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About Universal Briefing

Universal Briefing (UB) is a voluntary, non-profit, non-governmental organization with a primary focus on advancing Library and Information Services. Its goal is to cultivate professional expertise among young professionals by providing opportunities to develop essential skills and knowledge. UB aims to create tools and methods that help accelerate the growth of future generations in the field, while also supporting research activities to disseminate new knowledge and innovative ideas. Additionally, the platform strives to enhance information-handling skills among students, empowering them to navigate and use information effectively. UB is committed to building an inclusive and collaborative environment that fosters unity, fraternity, and mutual support within society.

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Editorial Desk



From Editorial Desk.....

As we turn the page on another month, we take a moment to reflect on the shared purpose that brings us together—the pursuit of knowledge, the preservation of our professional values, and the celebration of community. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who have contributed to this journey—readers, contributors, and supporters alike. Your continued engagement strengthens our collective mission to advance the LIS profession, and we remain committed to delivering a publication that informs, connects, and uplifts the community it serves.

Beginning with this issue, we are pleased to introduce a new section dedicated to highlighting noteworthy **Scholarly Publications** from leading journals in our field. Each month, we will carefully curate a selection of recent articles that showcase cutting-edge research, theoretical advancements, and emerging trends. This section is designed to keep our readers well-informed about significant contributions, offering detailed bibliographic information for easy access and reference. Through these updates, we seek to deepen engagement with the latest academic discourse and inspire continued scholarly inquiry. This initiative is part of our continued effort to broaden the scope of our coverage, ensuring that our platform remains both informative and representative of the dynamic developments shaping the field.

Our editorial team works diligently to bring you timely updates, insightful features, and contents that matter. We hope this month's issue continues to inform, inspire, and connect. As always, we welcome your feedback, contributions, and ideas for future editions.



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Latest Vacancies

- Recruitment for the Post of Deputy Librarian at University of Kashmir, Hazratbal, Srinagar (J&K)- 190006: Last Date - 07/08/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Consultant (Librarian) at National Institute of Siddha (NIS) Ministry of Ayush, Government of India, Tambaram Sanatorium, Chennai -600 047 : Last Date - 08/08/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Scientist-E And Scientist-B (Library Science) at Information and Library Network Centre (INFLIBNET), Post Box No.4, Infocity, Gandhinagar : 382 007 : Last Date - 08/08/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Librarian at Indian Institute of Management Bangalore Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore - 560076 : Last Date - 10/08/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Assistant Librarian at Presidency University, 86/1 College Street, Kolkata -700073 : Last Date - 14/08/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Technical Assistant at CSIR – Indian Institute of Petroleum (IIP), P.O.: IIP Mohkampur, Haridwar Road, Dehradun-248 005, Uttarakhand (India) : Last Date - 18/08/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Librarian at Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University, Srinagar Garhwal (Uttarakhand) - 246174 : Last Date - 18/08/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Library Assistant at Leh Autonomous Hill Development-Subordinate Services Recruitment Board, Leh- 194101 : Last Date - 24/08/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Library Attendant at Arunachal Pradesh Staff Selection Board, Itanagar: Last Date - 25/08/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Assistant Librarian at National Institute Of Technical Teachers Training And Research Institution Deemed to be University under Distinct Category A Centrally Funded Technical Institute Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, Taramani, Chennai – 600 113 : Last Date - 25/08/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Assistant Librarian Supreme Court of India, New Delhi – 110001 : Last Date - 27/08/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Library and Information Assistant at National Test House (NTH), Ministry of Consumer Affairs Food and Public Distribution Department of Consumer Affairs Block - CP, Sector-V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata - 700 091 : Last Date - 30/08/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Library Clerk at Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences, 61-65, Institutional Area, Opp. D' Block, Janakpuri, New Delhi, Delhi 110058 : Last Date - 31/08/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Chief Librarian at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Raipur, NH-6, GE Road, Tatibandh, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, 492010 : Last Date - 14/09/2025- [Click here for more](#)

UB Endeavour

Study Circle Reporting.....

