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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

We have successfully completed a fruitful one-year journey of publishing the *UB Newsletter*. This endeavour was not without its challenges; there were many ups and downs, countless brainstorming sessions, and numerous dream-weaving moments that have made this achievement possible. After publishing 12+1 issues, we are now on the verge of releasing our next issue with ISSN accreditation, marking the beginning of a new era for *Universal Briefing*. Our publication has left a significant footprint in the Library and Information Science (LIS) domain, and we are proud of the impact it has made.

Reflecting on this enriching year, we are grateful for the opportunity to share knowledge, innovations, and best practices through our 13 issues, which have fostered meaningful dialogue within our community. The ISSN accreditation stands as a proud milestone in our journey, a testament to our commitment to quality and scholarly recognition. This accomplishment is a result of the collective efforts of our contributors, readers, and editorial team. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has been part of this journey, and we look forward to continuing our mission of advancing the LIS profession through this publication. To ensure even greater enrichment in the future, we kindly request your continued support by sharing valuable data, insights, and resources that will help us grow and evolve in the coming years.

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Latest Vacancies

- Recruitment for Post of School Librarian Teachers' Recruitment Board, Tripura (Trbt) Education (School) Department, Govt. Of Tripura: Last Date - 06/12/2024- [click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for Post of Deputy Librarian at Tripura University (A Central University) Suryamaninagar-799022 Tripura, INDIA : Last Date - 13/12/2024- [click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for Post of Library Assistant at Bihar Vidhan Sabha Secretariat, Bihar : Last Date - 13/12/2024- [click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for Post of Assistant Librarian at Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University, Prayagraj : Last Date - 20/12/2024- [click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for Post of Librarian at Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh: Last Date - 20/12/2024- [click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for Post of Library Attendant (3 posts) at Central University of Himachal Pradesh : Last Date - 22/12/2024- [click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for Post of Librarian Grade 2 at King George's Medical University Lucknow: Last Date - 31/12/2024- [click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for Post of Librarian at French Institute Of Pondicherry, 11, Saint Louis Street Pondicherry-605001 : Last Date - 31/12/2024- [click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for Post of Library Information Assistant (LIA) at Institute Of Wood Science & Technology (Iwst), Bengaluru : Last Date - 03/01/2025- [click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for Post of Library & Information Assistant at NIT, Warangal : Last Date - 07/01/2025- [click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for Post of Chief Librarian and Senior Librarian at AIIMS Raipur : Last Date - 13/01/2025- [click here for more](#)

Announcement

35th Study Circle

The 35th study circle of universal briefing took place on 9th November at 7.30 pm. The speaker for the session was Gargi Dhali, Librarian, Kendriya Vidyalaya NFR, New Jalpaiguri & Research Scholar, Department of Library and Information Science, University of North Bengal and the President of the session was Dr. Sanat Kumar Bhattacharya, Assistant Librarian, In-Charge, Siksha Bhavana Library, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan. The topic of the study circle was "Evaluating Scholarly Communication on Sustainable Data Security in Library Systems".

The speaker delivered an insightful presentation on the topic mentioned above. She emphasized the critical role of data security in modern library environments, where vast amounts of sensitive information are stored and accessed. The discussion focused on the evolving challenges libraries face in maintaining both the integrity and accessibility of their digital collections while safeguarding user privacy. She discussed key research on best practices for secure data management and the importance of adopting sustainable security protocols.

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Through her study the speaker highlighted the crucial intersection of technology and policy, stressing the need for libraries to keep up with changing cybersecurity threats while managing limited resources.

36th Study Circle

The 36th study circle of universal briefing took place on 30th November at 7.30 pm. The speaker for the session was Subham Das, Junior Research Fellow, Department of Library and Information Science, Jadavpur University, Kolkata and the President of the session was Dr. Madhusri Ghosh Upadhyay, Deputy Librarian, Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata. The topic of the study circle was "Impact of Web Accessibility on Health Information- Seeking Behaviour of specially Abled Persons".

The speaker delivered an eloquent and engaging presentation on the topic mentioned above, which focused on finding the best performing AIIMS hospital in terms of web accessibility. He explained in great detail the three main elements of his study that were web accessibility, definition of especially abled person and impact of web accessibility on information seeking behaviour of especially abled individuals. Additionally, he outlined the guidelines of web accessibility and the principle behind it, providing a solid foundation for understanding the subject. The speaker also presented a detailed comparative analysis of two AIIMS websites that was conducted by him, using WAVE software. His case studies highlighted critical errors in these sites' compliance with WCAG 2.0 standards. Through his work, he not only emphasized the significance of web accessibility but also demonstrated practical ways to enhance it in any website.

