

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 Post of Librarian at Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur, : Last Date 07/05/2024- [click here for more info](#)
- Recruitment for Post of Librarian Grade III at AIIMS New Delhi: Last Date 13/05/2024- [click here for more info](#)
- Recruitment for Post of Library Attendant Grade-II at AIIMS New Delhi: Last Date 13/05/2024- [click here for more info](#)
- Recruitment for Post of Library Guard at AIIMS New Delhi: Last Date 13/05/2024- [click here for more info](#)
- Recruitment for Post of library Trainee(S) Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad Kandi, Sangareddy, Telangana : Last Date 13/05/2024 [click here for more info](#)
- Recruitment for Post of Graduate Apprentice at Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS) Govt. of India, Ministry of Defence, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) Brig SK Mazumdar Marg, Timarpur, Delhi-110054 : Last Date 15/05/2024 - [click here for more info](#)
- Recruitment for Post of Librarian at National Insurance Academy (NIA), Pune: Last Date 15/05/2024. [click here for more info](#)
- Recruitment for Post of Assistant Librarian at Management Development Institute Murshidabad: Last Date 15/05/2024 [click here for more info](#)
- Recruitment for Post of Library Restorer (31 posts)and Reference Assistant at Rajasthan High Court, Jodhpur : Last Date 18/05/2024 [click here for more info](#)
- Recruitment for Post of Library Assistant at National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), Doorbhash Nagar, Raebareli, Varanasi - 229010 (UP): Last Date 20/05/2024 [click here for more info](#)
- Recruitment for Post of Library and Information Management (LIM) Project Trainee in J.R.D Tata Memorial Library, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore : Last Date 20/05/2024 [click here for more info](#)
- Recruitment for Post of Library Attendant at Armed Forces Tribunal Regional Bench, Mumbai: Last Date 07/06/2024 [click here for more info](#)

Announcement

UB-Study Circle (28th Session)

The 28th study circle of universal briefing took place on 6th April. The session was presided over by Ankira Sanyal, Librarian, Sarojini Naidu College for Women, Kolkata. The speaker for the session was Avijit Haldar, M. Phil, Jadavpur University.

He gave a presentation on the topic "Classifying Motion Pictures: Towards Construction of a Special Classification Scheme". He gave a description of motion pictures and elaborated the confusions that arise while classifying motion pictures. Then he specified the need for minute classification of motion pictures as well as the drawback of the most widely used library classification scheme. The speaker also emphasised the need for devising a special scheme for motion pictures for its efficient retrieval. He elaborated types of motion pictures, especially drama movies with proper examples taken from his own experience during his previous job where he devised a special classification scheme for retrieving documents quickly and easily. He provided details of the classification scheme developed by him and gave examples of developed classification numbers for many movies and the rationale behind it. Overall, he deliberated an interesting lecture on classification scheme, a core area of Library and Information Science.

UB-Study Circle (29th Session)

The 29th study circle of universal briefing will take place on 27th April at 7.30 pm. The speaker for the session was Chandana Paul Dutta, Librarian, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Tarakeswar and the President of the session was Dr. Soumen Mondal, Librarian, Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Mahavidyalaya, Kolkata. The topic of the study circle was "Analyzing Trends: A Content Analysis of Library & Information Science News".

First and foremost, the speaker provided an insight to the rationale behind selecting the topic for her study and also highlighted the importance of primary news in building the image of a profession and also for its survival. Then she specified the various objectives of the study. She briefed about the role of newspapers in our society and how news on social media impacts individuals and the society. The speaker elaborated the concept of newspaper content analysis. Then she provided examples of types of news in the LIS field in the last decade. She presented the content analysis of 3 Indian Newspapers in this study circle. Her study holds a significant role in understanding of how library science is portrayed in the media and its implications for public perceptions and policy making decisions.

Upcoming Study Circle:

The 30th study circle of universal briefing will take place on 25th May at 7.30 pm and the speaker for the session will be Debashish Mukherjee, Librarian, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Jadavpur University.

Research Spotlight

DLIS, Jadavpur University, Kolkata (Awarded Works 2024)

Thesis Title: Identification of Gap in Knowledge Capturing and Dissemination in JU Central Library using KM Tools

Scholar's Name: Protiti Majumder

Supervisor: Prof. Goutam Maity

Thesis Title: Use and Nonuse of Public Libraries: An Analytical Study in Presidency Division of West Bengal

Scholar's Name: Gouranga Chandra Jana

Supervisor: Prof. Goutam Maity

Thesis Title: Measurement of Individual Differences in Online Newspaper Reading

Scholar's Name: Atanu Mondal

Supervisor: Prof. Goutam Maity

DLIS, Gauhati University, Guwahati (Awarded Works 2024)

Thesis Title: Organisation, Management and Services of the Libraries of the Institute of Fine Arts in India with Reference to Assam

Scholar's Name: Ridip Jyoti Kalita

Supervisor: Dr. Dipen Deka

DLIS, University of Kalyani, Kalyani (Awarded Works 2024)

Thesis Title: Relationships between Traditional Citation Metrics and Altmetrics: An Exploratory Study of Indian Scholarly Publications

Scholar's Name: Amit Nath

Supervisor: Dr. Sibsankar Jana

DLIS, University of Calcutta, Kolkata (Awarded Works 2024)

Thesis Title: Users' Need In The Libraries Of Central Government Institutes Working For The Empowerment Of Differently-Abled Persons: A Study

Scholar's Name: Kaustuv Chakrabarti

Supervisor: Dr. Arabinda Maity

DLIS, Shri Khushal Das University, Hanumangarh (Awarded Works 2024)

Thesis Title: Impact of ICT on the Reading Habits of University Library Users: A Study of the Selected Universities of Bihar

Scholar's Name: Amit Kishore

Supervisor: Dr. Akash Kumar Singh

DLIS, Gulbarga University, Kalaburagi (Awarded Works 2024)

Thesis Title: Information Seeking Behavior of Journalists in Print and Electronic Media (Newspapers) in Karnataka State: A Study

Scholar's Name: Rajasekhara Mahadevagouda

Supervisor: Dr. N Parvathamma

DLIS, Jadavpur University, Kolkata (Awarded Works 2023)

Research Spotlight**DLIS, Jadavpur University, Kolkata (Awarded Works 2023)**

Thesis Title: Research Performance of University in West Bengal: A Comprehensive Metric Study

Scholar's Name: Arijit Das

Supervisor: Prof. Udayan Bhattacharya

Thesis Title: Open Access Policy for the Academic Institutions of Bangladesh: Designing a Framework

