials in West Bengal: A Critical Study
Scholar's Name: Subhaluxmi Pattanayak
Supervisor: Dr. Bidhan Ch. Biswas & Prof. Bhubaneswar Chakrabarti

Awarded Works in 2010:

- **Thesis Title:** Tagoreana Today: A Comparative Study of Tagore's Literature Five Years Before and After Expiry of Copyright (1997-2006)
Scholar's Name: Partha Pratim Ray
Supervisor: Dr. Bidhan Ch. Biswas & B.K. Sen
- **Thesis Title:** Information Needs and Information Seeking Behaviour of Users of Agricultural University Libraries in Bangladesh: A Survey
Scholar's Name: Md. Enamul Haque
Supervisor: Dr. Bidhan Ch. Biswas

Research Recap

Awarded Works in 2012:

- **Thesis Title:** An Evaluative Study of the Resources Utilization and Users Behavior in Government College Libraries in West Bengal
Scholar's Name: Shri Arun Kumar Roy
Supervisor: Dr. Bidhan Ch. Biswas

Awarded Works in 2013:

- **Thesis Title:** Development of Algorithms for Indexing and Searching in Unicode: A Study with Hindi Language
Scholar's Name: Sneha Tripathi
Supervisor: Prof. Juran Krishna Sarkhel
- **Thesis Title:** Study of Information Behavior of Legal Professionals in West Bengal Using Sense-Making Approach
Scholar's Name: Shri Kankan Kumar Chowdhury
Supervisor: Prof. Juran Krishna Sarkhel

Awarded Works in 2015:

- **Thesis Title:** Digital Repository in Ceramics: A Metadata Study
Scholar's Name: MS Chandana Patra
Supervisor: Dr. Dibyendu Paul
- **Thesis Title:** Citation Pattern of Doctoral Dissertations on Social Sciences in the University of Kalyani During 1998-2007
Scholar's Name: Mr. Arupratan Das
Supervisor: Prof. Sabuj Dasgupta
- **Thesis Title:** Doctoral Dissertations on Horticulture in Agricultural Sciences in West Bengal: A Bibliometric Study, 1991-2010
Scholar's Name: Shri Santosh Kumar Tunga
Supervisor: Prof. Sabuj Dasgupta
- **Thesis Title:** Information Needs and Information Seeking Behaviour of Faculty Members of Public Universities in Dhaka Division, Bangladesh
Scholar's Name: Md. Milan Khan
Supervisor: Prof. Juran Krishna Sarkhel

Awarded Works in 2017:

- **Thesis Title:** Design and Development of a Folksonomy Driven Subject Access System in Digital Environment
Scholar's Name: Smt. Swarnali Chatterjee
Supervisor: Prof. Juran Krishna Sarkhel

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- **Thesis Title:** Design a Reference Framework for the Documentation of Ethnomedical Plants in India
Scholar's Name: Smt. Piyali Das
Supervisor: Prof. Juran Krishna Sarkhel
- **Thesis Title:** Bangla Grantha Suchikaraner Nirdeshabali: Ekti Aadarsha Ruprekha Pranayan
Scholar's Name: Shri Lakshman Sarkar
Supervisor: Prof. Sabuj Dasgupta
- **Thesis Title:** Bangla Boiyer Prochhoder Bhumika o Bibartan
Scholar's Name: Smt. Surupa Ghosh
Supervisor: Prof. Sabuj Dasgupta

Awarded Works in 2018:

- **Thesis Title:** Rural Information Transfer: A Study of Rural Development Projects Through Panchayati Raj Institutions in West Bengal
Scholar's Name: Mokbul Rahaman
Supervisor: Prof. Sabuj Dasgupta
- **Thesis Title:** Access and Barriers to the Use of Information on Union Government's Social Assistance Schemes in Murshidabad District, West Bengal: An Evaluative Study
Scholar's Name: Niti Mollah
Supervisor: Prof. Juran Krishna Sarkhel
- **Thesis Title:** Ontology Based Organization of Community Information Resources: Designing a Prototype Service Model
Scholar's Name: Radharani Rit
Supervisor: Prof. Juran Krishna Sarkhel
- **Thesis Title:** Quality Indicators for Library and Information Science Education in Bangladesh: Designing a Framework
Scholar's Name: Azizur Rahman
Supervisor: Dr. Sibsankar Jana
- **Thesis Title:** Design and Development of a Prototype Integrated Library Content Management System for Engineering Colleges in West Bengal
Scholar's Name: Shri Biswajit Das
Supervisor: Prof. Juran Krishna Sarkhel
- **Thesis Title:** Use of Social Networking Tools in Library and Information Services: An Evaluative Study
Scholar's Name: Smt. Tulima Dey
Supervisor: Prof. Sabuj Dasgupta
- **Thesis Title:** Bangla Prakashanar Bishay Suchikaran Paddhati Pronayan
Scholar's Name: Smt. Kaberi Karmakar
Supervisor: Prof. Juran Krishna Sarkhel