UB-Study Circle (Forthcoming Notification)

The 37th study circle of the Universal Briefing will take place on 21st December at 7.30 pm.

Diamond Jubilee celebration of Department of Library and Information Science, Jadavpur University



The Department of Library and Information Science, Jadavpur University completed their glorious 60 years of establishment this year. On the occasion of Diamond Jubilee of DLIS, along with two days International Seminar on "Libraries on Metamorphosis: From Clay Tablets to Tabs", a cultural program was organized by DLIS at TEQIP Building, Jadavpur University from 12th to 14th November, 2024. On 12th November, the program was inaugurated by Prof. Bhaskar Gupta, Prof. Amitava Datta, Dr. Rupa Bandyopadhyay, Dr. Debasish Pal, Prof. Udayan Bhattacharya, Prof. Subarna Kumar Das, Prof. Sunil Kumar Chatterjee, Prof. Gautam Maity. On that day, many of the renowned

alumni were felicitated and a very graceful and enjoyable cultural program was performed by the departmental students.

On 13th and 14th November, the two days International Seminar on "Libraries on Metamorphosis: From Clay Tablets to Tabs" started. The seminar was financially assisted by Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF) and Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR). The theme of this seminar, focusing on the metamorphosis of libraries, mirrors the journey of the department and the discipline itself. From humble beginnings with clay tablets as records of knowledge to today's sophisticated digital libraries, this evolution highlights how far we have come. On 13th November Prof. Suranjan Das, Prof. B. V. Sharma, Prof. B. V. Sharma, Prof. Pravakar Rath were present to inaugurate the seminar. Former VC Suranjan Das spoke about the enduring value of physical books despite advancements in digital access. Many of the students, Research Scholars, Librarians and Library Professionals presented their Research paper on that seminar. The program was ended by a keynote and the certificates was distributed among all the participants.



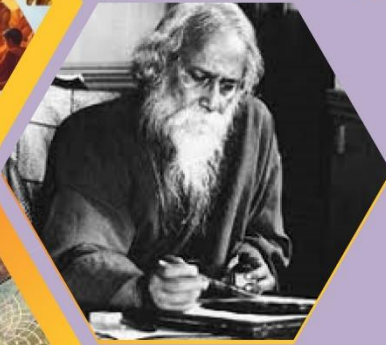
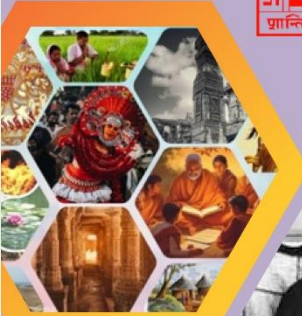
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Research Spotlight

DLIS, Mizoram University, Aizawl (Awarded Works 2024)

1. **Thesis Title:** Scientometric Mapping of Library and Information Science Research across the Asian Nations
Scholar's Name: N G Thermi Moyon
Supervisor: Prof. R.K Ngurtinkhuma & Prof. Akhandanand Shukla

DLIS, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad (Awarded Works 2024)

2. **Thesis Title:** Preservation conservation and restoration of rare materials of district libraries of Gujarat state.
Scholar's Name: Namrata Hitesh Kamdar
Supervisor: Dr. Rakesh D. Parmar
3. **Thesis Title:** Preservation conservation and restoration of rare materials of district libraries of Gujarat state.
Scholar's Name: Mahesh Devanandbhai Nandaniya
Supervisor: Dr. Rakesh D. Parmar

DLIS, Gauhati University, Guwahati (Awarded Works 2024)

4. **Thesis Title:** Citation Analysis of Doctoral Theses in Library and Information Science Submitted to the Universities in North East India
Scholar's Name: Jaba Moni Das
Supervisor: Dr. Dipen Deka

DLIS, Shri Govind Guru University, Godhra (Awarded Works 2024)

5. **Thesis Title:** Evaluation of ICT Skills Of Library Professionals Working In The Libraries Affiliated To SGG University
Scholar's Name: Kajalben P Vachhani
Supervisor: Dr. Dipti N. Soni

DLIS, Alagappa University, Karaikudi (Awarded Works 2024)

6. **Thesis Title:** Research Trends on Multiple Disabilities Literature A Scientometric Analysis
Scholar's Name: T Sumathi
Supervisor: Dr. R Jeyashankar & Dr. S. Thanuskodi

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

7. **Thesis Title:** Collection and Services in Engineering Colleges of Jammu and Kashmir State A User Study
Scholar's Name: Asha Rani
Supervisor: Dr. Meghna Dhar

"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!"

