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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.

As we consider the progress made through our shared commitment, we are pleased to announce that this month marks the completion of our newsletter's **two-year journey**. In these two years, we have had the privilege of sharing varied and relevant content reflecting the many facets of our field, including research, latest publications, recruitments, events, curated news, emerging technological trends etc. Each issue has been a step forward in our shared mission to inform, engage, and elevate the field of LIS. From its humble beginnings to becoming a trusted resource, the newsletter has continued to evolve, driven by the contributions of our team, community of passionate professionals, and all of you—our dedicated readers and supporters. This milestone is not just a reflection of what we have accomplished, but a testament to the strength of a community united by a common purpose. As we continue forward, we are more committed than ever to delivering relevant, high-quality content that empowers and connects us all. Thank you for being a part of this journey.



**GO GREEN
SAVE EARTH**



Latest Vacancies

- Recruitment for the Post of IP Intern at The Intellectual Property Rights Cell, University of Calcutta, 87/1, College Street, Kolkata-700 073: Last Date - 09/10/2025 -[Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Library trainee at Indian Institute of Management Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, Pudukkottai Main Road, Chinna Sooriyur Village, Tiruchirappalli - 620 024: Last Date - 10/10/2025 -[Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Deputy Librarian At Madan Mohan Malaviya University Of Technology, Gorakhpur, U.P.– 273010 : Last Date - 12/10/2025 -[Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Library Information Assistant At Indian Institute Of Information Technology, Surat (An Institute Of National Importance Under Act Of Parliament) Kholvad Campus, Kamrej, Surat – 394190, Gujarat : Last Date - 14/10/2025 -[Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Assistant Librarian National Institute of Bank Management (NIBM), NIBM Post Office Rd, Kondhwa, Pune, Maharashtra -411048 : Last Date - 15/10/2025 -[Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Library And Information Assistant At Central Administrative Tribunal Principal Bench 61/35, Copernicus Marg, New Delhi - 110001 : Last Date - 15/10/2025 -[Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Librarian Indira Gandhi Institute of Physical Education & Sports Sciences (University Of Delhi), B-Block, Vikaspuri, New Delhi-110 018 : Last Date - 15/10/2025 -[Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Scientific Assistant (Library) at Aryabhatta Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES), Nainital- 263001 : Last Date - 17/10/2025 -[Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Chief Librarian & Librarian Selection Grade (Senior Librarian) at All India Institute Of Medical Sciences, Bhubaneswar (Aiioms) ,Sijua, Post-Dumuduma, Bhubaneswar, Odisha-751019 : Last Date - 20/10/2025 -[Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Library and Documentation Officer at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, 15, Janpath, New Delhi-110001 : Last Date - 20/10/2025 -[Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Librarian at Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS), National Education Society for Tribal Students : Last Date - 23/10/2025 -[Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Junior Superintendent (Library) & Junior Technician (Library) at Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines), Jharkhand,Dhanbad – 826 004 : Last Date - 24/10/2025 -[Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Assistant Librarian & Library Attendant at University Of Hyderabad, P.O. Central University, Prof. C.R. Rao Road, Gachibowli Hyderabad - 500 046 : Last Date - 24/10/2025 -[Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Deputy Librarian at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Indore Khandwa Road, Simrol, Indore – 453552 : Last Date - 25/10/2025 -[Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Assistant Librarian at National Institute of Unani Medicine, Kottigepalya, Magadi Main Road, Bangalore-560 091 : Last Date - 04/11/2025 -[Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Librarian & Assistant Librarian at Rajiv Gandhi National Aviation University (RGNAU), Rajiv Gandhi National Aviation University (RGNAU), Fursatganj, Amethi, Uttar Pradesh-229302: Last Date - 20/11/2025 -[Click here for more](#)

UB Endeavour

Study Circle Reporting.....

The 46th Study Circle of Universal Briefing took place on 20th September, 2025 at 7.30 pm. The speaker for the session was Dr. Nivedita Bhattacharyya Sahu, Associate Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Vidyasagar University and the President of the session was Dr. Arabinda Maity, Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Calcutta, West Bengal. The topic of the study circle was "Reading Habits in the age of Artificial Intelligence".

