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Universal Briefing (UB) is a voluntary, non-profit, nongovernmental organization with a primary focus on advancing Library and Information Services. Its goal is to cultivate professional expertise among 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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Mout Universal Briefing

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+3 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 15 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 the Post of Librarian at Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University (GGSIPU): A State University established by Govt. of NCT of Delhi SECTOR -16C, DWARKA, New Delhi-110078: Last Date 06/02/2025- Click Here For More
- Recruitment for the Post of Technical Assistant (Library)/Assistant Librarian at Birsa Munda Tribal University, Rajpipla, Dist.Narmada,Gujarat-393145: Last Date 07/02/2025- Click Here For More
- Recruitment for the Post of Assistant Library And Information Officer at Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi, GOI: Last Date 10/02/2025- Click Here For More
- Recruitment for the post of Guest Faculty in Library and Information Science Department at Andhra Pradesh Fisheries University, Vijayawada: Last Date 10/02/25 Click Here For More
- Recruitment for the Post of Apprentices in the field of Library & Information Science at ICSSR-NASSDOC, New Delhi: Last Date 11/02/25 Click Here For More
- Recruitment for the Post of Librarian and Assistant Librarian at Jiwaji University, Gwalior: Last Date 11/02/2025- Click Here For More
- Recruitment for the Post of Library Assistant In CSIR-Central Leather Research Institute Council Of Scientific & Industrial Research, Adyar, Chennai-600 020: Last Date 16/02/2025- Click Here For More
- Recruitment for Dr. S. R. Ranganathan Internship in BHU Libraries at Banaras Hindu University, Banaras:

 Last Date 17/02/25 Click Here For More
- Recruitment for the Post of Library & Information Assistant at National Institute of Sowa Rigpa (An autonomous body under the Ministry of AYUSH) Government of India, U.T. Ladakh, Leh : Last Date 17/02/2025- Click Here For More
- Recruitment for the Post of Deputy Librarian and Assistant Librarian at Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (A Central University under the Ministry of Railways, Government of India) Lalbaug, Vadodara, Gujarat: Last Date 20/02/2025- Click Here For More
- Recruitment for the Post of Assistant Librarian existing / anticipated vacancy on deputation basis at the National Human Rights Commission, Adhikar Bhawan, Block -C. GPO Complex, INA, New Delhi-110023: Last Date 21/02/2025- Click Here For More
- Recruitment for the Post of Library and Information Officer at National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Hyderabad: Last Date 23/02/2025- Click Here For More
- Recruitment for the Post of Librarian at Indian Institute of Advanced Study Rashtrapati Nivas, Shimla 171 005: Last Date 25/02/2025- Click Here For More
- Recruitment for the Post of Assistant Librarian at Govind Ballabh Pant University of Agriculture & Technology, Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand: Last Date 28/02/2025- Click Here For More
- ➤ Recruitment for the Post of Professor (Library & Information Science) at Doctor Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar (M.P.) INDIA: Last Date 04/03/2025- Click Here For More







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Announcement

38th Study Circle

The 38th study circle of universal briefing took place on 25th January at 7.30 pm. The speaker for the session was Ms. Apala Chatterjee Librarian, P.R. Thakur Govt. College Thakurnagar, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal and the President of the session was Dr. Ziaur Rahman, Associate Professor & Head Dept. of Library and Information Science, Rabindra Bharati University, West Bengal. The topic of the study circle was "The Matilda Effect: Invisible Women Scientists in Science".

The speaker introduced a compelling phenomenon that remains largely unknown to many: the Matilda Effect. She began by thoroughly explaining what this effect entails and how it contributes to the widening gender gap in STEM fields. Delving deeper, she highlighted several notable "Matildas" in science, illustrating the overlooked contributions of women throughout history. The speaker also explored the underlying causes that perpetuate this bias and offered insightful suggestions for mitigating its impact. Furthermore, she discussed how the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) can play a role in addressing this issue. Ultimately, her presentation underscored the critical need to reduce gender disparity in research and recognition, advocating for a more equitable and inclusive culture in academia.