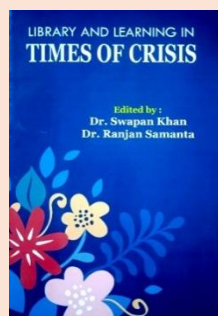
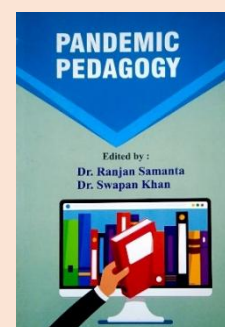
44th Study Circle of universal briefing took place on 26th July, 2025. The speaker for the session was Dr. Biswajit Das, Chief Librarian and Registrar, University of Gour Banga, Malda, West Bengal. The President of the session was Prof. (Dr.) Rajat Kishore Dey, Ex Vice Chancellor, University of Gour Banga, Malda West Bengal. The topic of the study circle was "Kazi Nazrul Islam: kichu analochito tathya". The speaker delivered a compelling and well-researched talk on Kazi Nazrul Islam, shedding light on many overlooked facets of the poet's life and work and on a legacy whose significance remains underrecognized even today. Drawing from extensive research, he explored Nazrul's extraordinary versatility—as a poet, spontaneous writer, musician, lyricist, journalist, editor, soldier, revolutionary, rebel, and playwright—emphasizing the depth and diversity of his mental prowess. The talk delved into Nazrul's personal life, including his family, childhood, and the biographies written on him. Dr. Das offered a detailed analysis of Nazrul's relationship with Rabindranath Tagore, supported by written documents, and also touched upon the envy Nazrul faced from his contemporaries. The speaker elaborated on Nazrul's wide range of publications, discussing their context, publication years, and categorical breakdown. He also shared a chronological overview of Nazrul's musical compositions, which encompassed religious themes from both Hindu and Muslim traditions, as well as love songs and ghazals. In a literary career spanning 22 years, Nazrul's huge body of work reflects deep patriotism and a revolutionary spirit. Overall, the speaker skilfully compiled the people, events, and places tied to Nazrul's life, weaving them into a comprehensive and insightful portrait of the poet's enduring legacy.

Announcement.....

UB-Study Circle (Forthcoming Notification) The 45th study circle of the Universal Briefing will take place on 30th August, 2025 at 7.30 pm and the speaker for the session will be Dr. Snigdha Naskar, Assistant Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Rabindra Bharati University.

Our Publication.....

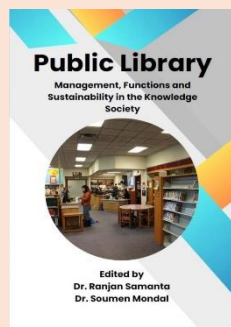
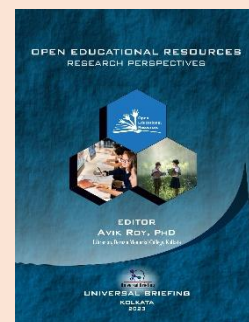
The book "Pandemic Pedagogy" was published by Prova Prakashani in collaboration with Universal Briefing in the year 2020. It was jointly edited by Dr. Ranjan Samanta and Dr. Swapan Khan. The book had informative eighteenth chapters. The outstanding contribution of authors presented an exceptional dimension 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.

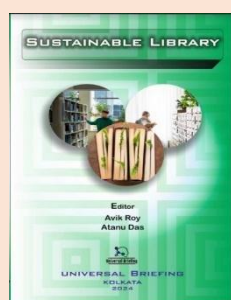
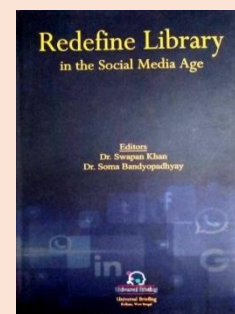
UB Endeavour

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.