Research Recap

RESEARCH RECAP OF DIFFERENT UNIVERSITIES

(THIS EDITION FOCUSES ON **PT. RAVISHANKAR SHUKLA UNIVERSITY, RAIPUR** AWARDED WORKS)

Awarded Works in 1994

1. **Thesis Title:** Use pattern of literature in economics researchers A bibliometric study
Scholar's Name: Maya Verma
Supervisor: Dr. A.K Varma
2. **Thesis Title:** मध्यप्रदेश के विश्वविद्यालयीन ग्रंथालयों में कार्मिक प्रबंध
Scholar's Name: Laxman Sahu
Supervisor: Dr. A.K Varma

Awarded Works in 2000

3. **Thesis Title:** मध्यप्रदेश के कृषि विश्वविद्यालयीन ग्रंथालयों में उपयोक्ता अध्ययन : एक सर्वेक्षण
Scholar's Name: Ashutosh Mishra
Supervisor: Dr. A.K Varma

Awarded Works in 2002

4. **Thesis Title:** मध्यप्रदेश के कृषि विश्वविद्यालयीन ग्रंथालयों में मानव शक्ति नियोजन एवं कार्य विश्लेषण
Scholar's Name: Harish Kumar Sahu
Supervisor: Dr. A.K Varma

Awarded Works in 2006

5. **Thesis Title:** A Bibliometric Analysis of Citations of Doctoral Dissertation in Economics: A Comparative Study of Universities of Madhya Pradesh
Scholar's Name: Prashant Bopapukar
Supervisor: Dr. A.K Varma

Awarded Works in 2007

6. **Thesis Title:** Financial Management and Use of Science Journals : A Bibliometric Study of Doctoral Thesis in Chemistry in the University Libraries of Madhya Pradesh Since 1986-1996
Scholar's Name: Sanjay Dongre
Supervisor: Dr. A.K Varma

Awarded Works in 2010

7. **Thesis Title:** Management Information Systems in libraries: with special reference to university libraries of Chhattisgarh
Scholar's Name: Md. Imtiaz Ali
Supervisor: Dr. A.K Varma

Awarded Works in 2012

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8. **Thesis Title:** छत्तीसगढ़ एवं मध्यप्रदेश के विश्वविद्यालयीन ग्रंथालयों का वित्तीय प्रबंध एक आलोचनात्मक
Scholar's Name: Sunil Kumar Soni
Supervisor: Dr. A.K Varma
9. **Thesis Title:** समाजशास्त्रीय शोधों में प्रयुक्त प्रलेखों की प्रकृति: छत्तीसगढ़ के विश्वविद्यालयों की पी.एच.डी. शोध प्रबंधों की प्रथमिति अध्ययन
Scholar's Name: Monika Awadhiya
Supervisor: Dr. A.K Varma
10. **Thesis Title:** Pranishastra ke shodh prabandho me prayukt pralekho ka udhaharan vishleshshn: Chhatisgarh vishyavidhyalayo ki Ph. D. shodh prabandho ka ek granthmitiy adhyayan
Scholar's Name: Y. Meera Bai
Supervisor: Dr. A.K Varma

Awarded Works in 2014

11. **Thesis Title:** छत्तीसगढ़ के विश्वविद्यालयों में इतिहास विषय के शोध प्रबंधों का एक ग्रंथमिति अध्ययन
Scholar's Name: Preeti Mishra
Supervisor: Dr. Maya Verma
12. **Thesis Title:** Vishvidhyalayin pathako ke adhyayan vyavhar par electronic sansadhano ka prabhav (Madhya Pradesh evam Chhattisgarh ke vishesh sandarbh mein)
Scholar's Name: Santu Ram Kashyap
Supervisor: Dr. Maya Verma
13. **Thesis Title:** Information Gathering Habits of Engineering College Faculty in Chhattisgarh State
Scholar's Name: Sudha Singh
Supervisor: Dr. Maya Verma
14. **Thesis Title:** Information need and information seeking behaviour of medical scientists in Chhattisgarh
Scholar's Name: Kshama Thakur
Supervisor: Dr. Maya Verma
15. **Thesis Title:** छत्तीसगढ़ के विश्वविद्यालयीन ग्रंथालयों में पुस्तकालय एवं सूचना नेटवर्क केन्द्र का योगदान : एक अध्ययन
Scholar's Name: Sudha Sharma
Supervisor: Dr. Maya Verma