UB-Study Circle (Forthcoming Notification)

The 39th study circle of the Universal Briefing will take place on 1st March, 2025 at 7.30 pm.

Upcoming International Seminar of Universal Briefing (Click into the Banner for more Details)













Obituary



We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of **Prof. Shahabuddin Ansari**, former Professor and University Librarian at **Jamia Millia Islamia University**. A highly respected scholar and library professional, Prof. Ansari was a guiding force in the field of library and information science. His remarkable dedication to academia and librarianship spanned several decades, during which he made significant contributions to research, teaching, and library administration. Known for his deep knowledge, unwavering commitment, and gentle demeanour, he played a crucial role in shaping the careers of many professionals who continue to uphold the values he instilled in them. His loss leaves an immense void in the academic and library fraternity.

Prof. Ansari was not only an outstanding librarian and educator but also a man of exceptional honesty, humility, and integrity. A silent worker, he remained deeply committed to his profession, always prioritizing knowledge and service over personal recognition. He was closely associated with distinguished scholars such as Prof. Girja Kumar, Prof. Kashyap, Prof. Krishan Kumar, Dr. A.R. Sethi, and Prof. P.B. Mangla, contributing immensely to academic discussions and library development initiatives. Despite his vast contributions to the field, he remained a humble and selfless individual who dedicated his life to the betterment of library services and the mentorship of young professionals.

A true mentor and father figure to many of his students, Prof. Ansari's impact extended far beyond the classroom. He not only guided students in their academic pursuits but also inspired them to uphold ethics, diligence, and professionalism in their careers. Many of his students and colleagues fondly remember him as a compassionate teacher who always encouraged critical thinking and lifelong learning. His influence motivated many to join the library profession, and his support played a pivotal role in shaping their professional journeys. His guidance was not limited to academics; he was a source of personal and professional inspiration, always extending a helping hand to those in need.

His passing is a tremendous loss to the library and academic community, and his absence will be deeply felt by all who had the privilege of knowing him. **Universal Briefing** extends its heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, colleagues, and students during this difficult time. We pray that the Almighty grants his family the strength to endure this irreparable loss. May his noble soul rest in eternal peace, and may his legacy of knowledge, service, and mentorship continue to illuminate the path for future generations.











Research Spotlight

DLIS, Utkal University, Bhubneswar (Awarded Works 2025)

1. Thesis Title: Information Needs and Seeking Behaviour of Nursing Students of Odisha in Digital

Environment: An Analysis

Scholar's Name: Payel Saha

Supervisor: Prof. Puspanjali Jena

DLIS, Panjab University, Chandigarh (Awarded Works 2024)

2. Thesis Title: Applications of Internet of Things in Library Services: A Study of IITs of Northern India

Scholar's Name: Priyanka Sinha

Supervisor: Prof. Khushpreet Singh Brar

DLIS, Vidyasagar University, Midnapore (Awarded Works 2024)

3. Thesis Title: Organization and Use of Indigenous Knowledge in Agriculture: A Study on the Rajbangshi

Community of North Bengal
Scholar's Name: Sangita Sarkar
Supervisor: Dr. Pijush Kanti Jana

DLIS, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh (Awarded Works 2024)

4. Thesis Title: Acquisition Maintenance and Use of Documents in National and State Archives in North

India

Scholar's Name: Abdul Moid

Supervisor: Dr. M. Masoom Raza

DLIS, Mangalayatan University, Beswan, Aligarh (Awarded Works 2024)

5. Thesis Title: Digitization of Library Resources in Central University Libraries of Uttar Pradesh

Scholar's Name: Mohita Pandey

Supervisor: Dr. Roshan Khayal & Dr. Ashok Kumar Upadhyay

School of Studies Library and Information Science, Jiwaji University, Gwalior (Awarded Works 2024)