Scholar's Name: M. Manirul Islam

Supervisor: Prof. Udayan Bhattacharya

Thesis Title: Collection Development with Special Reference to Use of Library Resources: A Case Study of Jadavpur University Library System

Scholar's Name: Susmita Sarkar Basu

Supervisor: Prof. Udayan Bhattacharya

Thesis Title: Changing Pattern of Information Seeking Behaviour of Santal Community of Suliapada Block in Mayurbhanj District, Odisha

Scholar's Name: Monoj Tudu

Supervisor: Prof. Subarna Kumar Das

Thesis Title: Information Seeking Behaviour of Fisherwomen Community in Coastal Area of South 24 Parganas District: An Analytical Study

Scholar's Name: Jayita Naskar

Supervisor: Prof. Subarna Kumar Das

Thesis Title: Implementation of Achieving the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by National Library of India: An Assessment Study

Scholar's Name: Smitanjali Panda

Supervisor: Prof. Subarna Kumar Das

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Research Recap

RESEARCH RECAP OF DIFFERENT UNIVERSITIES

(THIS EDITION FOCUS IS ON **JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY** AWARDED WORKS)

Awarded works in 1991

Thesis Title: Nature and Applicability of Farradane's Relational Analysis with Particular Reference to the Preparation of Linear Index Entries
 Scholar's Name: Gobinda Gopal Chowdhury
 Supervisor: Prof. Mangal Prasad Sinha

Awarded works in 1992

Thesis Title: Indian Historical Periodical as Sources of Research from the Beginning of 1970
 Scholar's Name: Arjun Dasgupta
 Supervisor: Prof. Prabir Roy Chowdhury

Awarded works in 1993

Thesis Title: Role of Subject Indexing Languages on the Design and Development of Online Bibliographic Information Storage and Retrieval System
 Scholar's Name: Amit Kumar Chattopadhyay
 Supervisor: Prof. Mangal Prasad Sinha

Thesis Title: Information Need in Jute and Allied fibre Industries in India
 Scholar's Name: Bharati Niyogi
 Supervisor: Prof. Mukunda Lal Chakraborti

Awarded works in 1994

Thesis Title: Swadhinottor Bangia Shahitya Gati O Prakriti (1947-1986): Trend of Post Independent Bengali Literature
 Scholar's Name: Priti Choudhuri
 Supervisor: Prof. Prabir Roy Chowdhury

Thesis Title: Indian Scientific Periodicals: A Study of the Origin and Development up to 1900
 Scholar's Name: Bimal Kanti Sen
 Supervisor: Prof. Prabir Roy Chowdhury

Awarded works in 1995

Thesis Title: Bangla Bhashay Bijnaner Bishay Shironam Talika
 Scholar's Name: Pinakinath Mukhopadhyay
 Supervisor: Prof. Prabir Roy Chowdhury

Thesis Title: Teacher Education in College Libraries in West Bengal: A User Survey
 Scholar's Name: Barun Kumar Chatterjee
 Supervisor: Prof. Aditya Kumar Ohdedar

Thesis Title: Geological Documentation in India and Development of an Integrated Geoscience Information System and Service
 Scholar's Name: Sibabrata Ghosh
 Supervisor: Prof. Mukunda Lal Chakraborti

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Thesis Title: Compilation of Comprehensive List of Standard Subject Heading on Humanities in Bengali
 Scholar's Name: Ratna Bandhopadhyaya
 Supervisor: Prof. Prabir Roy Chowdhury

Awarded works in 1997

Thesis Title: A General Theory of Information Analysis for Secondary Information Work and Services
 Scholar's Name: Juran Krishna Sarkhel
 Supervisor: Prof. Prabir Roy Chowdhury

Awarded works in 1998

Thesis Title: Designing and Network for Resources Sharing among the Health Science Libraries in West Bengal
 Scholar's Name: Jatindranath Satpathi
 Supervisor: Prof. Mukunda Lal Chakraborti

Thesis Title: Health science information needs and services in Bangladesh present status and suggestions for future development
 Scholar's Name: Mirza Mohd. Rezaul Islam
 Supervisor: Prof. Subal Chandra Biswas

Thesis Title: Health Information An Analytical Study based on News Digest
 Scholar's Name: Mousumi Ghoshal (Satapathi)
 Supervisor: Prof. Amitabha Chatterjee

Awarded works in 2000

Thesis Title: Bibliometric Analysis of Doctoral Dissertations of the University of Burdwan: A Study of Information Flow in Some Selective Disciplines
 Scholar's Name: Amit Kumar Bandyopadhyay
 Supervisor: Prof. Mukunda Lal Chakraborti

Thesis Title: Adhunik Bangla sahitye mahila rachita rachanar kramavikash 1850-1900
 Scholar's Name: Sanghamitra Choudhury
 Supervisor: Prof. Aditya Kumar Ohdedar

Awarded works in 2001

Thesis Title: Growth Development and Structure of Biotechnology Information System in India: A Critical Study
 Scholar's Name: Rukmini Mitra (Dasgupta)
 Supervisor: Prof. Prabir Roy Chowdhury

Thesis Title: Fifty Years of Bengali Feature Films: Filmography and History with a Trend Analysis
 Scholar's Name: Gautam Chattopadhyay
 Supervisor: Prof. Prabir Roy Chowdhury

Thesis Title: Information Services for Jute Research Institutes in Bangladesh: A Critical Study of the Present Scenario and a Plan for Future Development
 Scholar's Name: Manjusree Banik
 Supervisor: Prof. Mukunda Lal Chakraborti

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Awarded works in 2002

Thesis Title: Importance of Patent Information in the Socio-Economic Development of India: Being a Signatory of the GATT Agreement

Scholar's Name: Gorachand Mandal

Supervisor: Prof. Bijoy Pada Mukhopadhyay

Thesis Title: Bangiyo Granthagar Parisad o Paschimbanger Sadharan Granthagar Andolan

Scholar's Name: Krishnapada Majumder

Supervisor: Prof. Prabir Roy Chowdhury

Thesis Title: Public Library System in Bangladesh: Its Origin, Growth, and Future Prospects

Scholar's Name: Utpal Kumar Sarkar

Supervisor: Prof. Mukunda Lal Chakraborti

Awarded works in 2003

Thesis Title: Library Networks in India: Policy Analysis, Implementation, and Management

Scholar's Name: Bhagirum Mandal

Supervisor: Prof. Mukunda Lal Chakraborti

Awarded works in 2005

Thesis Title: Analytical Study of Contributions in Bengali Scientific Periodicals Originated in West Bengal 1947-2000