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- Thesis Title:** Information Seeking Behaviour of Agricultural Researchers of Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya
Scholar's Name: Shri Kousik Chatterjee
Supervisor: Prof. Sabuj Dasgupta
- Thesis Title:** A Critical Study of Information Support Services of UN Agencies Towards Socio-Economic Development of Bangladesh
Scholar's Name: Md. Moniruzzaman
Supervisor: Prof. Sabuj Dasgupta
- Thesis Title:** Interactive Digital Learning System on Library and Information Science: Designing a Prototype
Scholar's Name: Md. Ajimuddin Sk
Supervisor: Dr. Sibsankar Jana
- Thesis Title:** Design and Development of a Horticultural Information System in India
Scholar's Name: Debabrata Bhattacharyya
Supervisor: Prof. Juran Krishna Sarkhel and Dr. Sibsankar Jana

Awarded Works in 2019:

- Thesis Title:** Resource Sharing and Networking Among Higher Education and Research Institutes in Greater Kolkata in Post-CALIBNET Era: Developing a Roadmap
Scholar's Name: Raja Biswas
Supervisor: Dr. Sibsankar Jana
- Thesis Title:** Designing A Framework for Conservation of Library Materials in The National Library, Kolkata
Scholar's Name: Partha Sarathi Das
Supervisor: Dr. Asitabha Das
- Thesis Title:** Cultural Object Retrieval System: A Prototype for Nadia District, West Bengal
Scholar's Name: Rabi Kumar Dey
Supervisor: Dr. Sibsankar Jana
- Thesis Title:** From Library Catalogue to Library Discovery: Designing Discovery Framework for Integrated Search Environment
Scholar's Name: Debabrata Barman
Supervisor: Prof. Parthasarathi Mukhopadhyaya

Professional Development

Two Day National Seminar on Vision of Library Services in Digital India in the Backdrop of NEP 2020. Date: March 12-13, 2024. Organized by DLIS, Vidyasagar University Medinipur – 721 102 West Bengal. For more info: [click here](#)

LiNE 2024. Two Days National Seminar on Libraries in Next Era. Focusing on: Application of AI & ML in LIS Domain. Date: 15th & 16th March 2024. Venue: DLIS, Kaiyani University. Organized by DLIS, Kalyani University in Collaboration With KULISAA, Kalyani University. For more info: [click here](#)

RRRLF Sponsored One day National Conference on Ranganathan's Ideas in the Present Context organized by DLIS of Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra. Date: 16 March, 2024. For Registration: [click here](#)

National Conference on "Role of Public Libraries in Changing Society: Challenges & Opportunities". Organized by Central Library of Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University. Sponsored by RRRLF. Date: 16th & 17th March 2024. For more info: [click here](#)

Birth Centenary Celebrations of Padma Shri Prof P N Kaula. Date: 17th March, 2024. Organised by Padma Shri Prof P N Kaula Centenary Celebration Committee in collaboration with Rajasthani Medical Library Association (RMLA) And Department of Library & Information Science, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur. For Registration: [click here](#)

ICSSR Sponsored National Seminar on Reimagining Libraries: Innovations in Technology & Trends. Date: 18th & 19th March 2024. Organized by Chozha Central Library, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvavur, Tamil Nadu. For more info: [click here](#)

One Day National Seminar on "Changing Role of Librarians in Digital Era". Date: 21th March 2024. Jointly organized by B. P. Sulakhe Commerce College, Barshi's Knowledge Resource Center, IQAC And P. A. H. Solapur University, Solapur. For Registration: [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](#)

Professional Development

ALIA National Conference 2024. 6th- 9th May, 2024. Venue: Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, Australia. For more info: [click here](#)

ICRSL-2024. International Conference on Reimagining Smart Libraries: Emerging Technologies, Innovation and Knowledge Creation. Organized by IILM University, Gurgaon. Date: May 10 & 11, 2024. For more info: [click here](#)

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](#)

Two-day 8th I-LISS International Conference on 'Exploring Information Services and Library Technologies for the Next Generation (I-LISS 2024)', from 19th to 20th July 2024 in hybrid mode organized by the University Central Library, SRMIST, Kattankulathur Campus, Tamil Nadu, India. 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 & Conventions**