6. Thesis Title: Use of Web-Based Services & Products of IITs Libraries in India: An Evaluative Study

Scholar's Name: Ram Naresh Indoria **Supervisor:** Dr. Hemant Sharma

DLIS, Ramchandra Chandravansi University, Bishrampur (Awarded Works 2024)

7. **Thesis Title:** An Analytical Study of Information Searching Trend Based on Increasing Use of e-Information Sources in Libraries of Private and State Level Universities of Jharkhand State

Scholar's Name: Anjani Kumari

Supervisor: Dr. B.U. Kannappanavar & Dr. Kalyan Kumar

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Research Recap

RESEARCH RECAP OF DIFFERENT UNIVERSITIES (THIS EDITION FOCUSES ON PERIYAR UNIVERSITY, SALEM AWARDED WORKS)

Awarded Works in 2019

1. Thesis Title: Knowledge And Information Sharing Through Social Networking Sites Among Research

Scholars of Selected Universities in Tamil Nadu: A Study

Scholar's Name: S Sudha **Supervisor:** Dr. E.S Kavitha

2. Thesis Title: Information Needs and Information Seeking Behaviour of Law Professionals in Bengaluru

City: An Analytical Study

Scholar's Name: B.R Radhakrishna **Supervisor:** Dr. N Subramanian

3. Thesis Title: Use and Usage Pattern of Scholarly Information Resources by the Faculty Members and

Research Scholars of Periyar University Salem Tamil Nadu

Scholar's Name: T Sakthivel Supervisor: Dr. N Subramanian

4. Thesis Title: Effect of Information and Communication Technology ICT in Enhancement of Quality

Among the Faculty Members in Engineering Colleges of Salem District Tamil Nadu

Scholar's Name: B Santhi

Supervisor: Dr. M Jayaprakash

5. Thesis Title: Scientometric analysis on nanotechnology for the period from 2001 to 2015

Scholar's Name: C Velmu<mark>ru</mark>gan **Supervisor:** Dr. N Radhakrishnan

6. Thesis Title: Awareness of Social Networking Tools Among the Library Professionals of Higher

Education in Coimbatore and Erode Districts of Tamil Nadu

Scholar's Name: T Prakash **Supervisor:** Dr. M Jayaprakash

7. Thesis Title: Research Output on Global Warming: A Scientometric Analysis

Scholar's Name: A Issac i **Supervisor:** Dr. P Gomathi

8. Thesis Title: Professional Skills among the Women Librarians in the Academic Institutions of

Tamilnadu: A Study

Scholar's Name: S Gandhimathi
Supervisor: Dr. N Radhakrishnan

9. Thesis Title: Mapping of the Publication Pattern in the Journal of Biological Chemistry 2006-2015: A

Bibliometric Study

Scholar's Name: T Thangamani **Supervisor:** Dr. M Palaniappan









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10. Thesis Title: Mapping of the Publication Pattern in the Journal of Applied and Environmental