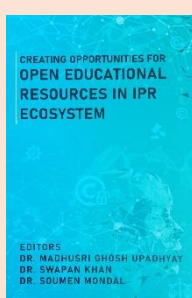
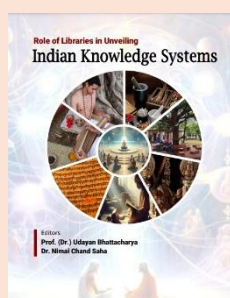
This book celebrates the profound impact of public libraries as vibrant spaces of learning, connection, and empowerment. In an era marked by rapid technological advancements and evolving societal needs, public libraries remain steadfast in their mission to provide equitable access to information and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

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.

Our Latest Publication.....



Distinguished Insights

“At present the UBN is the best newsletter in I&IS profession. It has wider coverage with the latest information and timely publication. No doubt it is really useful for the entire I&IS community. Congratulations to the entire editorial team under the guidance of Professor Udayan Bhattacharya for bringing this newsletter.”

Dr Susanta Kumar Senapati, Ex-Principal, ASIR

“Thank you, sir, for sharing your current newsletter. As usual it's highly informative and useful. I will share it with our students and faculty and also in other professional groups in the region.”

Dr. K. G. Sudhier, DLIS, Central University of Tamil Nadu

“Thank you so much Sir for sharing the valuable Newsletter from Universal Briefings. Congratulations Sir. It's a great initiative by you and your Team Members for bringing out such a wonderful newsletter covering valuable information at one point. This is of immense benefit for all the IIS Professionals. Best wishes for this endeavour. 🙏🙏 With kind regards.”

Prof. Manoj Kumar Sinha, SVSLS, Assam University

Research Spotlight

DLIS, Shivaji University, Kolhapur (Awarded Works 2025)

1. **Thesis Title:** Science Mapping and Visualization Tools used for Bibliometric and Scientometric Studies: A Comparative Study
Scholar: Ravindra Sopan Bankar
Supervisor: Dr. Shalini R. Lihitkar
2. **Thesis Title:** Use of Social Networking Tools by College Librarians affiliated to Shivaji University, Kolhapur: A Study
Scholar: Nagu Navanath Bansode
Supervisor: Dr. Sachinkumar Balasaheb Patil

DLIS, Mandsaur University, Mandsaur (Awarded Works 2025)

3. **Thesis Title:** Awareness and Use of Information Sources and Services by the Users of Sikkim University Library: A Study
Scholar: Sangay Lhamu Bhutia
Supervisor: Dr M. Suresh Babu

DLIS, Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women University, Vijayapura (Awarded Works 2025)

4. **Thesis Title:** Assessment of Information Literacy Skills of Government Social Welfare Schemes Among Rural Community: A Case Study of Kalyana - Karnataka Region
Scholar: Latha
Supervisor: Prof. Gavisiddappa Anandhalli

DLIS, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad (Awarded Works 2025)

5. **Thesis Title:** Information Needs, Perception and Seeking Behaviour of Mariners
Scholar: Papinder Kaur Nagi
Supervisor: Dr. Rakesh D. Parmar

DLIS, School of Communication, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvavur (Awarded Works 2025)

6. **Thesis Title:** Developing Ontology on the Contributions of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan in the Field of Library and Information Science
Scholar: Abhijith B
Supervisor: Dr. K.G. Sudhier

DLIS, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi (Awarded Works 2025)

7. **Thesis Title:** An Assessment of University Libraries Role in Research with Special Reference to ICT Based Innovative Library Services in Uttar Pradesh: A Study
Scholar: Anita Kumari
Supervisor: Dr. H N Prasad

DLIS, University of Kashmir, Aizawl (Awarded Works 2024)

8. **Thesis Title:** Assessing Emotional Instability and Coping Strategies of Library and Information Science Professionals in Jammu and Kashmir
Scholar: Shohar Bano
Supervisor: Prof. Sumeer Gul & Dr. Mohd Muzamil Kumar

"Are you a research scholar who just submitted their Ph.D thesis in LIS? Want to be featured in our next edition? [Click here](#) to add your details and get a chance to feature in our upcoming spotlight section!"