Workshop: Unlock the Power of Koha. "Embrace Innovation, Empower Libraries: Koha Workshop 2024". Workshop tailored to empower librarians and library staff with essential knowledge and tools for contemporary library management. Date: First week of March 2024 in Online Mode. For more info: [click here](#)

National Level Workshop on Bibliometric Analysis: Tools And Practices on 6th to 8th March 2024. Organized by University Library and Department of Library and Information Science, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli – 627 012, Tamil Nadu, India. For more info: [click here](#)

The INFLIBNET Centre is organizing a three-day (Offline) Workshop on "Research Information Management Systems (RIMS)" from 20th–22nd March 2024 at the INFLIBNET Centre located in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. For online registration: [click here](#)

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12th Convention PLANNER 2024-Libraries in AI Era: Applications and Perspectives-Organised by INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar in collaboration with Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar Sep 19-21, 2024. 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”. For more info [Click here](#).

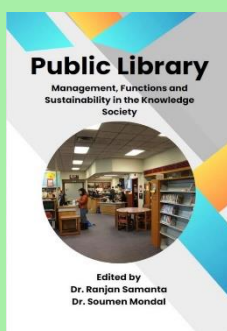
➤ Programmes & Courses

Open-source Software and AI Tools: The Series of Virtual Training Programs tailored for Faculty, Researchers, LIS & IT Professionals, and Students Organised by: LibAuto (A library automation company). Starting from March 2nd to May 5th, 2024. For more info [Click here](#).

Practical Applications of AI Tools in Education and Scientific Research: Virtual Training. Organized by: LibAuto - A Leading Library Automation & Digitization Company in India. Day and Date: 02-03 March 2024 (Saturday & Sunday). Time: 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm (5:00 hours). For more info [Click here](#).

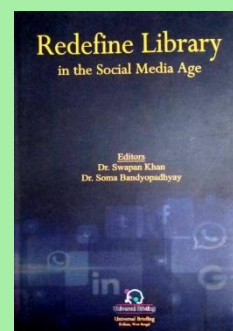
Enhancing Library Services with AI: Tools and Techniques: Virtual Training. Organized by: LibAuto - A Leading Library Automation & Digitization Company in India. Day and Date: 08 March 2024 (Friday). Time: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm (3:00 hours). For more info [Click here](#).

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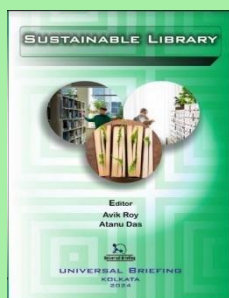


This book celebrates the profound impact of public libraries as vibrant spaces of learning, connection, and empowerment. In an era marked by rapid technological advancements and evolving societal needs, public libraries remain steadfast in their mission to provide equitable access to information and foster inclusive communities. Each chapter of this book is meticulously crafted to explore a different facet of the library experience. From the essential role of libraries in promoting literacy and lifelong learning to their innovative approaches to technology integration and community outreach, we aim to provide a comprehensive understanding of the multifaceted nature of libraries in the 21st Century.

Purpose of this book titled "Redefine library in the social media age", is to visualize a dramatic transformation of concept of libraries due to rapid development of technological innovations especially in post pandemic period. The human need for information is changing day by day. They seek information from varieties of sources and formats. For this purpose, the library staff and library professionals need to adopt themselves into this dynamic environment. Social media is becoming increasingly popular among all the stakeholders of the library. There is no doubt that the present library must be defined in the context of social media to satisfy the users in this social media age.

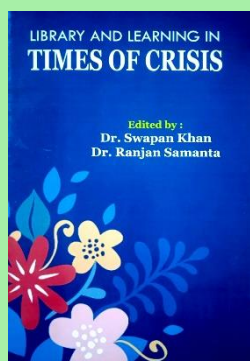
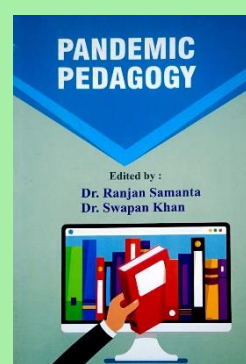


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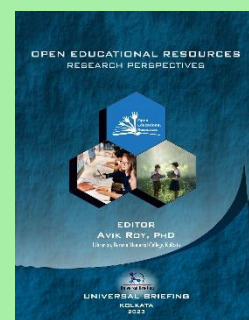
Any kind of scholarly work provides a serendipity of reading so many novel academic contents including books, book chapters, research articles, magazines, popular articles etc. Sustainability is the buzz of the day where almost every activity in the societal periphery culminates to the sustainable future. How can the library lag behind being one of the most important pillars of society? The present volume, "Sustainable Library" is an endeavour to add even an iota to the knowledge base of the global discourses on sustainable libraries. We remain grateful to Prof. Udayan Bhattacharya, Department of Library and Information Science, Jadavpur University, Kolkata to continuously inspire us to work on this compilation of the literature on sustainable libraries and publish them in one volume.