Microbiology 2001-2015: A Bibliometric Study

Scholar's Name: A Rubinandhini **Supervisor:** Dr. P Gomathi

Awarded Works in 2020

11. Thesis Title: Resource Sharing and Networking of College Libraries A Special Reference to Colleges

affiliated to Bharathiar University Coimbatore Tamil Nadu

Scholar's Name: P Thangavel Supervisor: Dr. M Jayaprakash

12. Thesis Title: Information Needs and Information Seeking Behavior of Public Library Users in Salem

District

Scholar's Name: R Shankar **Supervisor:** Dr. M Jayaprakash

13. Thesis Title: A Study on Information Seeking Behaviour of Faculty Members in Government Aided

Arts and Science College Libraries in West Districts of Tamil Nadu State

Scholar's Name: Chandra V Supervisor: Dr. C Murugan

14. Thesis Title: A Study on Access to e-Resources by Engineering College Faculty Members in Coimbatore

and Tiruppur District

Scholar's Name: Ashok Kumar V Supervisor: Dr. M Jayaprakash

15. Thesis Title: Evaluation of utilization efficiencies in voice enabled multimedia library among all user

group with specific focus on rural users

Scholar's Name: V Jeevitha **Supervisor:** Dr. E.S Kavitha

16. Thesis Title: Application of Information Communication Technology in Libraries of Research and

Development Organizations in Chennai Tamil Nadu: An Analytical Study

Scholar's Name: A Janakiraman **Supervisor:** Dr. N Subramanian

17. Thesis Title: Perceptions of Engineering Faculties about the Institutional Repositories in Coimbatore

Region A Survey

Scholar's Name: P Sankar **Supervisor:** Dr. Kavitha E.S.

18. Thesis Title: Research Productivity of Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University

Tanuvas: A Scientometrics Study

Scholar's Name: Sheik Akthar Begum D

Supervisor: Dr. C Murugan









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19. Thesis Title: A scientometric study on diabetic retinopathy research output during the period 2006

2017

Scholar's Name: K Hemala Supervisor: Dr. E S Kavitha

20. Thesis Title: Access Pattern of Scholarly Information by Faculty Members and Research Scholars of

Periyar University Salem Tamilnadu Case Study

Scholar's Name: S Duraisekar Supervisor: Dr. M Palaniappan

21. Thesis Title: Effective Utilization of e-Journals and their Impact on the Academic Development of

Faculty Members of Engineering Colleges in Namakkal District a Study

Scholar's Name: K Ramesh Supervisor: Dr. M Jayaprakash

Awarded Works in 2021

22. Thesis Title: A Study on the Use and Impact of Digital Archiving in Research and Development Libraries

in Bengaluru

Scholar's Name: E Nanda Kuymari

Supervisor: Dr. E S Kavitha

23. Thesis Title: Research Productivity on Immunology During 1991 2016: A Scientometric Study

Scholar's Name: C Sathiyapriya In wersal Briefing

Supervisor: Dr. P Gomathi

24. Thesis Title: Use of e-Resources among the Students and Research Scholars of Tamil Nadu Agricultural

University and its Affiliated College in Coimbatore District

Scholar's Name: C Vinoth Kumar Supervisor: Dr. M Palaniappan

25. Thesis Title: A Study on Usage of Search Engines among the Faculty Members of Selected Self-

Financing Arts and Science Colleges in Coimbatore City

Scholar's Name: G Sivasubramanian

Supervisor: Dr. P Gomathi

Awarded Works in 2022

26. Thesis Title: Use of Electronic Information Resources and Services of Research Scholar and Faculty

Members of Mysore University Scholar's Name: H Srinivasa **Supervisor:** Dr. C Murugan

27. Thesis Title: Mapping of Green Chemistry Research Output a Scientometric Analysis 2000-2019

Scholar's Name: P Sumathi Supervisor: Dr. M Palaniappan









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28. Thesis Title: User Perception about the Services in Public Libraries of Western Tamil Nadu: A Study

Scholar's Name: N Sundareswaran **Supervisor:** Dr. Kavitha E S

29. Thesis Title: Information Needs and Use Pattern of Medical Professionals in Mysuru District: A Study

Scholar's Name: Puttaswamy **Supervisor:** Dr. M Jayaprakash

30. Thesis Title: Status of Libraries in the College of Education in Salem Zone Tamilnadu : A Survey

Scholar's Name: Dr. G Thenmozhi

Supervisor: P Gomathi

31. Thesis Title: Mapping of Research Output on Greenhouse Effect: A Scientometric Study

Scholar's Name: P Mohanathan **Supervisor:** Dr. N Rajendran

32. Thesis Title: Scientometric Analysis of Type 1 Diabetes Research Productivity at Global Level using

Web of Science Database
Scholar's Name: P Boopathi
Supervisor: Dr. P Gomathi

33. Thesis Title: User Satisfaction of Public Libraries: A Study with Special Reference to Chennai

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Scholar's Name: C Kasimani Supervisor: Dr. N Rajendran