Monthly Scholarly Highlights

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25. Verma, M. K. (2025). Measuring scholarly communication in the era of data science. *DESIDOC Journal of Library & Information Technology*, 45(4), 249–250. <https://doi.org/10.14429/djlit.21177>
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Forthcoming Events

Conferences, Seminars, Webinars & Summits

- International Conference on Library and Information Science, on 06th Aug 2025 at New York, New York, USA. For more info: [click here](#)
- Artificial Intelligence, Bibliographic Control and Legal Matters: Navigating New Horizons. Organized by IFLA. Dates: 14 - 15 August 2025. Venue: Astana IT University, Astana, Kazakhstan. For more info: [click here](#)
- The Lord's Universal College of Education Organize Inter-Collegiate Webinar on 'Facilitating Learning through Library'. Date: 13th August 2025. Time: 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM. For Registration: [click here](#)
- IFLA WLIC 2025 Satellite Meeting: Uniting Knowledge, Building the Future: Libraries Serving Multicultural Communities through Local History and Genealogy. Organized by IFLA. Dates: 15 August 2025. Venue: National Academic Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan. For more info: [click here](#)
- 2025 International Conference on Library and Information Science (ICLIS-2025) will be held in Berlin, Germany during 16th Aug-17th Aug 2025. For more info: [click here](#)
- Reimagining Library Services: Updating the Multicultural Communities Guidelines. Organized by IFLA. Dates: 21 August 2025. Venue: Hilton Astana Hall. For more info: [click here](#)
- IFLA World Library and Information Congress 89th IFLA General Conference and Assembly. Dates: 18 - 22 August 2025. Venue: Astana, Kazakhstan. For more info: [click here](#)
- National Level Seminar on Empowering Open Science: The Evolving Role of Library and Information Science Professionals on the occasion of National Librarian's Day & Birth Anniversary of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan. Date: August 23, 2025 at 10.00 am to 3.00pm. For more info: [click here](#)
- International Conference on Library, Information Science and Scholarly Publishing. Date: August 20-22, 2025 at ICISE, Quy Nhon, Binh Dinh, Vietnam. For more info: [click here](#)
- [IFLAPARL 39th Satellite Meeting](#). Fostering Collaboration and Innovation in Parliamentary Libraries and Research Services: Building Skills for a Connected Future. [IFLA Library and Research Services for Parliaments Section](#) is happy to announce its 39th Satellite meeting to be held on 23-24 August 2025, in Astana. Venue: [Nazarbayev University Library](#). For more info: [click here](#)
- Gyanotsav-2025: National Conference on Re-imagining Libraries as Engines of Viksit Bharat is scheduled to be held on 29–30 August 2025, hosted by GyanMandir at the National Law Institute University, Bhopal. For more info: [click here](#)
- ICDIASLS-2025. International Conference on “Digital and innovative advancements for sustainable library services” organized by BharatiVidyapeeth's Institute of Computer Application & Management (BVICAM), New Delhi. Dates: August 29-31, 2025. Venue: BVICAM, New Delhi. For more info: [click here](#)
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- International Conference on Digital and Innovative Advancements for Sustainable Library Services. Organized By: Bharati Vidyapeeth's Institute of Computer Applications & Management (BVICAM), New Delhi. Time: August 29, 2025 at 10am to August 31, 2025 at 5pm. For more info: [click here](#)
- 4th International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (i-IKM) 2025 at East West University, Dhaka, Bangladesh. Dates of conference: 16-18 September 2025. For more info: [click here](#)
- The Department of Information Studies, East West University, Dhaka, Bangladesh, is pleased to announce the 4th International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (i-IKM), "From Access to Action: Rethinking Information Practices in an AI-driven Society" which is scheduled to be held from 16-18 September 2025 at East West University, Dhaka, Bangladesh. For more info: [click here](#)
- IEEE International Conference on Next-Gen Technologies of Artificial Intelligence and Geoscience Remote Sensing. Date: 17 - 18 Sep 2025. Place: Hyderabad, India. For more info: [click here](#)
- COLLNET 2025: 19th International Conference on Advancing Research in Webometrics, Informetrics & Scientometrics (WIS) and the 24th COLLNET Meeting, scheduled for September 19-21, 2025, at the Institute of Economic Growth, University of Delhi Enclave, New Delhi, India, in Hybrid Mode (In-Person & Virtual). For more info: [click here](#)
- International Conference on Library and Information Science. Organized by Interglobal Research Network. Dates: 22nd Sep 2025. This event will be at the city of Abuja, Nigeria. For more info: [click here](#)
- 2025 International Conference on Library and Information Science (ICLIS-2025) will be held in Kyoto, Japan during 25th Sep-26th Sep 2025. Organized by IGRNet. For more info: [click here](#)
- IIT Gandhinagar announces the 3rd International Conference on "Changing Landscape of Science & Technology Libraries (CLSTL-2025): Enhancing Library Experiences with Artificial Intelligence (AI)", scheduled to be held at IIT Gandhinagar, India, from September 25 to 27, 2025. For more info: [click here](#)