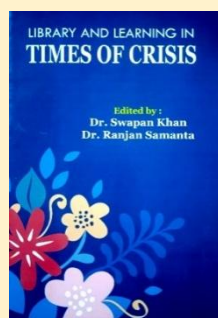
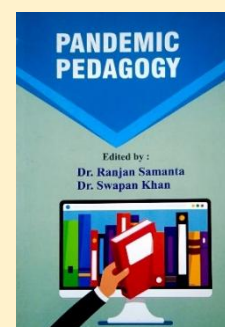
The speaker delivered a thought-provoking talk on a topic highly relevant in today's AI-driven era. She traced how reading practices have shifted over time, particularly in the 21st century, highlighting the impact of digital technologies on how people engage with written content, especially in the context of our country. She emphasized the many benefits of strong reading habits. Dr. Bhattacharyya Sahu also explored how the publishing industry has undergone significant changes in a "cash-rich, time-poor" economy. Drawing from the 2024 World Population Review, she shared global reading trends, noting that India ranks second only to the USA in both the number of books read per year and time spent reading. However, she also raised an important concern: a steady decline in children's enjoyment of reading, as reported by the National Literacy Trust. This led her to pose a critical question if libraries are still necessary in an age where information is instantly accessible at our fingertips. The speaker concluded by reaffirming the enduring relevance of libraries and outlined how they can continue to nurture a culture of reading in an increasingly digital and AI-driven world.

Announcement.....

UB-Study Circle (Forthcoming Notification) The 47th study circle of the Universal Briefing will take place on 1st November, 2025 at 7.30 pm and the speaker for the session will be Dr. Pubalika Bhattacharya Maitra, Assistant Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Calcutta.

Our Publication.....

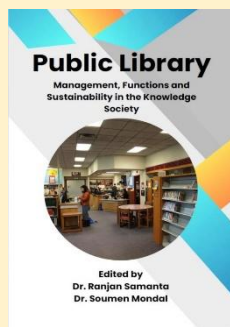
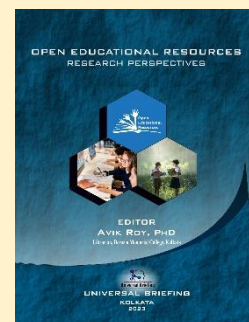
The book "Pandemic Pedagogy" was published by Prova Prakashani in collaboration with Universal Briefing in the year 2020. It was jointly edited by Dr. Ranjan Samanta and Dr. Swapan Khan. The book had informative eighteenth chapters. The outstanding contribution of authors presented an exceptional dimension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

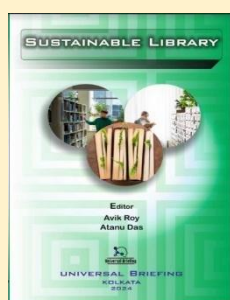
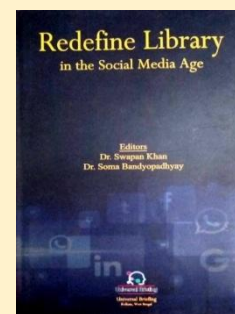
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A book was published in February 2023 by Universal briefing with the title "Open Educational Resources: Research Perspectives", comprising selected articles from the two-day International Webinar of the same title, which was organised by Universal 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.



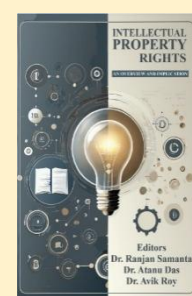
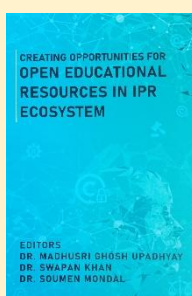
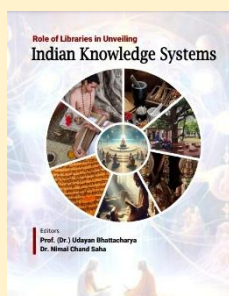
This book celebrates the profound impact of public libraries as vibrant spaces of learning, connection, and empowerment. In an era marked by rapid technological advancements and evolving societal needs, public libraries remain steadfast in their mission to provide equitable access to information and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

“ Please accept my hearty congratulations for putting consistent and persistent efforts in bringing the Newsletter with extensive coverage of events in LIS profession. ”

Prof. S. Ravi, CUTN

“ Great to see the latest newsletter and thoroughly enjoyed the information shared in it. Kudos to the editorial team for their consistent efforts ”

Dr. Narayan Chandra Ghosh, Librarian, IIM Calcutta

“ A very well-versed newsletter. I got a book from this Newsletter...Good for me ”

Mr. M Lokendro Singh, Asst. Librarian, Manipur University

Research Spotlight

DLIS, Tripura University, Suryamaninagar (Awarded Works 2025)