34. Thesis Title: Impact of Open-Source Automation Software among the LIS Professionals in India

Scholar's Name: Ritu Puri Supervisor: Dr. N Radhakrishnan

35. Thesis Title: Colorectal Cancer Publication Trends A Scientometric and Evaluative Study

Scholar's Name: Richa Narzary **Supervisor:** Dr. C Murugan

36. Thesis Title: A Study on ICT Usage Pattern among Students and Faculty Members in Dental Colleges

in Kerala

Scholar's Name: T Uma **Supervisor:** Dr. E S Kavitha

Awarded Works in 2023

37. Thesis Title: Information Use Pattern of e-Resources by the Post Graduate Students and Research

Scholars of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University: A Study

Scholar's Name: R Priyadharshini **Supervisor:** Dr. M Jayaprakash











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38. Thesis Title: Mapping of Fossil Fuels Research Output: A Scientometric Analysis

Scholar's Name: M Indrani Supervisor: Dr. C Murugan

39. Thesis Title: Coronavirus Research Publications: A Bibliometric Assessment

Scholar's Name: Rekha A J **Supervisor:** Dr. M Jayaprakash

40. Thesis Title: Research Productivity of Faculty and Scientists in Select R&Ds In Tamil Nadu A

Scientometric Study

Scholar's Name: N Senthil Kumar **Supervisor:** Dr. N Radhakrishnan

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41. Thesis Title: Information Seeking Behavior of Medical Professional in Salem

Scholar's Name: V Abirami Supervisor: Dr. M Jayaprakash

42. Thesis Title: Utilization Of e-Resources by the Faculty Members Working in the Arts and Science

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Colleges in Erode District: A Survey
Scholar's Name: N Sivakami
Supervisor: Dr. N Rajendran