Scholar's Name: Sunil Kumar Chatterjee

Supervisor: Prof. Prabir Roy Chowdhury

Thesis Title: Pashchimbanger Sundarban Anchal Tathyasutrer Samiksha o Bishleshan

Scholar's Name: Subarna Kumar Das

Supervisor: Prof. Prabir Roy Chowdhury

Thesis Title: Kazi Nazrul Islam (1899-1976): Ekti Thathwanistha Jiboni Granther Upadan Sauher Panjikaran O Bisleson

Scholar's Name: Biswajit Das

Supervisor: Prof. Prabir Roy Chowdhury

Thesis Title: Pashchimbanger Sundarban Anchal Tathyasutrer Samiksha o Bishleshan

Scholar's Name: Subarna Kumar Das

Supervisor: Prof. Prabir Roy Chowdhury

Awarded works in 2006

Thesis Title: Development of an Integrated Public Library System for Bangladesh with Reference to a Model Public Library Bill

Scholar's Name: Nikhil Chandra Sarker

Supervisor: Prof. Bijoy Pada Mukhopadhyay

Thesis Title: The Impact of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) on Biodiversity and Biotechnology in India and Designing a Model Biodiversity Information System

Scholar's Name: Sabuj Kumar Chaudhuri

Supervisor: Prof. Chaitali Dutta

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Thesis Title: Status of Periodicals Management in the University Libraries in West Bengal with Special Reference to Subscription of Same Periodicals and its Impact on Economy

Scholar's Name: Nikhil Kumar Jas

Supervisor: Prof. Chaitali Dutta

Thesis Title: Emergence of Interdisciplinary Subjects in Science and Technology in 20th Century and their Treatment in Different Classification Schemes

Scholar's Name: Udayan Bhattacharya

Supervisor: Prof. Prabir Roy Choudhury

Thesis Title: Designing a Web-Based Model for Community Information Services Through the Public Library System in West Bengal

Scholar's Name: Parthasarathi Mukhopadhyay

Supervisor: Prof. Prabir Roy Choudhury

Awarded works in 2007

Thesis Title: Information Seeking and Information Utilization Pattern of Psychiatrists in West Bengal: A Survey

Scholar's Name: Susmita Chakraborty

Supervisor: Prof. Chaitali Dutta

Thesis Title: Information Seeking Behaviour of Users in University Libraries in West Bengal: A Case Study of Three University Libraries

Scholar's Name: Bidhan Chandra Biswas

Supervisor: Prof. Chaitali Dutta

Awarded works in 2008

Thesis Title: Pashimbange Banglay Prakashito Jibonimulak Tathyo Utsyo (1947-2002): Ponjikaran o Bishleshanatyak Samikha

Scholar's Name: Binod Bihari Das

Supervisor: Prof. Krishnapada Majumder

Thesis Title: An Analytical Investigation into the Characteristics of a Subject: A Case Study

Scholar's Name: Bidyarthi Dutta

Supervisor: Prof. Krishnapada Majumder

Thesis Title: An Evaluative Study of Some Selected Libraries in India Undergoing the Process of Digitization

Scholar's Name: Anup Kumar Das

Supervisor: Prof. Chaitali Dutta

Awarded works in 2009

Thesis Title: Application of Information Technology (IT) in Libraries of Private Universities of Bangladesh: An Analytical Study

Scholar's Name: Md. Nazim Uddin

Supervisor: Prof. Krishnapada Majumder

Awarded works in 2010

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Thesis Title: Changing Higher Educational Scenario vis-a-vis College Library Development in West Bengal:
A Case Study

Scholar's Name: Mitali Bhattacharya

Supervisor: Prof. Amitabha Chatterjee

Thesis Title: Viswa Bharati Granthagare Prachin o Dusrapya Bangla Grantha: Bisoy Bisheson o
Gabeshnar Upadan

Scholar's Name: Sanat Bhattacharya

Supervisor: Prof. Krishnapada Majumder

Thesis Title: Information Needs and Information Seeking Behaviour of Research Workers in the Field of
Fishery and Fish Farmers in West Bengal

Scholar's Name: Rina Basak

Supervisor: Prof. Amitabha Chatterjee

Thesis Title: Micro Modeling of Individual Level Information Seeking Behavior: A Heterogeneity Specific
Study

Scholar's Name: Mahuya Chakrabarty

Supervisor: Prof. Chaitali Dutta

Awarded works in 2011

Thesis Title: Bibliometric Analysis of the Citations of Doctoral Theses on Science Submitted to North Bengal
University

Scholar's Name: Md. Ziaur Rahman

Supervisor: Prof. Udayan Bhattacharya

Thesis Title: History of Science Communication of Bengal (1947-2005): Review and Analysis of Information
Sources

Scholar's Name: Arnab Kumar Banerjee

Supervisor: Prof. Subarna Kumar Das

Awarded works in 2012

Thesis Title: Public Library Services in Different Continents of the World: An Evaluative Study Suggesting
a Suitable Model for West Bengal

Scholar's Name: Ranjan Samanta

Supervisor: Prof. Udayan Bhattacharya

Thesis Title: Information Sources on the Handicrafts of West Bengal with Special Reference to Clay Based
Products

Scholar's Name: Shibsankar Jana

Supervisor: Prof. Krishnapada Majumder

Awarded works in 2013

Thesis Title: Satyajit Tathyakosh Chalachitra Sahitya o Anyanya Srishti

Scholar's Name: Gayatri Paul

Supervisor: Prof. Udayan Bhattacharya

Thesis Title: Growth of IT Literature in Library and Information Science Journals 1981-2005: An Informetrics
Study

Scholar's Name: Hayat Ahmad

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Supervisor: Prof. Subarna Kumar Das

Thesis Title: Public Library and Community Information Services in the Hilly Areas of Darjeeling District: A Study with a View to Developing a Generalized Model

Scholar's Name: Prabin Karkee

Supervisor: Prof. Krishnapada Majumder

Awarded works in 2014

Thesis Title: Recency Pattern of Citations: An Analytical Study of Citations of Articles Published in Library and Information Science

Scholar's Name: Swapan Khan

Supervisor: Prof. Udayan Bhattacharya

Thesis Title: Bangla Bhashay Akargrantha Udbhab Bibartan o Samiksha

Scholar's Name: Gouri Bandyopadhyay

Supervisor: Prof. Udayan Bhattacharya

Thesis Title: Designing and Implementing a New Model of Library Web Portal by Using FOSS-Based Architecture for Online Information Service

Scholar's Name: Rajesh Das

Supervisor: Prof. Subarna Kumar Das

Thesis Title: Behala Jonopoder Goli Theke Rajpoth: Ektu Somikkha O Totthoutsho Nirman