1. **Thesis Title:** Documentation of Indigenous Paddy Cultivation of Tangkhul Nagas: A Study
Scholar: Augustine Zimik
Supervisor: Dr. R.K Mahapatra

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

2. **Thesis Title:** Role of Public Libraries in Bridging the Digital Divide in Kerala: A Study Based on Librarians' and Users' Perspectives.
Scholar: Suman Barath
Supervisor: Dr. K G Sudhier

DLIS, Gauhati University, Guwahati (Awarded Works 2025)

3. **Thesis Title:** Digital Libraries in the Colleges of Assam: Problems and Prospects
Scholar: Sankar Sarkar
Supervisor: Dr. Sanjay Kumar Singh

DLIS, University of Calcutta, Kolkata (Awarded Works 2025)

4. **Thesis Title:** A Study on the Information Needs of the Patial Community in Coochbehar District West Bengal
Scholar: Saumitra Biswas
Supervisor: Dr. Susmita Chakraborty & Dr. Biplab Chakrabarti

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

5. **Thesis Title:** Usage of Resource Discovery Services by the Users of Central Universities of Uttar Pradesh
Scholar: Utkarsh Dwiwedi
Supervisor: Dr. Rajani Mishra

DLIS, University of Kashmir, Srinagar (Awarded Works 2025)

6. **Thesis Title:** Gender Divide in Library & Information Science Research
Scholar: Ubaid Ullah Shah
Supervisor: Dr. Sumeer Gul
7. **Thesis Title:** Enhancing the Competencies through Continuous Professional Development: An Assessment of Library and Information Science LIS Professionals Working in the Libraries of Northern India
Scholar: Syed Ikhtlaq ur Rehman
Supervisor: Dr. Shabir Ahmad Ganaie

DLIS, Karnatak University, Dharwad (Awarded Works 2025)

8. **Thesis Title:** Digital Library Infrastructure and Facilities in the University Libraries of Karnataka: An Evaluative Study
Scholar: Chiranjeevi L M
Supervisor: Dr. Ramesh R. Naik

"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

- Bansal, S., Garg, N., & Singh, J. (2025). Perpetrators' perspective on cyberbullying: a qualitative systematic review with bibliometric analysis. *Library Hi Tech*, 43(1), 423-455.
- Basumatary, B., Yuvaraj, M., Verma, N. K., & Verma, M. K. (2025). Mapping of the selected literature on robotic technology applications in libraries based on Scopus database: a subjective computational review. *Library Hi Tech*, 43(1), 224-248.
- Bessadok, A., & Hersi, M. (2025). A structural equation model analysis of English for specific purposes students' attitudes regarding computer-assisted language learning: UTAUT2 model. *Library Hi Tech*, 43(1), 36-55.
- Candela, G., Gabriëls, N., Chambers, S., Dobрева, M., Ames, S., Ferriter, M., ... & Van Keer, E. (2025). A checklist to publish collections as data in GLAM institutions. *Global Knowledge, Memory and Communication*, 74(5/6), 1323-1355.
- Chai, S., Oon, E. P. T., Chai, Y., & Li, Z. (2025). Examining the role of metadiscourse in collaborative knowledge building community. *Library Hi Tech*, 43(1), 132-155.
- Cheung, H. C., Lo, Y. Y. M., Chiu, D. K., & Kong, E. W. (2025). Development of smart academic library services with Internet of Things technology: a qualitative study in Hong Kong. *Library Hi Tech*, 43(1), 398-422.
- Desul, S., Mahapatra, R. K., Patra, R. K., Sethy, M., & Pandey, N. (2025). Semantic technology for cultural heritage: a bibliometric-based review. *Global Knowledge, Memory and Communication*, 74(5/6), 1356-1380.
- Hassani, H., Mohebi, A., Ershadi, M. J., & Jalalimanesh, A. (2025). A novel data quality framework for assessment of scientific lecture video indexing. *Library Hi Tech*, 43(1), 56-80.
- Hosseini, E., Taghizadeh Milani, K., & Sabetnasab, M. S. (2025). Development and maturity of co-word thematic clusters: the field of linked data. *Library Hi Tech*, 43(1), 81-113.
- Hua, Y., Sun, H. L., & Chen, Y. (2025). How to improve elderly users' intention to use public digital cultural services: from the perspective of trust. *Library Hi Tech*, 43(1), 114-131.
- Naveed, M., Ali, N., Khan, S. A., & Shahzad, K. (2025). A bibliometric analysis of library automation software research from 2001-2022: evidence from the Web of Science (WoS). *Global Knowledge, Memory and Communication*, 74(5/6), 1436-1450.
- Nazarovets, S., & Mryglod, O. (2025). Ukrainian arts and humanities research in Scopus: a bibliometric analysis. *Library Hi Tech*, 43(1), 156-179.
- Safdar, M., Ur Rehman, S., Yousaf, A., & Ashiq, M. (2025). A systematic literature review on the use of mobile phones to access library services and resources: challenges and benefits. *Global Knowledge, Memory and Communication*, 74(5/6), 1468-1486.
- Saikia, S., Gul, S., & Verma, M. K. (2025). Are libraries ready to serve gamification tools for teaching and learning? A review based on computational mapping. *Global Knowledge, Memory and Communication*, 74(5/6), 1381-1399.
- Shen, C. W., & Tran, P. P. (2025). An assessment of blockchain academia and news developments: a bibliometric and text-mining analysis. *Library Hi Tech*, 43(1), 326-352.
- Simwaka, K., Malanga, D. F., & Chipeta, G. (2025). Records management in institutions of higher education in Africa: a hermeneutic literature review. *Global Knowledge, Memory and Communication*, 74(5/6), 1400-1413.
- Sivankutty, V. S., & Sudhakaran, J. (2023). Workplace reflections of librarians in India during the COVID pandemic. *Global Knowledge, Memory and Communication*, 74(56), 1451-1467.
- Wang, K., Dong, K., Wu, J., & Wu, J. (2025). Patterns of artificial intelligence policies in China: a nationwide perspective. *Library Hi Tech*, 43(1), 295-325.