43. Thesis Title: Information Seeking Behavior of Faculty Members and Researchers of Rural Development

Training Institutions of Southern Region of India

Scholar's Name: Tanveer Rasheed Khan Supervisor: Dr. C Murugan

44. Thesis Title: Mapping the Research Productivity of Cosmology: A Scientometric Analysis

Scholar's Name: R Vijaya Kumar **Supervisor:** Dr. M Palaniappan

45. Thesis Title: Research Productivity of Faculty and Scientists in Select R&Ds in Karnataka: A

Scientometric Study

Scholar's Name: P Prabahar **Supervisor:** Dr. N Radhakrishnan

46. Thesis Title: Impact of Internet of Things among the LIS Professionals in the United Arab Emirates A

Study

Scholar's Name: A Elangovan **Supervisor:** Dr. N Radhakrishnan











Research Recap

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Forthcoming Events

Conferences, Seminars, Webinars & Summits

- GLS-2025. Global Library Summit. Organized by South Asian University, New Delhi & LIS Academy, Bengaluru. Date: 5-7 February 2025. Inaugural Venue: C D Deshmukh Auditorium, India International Centre, New Delhi, Delhi 110003. Summit Venue: South Asian University, Rajpur Rd, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi, Delhi 110068. For more info: Click here
- International Conference on "Al-Driven Innovations in Academic and Research Librarianship" Organized by the CTTE Library in collaboration with IQAC and Meta Cognitive Technologies Pvt. Ltd., the conference will be held on February 6, 2025.For more info: Click here
- ➤ 3rd International Conference (Two Days) on "Al Reshaping Global Commerce and Economics". Organized by Mar Thoma College of Science and Technology Kollam, Kerala, The Indian Accounting Association (IAA), Federal Bank International Skill Development Corporation (ISDC). Date: 6th & 7th February 2025. For registration: Click here.
- ➤ ICSSR Sponsored National Level Seminar on "Empowering Rural Economies: Women Entrepreneurs Leading the Way to Viksit Bharat". Date: February 7th-8th, 2025. Venue: TRP Auditorium, SRMIST, Ramapuram Campus. For registration: Click here.
- (ICBSL-25) International Conference on "Building Sustainable Libraries for Connecting Communities: Librarianship, Technology, and Collaboration". Sponsored By Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (Under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India) & Department of Library and Information Science, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, India 620024. Date: 7th& 8th Feb, 2025. For more info: Click here
- 4th Edition of International Conference on Knowledge Management in Higher Education Institutions (ICKHI 2025). Organized by Central Library, Manipal University Jaipur, India, Jointly with Central Library, King Mongkut's University of Technology, North Bangkok, Thailand. Date: 13-14 February 2025. For more info: Click here
- ICSSR N. W. Regional Centre, Chandigarh sponsored National Seminar on Ethical Use of Al in Research and Role of Libraries. Organized by Department of Library and Information Science, Panjab University, Chandigarh. Date: 14th February, 2025. For registration: Click here.
- National Seminar on 'Digital Transformation in Education: challenges and Opportunities'. Organised by Bonhoure Centre for Research, St. Xavier's College of Education (Autonomous), Palayamkottai. Date: 14th and 15th February 2025. For registration: 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
- DMCRC Library & Information Centre Conference. National Conference on "Envisioning the Future: Al Tools for Libraries". Organize by Library and Information Centre of Dnyanprassarak Mandal's College and Research Centre in collaboration with the Directorate of Higher Education, Govt. of Goa. Date: 20th & 21st February 2025. Venue: Dnyanprassarak Mandal's College & Research Centre, Assagao, Goa. For more info: Click here





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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. Date: Feb 21-22, 2025. 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
- National Conference on Digital Libraries and Information Systems: Building Universal Opportunities for Learning and Access (Dellisola). Organized by Department of Library and Information Science, Berhampur University, in collaboration with Odisha Library Academy. Date: February 22-23, 2025. Venue: Berhampur University, Bhanja Bihar, Odisha. For more info: Click here
- 8th MUCLA National Conference on "Next Generation Libraries: Exploring Emerging Trends and Technologies". Organized by Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University Sectional Council of Maharashtra University and College Librarian Association in Collaboration with Indian Library Association (ILA), New Delhi, & KRC, Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Nagpur and KRC, Kavikulaguru Kalidas Sanskrit University, Ramtek. Date: 22-23 February, 2025. For registration: Click here.
- Three Days International Conference of Asian Academic Libraries (ICAAL 2025) On "New Technologies in the Knowledge System & Libraries: Towards Viksit Bharat @ 2047" Organized by SOS in Library and Information Science Jiwaji University, Gwalior in Association with Special
- Libraries Association (SLA-USA) Asia Community and Society for Library Professionals. Date: 22-24 February, 2025. Venue: Jiwaji University, Gwalior (M.P.). For more info: Click here
- The Library at Northwestern University in Qatar is pleased to announce the upcoming symposium, "Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Libraries and Librarianship," scheduled tobe held on February 26-27, 2025. For registration: Click here.
- ➤ 9th International Conference on Library and Information Science (ICLIS- 2025) will be held in Melbourne, Australia during 14th Mar-15th Mar 2025.For more info: Click here
- National Conference on Redefining Librarianship in the Al Technological Era: Innovations, Challenges and Opportunities (ReLAITE-2025). Event Timing: 20th 21st March, 2025. Event Address: Dept. of Library & Information Science, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur .For registration: Click here.
- > 70th Annual Conference of Indian Library Association on "Libraries and Artificial Intelligence: Connecting Users for Sustainable Knowledge System". Organized at the University of Agricultural Science, Raichur, Karnataka. Date: 20-22 March 2025. For more info: Click here