Workshops, Programmes, Training & Courses

- Ashoka Education Foundations & Ashoka Center for Business & Computer Studies (ACBCS), Nashik on National Librarian's Day, Birth Anniversary of Padma Shri Dr. S.R. Ranganathan, Organize "पठण" Innovative Idea Competition (Developing Reading Habits) for Librarians. Date: 12th August 2025. For Registration: [click here](#)
- Library Automation and Networking course, By Prof. Gireesh Kumar T. K. Dates: 18th August to 10 October. For more info: [Click here.](#)
- AI for Librarian- Automating Everyday Work and Improving Library Services: Online Workshop. Date: 31 August, 2025. Time: 6:30-8:00 PM. For more info: [Click here.](#)
- SWAYAM Library and Information Science (LIS) courses currently open for enrolment are free to enroll in and learn from. For more info: [Click here.](#)

Students Corner

ICSSR Fellowship Programmes

With the aim to foster high-quality research in the field of Social Sciences in India, The Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), offers a range of fellowships at different academic levels. Established in 1969 and functioning as an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Education, Government of India, it aims to strengthen academic research and support research scholars in the field of Social Science. Library and Information Science (LIS) is recognized by ICSSR as a valid discipline under Social Science, making LIS researchers eligible for these prestigious fellowships.

The fellowships are offered to Indian Social Sciences researchers who are either pursuing or wants to pursue research and are affiliated to any ICSSR research institute/UGC recognised Indian Universities/Deemed to be Universities/Institute of National Interest as defined by MoE / UGC.

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This fellowship is offered to researchers in Social Sciences who have completed their Ph.D. from a recognised university/institution and wish to pursue post-doctoral research in Social Sciences. They must be less than 45 years of age (with permissible relaxation) and have publications representing their research potential. The duration of the fellowship is for 2 years with a monthly value of Rs. 31,000 and a contingency grant of Rs. 20,000 per annum. For details of application procedure, eligibility, grants, progress monitoring process etc. visit: <https://icssr.org/post-doctoral-fellowship>

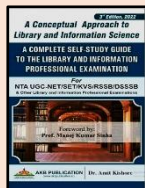
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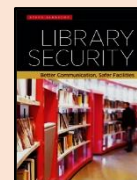
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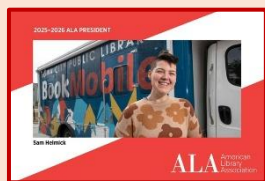
In a move aimed at enhancing student convenience and modernising campus services, Banaras Hindu University (BHU) has rolled out RFID-enabled smart identity cards under a pilot project at the Sayaji Rao Gaekwad Central Library. The new cards are set to revolutionise library services by enabling faster book issuance and returns, simplifying book tracking within library sections, and digitising entry and attendance records. The central library currently holds over 1.6 million books, thousands of periodicals, 13,795 journals, and 12,556 rare manuscripts, catering to nearly 36,000 users. This RFID system would eventually be extended to faculty, college, and departmental libraries across the campus, improving overall resource management and monitoring. For more details [click here](#)