Forthcoming Events

Conferences, Seminars, Webinars & Summits

- The Madras Library Association (MALA) is organizing a seminar on "Preservation in Practice: How to Extend the Life of Books" on Friday, 3rd October 2025, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Book Release Hall, Second Floor, Anna Centenary Library. For more info: [click here](#)
- Sri Ramakrishna Engineering College (SREC), Coimbatore, is organizing a One-Day National Level Seminar on Research Tools and Emerging Trends in Library and Information Science (LIS) on 10th October 2025 (Friday), from 09:00 AM to 04:30 PM at the Library Seminar Hall, SREC, Coimbatore. For Registration: [Click here.](#)
- 2025 AASL National Conference. Organized by American Association of School Librarians (AASL). Date: October 16-18, 2025. Place: St. Louis, MO, USA. For more info: [click here](#)
- 4th International Symposium on Knowledge Engineering for Digital Library Design (KEDLD-2025) will be held at IIT Kharagpur from 3rd to 5th November 2025, jointly organized by the National Digital Library of India (NDLI) and the Central Library, IIT Kharagpur. For more info: [click here](#)
- Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF) Sponsored National Conference on Libraries from Legacy to Legendary: Digital Rebuilding of the Foundations for Future. Dates: 7th – 8th November, 2025. Organized by Department of Library & Information Science School of Communication Central University of Tamil Nadu Thiruvavur – 610 005, Tamil Nadu, India. For more info: [click here](#)
- National Conference on School Libraries on "Empowering school libraries for holistic, inclusive, and equitable learning in the light of NEP 2020". Organized by Library and Documentation Division National Council of Educational Research and Training. Venue: Sri Aurobindo Marg, New Delhi-110016. Dates: 11th -12th November, 2025. Last Date for Submission of Papers: 15th September. For more info: [click here](#)
- International Seminar 2025 on Human Touch in the Digital Age: Re-Humanizing Library and Information Services. Organized By Department Of Library And Information Science, Jadavpur University. Dates: 21-22, November 2025. Venue: TEQIP Building, Jadavpur University. For Registration: [Click here.](#)
- International Conference on Transforming Libraries for Viksit Bharat 2047: Advancing Digital Innovation Services in Higher Education, Public, and Community Libraries (SVSU-ICTL 2025), to be held on 21–22 November 2025, jointly organized by the Raja Kunwar Singh Subharti Department of Library & Information Science, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, Swami Vivekanand Subharti University, Meerut, and the Society for Information and Research Studies, New Delhi. Information and Research Studies, New Delhi. For Registration: [Click here.](#)
- The Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF), under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, is sponsoring an International Conference on Transforming Libraries: Innovation, Management, Smart Technologies, and Creative Knowledge of Society for the Future, to be held on 12th & 13th