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.



Latest Publication



Shared Resource Responsibility: A Guide for Decision Makers, ed. by Amy D. Cabaniss. Bernan, Nov. 2023. pbk ISBN 9781636713892 \$99.00; ebook ISBN 9781636713908 price not yet set

Taxonomies: Practical Approaches to Developing and Managing Vocabularies for Digital Information by Helen Lippell (Editor). Routledge. July 2022. Pbk. ISBN: 9781783304813 \$ 93.43



Major Incidents, Pandemics and Mental Health: The Psychosocial Aspects of Health Emergencies, Incidents, Disasters and Disease Outbreaks, ed. by Richard Williams et al. Cambridge, Mar. 2024e. pbk ISBN 9781009011211 price not yet set

Libraries and Sustainability: Programs and Practices for Community Impact by René Tanner (Editor); Adrian K. Ho (Editor); Monika Antonelli (Editor); Rebekkah Smith Aldrich (Editor). ALA Editions. Pbk. ISBN: 9780838937945. \$ 49.99

The 12 Steps to a Community-Led Library by Audrey Barbakoff; Noah Lenstra. Dec 2023. ALA Editions. Pbk. ISBN: 9780838937945. \$ 49.99

The Safe Library by Steve Albrecht. Rowman and Littlefield. 2023. ISBN: 9781538169605. \$ 38.00(pbk); 9781538169599 \$ 95.00 (hbk)



Leading for School Librarians: there is no other option by Hilda K. Weisburg. 2023. ALA Editions. Pbk ISBN: 9780838938492 \$ 49.99

Economic Considerations for Libraries, Archives, and Museums by Lorraine A. Stuart (Editor); Thomas F.R. Claeson (Editor); and Joyce Ray (Editor). Routledge. Pbk ISBN: 9781032129822; \$38.99



Handbook of Feminist Research Methodologies in Management and Organization Studies, ed. by Saija Katila, Susan Meriläinen, and Emma Bell. Edward Elgar, Nov. 2023. ISBN 9781800377028 \$300.00e; ebook ISBN 9781800377035 \$300.00e



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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.



Trends on Tech

Useful Tools

Google Gemini

Description: Google Gemini is a family of large language models (LLMs) developed by Google AI. These models are trained on massive datasets of text and code, enabling them to perform a variety of tasks, including: • Text generation: Generating different creative text formats, such as poems, code, scripts, musical pieces, emails, and letters. • Question answering: Answering your questions in an informative way, even if they are open ended, challenging, or strange. • Translation: Translating languages.

Key Features: • Access to vast information: Google Gemini can access and process information from the real world through Google Search, providing a comprehensive understanding of various topics. • Creative text generation: The model can generate different creative text formats, catering to diverse needs and applications. • Informative question answering: Gemini provides informative answers to your questions, even for complex or unconventional inquiries.

Pricing: Google Gemini is currently under development and not available for public use commercially though people can use its Beta version. Therefore, there is no information on pricing yet. However, it is expected to be offered through Google Cloud Platform in the future.

Hanooman By Bharat GPT

Description: Hanooman is a large language model (LLM) developed by Bharat GPT, a research lab specializing in Artificial Intelligence situated in India. Similar to Google Gemini, Hanooman is trained on a massive dataset of text and code, allowing it to perform various tasks, including: • Text generation: Generating different creative text formats in Hindi and English. • Question answering: Answering your questions in an informative way, even for open ended, challenging, or strange inquiries, in both Hindi and English. • Language translation: Translating between languages.

Key Features: • Multilingual proficiency: Hanooman is proficient in understanding and responding to prompts and questions in Hindi and English. • Creative text generation: The model can generate various creative text formats, such as poems, code, scripts, musical pieces, emails, and letters, in both Hindi and English. • Informative question answering: Hanooman provides informative answers to your questions in Hindi and English, even for complex or unconventional inquiries.

Pricing: Like Google Gemini, Hanooman is currently under development and not available for public use. Therefore, there is no information on pricing yet.

Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya

Description: The Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya is an initiative by the Government of India to create a digital repository of library resources. This online platform provides access to a vast collection of ebooks, audiobooks, and other learning materials in various languages, including Hindi, English, and other Indian languages.