Awarded Works in 2017

16. **Thesis Title:** Literature On Information Technology Based On Lisa A Scientometric Study
Scholar's Name: Madhuri Gautam
Supervisor: Dr. Maya Verma
17. **Thesis Title:** छत्तीसगढ़ के आयकर अधिवक्ताओं की सूचना खोज व्यवहार एक अध्ययन
Scholar's Name: Jharna Soni

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Supervisor: Dr. Suparna Sen Gupta

18. **Thesis Title:** Chhattisgarh Ke Sarvajanic Pustakalaya Me Pathakon Ki Pathan Abhiruchi: Ek Samalochanatmak Adhyayan

Scholar's Name: Bhawna Verma

Supervisor: Dr. Suparna Sen Gupta

Awarded Works in 2018

19. **Thesis Title:** Digital Yug Me Pustakalaya Prabandh: Chhattisgarh Evam Madhyapradesh Ke Chayanit Vishwavidyalayon Ka Tulnatmak Adhyayan

Scholar's Name: Purnima Kumari

Supervisor: Dr. Maya Verma

20. **Thesis Title:** Chhattisgarh Ke Uchchar Madhyamik Vidyalaya Ke Adiwasi Chhatron Ka Suchna Khoj Vyavahar: Ek Adhyayan

Scholar's Name: Beauty Chaudhary

Supervisor: Dr. Suparna Sen Gupta

21. **Thesis Title:** Digital Yug Me Ispat Sanyantra Ke Prabandhkon Ka Suchana Khoj Vyavahar: Bhilai Rourkela Evam Durgapur Ispat Sanyantron Ke Vishesh Sandarbh Me

Scholar's Name: Megha Thakur

Supervisor: Dr. Maya Verma

22. **Thesis Title:** Chhattisgarh Ke Media Vyavasaiyon Ki Suchana Khoj Vyavahar Ka Adhyayan Raipur Jila Ke Vishesh Sandarbh Me

Scholar's Name: Neeti Tamrakar

Supervisor: Dr. Md. Imtiaz Ali

Awarded Works in 2019

23. **Thesis Title:** A Critical Study of Libraries of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas of Chhattisgarh

Scholar's Name: Swati Tikam

Supervisor: Dr. Md. Imtiaz Ali

Awarded Works in 2020

24. **Thesis Title:** A Bibliometric Study of Conference Proceedings of IFLA Collnet And Caliber

Scholar's Name: Pratima Rajiv

Supervisor: Dr. Maya Verma

Awarded Works in 2021

25. **Thesis Title:** [not found]

Scholar's Name: Manjusha Dolly Asher

Supervisor: Dr. Md. Imtiaz Ali

26. **Thesis Title:** Chhattisgarh Ke Mahavidyalayin Krishi Vaigyanikon Dwara Granthalayon Me Upalabdh Sansadhanon Evam Sewaon Ka Upyog Ek Adhyayan

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Scholar's Name: Diganjan Singh Mahipal
Supervisor: Dr. Maya Verma

Awarded Works in 2022

27. **Thesis Title:** Chhattisgarh Ke Pt Ravishankar Shukla Vishwavidyalaya Evam Atal Bihari Bajpai Vishwavidyalaya Ke Samajik Vigyan Shikshakon Ki Suchana Aavashyakta Evam Khoj Vyavahar Ek Adhyayan

Scholar's Name: Kriti Jachak

Supervisor: Dr. Santu Ram Kashyap

28. **Thesis Title:** Chhattisgarh Kshetra Ke Granthalaya Vyavasayikon Me Karya Santushti Ek Adhyayan

Scholar's Name: Aditi Joshi

Supervisor: Dr. Harish Kumar Sahu

29. **Thesis Title:** Krishi Vaniki Tatha Sambaddh Uchchatar Shaikshanik Sansthan Me Upyogkartaon Ka E Suchna Khoj Vyavhar Madhyapradesh Tatha Chhattisgarh Rajya Ke Vishesh Sandarbh Me Ek Vishleshanatmak Adhyayan