UP Governor Anandiben Patel asked all state universities to equip their libraries with digital resources to make quality study material available to students, researchers, and teachers. With signing this MoU with the Information and Library Network Centre (INFLIBNET) Centre for 38 state universities and higher learning institutions, this agreement will enhance the quality of education by connecting HEIs with national and international research. Governor Patel also launched dashboard @University of Uttar Pradesh, Rajbhawan, Lucknow. For more details [click here](#)

Uttar Pradesh governor Anandiben Patel inaugurated the redeveloped Queen Empress Mary Library in Agra. Originally established in 1900, the library located in Sadar Bazaar and restored under the Agra Smart City Project, houses rare books dating back to the 1700s. This library will be a source of inspiration for the younger generation. For more details [click here](#)

The braille press of Dr Shakuntala Misra National Rehabilitation University (DSMNRU) has printed over 2,000 books covering more than 30 subjects that would be accessible to visually impaired students free of cost from the academic session 2025-26. This move will not only improve the results of the students due to the availability of books but will also save their money. DSMNRU offers several courses for visually impaired students, such as BEd in Special Education (Visual Impairment), a Diploma in Special Education (Visual Impairment), and an MEd in Visual Impairment. This braille press will be a major relief for our visually impaired students whose results were impacted due to the challenges they faced in procuring braille books. This university library now houses a dedicated section for these braille textbooks, making them readily available to visually impaired students. This initiative eliminates the need for students to search elsewhere for accessible study materials.

Indore Smart City Development Limited (ISCDL) announced plans to develop a new public library on approximately 40,000 square feet of land on Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Govt Arts and Commerce College campus in Bhanwarkuan area. It will serve as a multi-generational learning environment, seamlessly blending traditional library functions with cutting-edge digital resources and community-centric spaces. The library will be designed to accommodate 4000-5000 people at a time. Beyond traditional library functions, the facility will also feature a primary health facility (OPD and first aid centre), a state-of-the-art auditorium with a seating capacity of 2000, an exhibition hall, two mini-conference halls, and a dedicated career counselling centre. Estimated cost of this ambitious project is Rs 40 crore.



On 25th July American Library Association (ALA) announced that Sam Helmick, community and access services coordinator at Iowa City Public Library, will be the 2024–2025 president-elect, effective immediately. They will serve as ALA president for the 2025–2026 term.

GLAM Special Report



Net Zero, Full Impact: Varanasi's Eco-Friendly Library Rises

A net-zero library is one that strives for net-zero carbon emissions and is built and run to have as little of an impact on the environment as possible. In order to lessen its carbon impact, the library uses sustainable methods and produces as much energy as it uses, frequently using on-site renewable energy sources like solar panels.

Varanasi is establishing a Net Zero Library, representing a blend of knowledge, culture, and sustainable advancement. An agreement was formalized through an MoU between NHPC Limited (CSR & SD) and the additional secretary of the VDA for the development of this initiative.

The proposed construction of the Net Zero Library, an innovative project that beautifully combines environmental sustainability, cultural heritage, and cutting-edge educational resources. This library is set to mark a significant step forward in support of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of achieving net zero carbon emissions for India by 2070.

The Vision Development Authority (VDA) is excited to announce the development of a new library in Varanasi, made possible through generous financial support from NHPC Limited. This project, with a total budget of Rs. 20 crores, aims to position Varanasi as a leading example of sustainable urban development.

The library's striking wave-like façade draws inspiration from the sacred Ganga, harmoniously echoing the architectural elements of traditional worship sites. Featuring arches, vertical lines, and illuminated corridors, this architectural marvel embodies the essence of a temple of knowledge. It represents a thoughtful balance between modern design and timeless tradition, ensuring that it will serve as a valuable resource for the community to come.