Forthcoming Events

- December 2025, organized by the University Library, Periyar University, Salem–636 011, Tamil Nadu, India. For more info: [click here](#)
- I-LIPS 2025: International Conference on "Innovative Technologies in Librarianship: Challenges and Opportunities", to be held on December 12–14, 2025, at JECRC Foundation, Jaipur, India. For more info: [click here](#)
- Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) Consortium is organizing a National Conference on Engineering Librarianship, from 11th - 13th December 2025 at Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belagavi. For more info: [click here](#)
- The Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF), under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, is sponsoring an International Conference on Transforming Libraries: Innovation, Management, Smart Technologies, and Creative Knowledge of Society for the Future, to be held on 12th & 13th December 2025, organized by the University Library, Periyar University, Salem–636 011, Tamil Nadu, India. For more info: [click here](#)

Workshops, Programmes, Training & Courses

- The Central Library of Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning (SSSIHL), Vidyagiri, Prasanthi Nilayam, Puttaparthi – 515134, is organizing a National Level Workshop on Koha: An Open-Source Integrated Library Management System, to be held from October 10 to 11, 2025. For Registration: [Click here.](#)
- The Jamia Hamdard, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), Ministry of Culture, Government of India, and Maulana Azad Arabic Persian Research Institute (MAAPRI), Government of Rajasthan, are jointly organizing a week-long Workshop on 'Digitization and Conservation of Archival Collections,' to be held from October 13–17, 2025, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM (IST) at Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi. For more info: [Click here.](#)
- User Awareness Programme on IRINS and INFLIBNET Services at Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu. Organized at Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu in collaboration with INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat. Programme Date and Duration: October 24, 2025 - One-Day Programme (Offline Mode). For Registration: [Click here.](#)
- One-day Workshop on “Analog to Digital: The Transformation” to be held at IFP on 31st October 2025 from 9:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. Organized by the French Institute of Pondicherry in collaboration with the SALIS Puducherry. For Registration: [Click here.](#)
- One-Week Online National Workshop on Library Automation and RFID Technologies will be held from 10th to 14th November, 2025. For more info: [Click here.](#)
- Refresher Course on Library & Information Science (Online Mode). Organized by UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (formerly HRDC), Mizoram University. Duration of the Course - 5th – 18th Feb, 2026. For Registration: [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

UGC-NET - Junior Research Fellowship

UGC-NET is a test to determine the eligibility of Indian nationals for 'award of Junior Research Fellowship and appointment as Assistant Professor', 'appointment as Assistant Professor and admission to Ph.D.' and 'admission to Ph.D. only' in Indian universities and colleges. Any candidate aiming to qualify UCC NET must have a master's degree or equivalent in a relevant subject from a recognized university (55% aggregate marks for General/EWS/OBC candidates and 50% for SC/ST/OBC/PwD/Transgender candidates). The age limit is up to 30 years for the general category. Age relaxation for candidates in OBC-NCL, SC/ST, PwD, and women categories is applicable as per government rules. JRF qualified candidates can get admission into the Ph.D. programme in their post-graduation subjects or allied areas in universities/institutions recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC) as per the regulations.

UGC-Junior Research Fellowship (JRF): Candidates must secure the minimum qualifying marks for the Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) in the UGC-NET examination in their respective subjects to become eligible for the fellowship. The total number of slots available for awarding JRF is allocated among different categories as per the reservation policy of the government.

National Fellowship for Other Backward Classes (NF-OBC): This fellowship is granted to unemployed students belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBC) to pursue Ph.D. degrees (full-time) in Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences and Engineering & Technology. OBC students who have qualified for the National Eligibility Test- Junior Research Fellowship (NET-JRF) of UGC or UGC-Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (UGC-CSIR) NET-JRF joint test are eligible to apply for the fellowship. New slots are declared every year, and selection is merit-based.

National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students (NFSC): This fellowship is provided to Scheduled Caste (SC) students for pursuing Ph.D. degree in Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences in Indian Universities/Institutions/Colleges recognized by University Grants Commission (UGC). The scheme provides new slots every year to such SC students who have qualified the National Eligibility Test- Junior Research Fellowship (NET-JRF) of UGC or UGC-Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (UGC-CSIR) NET-JRF joint test. These slots are over and above the number of SC students selected under the normal reservation policy of the Government for UGC Junior Research Fellowship.