Scholar's Name: Swaguna Dutta

Supervisor: Prof. Krishnapada Majumder

Thesis Title: Digital Preservation of Text and Films: Its Origin, Development and Status with Special Reference to Seven Important Libraries Situated in Kolkata

Scholar's Name: Sanjukta Ray Pahari

Supervisor: Prof. Chaitali Dutta

Awarded works in 2015

Thesis Title: Absolute Syntax and Cognitive Science: A Critical Analysis on the Cognitive Basis of Ranganathan's Idea about Syntax of Facets

Scholar's Name: Tarun Kumar Mondal

Supervisor: Prof. Udayan Bhattacharya

Thesis Title: Social Context of Content Management for Library Managers: Identification and Implementation through Grounded Theory Approach

Scholar's Name: Saptarshi Ghosh

Supervisor: Prof. Udayan Bhattacharya

Thesis Title: Management and Usage of E-Resources of Agricultural University Libraries in Rajasthan

Scholar's Name: Kuldip Chand

Supervisor: Prof. Sunil Kumar Chatterjee

Thesis Title: The Use of Subject Headings for Bengali Documents in Online Public Access Catalogue

Scholar's Name: Sambhu Nath Halder

Supervisor: Prof. Goutam Maity

Thesis Title: Design of an Effective Circulation System for University Libraries in West Bengal

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Scholar's Name: Parikshit Mondal
Supervisor: Prof. Goutam Maity

Awarded works in 2016

Thesis Title: Paschimbanger Ahalya Bhumi Purulia Thathyasutrer Bisleshanatmak Samiksha
Scholar's Name: Prabodh Mahata
Supervisor: Prof. Subarna Kumar Das

Thesis Title: Sources of Information on North Bengal with Special Reference to 3Ts (Tea, Timber, Tourism):
An Analytical Study
Scholar's Name: Nilima Pal
Supervisor: Prof. Krishnapada Majumder

Thesis Title: Mapping of Inter-Relationship between Library and Information (LIS) and Non-LIS Literature
Publications
Scholar's Name: Atanu Das
Supervisor: Prof. Udayan Bhattacharya

Thesis Title: Web Link Analysis of Higher Academic Institutions in India towards Optimization of Ranking
Methods
Scholar's Name: Joydip Chandra
Supervisor: Prof. Sunil Kumar Chatterjee

Thesis Title: Swadhinata Sangrame Abivakta Medinipur Tathyasutrer Samiksha o Bisleshan
Scholar's Name: Avijit Dutta
Supervisor: Prof. Subarna Kumar Das

Thesis Title: Status of Library Automation and Networked Services in Private Engineering College Libraries
of West Bengal: An Analytical Study
Scholar's Name: Devkumar Mal
Supervisor: Prof. Subarna Kumar Das

Thesis Title: Jadavpur Biswabidyalay Granthagarer Unabinsa Satabdir Dusrapya Granther Sangraha:
Ekti Bislesanatmak Samiksha o Subinyasta Suchi
Scholar's Name: Subhendu Ghoshal
Supervisor: Prof. Subarna Kumar Das

Thesis Title: Role of College Libraries in Education and Research: A Study with Special Reference to the
Hilly Areas of Darjeeling District, West Bengal
Scholar's Name: Sudha Sinha
Supervisor: Prof. Krishnapada Majumder

Thesis Title: Status of Library and Information Science Research in Universities of West Bengal: An
Assessment Study
Scholar's Name: Milan Kumar Sarkar
Supervisor: Prof. Krishnapada Majumder

Thesis Title: Bangla Bhashay Granthagar o Tathyabijnan Sang kranta Dharanasamuher Kalanukramik
Bibartan
Scholar's Name: Joydeep Chandra
Supervisor: Prof. Krishnapada Majumder

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Thesis Title: Information Use Pattern of CSIR Scientists in Eastern India 2000-2009: An Evaluative Study
 Scholar's Name: Mala Aditya
 Supervisor: Prof. Chaitali Dutta

Awarded works in 2017

Thesis Title: Analysis of Scientific Research Output of Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science: 1947-2006

Scholar's Name: Indrajit Pan

Supervisor: Prof. Sunil Kumar Chatterjee

Thesis Title: Management of Access to Electronic Information Sources Available in the Engineering Colleges of West Bengal: An Analytical Study from User Perspective

Scholar's Name: Narendra Bhattacharya

Supervisor: Prof. Subarna Kumar Das

Thesis Title: Accessibility and Availability of Information Sources on Freedom Movement of India in Libraries of Kolkata: An Analytical Study from Users' Perspectives

Scholar's Name: Puravi Sen

Supervisor: Dr. Binodh Bihari Das

Awarded works in 2018

Thesis Title: Treatment of Different Devices in Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) along with Number Relocation since its Inception: An Evaluative Study

Scholar's Name: Tapan Barui

Supervisor: Prof. Udayan Bhattacharya

Thesis Title: Digital Reference in Academic Libraries in India

Scholar's Name: Soumen Mondal

Supervisor: Prof. Udayan Bhattacharya

Thesis Title: Bingsha Satabdite Prakashita Bangla Granthe Pradatta Tathya Utser Bibaran Baichitra Akti Bisleshanatmak Samiksha

Scholar's Name: Anup Kumar Routh

Supervisor: Prof. Sunil Kumar Chatterjee

Thesis Title: Information Resources of Social Sciences Research Library and Information Centres in West Bengal: A Critical Assessment

Scholar's Name: Madhusri Ghosh (nee Upadhyay)

Supervisor: Prof. Sunil Kumar Chatterjee

Thesis Title: Lectures of Rabindranath Tagore Available in Visva Bharati Library Cluster: A Study from LIS Perspective

Scholar's Name: Antara Chakraborty

Supervisor: Prof. Sunil Kumar Chatterjee

Thesis Title: Impact of Gender on Information Behaviour

Scholar's Name: Paramita Pathak

Supervisor: Prof. Goutam Maity

Thesis Title: Study of Present Status of Madrasah Libraries in West Bengal

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Scholar's Name: Sujoy Dey
Supervisor: Prof. Krishnapada Majumder

Thesis Title: Information Seeking Behaviour of Patients at Government Hospitals in North Bengal: An Exploratory Study

Scholar's Name: Suparna Naskar
Supervisor: Prof. Krishnapada Majumder

Thesis Title: Sources of Information on Women's Studies: Analysis, Evaluation, and Trend

Scholar's Name: Sarbani Goswami
Supervisor: Prof. Chaitali Dutta

Thesis Title: Indian Copyright Policy: An Assessment with Special Reference to Bengali Publications