Forthcoming Events

3rd International Conference on "Artificial Intelligence and Applications" (ICAIA 2025). Organized by Maharaja Surajmal Institute of Technology and Springer. Date: 26-27 March 2025. For more info: Click here

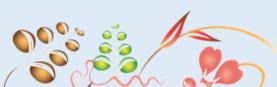
- 8th International Conference of Asian Libraries on 'Building Smart Libraries: Leveraging Al Based Technologies" Jointly Organised by Gautam Buddha University, Greater Noida, U.P. & Asian Library Association, New Delhi (April, 24-26, 2025). For more info: Click here
- 9th International Conference of Asian Special Libraries (ICoASL 2025), themed "Sustainable Development of Libraries through Innovative Technologies". Organized by Madhu Limaye Library, RMLNLU, India & Dr Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University. Date: 9-11 May 2025. For more info: Click here
- ➤ 2025 ECIS Library and Information Services Conference. Place: Georgetown University in Qatar. Date 15-17 May 2025. For more info: Click here
- American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference. Date: June 26-June 30, 2025. Place: Philadelphia, PA, USA. For more info: <u>Click here</u>
- ➤ 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
- 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

Workshops, Programmes, Training & Courses

- 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.
- Human Genetics Unit (HGU) of ISI Kolkata is going to organize a Workshop on "mRNA-seq Library Preparation and Data Analysis" from 20th to 22nd February 2025. For more info: Click here.
- Interdisciplinary Statistical Research Unit (ISRU) of ISI Kolkata is going to organise a Workshop on Data Analytics from 24th February to 1st March, 2025. For registration: Click here.
- Open Day 2025 (in offline mode) is being organized by INFLIBNET Centre on 27th February, 2025. For more info: Click here.
- Five Days Programme on SOUL 3.0: Installation and Operations (in offline mode) is being organized by INFLIBNET Centre during 03rd 07th March, 2025. For more info: Click here.
- National Workshop on Al Driven Tools, Plagiarism and Ethics: Balancing Innovation and Integrity in Research. Organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) & Department of Library N.V.K.S.D. College of Education. Date: 1st March 2025. For registration: <u>Click here</u>









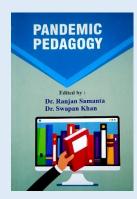


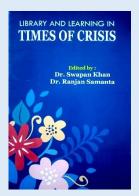
Forthcoming Events

- 3 days' workshop. The role of the librarian. Date: 11 13 Mar 2025 | Mode: VIRTUAL. Timing: 08:30-13:30 UK time. For more info: Click here.
- Three Days Workshop on Research Information Management System (RIMS) (in offline mode) is being organized by INFLIBNET Centre during 19th 21st March, 2025. For more info: Click here.
- A Three-Day Faculty Development Programme on Empowering Teaching and Research through ICT Integration Organized by CENTRAL LIBRARY In Collaboration with Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Ananda Chandra College, Jalpaiguri, West Bengal. Date: March 24 26, 2025. For registration: Click here.
- > SWAYAM Library and Information Science (LIS) courses currently open for enrolment are free to enrol in and learn from. For more info: Click here.

UB-Self 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.





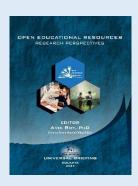


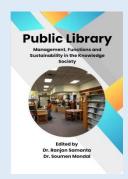




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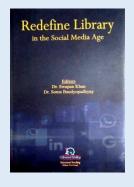
A book was published in February 2023 by Universal briefing with the title "Open Educational Resources: Research Perspectives", comprising selected articles from the two-day International Webinar of the same title, which was organised by Universal Briefing on 20th and 21st November, 2021 at Kolkata,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



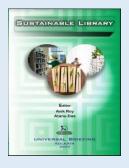


This book celebrates the profound impact of public libraries as vibrant spaces of learning, connection, and empowerment. In an era marked by rapid technological advancements and evolving societal needs, public libraries remain steadfast in their mission to provide equitable access to information and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