For all the above fellowships:

- The cutoff for qualifying for the fellowship is determined every year as per the rules for each subjects separately.
- The candidates are entitled to a Monthly Stipend to conduct research along with Housing Rent Allowance (HRA) and Contingency Grant.
- Initially the JRF is granted for two years. After two years of joining JRF, if the progress in the research work of the awardee is found satisfactory, his/her tenure is extended for a further period of three years as Senior Research Fellowship (SRF) as per UGC Fellowship Guidelines.

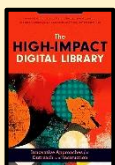
For details about the eligibility, validity, duration etc. of the fellowships, visit: <https://www.ugc.gov.in/>

Latest Publication



The Quick-Start Library Guide: A Handbook for Paraprofessionals and New School Librarians by Kelly Mayfield and Amy O. Milstead. New Delhi: Bloomsbury Libraries Unlimited. Sept 2025. ASIN (ebk) B0FLN4HYQ1; ₹3,903.90

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Trends on Tech

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Litero offers a free plan with limited AI generation, source search, citation tools, and AI detection, while the premium plan provides unlimited AI features, built-in ChatGPT, plagiarism checking, and advanced rewriting tools.

Trends on Tech

Transkribus

Transkribus is a platform for digitizing, transcribing, and analysing historical documents. It's especially strong in handwritten text recognition (HTR), layout and structure recognition, and provides tools for editing, searching, model training, and exporting documents.

Key Features

- **Handwritten & Printed Text Recognition:** Transkribus can process both handwritten and printed texts, with custom model training available so you can adapt to your own documents.
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Transkribus uses a credit-based pricing model, offering a free tier with monthly credits for individual users. Paid plans provide additional credits, advanced features, team collaboration tools, and priority processing, with options available for individuals, teams, and institutions.

Obituary



It is with profound sorrow that we share the news of the passing away of two distinguished stalwarts of the Library and Information Science fraternity—Prof. S. Seetharama, Former Professor & Head, Documentation Research and Training Centre (DRTC), Bangalore, who passed away 26th September in Hyderabad and Dr. Shivanna, Former Deputy Librarian, Bangalore University.

Prof. Seetharama was a highly respected academic and mentor who dedicated his career to advancing research and education in information science. His work at DRTC inspired generations of scholars and professionals, and his vision for modernizing library practices remains a guiding light in the discipline. Beyond his scholarly pursuits, he was known for his generosity in sharing knowledge and for nurturing young researchers to pursue innovation in the field. Prof. Seetharama played a significant role in designing the DVK Central Library in Bangalore. His vast knowledge and invaluable contributions to the field of library design and planning have been a great source of inspiration.

Dr. Shivanna, with his long and dedicated service at Bangalore University Library, contributed significantly to the development of library services and user-centric resources. His leadership and commitment to librarianship helped shape the institution into a center of learning and research support.

Together, their contributions enriched the LIS profession in India and beyond. Their passing marks an irreparable loss, leaving behind cherished memories, enduring scholarship, and a legacy of dedication that will continue to inspire. We convey our heartfelt condolences to their families and colleagues.

Social Media News

Andhra Pradesh is going to build an international standard central library (Amaravati). The Andhra Pradesh government announced a ₹150 crore project to build a world-class central library in Amaravati, targeting completion in about 24 months. Alongside infrastructure, there is likely to be digital / social media promotion of this project (updates, virtual tours, community engagement). It offers an opportunity for library professionals to observe how new libraries integrate digital storytelling / social media in their promotion. To read more [click here](#).

Mychal Threets, a former librarian and social media influencer known for spreading “library joy,” was announced as the host of the new Reading Rainbow reboot. This is a moment of convergence between library advocacy and pop culture, showing how social media personas can amplify library values. ‘Reading Rainbow’ is returning with all-new episodes, which means new friends, new projects and, of course, new books. The original “Reading Rainbow” was hosted by LeVar Burton and ran on public television from 1983 to 2006. Its premise centers on encouraging children to read, discuss literature and visit the library. A perfect candidate for the job, Threets rose to internet fame a few years ago for sharing motivational videos about his passion for reading online. He has since amassed nearly 2 million followers across several platforms. To read more [click here](#).

The ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom released a “Intellectual Freedom News” issue (Sept 12, 2025) summarizing ongoing debates around censorship, book challenges, privacy, and internet filtering in libraries.