Scholar's Name: Vinod Kumar Ahirwar

Supervisor: Dr. Md. Imtiaz Ali

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Forthcoming Events

Conferences, Seminars, Webinars & Summits

The Department of Library & Information Science, Bangalore University, Jnanabharathi Campus, Bengaluru is celebrating its Golden Jubilee. On account of 50th year Anniversary in collaboration with Babasaheb Dr. B R Ambedkar Central Library, BUB and SLA-Asia Community is organising "International Conference on "Digital Landscape in Library 4.0 (DLL 4.0)" on December 2 to 4, 2024. For more info: [click here](#)

Webinar on "Unlocking the Secrets of Research: A Guide to Reproducibility and Effective Data Management", hosted by the Special Library Association's Engineering Community. Date & Time: 5 December 2024 (Thursday), 9.15am to 10.15am. For More Info: [Click Here](#)

3-Day IISRR- World Conference 2024 on "Paradigm Shift in Teaching-Learning, Research & Academic Administration: Scope of Ai Integration" will be held during 5, 6 & 7 December, 2024. Organised By the Indian Institute Of Social Reform & Research (IISRR) And Jointly With Department Of Library & Information Science, University Of Kalyani, And In Collaboration With The Department Of Library & Information Science, Jadavpur University, Kolkata And The Seacom Skills University, Santiniketan. Venue: Dr. Triguna Sen Auditorium, And K.P. Basu Memorial Hall, Jadavpur University, Kolkata 700032. For More Info: [Click Here](#)

Poornima Institute of Engineering & Technology Library Collaboration with IQAC organizing an online session on "Information Search and Reference Management Tools for Quality Research Writing". Date & Time: Saturday, 7th December 2024 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM. For registration: [Click here.](#)

42nd National Conference on TEMPLE 2024. Organized by Sri Venkateshwara University Library in collaboration with Andhra Pradesh Library Association. Date: 7th – 8th December 2024. Venue: Sri Venkateshwara University Library, Tirupati. For More Info: [Click Here](#)

The Institute of Secretariat Training & Management, New Delhi will be conducting Two weeks In-Service Training Course in Offline mode for Government Library & Information Science Professionals working in libraries of any government department from 09th Dec, 2024 to 20th Dec, 2024. For More Info: [Click Here](#)

Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi Sponsored Two-Day National Seminar on "Artificial Intelligence and Green Revolution: Transforming Library Management for Sustainable Futures" Organized by Central Library & Department of Library and Information Science, G.T.N. Arts College (Autonomous), Dindigul, from 12/12/2024 to 13/12/2024. For registration: [Click here.](#)

Two-Day National Level Workshop on Trending Technologies and Research Tools in Library & Information Science. Organized by Department of Library & Information Science, VVM's Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics, Margao-Goa Affiliated to Goa University, in collaboration with Directorate of Higher Education, Govt of Goa. Date: 16th & 17th December 2024. Venue: College Campus, Central Block, Hall No 02. More Info: [Click Here](#)

Three Day International Conference on Libraries at the Crossroads: Balancing Tradition and Technology (Hybrid Mode). Organized by University of Kerala, Dept. of Library and Information Science. Date: 19– 21, December 2024. For registration: [Click here.](#)

International Conference on Marching Beyond the Libraries: Leadership, Creativity and Innovation. Organized by Department of Library and Information Science & Central Library, KIIT Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar, India. Date: December 20-21, 2024. Time: 8:00 am– 5:00 pm. For more info: [click here](#)

The Bengal Library Association Centenary Seminar on Role of Library Associations in Library Movement in the Country. Organized By: The Bengal Library Association in Collaboration with University of Calcutta. Date: 20-22 December 2024 (Friday, Saturday & Sunday). Time: 9.00 AM -- 8.00 PM (IST). Venue:

Forthcoming Events

Centenary Auditorium, Asutosh Siksha Prangan, University of Calcutta (College Street Campus), Kolkata. For registration: [Click here.](#)

RULIC 2025. The International Conference on Viksit Bharat 2047: The Role of Public Libraries in Preserving Indian Knowledge Systems and Integrating NEP 2020. Jointly Organized By Ashok Goel Library & Centre for Human Sciences, Rishihood University, Sonapat, Haryana. Date: 3rd – 5th January, 2025. For more info: [click here](#)

National Seminar on "Role of Libraries in Viksit Bharat @2047", jointly organized by Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University, Vivekanand Library, and the Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, to be held on January 4, 2025. For more info: [click here](#)