Scholar's Name: Sutapa Chatterjee
Supervisor: Prof. Chaitali Dutta

Awarded works in 2019

Thesis Title: Treatment of Children in Various Editions of DDC against Literary Warrant

Scholar's Name: Ashok Pal
Supervisor: Prof. Udayan Bhattacharya

Thesis Title: Rare Collection in Libraries: Developing Guidelines for Identification of Rare Documents

Scholar's Name: Pronobi Porel
Supervisor: Prof. Udayan Bhattacharya

Thesis Title: Everyday Life Information Seeking in Context of the Theory of Way of Life

Scholar's Name: Avik Roy
Supervisor: Prof. Udayan Bhattacharya

Thesis Title: Adarsha Bangla Binyas Bidhi Pronoyone Songslishto Bishaysamuh Nirdharan o Shanaktokaran

Scholar's Name: Saikat Kumar Giri
Supervisor: Prof. Goutam Maity

Thesis Title: Individual Differences in Information Behaviour for Assimilation

Scholar's Name: Ranadip Chandra
Supervisor: Prof. Goutam Maity

Thesis Title: Designing a Model Document Management System for Electronic Industries in India

Scholar's Name: Mohit Banerjee
Supervisor: Prof. Subarna Kumar Das

Thesis Title: A Quantitative Study of Ph.D Theses in Earth Sciences Accepted by Universities of West Bengal

Scholar's Name: Moutusi Basak
Supervisor: Prof. Subarna Kumar Das

Thesis Title: Assessment of the Status of Library Services in the Colleges of Darjeeling District, West Bengal

Scholar's Name: Samiksha Subba
Supervisor: Prof. Subarna Kumar Das

Thesis Title: Role of Socio-Economic and Socio-Demographic Factors Responsible for Digital Divide: A Critical Study among the Residents of Siliguri Sub Division

Scholar's Name: Santanu Das

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Supervisor: Prof. Chaitali Dutta

Awarded works in 2020

Thesis Title: Reflection of Dynamic Theory of Classification in Universal Decimal Classification

Scholar's Name: Sarbada Pradhan

Supervisor: Prof. Krishnapada Majumder

Awarded works in 2021

Thesis Title: Controlled Vocabularies versus Social Tags: A Comparative Metadata Analysis of Book Catalogues

Scholar's Name: Arindam Sarkar

Supervisor: Prof. Udayan Bhattacharya

Thesis Title: Purulia Jelar Luptapray Loksanskriti Tathyaoutser Ekti Bishleshanatmak Samiksha

Scholar's Name: Amiya Paramanik

Supervisor: Prof. Subarna Kumar Das

Thesis Title: Present Situation of ICT Infrastructure and Use of E-Resources in College Libraries under West Bengal State University: A SWOC Analysis

Scholar's Name: Paramita Sen

Supervisor: Prof. Subarna Kumar Das

Awarded works in 2022

Thesis Title: Design and Development of a Suitable Model with Supporting Technologies for Aiding a Tourism Information Retrieval System

Scholar's Name: Shiv Shakti Ghosh

Supervisor: Prof. Sunil Kumar Chatterjee

Thesis Title: Development of Terminologies in the Library Catalogue Codes since 1841: An Assessment Study

Scholar's Name: Anupam Ghosh

Supervisor: Prof. Goutam Maity

Thesis Title: Development of Floriculture Information System in West Bengal: A SWOC Analysis

Scholar's Name: Bela Mondal

Supervisor: Prof. Krishnapada Majumder

Thesis Title: Local Library Collection in the Government Sponsored Public Libraries in 24 Parganas South: A Critical Review

Scholar's Name: Sudeshna Moitra

Supervisor: Prof. Chaitali Dutta

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Conferences, Seminars & Summits

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 4th May 2024. [Due to parliament elections, the national conference (NCAAIL 2024) which was planned for April 20th is postponed to May 4th 2024]. For more info: [click here](#)

ALIA (Australian Library and Information Association) National Conference 2024. Date: 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](#)

Mysore University Information and Library Science Alumni Network (MILAN) organizing the ‘National Conference on Academic Publishing, Libraries, and Artificial Intelligence’ in association with the Department of Studies in Library and Information Science, University of Mysore, Mysuru from 21st to 22nd June 2024 at Mysuru. 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](#)

12th International Library Information Professional Summit (I-LIPS) on "Innovative Technologies in Librarianship: Challenges and Opportunities," organized by Galgotias University Library at Galgotias University, Greater Noida, from November 29 to December 1, 2024. For more info: [click here](#)

Workshops, Conventions, Webinars & Events

Three Days International Workshop on Redefining the Libraries with Digital Tools scheduled to be held on May 01-03, 2024. For more info [Click here](#).

The INFLIBNET Centre planned to celebrate its First Open Day as an annual event on 16th May 2024. For more info [Click here](#).

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Webinar on “Supporting healthy communities: Public library responses to the opioid crisis” on 16th May 2024. Organized by WebJuction, a program of OCLC Research. For more info [Click here](#).

Webinar on “Cardholder signup policies: Access in practice” on 22nd May 2024. . Organized by WebJuction. For more info [Click here](#).

Webinar on “Supporting domestic and sexual violence survivors at your library” on 6th June 2024. Organized by WebJuction. For more info [Click here](#).

Webinar on “Data storytelling 101” on 18th June 2024. Organized by WebJuction. For more info [Click here](#).

AI & KM 2024-International Conference on AI and Knowledge Management: An Academia Industry Summit. The Sarada Ranganathan Endowment in association with the India International Centre, New Delhi is organizing an international summit on AI & Knowledge Management from 12th to 14th August 2024 at the India International Centre, New Delhi. For more info [Click here](#).

12th Convention PLANNER 2024. Promotion of Library Automation and Networking in North-Eastern Region (PLANNER) is a bi-annual convention with a special focus to uplift academic libraries in the North-Eastern region, India in the aspect of library automation and networking. Organized by INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat in collaboration with Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh. September 19-20, 2024. For more info [Click here](#).

Programmes & Courses

Learn e-Granthalaya 4.0: Simplified Training for Librarians Organized by: LibAuto- A Leading Library Automation & Digitization Company in India. Day and Date: 04-05 May 2024 (Saturday & Sunday). Time: 5:30 pm to 08:00 pm (5:00 hours). For more info [Click here](#).

Two-day virtual training program on DSpace 7: Institutional Repository. Organized by: LibAuto- A Leading Library Automation & Digitization Company in India. Day and Date: 18-19 May 2024 (Saturday & Sunday). Time: 5:30 pm to 08:30 pm. For more info [Click here](#).