Several libraries in the Jacksonville area will welcome new visitors throughout October with a popular program sponsored by the region’s library system. The seventh annual Library Crawl invites everyone to explore the libraries of the Illinois Heartland Library System, which covers the southern half of the state. It also demonstrates the benefits of a library card, which allows users to check out materials from the libraries they visit.

Government of India, in collaboration with IGNCA (Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts), launched Gyan Bharatam via a three-day International Conference held 11–13 September at Vigyan Bhawan, Delhi, under the theme Reclaiming India’s Knowledge Legacy through Manuscript Heritage. The conference convened over 1000 scholars, experts, cultural practitioners and institutions from India and abroad to deliberate across eight thematic working groups covering digitisation, conservation, script decipherment, metadata standards, legal frameworks and outreach. On 12 September, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Gyan Bharatam portal, an AI-driven national repository aiming to digitise and make accessible thousands of years of Indian manuscript knowledge.

GLAM Special Report

Sewa Parv 2025: Collective Service, Shared Future

Ministry of Culture
Government of India

**Viksit Bharat Ke
Rang, Kala Ke Sang**

एक विश्व कीर्तिमान बनाने की ओर
17th September to 2nd October 2025

राष्ट्रव्यापी आंदोलन — हर राज्य, हर जिले और हर गाँव

Participant Categories:
Professional Artists (Age 30 & Above)
Young Artists / College Students / School Students

For Institutions & Organisations

- All participating institutions & organisations must upload program details & event photographs on the official Sewa Parv portal: [sewaparv2025.mca.gov.in](#)
- Real-time updates to be shared on respective social media platforms using official #SewaParv hashtag

For Individual Participants

- Artists, college students, & school participants to upload their photos along with artworks on the official Sewa Parv portal: [sewaparv2025.mca.gov.in](#)
- Photographs and artworks to be also uploaded on social media platforms using the official hashtag #SewaParv

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Hon'ble Prime Minister
Shri Narendra Modi Ji.

Prime Minister, Narendra Modi

Service is the resolve.
India First the Inspiration... 75 years

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Sewa Parv, also known as the "Service Festival," is an exciting and inspiring nationwide initiative in India that honors the spirit of volunteerism, creativity, and service to our nation. This year, it runs from September 17th to October 2nd, culminating in a special celebration on Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary. The 2025 festivities are particularly significant, drawing inspiration from Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of a developed India, or Viksit Bharat, by 2047. Join us in embracing this noble cause and contributing to the nation's progress!

Sewa Parv stands out as an inspiring initiative centered on the theme of service, encapsulating the essence of patriotism and civic duty. With the 2025 theme, "Viksit Bharat ke Rang, Kala ke Sang" (Colors of Developed India, with Art), the event aims to blend cultural expression with the spirit of service. Organized primarily by the Ministry of Culture, this event garners support from various ministries, government departments, and educational institutions, creating a collaborative environment. A diverse group of participants, including professional artists, students, academics, community leaders, and the general public, come together to engage in meaningful, service-oriented cultural activities. Additionally, the event encourages digital participation, allowing individuals and institutions to contribute by uploading their artworks and creative pieces to the Sewa Parv portal, thereby expanding its reach and impact.

Sewa Parv offers an exciting array of activities that beautifully blend cultural expression with a commitment to civic responsibility. Throughout India, art workshops and competitions invite individuals to channel their creativity, all centered around the inspiring theme of "Sewa Parv – Vision of Viksit Bharat". In addition to artistic pursuits, cleanliness drives are organized to foster a sense of environmental stewardship, reinforcing the belief that "cleanliness is the truest form of service". Community engagement is also at the heart of Sewa Parv, where local events feature cultural gatherings, meaningful interactions with marginalized communities, and the distribution of assistive devices to those in need. Furthermore, a commitment to heritage is evident through events hosted at significant cultural sites, aiming to link India's rich legacy with a sense of social responsibility. This multifaceted approach ensures that Sewa Parv is not just a celebration, but also an active contribution to society.

Preserving Ancient Healing: WHO to Launch: Traditional Medicine Digital Library

Inclusive and far-reaching  500+ in-person delegates and 5000 virtual participants from over 100 countries	Strategic dialogue  WHO Global Strategy and the Gujarat Declaration guide discussion with clear goals	High-level leadership  High-level policymakers join Indigenous Peoples, youth, private sector and others, in shared dialogue
Latest evidence and tools  New global knowledge products and tools to be launched	Robust roadmap  Country- and regional-led pre-events rally partners in the lead-up to the Summit	Financing and innovations  New commitments and pledges to advance Traditional Medicine research and innovation

The World Health Organization (WHO) is set to unveil an ambitious digital knowledge hub focused on traditional, complementary, and integrative medicine. The Traditional Medicine Global Library (TMGL) is scheduled for launch in December 2025 during the WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine in New Delhi, India.