National Conference on "Reimagining of Libraries: The Future of Traditional and Modern Synergy". Organized by Vivekanand Pratishthan Puraskrut KAKP Commerce and Science College, Jalgaon & Development Section, Kavayitri Bahinabai Chaudhari North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon. Date: 04th Jan 2025. Time: 10.00 am to 05.00 pm. For more info: [click here](#)

Re-Imagining Libraries (ReL-2025): National Conference on Balancing Tradition and Innovation in a Digital Era, Organized by Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai, in Collaboration with the Bombay Science Librarians Association (BOSLA). Date: 10th January 2025. For more info: [click here](#)

GLS 2025. The South Asian University, New Delhi and LIS Academy, Bangalore are organising the Global Library Summit–2025 during 5-7 February 2025 at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, Janpath, New Delhi. For more info: [click here](#)

International Conference on "AI-Driven Innovations in Academic and Research Librarianship" Organized by the CTTE Library in collaboration with IQAC and Meta Cognitive Technologies Pvt. Ltd. Date: February 6, 2025. For more info: [click here](#)

ICBSL-2025. The Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRLF), Sponsored Two-Day International Conference on 'Building Sustainable Libraries in Connecting Communities: Librarianship, Technology, and Collaboration' Organized by the Department of Library and Information Science, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, India, to be held on 7th & 8th February 2025. For more info: [click here](#)

International Conference on Knowledge Organisation in Academic Libraries (I-KOAL). Theme: Innovative Library Practices in Digital Era: Aligning with NEP-2020 for Viksit Bharat 2047. Date: Feb 20, 2025 - Feb 22, 2025. Place: Gorakhpur, India. For more info: [click here](#)

Two Day International Seminar on "Role of Libraries in Unveiling Indian Knowledge Systems in Digital Era. Jointly Organized by Visva-Bharati Library Network & Universal Briefing, Kolkata. Venue: Lipika Auditorium, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan 731235, Birbhum, West Bengal, India. For more info: [click here](#)

6th NACML-2025 (National Conference on Management of Modern Libraries) on the theme 'Shaping the Future of Academic Libraries: Trends and Prospects' organized by SEARCH - The KMC Health Sciences Library in collaboration with the Department of Library and Information Science, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal, Karnataka, to be held on February 21-22, 2025. For more info: [click here](#)

32nd West Bengal State Science & Technology Congress (7th Regional Science & Technology Congress). Jointly Organized by Siliguri College, Darjeeling, Malda College, Birbhum, Midnapore College, Paschim Meenipur, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya, Nadia & Presidency University, Kolkata. Date: 28th February- 1st March, 2025. For more info: [click here](#)

Forthcoming Events

American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference. Date: June 26-July 1, 2025. Place: Philadelphia, PA, USA. For more info: [click here](#)

The ninth European Conference on Information Literacy (ECIL) will be co-organized and hosted by University of Bamberg from 22-25 September 2025, in Bamberg, Germany. For more info: [click here](#)

American Association of School Librarians (AASL). Date: October 16-18, 2025. Place: St. Louis, MO, USA. For more info: [click here](#)

Workshops, Programmes, Training & Courses

Advanced Training Programme on Bibliometrics and Research Output Analysis. Organized by The Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) Centre, Gandhinagar. Date: 02 - 06 December, 2024. For more info: [Click here.](#)

KLA Centre for Professional Development (KLA-CPD) offers two-day workshop on KOHA. Date: 14 to 15 December 2024. For registration: [Click here.](#)

A six-day "Workshop on Manuscriptology and Palaeography" will be organized from 18th – 23rd December 2024 at Sanskrit Sahitya Parishat. For more info: [Click here.](#)

Refresher Course in Library and Information Science (Offline). Organised by: UGC-MMTTC (HRDC), University of Rajasthan, Jaipur. Date: 06.01.2025 to 18.01.2025. For more info: [click here](#)

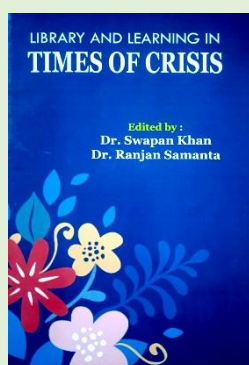
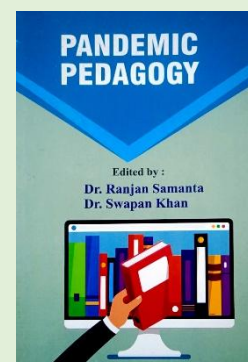
UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC) at Ranchi University, Ranchi, will be conducting an online short-term course on 'ICT in Library' from February 6, 2025, to February 12, 2025. For more info: [Click here.](#)