A Five-Day National Level Librarian Development Program (LDP) on "Emerging Trends, Technologies and Methods for Effective Librarianship" organized by the Library and Information Centre, Goa Institute of Management, Goa, May 20-24, 2024. Program Timings: 9.00 AM - 5.30 PM. Venue: Goa Institute of Management, Sanquelim, Poriem, Sattari, North Goa. For more info [Click here](#).

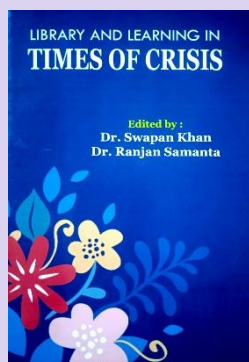
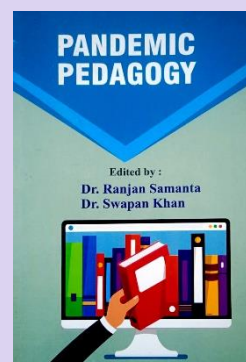
Koha Unveiled: Two-day Virtual Training Program. Organized by: LibAuto- A Leading Library Automation & Digitization Company in India. Day and Date: 25-26 May 2024 (Saturday & Sunday). Time: 5:30 pm to 08:00 pm (5:00 hours). For more info [Click here](#).

Five Days Training Program on Open-Source Library Management Software (Koha & DSpace) From 3rd to 7th June 2024. Organized by IIT Bhubaneswar. For more info [Click here](#).

One Week Advanced Training Programme (ATP) on Open-Source Software for Research and Teaching (to be held in Virtual mode from 21st to 26th August 2023). Organized by Academic and Administrative Development Centre (AADC), Berhampur University in Collaboration with the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and Department of Library and Information Science, BU. For more info [Click here](#).

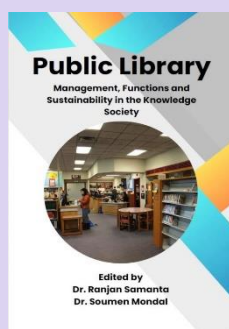
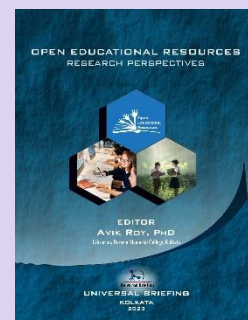
UB - Latest Publication

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.

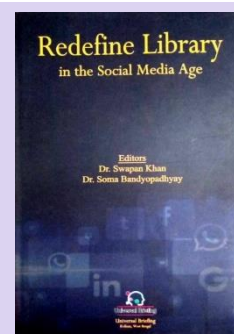
A book was published in February 2023 by Universal briefing with the title “Open Educational Resources: Research Perspectives”, comprising selected articles from the two-day International Webinar of the same title, which was organised by Universal Briefing on 20th and 21st November, 2021 at Kolkata, 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.



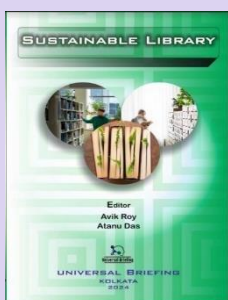
This book celebrates the profound impact of public libraries as vibrant spaces of learning, connection, and empowerment. In an era marked by rapid technological advancements and evolving societal needs, public libraries remain steadfast in their mission to provide equitable access to information and 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.

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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.



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.

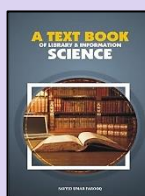
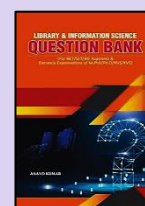


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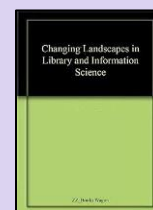
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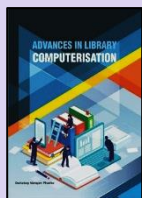
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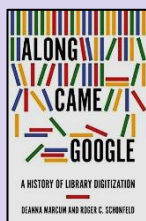
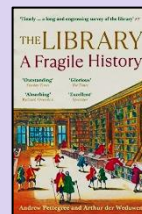
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Trends on Tech

SORA AI-

Sora is an upcoming generative artificial intelligence model developed by OpenAI that specializes in text-to-video generation. The model accepts textual descriptions, known as prompts, from users and generates short video clips corresponding to those descriptions.

Sam Altman's announcement of Sora came alongside an invitation to followers to submit prompts for the tool, resulting in a flurry of excitement surrounding the 60-second videos it produced. With its remarkable performance, Sora has emerged as a strong contender among video generation tools, potentially setting a new standard in the field.

Currently it is accessible only to select professionals such as visual artists, designers, and filmmakers; Sora's availability is set to expand in the near future. OpenAI's Chief Technology Officer, Mira Murati confirmed that the tool will be released to the public "this year," indicating that eager users can expect access within a few months. For more information [Click Here](#)

PERPLEXITY AI-

Perplexity AI is an AI-chatbot-powered research and conversational search engine that answers queries using natural language predictive text. Launched in 2022, Perplexity generates answers using the sources from the web and cites links within the text response.

Perplexity AI is an AI-powered search engine and chatbot that utilizes advanced technologies such as natural language processing (NLP) and machine learning to provide accurate and comprehensive answers to user queries. It is designed to search the web in real-time and offer up-to-date information on various topics. Perplexity AI is powerful tools with an intuitive user interface that can help users find information on a wide range of topics.

How to Use Perplexity AI: Perplexity AI is available on the web and as an app for iPhone users, making it easily accessible to a wide range of users. Users can access Perplexity AI for free from their website. Here are the steps to use Perplexity AI:

Head to www.perplexity.ai

2. To ask the model a question, simply type in your request in the search bar and click the blue arrow.

3. Review Perplexity AI's answer and the sources.

4. Ask another question using the "Ask a follow-up" bar below.

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It is common knowledge that a fridge is used to preserve food by controlling temperature. The library at the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque (SZGM) is using a similar machine to protect its precious collection of books. Visit the SZGM's stand at the ongoing Abu Dhabi International Book Fair to check out a 'books steriliser' fridge used to preserve the collection of thousands of books at its Al Jami Library by eliminating harmful microorganisms, dust, and contaminants. For more [Click Here](#)

CEPT University Library recently organised **Book Talk** event on April 16, 2024, spotlighting the book '*Meaning is More: Interior Design for India*'. During the conversation, author Canna Patel shared insights from her book, engaging in discussion alongside Hiren Patel (Founder and Principal Architect, HPA), Beena Handa (Founder & Director, Poiesis Achievement Foundation) and Rishav Jain (Associate Professor, CEPT University). For more [Click Here](#)



On April 12th, 2024, the American Center in Kolkata commemorated National Library Week 2024. Libraries serve as a unifying force across distances and mediums, exemplified by a recent gathering where more than 20 college librarians convened in person alongside Juan Clar, Deputy Director from the American Center Kolkata, and Kathleen Fox, Regional Public Engagement Specialist from the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi, who participated virtually. Their discussions on digitization initiatives and enhancing accessibility for first-generation learners resonate with the

essence of this year's theme, "Ready, Set, Library!"