Key Features: • Extensive collection: The Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya offers a comprehensive collection of ebooks, audiobooks, and other learning materials. • Multilingual accessibility: Resources are available in various languages, catering to a diverse audience across India. • Free access: The platform is free to access and use for everyone.

Pricing: The Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya is a free public service, making it an accessible resource for anyone seeking to learn and explore information

Social Media News

Miscellaneous Info from several media

JSTOR is now available free of charge in 1,000 correctional facilities worldwide, benefiting more than 500,000 incarcerated individuals. This accomplishment, made achievable through the generous backing of the Mellon Foundation, highlights JSTOR's steadfast dedication to promoting inclusive education. To know more click [here](#)

PM Modi inaugurates new Academic Blocks in IIT Delhi Hauz Khas campus. The Indian Institute of Technology Delhi has opened its branch campus in Abu Dhabi, as a visionary step towards expanding the horizons of education and research. IITD Abu Dhabi is a quality international higher education university that attracts students from UAE, India and globally. The focus area of the university is to: • Create cutting edge research facilities in thrust areas relevant for the UAE, such as AI/ML, energy and sustainability, healthcare, and more. • Create strategic linkages with academic institutions, research organizations and industry in Abu Dhabi and the region. • Enable an innovation ecosystem to create opportunities for students and researchers to catalyze new ideas into marketable solutions. For more click [here](#)



A momentous occasion in Loyola School Thiruvananthapuram's history took place as 2000 individual student magazines were revealed. Each student showcased their creativity and style in crafting a unique magazine. Dr. V. P. Joy, the former chief secretary, had the honor of releasing the student magazines along with the teachers' magazine "INSIGHT" and the printed version of the online magazine LENS. Father Sunny Kunnpallyil, the manager of Loyola Institutions, recognized the winners of the

personal magazine awards from each class by presenting them with mementos.

The Finance Minister, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, inaugurated BITS Pilani's new campus near Kalyan, Mumbai, in the presence of BITS Pilani Chancellor Mr. Kumar Mangalam Birla and Vice-Chancellor Prof. V Ramgopal Rao. This campus is the 5th for BITS Pilani and will host its management school (BITSoM), law school (BITSLAW), and design school (BITSDES). In her speech, the finance minister praised BITS Pilani's tradition of excellence and emphasized the institution's ability to offer complex yet market-relevant courses, providing valuable skills for students' recruitment. She wished the new campus continued success in providing high-quality education to aspiring Indian youth. To watch the BITS Pilani Mumbai Campus Inauguration click [here](#)



Special Report under GLAM

Bengal's Historic University Celebrated Bicentenary



The Sanskrit College and University, founded in 1824, is one of the oldest educational institutions in India. Located in Kolkata, West Bengal, it has a rich history and legacy. Originally known as the Sanskrit College, it started its journey as a premier institution for oriental learning during the colonial era. The university focuses on liberal arts and offers both undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in various disciplines, including Ancient Indian and world history, Bengali, English, Sanskrit language, Linguistics, and traditional

orientation learning (except Pali, which only offers an undergraduate degree). Despite its bicentennial celebration, This Grade 1 Heritage Building that houses the university in Kolkata, faces financial constraints due to the ongoing conflict between the political parties, which has affected many universities across the state. The celebration was inaugurated by Chancellor C. V. Ananda Bose, who emphasized the need for collective efforts to develop the institution. He proposed a year-long celebration and suggested organizing a three-day "Sanskrit Congress" in memory of Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar. Additionally, he announced awards for the best Sanskrit teacher and scholars in Sanskrit literature.

During this event, they performed a modified version of Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors" and Vidyasagar's "Bharantibilas," in addition to translating a two-volume history of the institution into English. These two volumes of Kolikata Sanskrit College-er Itihas ('History of Kolkata's Sanskrit College') Part 1 authored by Brajendranath Bandyopadhyay, and Part 2 by Gopikamohun Bhattacharya. Dr. Biswas, the English Professor overseeing the translation of Sanskrit College's history, discovered intriguing facts such as Ram Mohan Roy's objection to its establishment and Vidyasagar's 1853 initiative to make English a compulsory subject. Vidyasagar aimed to expose scholars to European thought, anticipating interdisciplinary study trends. Ram Mohan Roy's objection, now in the public domain, highlighted his skepticism about Sanskrit education. Dr. Biswas also uncovered inspiring instances, like Vidyasagar and Prashanta Kumar Sarbadhikary resigning due to academic interference, showcasing dedication uncommon in today's education landscape. The university's journey over the past two centuries reflects its commitment to preserving and promoting Sanskrit language and culture.

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