Koha Training (Online) organized by Oriental Library Association, Kolkata (Under West Bengal Society Registration Act, 1961 & Indian Trust Act, 1882). For registration: [Click here.](#)

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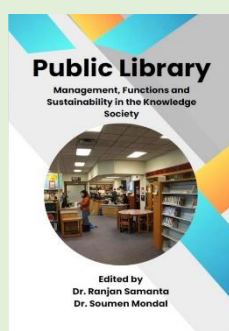
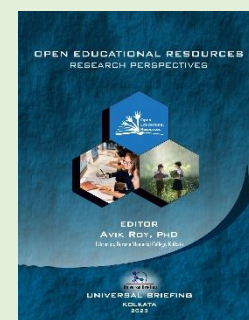
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The book “Pandemic Pedagogy” was published by Prova Prakashani in collaboration with Universal Briefing in the year 2020. It was jointly edited by Dr. Ranjan Samanta and Dr. Swapan Khan. The book had informative eighteenth chapters. The outstanding 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.

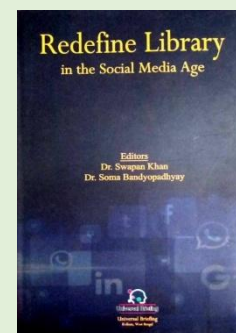
A book was published in February 2023 by Universal briefing with the title “Open Educational Resources: Research Perspectives”, comprising selected articles from the two-day International Webinar of the same title, which was organised by Universal Briefing on 20th and 21st November, 2021 at Kolkata,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



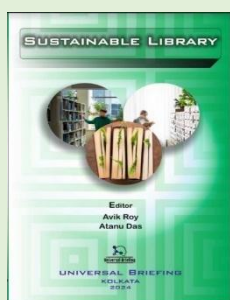
This book celebrates the profound impact of public libraries as vibrant spaces of learning, connection, and empowerment. In an era marked by rapid technological advancements and evolving societal needs, public libraries remain steadfast in their mission to provide equitable access to information and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

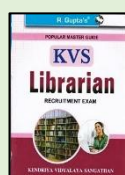


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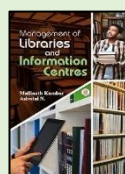


contents including books, book chapters, research articles, magazines, popular articles etc. Sustainability is the buzz of the day where almost every activity in the societal periphery culminates to the sustainable future. How can the library lag behind being one of the most important pillars of society? 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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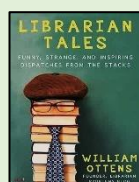
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Trends on Tech

Claude:

Claude is a generative artificial intelligence (AI) chatbot developed by Anthropic, a research firm that aims to create helpful, honest, and harmless AI systems. Amazon.com pumped another \$4 billion into OpenAI competitor Anthropic. This doubles Amazon's investment in the firm known for its GenAI chatbot Claude. [LINK](#) There are two main categories for Claude versions: legacy models and the current Claude 3 family. Legacy Models (no longer being actively developed):

- Claude 2.0: This was the predecessor to Claude 3, offering good performance on various tasks.
- Claude 2.1: An update to Claude 2.0 with improvements in accuracy and consistency.
- Claude Instant 1.2: A faster, less powerful version of Claude, focused on speed and efficiency. This is the predecessor to Claude Haiku in the Claude 3 family.
- Claude 3 Family (current):
- Claude 3 Haiku: The fastest and most compact model, designed for quick responses and simulating natural interactions.
- Claude 3 Sonnet: Offers a balance between speed and capability, well-suited for enterprise tasks and large-scale AI deployments. (This is the version currently powering the free tier of claude.ai)
- Claude 3 Opus: The most powerful model in the family, suited for complex tasks and demonstrating human-like understanding.