On May 2nd, 2024, a discussion forum was held with Visva-Bharati Library Network (VBLN) student members and library officials. Students were satisfied overall but suggested improvements like extended hours and additional amenities. The library assured them of prompt consideration.

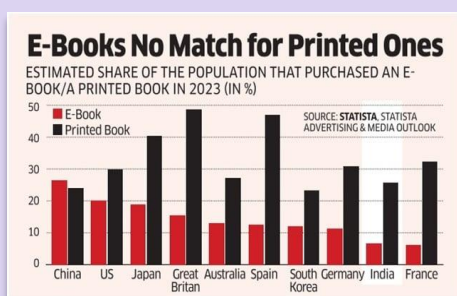


On April 19, 2024, a library orientation and visit were conducted by Neeza Singh, the librarian at the T.S. Central State Library, Chandigarh. A group of 106 students from Class 6 at Bhawan Vidyalaya School participated in this informative session. During the orientation, the students were introduced to various aspects of the library, including its resources, layout, and services. Librarian played a pivotal role in ensuring that the students gained valuable insights into effective library usage.

To enroll for a membership card at the National Library of India, please [Click Here](#)

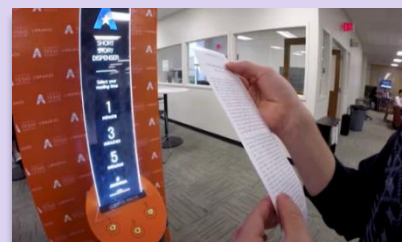
Based on statistics provided by Statista's Market Insights: Media & Advertising, the prevalence of e-books continues to lag behind that of printed books across most countries globally. For instance, in the United States, approximately 20 percent of the population is believed to have acquired an e-book last year, compared to 30 percent who purchased a printed book. Conversely, China stands

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out as the sole country among those analysed where the trend is reversed. In the twelve months preceding the survey, only 24 percent of individuals in China bought a printed book, while around 27 percent opted for an e-book during the same period.

Have you ever heard about Short Story Dispenser? The dispenser delivers literature,



both classic and contemporary works of art, in a vending machine style. Users can select whether they want a one, three or five-minute story by pressing a simple button. The dispenser will then print a randomly selected short story on a scroll type paper. Click Here to watch

The National Testing Agency (NTA) is in receipt of various representations from the candidates to extend the date of Examination for UGC - NET June 2024 due to UPSC CSE (Prelims) Examination – 2024 on the same date, i.e. 16 June 2024. Therefore, National Testing Agency (NTA) has changed the date for UGC Net 2024 June examination. Earlier, the UGC Net 2024 exam was scheduled for June 16 but according to the new schedule will now be held on June 18, 2024. NTA will conduct UGC-NET in OMR mode across India on a single day. Click Here to check official notification. UGC-NET Application link will be available till 10th May.

7th MUCLA National Conference Thrives on Digital Innovation in Libraries March 7th, 2024



The 7th MUCLA National Conference on Challenges and Opportunities in Adapting Digital Technologies in Libraries came to a successful end amidst an atmosphere of enthusiastic learning and sharing of ideas. Held on March 6th and 7th, 2024, at the esteemed Marathi Bhasha Bhavan, University of Mumbai, Vidhyanagari, Kalina, Santacruz, Mumbai, the event stands as a pivotal landmark in the realm of Library

and Information Science.

Jointly organized by the University of Mumbai Sectional Council and SNDT Women's University Sectional Council of Maharashtra University and College Librarians Association (MUCLA), in collaboration with the venerable Indian Library Association, New Delhi, the conference served as an invaluable platform for industry professionals and esteemed scholars to delve deep into the challenges and opportunities presented by the digital era.

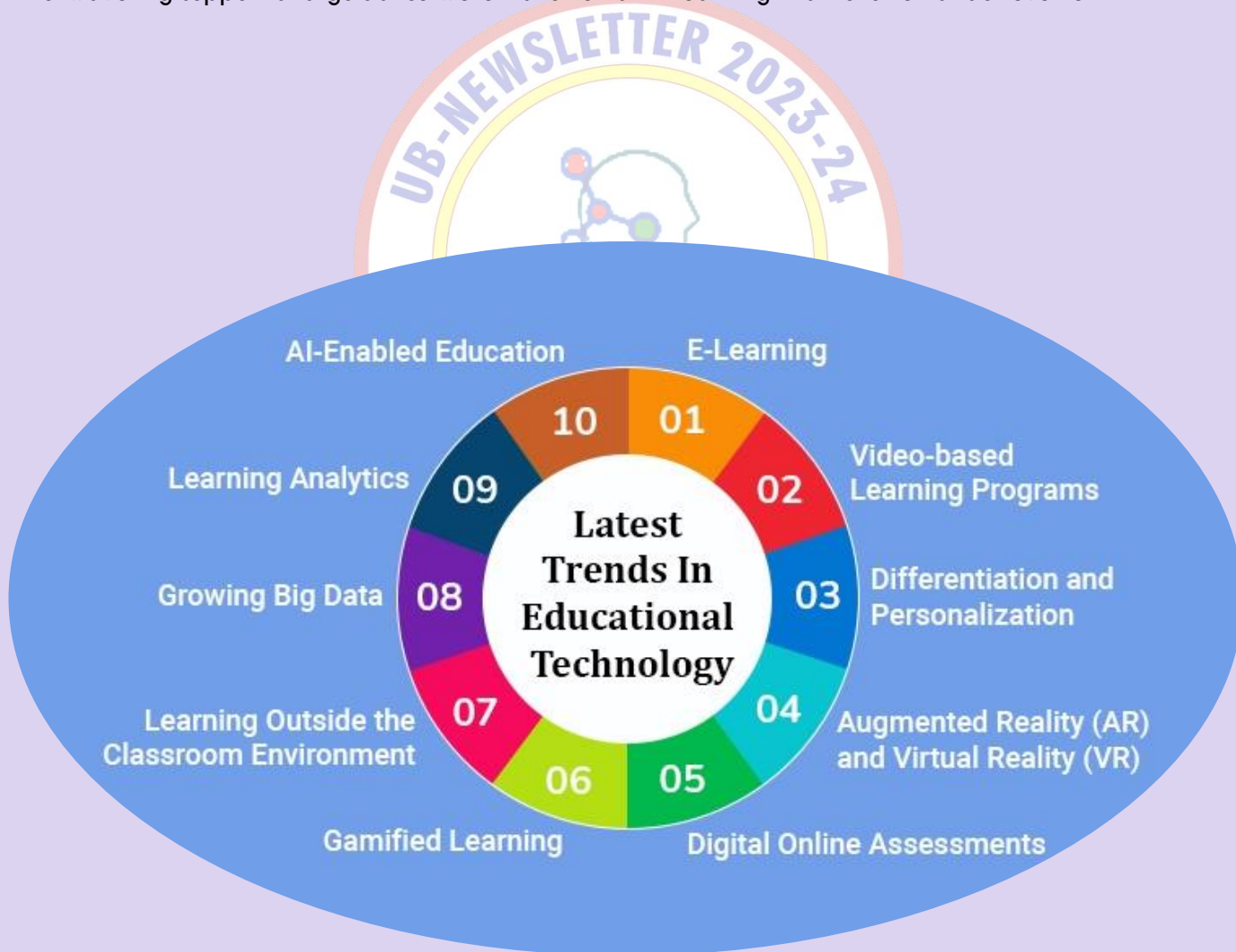
Under the theme "Challenges and Opportunities in Adapting Digital Technologies in Libraries," the conference witnessed a vibrant exchange of ideas, experiences, and insights. Over 200 attendees, comprising professionals and scholars from across the nation, fervently engaged in discussions spanning a myriad of topics, ranging from emerging technologies and trends in libraries to digital literacy, skill development, and the profound implications of the National Education Policy 2020 on libraries.