Even though 170 WHO Member States utilize various forms of traditional medicine, this valuable approach has frequently been overlooked in scientific and policy

discussions. The TMGL aims to address this gap by aggregating, safeguarding, and distributing a wealth of information on traditional, complementary, and integrative medicine from diverse knowledge sources worldwide. This initiative not only promotes equitable access but also facilitates informed learning and decision-making.

The TMGL will be a robust resource, boasting over 1.5 million records by the first half of 2025. These records encompass evidence maps, journals, multimedia collections, policies, and regulations. In addition, the platform will feature six interconnected regional portals and 194 dedicated country pages that showcase essential resources and research analytics. Stay tuned for this groundbreaking launch.

Library in Focus

The Story of 136-Year-Old Chaitanya Library: A Bibliophile's Paradise



Among the most significant institutions in Kolkata, century old Chaitanya Library is one such paradise. The library was inaugurated on 5th February, 1889 on the auspicious occasion of Basanti Panchami or Saraswati Puja (Hindu Goddess of Knowledge). This 136-year-old library was the brainchild of stalwarts of the late 19th century, boasting of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore as one of its founding members. Other two founder members were Gaur Hari Sen and Kunj Behari Datta. After being established by Rabindranath Tagore and others on 5th Feb 1889, the library is credited with the distinction as the first registered society of its kind on 5th Aug 1891 under Societies Registration Act 1860 in undivided Bengal. Tagore was one of the signatories of the trust deed of 1891 and the poet was associated with the library as Vice President from 1890 to

several years thereafter. After that the Chaitanya Library was grew up by a committee of 284 members including 6 women.

Many great men of the past like Sir Asutosh Chowdhury, Dwijendranath Tagore, Rev. Alex Tomory, Sir Gurudas Banerjee, Dr Mahendralal Sarkar, Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, Sir Ramendra Sunder Trivedi, R. C. Dutta, Dr R. C. Bhandarkar, Sister Nivedita, Justice of Calcutta High Court, Consul Generals of USA delivered lectures and attended sessions here. The library bears another distinction of witnessing 2 Nobel laureates, Tagore and C.V. Raman deliver lectures only at this institution in the pre independence era. Sometimes, the numbers were so large that the Minerva Theatre next door was used to accommodate the audience. The library itself came to be esteemed as a storehouse of Bengali literature. Chaitanya Library was the witness of an interesting episode of Bengal literature. Bankimchandra Chattopadhyay died on 8th April, 1894. Three weeks after his death, a memorial meeting organized by the Chaitanya Library and the Beadon Square Literary Club was held at Star Theatre. It was decided that the speakers would be Rajanikanta Gupta, the famous historian; Haraprasad Sastri, notable scholar of Buddhism and Bengali literature and Rabindranath Tagore, then a young but already much acclaimed poet.

The library started its operation at 83, Beadon Street with two periodicals, Bangabasi and Sanjibani and the daily, Indian Mirror. Towards the end of 1893, it shifted to a two-storeyed building at 4/1, Beadon Street on a monthly rent of Rs.200 where it completed its 125th birth anniversary. The ground floor housed a free reading room and a lecture-cum-meeting place. Now the library houses over 150,000 documents including books, rare books and journals, other invaluable works on Indian history, philosophy and culture.

According to a library well-wisher, the books need immediate restoration and digitization is also a plan that is on the agenda for improvement. All these require a huge sum of money but unfortunately the library is neither aided by the Government nor by any private donors. The subscription system is long out of date and amounts to a paltry INR 5 per month per member. The committee which presently runs the library wishes to send its message of request of help to the larger community out in the city to come forward with their help and resources to give the library a fresh lease of life.

The library is the venue for free classes for the children of the nearby slums. Along with such endeavours, the library also seeks to re-establish itself as a hub of cultural activities in North Kolkata. A senior committee member said that "it is our shared responsibility to do whatever we can in our own way to protect this story and take it forward for the next generation". Today, the library stands as a monumental institution, housing untold quantities of rare books on Indian history, politics, and culture. Good news is that The Calcutta Heritage Collective has taken up the project to restore and revive the heritage library.

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