The library will contain a multipurpose auditorium, a children's reading room, a restaurant, and a toy zone on the first floor. The first floor of the library will feature large reading rooms, a digital library, and a historical-cultural gallery, while the second floor will house a building management system and a biodiverse green terrace.

The structure will have a solar-powered roof, a rainwater harvesting system, energy-efficient HVAC and lighting systems, environmentally friendly construction materials, a water waste treatment and reuse system, a chilled water circulation system that saves 40% of energy, and a smart water monitoring and leak detection system.

Library in Focus

Historic 100-Year-Old Library was regularly visited by Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose



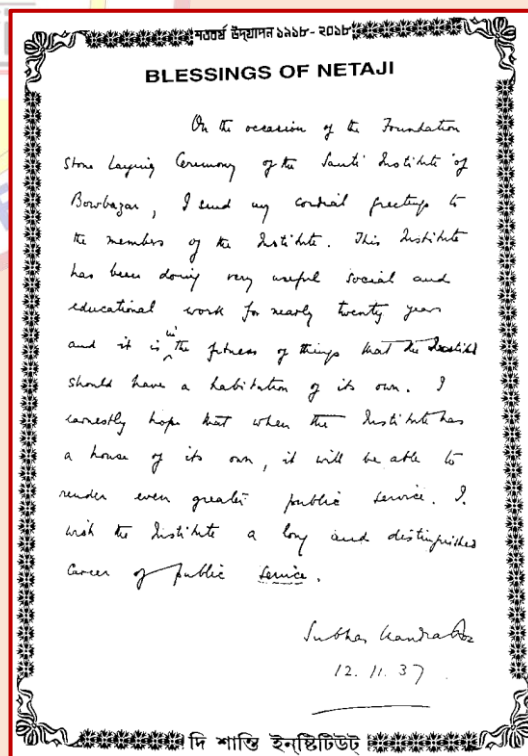
Bowbazar's old buildings, narrow streets, abandoned tram lines depicts its historical part and provide a sense of nostalgia. In between many vintage buildings, a three-story yellow building on Sashi Bhushan Dey Street, Bowbazar, Kolkata, is Santi Institute Library. It was established on 1918 and in 1938, the library moved to its permanent address i.e. Sashi Bhushan Dey Street.

Let us not forget that this was after the First World War. The name 'The Santi Institute' clarifies its main objective. The devastation of First World War caused effects on the mind of some youths of central Calcutta. They determined to do something to bring peace to all; thus only 21 youths founded The Santi Institute in 1918. Initially, it was a library and it began with only 27 books at Baburam Sil Lane, Kolkata. Gradually the little plant grew up into a tree full of flowers. The founder president was Late Aswini Kumar Dutta and the first secretary was Late Kristadas Mullick.

They have got the blessings of many great men in their long journey. Among some of them were Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Rashtraguru Surendra Nath Banerjee, Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy, Shri Bepin Behari Ganguly, Dr. Radha Binod Pal, Dr. Triguna Charan Sen, Dr. Ramesh Chandra Majumder, Smt. Suchitra Mitra, Swami Lokeshwaranandaji and many other luminaries. The great musician and guru Late Pankaj Kumar Mallick and renowned cinema artist Late Shyam Laha were their active members.

From just only 27 books, the number of books exceeded 41,000. It is a private library. They have got contribution from innumerable donors to build up such a huge collection. They have many rare books in their stock. They have two important collections one "King George V Jubilee collection" and the other is "Sashi Bhushan Sangraho". According to the necessity, the Institute has adopted several upgradation and modernization programs. According to Mr. Samar Nath Bose, Treasurer of the library committee, members can read the books according to their choice. There is a decent and specious free reading room on the ground floor of the building. It is open to members and general public as well. The ambiance of the reading room is a great attraction to the readers in general. They have more than 800 members at present. Mr. Bose also expressing worry about the habit of reading.

Notably, the Santi Institute library has gone on to become more than just a center for books. The library is also well known for its societal initiatives. Apart from providing free reading services, the library also has a charitable health care clinic and support needy girl children. It stands as a symbol of rich culture and intellectual history of West Bengal.



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