To know more, click [HERE](#)

OpenAI

Open AI is Launching an AI Agent That Can Do Work For People

OpenAI is on to the next wave of artificial intelligence with an autonomous agent it reportedly plans to launch in January. The AI agent, codenamed "Operator," can do tasks on behalf of a person, including coding and booking travel, Bloomberg reported, citing unnamed people familiar with the matter. MavenAGI is a new software company for the AI era. They recently launched an AI customer service agent, built on the flexibility of GPT-4, which a number of companies like Tripadvisor, Clickup and Rho are already using to save time and better serve their customers. To know more, click [HERE](#)

Social Media News

The British Council Reading Challenge 2024: Reading Challenge at the British Council Delhi Library with you. This year's theme, "Marvellous Makers," is all about celebrating creativity. From dance to drawing, music to junk modelling, the challenge encourages children to explore their creative side while discovering the joy of reading. The challenge runs from 24 November to 22 December. For more [click here](#)



IITD Library on National Television. To watch [click here](#)



The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved One Nation One Subscription, a new Central Sector Scheme for providing country-wide access to scholarly research articles and journal publication. Steered by the Department of Higher Education and the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, the scheme will be administered through a simple, user friendly and fully digital process. There will be a "One Nation One Subscription" facility for the government higher education institutions and R&D laboratories of the central government. This initiative is in line with the goals of Viksitbharat@2047, National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF). The initiative will expand access to scholarly journals to a vast diaspora of students, faculty, researchers and scientists of all disciplines, including those in tier 2 and tier 3 cities, thereby promoting core as well as interdisciplinary research in the country. The ANRF will periodically review the usage of One Nation One Subscription and publications of Indian authors of these institutions. For more [click here](#)



Central Library of Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, has successfully conducted an online training session on iThenticate 2.0. This session highlighted the significance and practical use of iThenticate 2.0 and maintaining originality in research by detecting similarities and promoting ethical practices in academic work. The session was led by Akshay Prasanna, expert from Turnitin, who provided valuable insights into the tool's practical applications.

An innovative creation, "Library Book Locating Device," has been officially registered as a design under The Patent Office, Government of India. This marks a significant step forward in enhancing user experiences within library systems through cutting-edge innovation. The device is designed to simplify and optimize book-finding processes, enhancing accessibility. This design belongs to the name of Dr. Pardeep Rai, Dr. Nidhi Srivastava, Dr. Vinceta Jain, Dr. Manoj Kumar Tiwari, Mr. Dheeraj Kumar Gupta as per provisions of the Designs Act, 2000 and the Designs Rules, 2001. For more [click here](#)

The Constitution of India in Regional Languages. Click the [NDLI link](#) and take a look at the Constitution of our Nation in your own language. Be informed of your rights as an Indian citizen and of your responsibility towards other citizens.

GLAM Special Report

8th International Ancient Arts Festival and Symposium

From November 8 to 10, 2024, the 8th International Ancient Arts Festival and Symposium was hosted at the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) in association with the "Rays of Wisdom Society" and with support from the Ministry of Culture, Government of India. This event included a symposium on "Art, Religion, and Healing" in addition to an exhibition titled "Metaphysical, Symbolic, and Healing Themes in Visual Arts." "Antar Yatra," a dance performance that explored the journey of awareness through yogic philosophy, was presented by Dr. Reela Hota as part of the cultural program. A Kuchipudi dance performance by Smt. Yamini Reddy and her troupe marked the end of the last day, while a voice recital by Shri Shrinivas Joshi took place on the second day. Dr. Sachchidanand Joshi, Member Secretary, IGNCA; Dr. Reela Hota, Odissi Danseuse and Founder, Rays of Wisdom Society; Dr. Manindra Thakur, Co-Convenor of the Conference; Prof. Richa Kamboj, Head of Kaladarsana, IGNCA; Amita Sarabhai, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture; and Shri V. Srinivas (IAS), Secretary, Government of India, Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) were among the distinguished guests in attendance.



The 'International Ancient Arts Conference', organized by the Rays of Wisdom Society and the Religion, Consciousness, and Spirituality Group, aimed to explore the healing potential of ancient art forms. Topics included conflict resolution, Baul philosophy, Odissi, drama movement, aesthetics, Malay traditional psychotherapy, devotional music, Kundalini in poetry, and spirituality in Indian fine arts. Dr. Madhu Khanna, Professor of Indic Religion and Tagore National Fellow at the National Museum in New Delhi, delivered the keynote speech. The special guest of honour at inaugural session of the conference was Dr.

Sachchidanand Joshi.

The 8th International Ancient Arts Festival and Symposium, held in Malaysia, featured speakers like Guru Ramli Ibrahim, Prof. Swati Pal, Dr. Shashi Bala, Dr. Uma Rele, Prof. Ashish Ghosh, and Prof. Arvind Sharma. The event emphasized the therapeutic impact of ancient arts on mental and spiritual well-being, uniting diverse cultural expressions. The three-day event celebrated the timeless connection between art and holistic health, highlighting the profound role of art in personal and social transformation.

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