Gracing the occasion with their esteemed presence, Prof. Rajnish Kamat, Hon. Vice-Chancellor of Dr. Homi Bhabha State University, Mumbai, alongside distinguished luminaries including Dr. Mohan Kherde, President of MUCLA and ILA, Conference Director Dr. N.B. Dahibhate, MUCLA Secretary Dr.

Vinay Patil, as well as the Conveners of the conference, Dr. Subhash Chavan from SNDT Women's University Mumbai, and Dr. Nandkishor Motewar from Mumbai University, illuminated the proceedings with their profound insights and experiences. Emphasizing the imperative of embracing digital technologies to meet the evolving needs of users and stakeholders, their words resonated deeply with the audience, igniting a collective spirit of innovation and progress.

Moreover, the conference bestowed prestigious awards upon deserving professionals, including the coveted MUCLA Best Librarian Award to Dr. D.B. Stutar of Shivaji University, Kolhapur, and the distinguished MUCLA Best Article Award to Dr. Yogesh Mate of St. Vincent College, Pune. In a heartfelt gesture, retired librarians Dr. Vijaya Rajhans, Dr. Pratibha Gokhale, and Ms. Andria Pinto from Mumbai University, along with Dr. Shekhar Dongre from Mulund College of Commerce, Mulund were also felicitated for their invaluable contributions to the profession, underscoring the enduring spirit of camaraderie and respect within the LIS community.

The resounding success of the conference stands as a testament to the tireless efforts and unwavering dedication of both the sectional council and the esteemed staff members of the participating universities. Dr. Nandkishor Motewar and Dr. Subhash Chavan, the dynamic conveners of the conference, expressed profound gratitude towards the authorities of both institutions, whose unwavering support and guidance were instrumental in realizing this monumental achievement.



Special Report under GLAM

Uttarpara Jaikrishna Public Library: Illuminating Knowledge and Heritage



Throughout history, libraries have served as sacred havens where inquisitive minds gather to delve into the boundless realms of literature and knowledge. Among these sanctuaries, the Uttarpara Jaikrishna Public Library radiates as a guiding light, renowned not only for its extensive collection of books but also for its profound impact on the surrounding community. Nestled in the serene town of Uttarpara within the Indian state of West Bengal, this library stands as a testament to the enduring influence of literature and the steadfast commitment of its founders and supporters. Established by Jaikrishna Mukherjee, a celebrated figure hailing from Uttarpara, the Jaikrishna Public Library

holds the distinction of being India's first free public library. Inspired by Dwarkanath Tagore and guided by the London Public Library Act of 1850, Jaikrishna embarked on this pioneering endeavour in 1859, at a time when widespread public education was still a distant dream in Bengal and India at large. Beyond its remarkable collection, the library is renowned for its association with notable figures such as Michael Madhusudan Dutta, who spent his final days within its walls, and Rishi Aurobindo, who delivered his renowned "Uttarpara Speech" on its premises, among others.

The construction of the library building commenced in 1856 on a sprawling one-acre plot, at a cost of Rs. 85,000. Opening its doors formally on April 15, 1859, the two-story library, devoid of pomp but adorned with a flower garden, quickly became a hub for scholars and researchers alike. Today, it remains a treasure trove of primary printed materials crucial for the study of the 17th to 19th centuries, boasting a collection of approximately 50,000 to 60,000 books. A distinguishing feature of the Uttarpara Jaikrishna Public Library is its diverse and extensive assortment of books, spanning myriad genres, languages, and disciplines. From timeless classics to contemporary fiction, from scholarly works to popular science, its shelves harbor treasures awaiting discovery. Moreover, the library takes pride in its rich selection of regional literature, safeguarding the cultural heritage of the area for posterity. Yet, the significance of the Jaikrishna Public Library transcends its role as a mere repository of books; it serves as a dynamic center for intellectual discourse and community engagement. Revered visitors such as Sir William Hunter and Dr. S. R. Ranganathan have hailed it as a "Treasure House," with its collection rivalling even the largest libraries in the country. The library also boasts a storied history of illustrious patrons, including Governor Sir Ashley Eden, Miss Mary Carpenter, and Sir Edwin Arnold, to name a few. From the famed catalogue of Rev. James Long to the poignant presence of Michael Madhusudan Dutt in his final days, the Uttarpara Jaikrishna Public Library has played an integral role in the intellectual and cultural evolution of the region.

Today, as it continues to inspire and educate, it serves as a living tribute to the vision and dedication of its founder, Babu Jaikrishna Mukherjee, leaving an indelible legacy for generations to come. More than a mere repository of books, Uttarpara Jaikrishna Public Library stands as a beacon of the enduring quest for knowledge and enlightenment.

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