Latest Publication



Fundamentals of Information Technology by N. Radhakrishnan & Dhina Suresh Anto Ramya. Chennai: MJP Publisher, 2023. ISBN (pbk) 9789355282545: ₹430.00



Data Science by Dhina Suresh, N. Radhakrishnan & G. Aswini. Chennai: MJP Publisher, 2024. ISBN (pbk) 9789355283269: ₹495.00



Mapping research excellence: a scientometric study by Iranna M. Shelter & Gururaj S. Hadagali.



Digital Transformation in Libraries by M. Masoom Raza & Imtervazul Haque. India: Ess Ess Publications, 2024. ISBN 978-93-87698-99-4.

KOLKATA



Tattvabodhini Patrikar Samyak Paridarshan by Pratima Saha and Swapna Banerjee(ed.). India: Ekmebadvitiyam. ISBN 978-81-967980-3-1: 200.00









Trends on Tech

ELSA AI (English Language Speech Assistant): It is an AI-powered app designed to help users improve their English pronunciation and speaking skills. It utilizes advanced speech recognition technology to analyze speech, pinpoint errors, and provide real-time feedback. The app offers a structured curriculum with topic-based lessons, covering business English, daily conversations, and test preparation (e.g., IELTS and TOEFL). The free version provides limited access. Despite occasional misinterpretations by the AI, ELSA remains a valuable tool for improving spoken English in a flexible and interactive way.

Pros of ELSA AI

- Al-Powered Pronunciation Feedback Uses advanced speech recognition to pinpoint pronunciation mistakes.
- Personalized Learning Tailors lessons based on individual needs and progress.
- Structured Curriculum Offers topic-based lessons, including business English and daily conversation.
- Convenient & Flexible Learn at your own pace with short, interactive sessions.
- Gamified Experience Engaging exercises make learning fun and motivating.

Cons of ELSA AI

- Limited Free Access Most advanced features require a paid subscription.
- Not a Full Language Course Focuses primarily on pronunciation rather than full grammar or vocabulary training.
- Accent Bias Primarily based on American English, which may not suit all learners.
- Occasional Misinterpretations Al may not always accurately assess nuanced speech patterns. To know more click **HERE**.

MATH AI: It refers to artificial intelligence tools and applications designed to assist with mathematical problem-solving, learning, and research. These Al systems use machine learning, symbolic computation, and natural language processing to analyze and solve mathematical equations, provide step-by-step explanations, and generate solutions across various domains, from basic arithmetic to advanced calculus and algebra.

Examples of MATH AI Tools:

- Photomath Solves handwritten and printed math problems using a smartphone camera.
- Wolfram Alpha Computes answers to complex mathematical queries using a vast knowledge base.
- Microsoft Math Solver Offers step-by-step explanations for algebra, calculus, and statistics.
- Symbolab Provides detailed solutions and explanations for a wide range of math topics.

Pros of MATH AI:

- Instant and accurate problem-solving.
- Step-by-step explanations enhance learning.
- Supports multiple levels, from school to university math.
- Some tools allow handwritten input for convenience.

Cons of MATH AI:

- May encourage reliance on Al instead of problem-solving skills.
- Some features require a premium subscription.
- Struggles with highly complex or abstract mathematical concepts.

To know more click on the name of the tools.









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International Conference on Re-imagining the Academic Libraries (ICRAL-2025)



On January 9-11, 2025, Department of Library and Information Science & Central Library, Tripura University, organized the International Conference on Re-imagining the Academic Libraries (ICRAL-2025). The theme for ICRAL-2025 is "Evidence-Based Innovations on the Contents, Technologies, and Services for the Next Generation," reflecting the evolving landscape of academic libraries in an increasingly digital world.

The inaugural session was presided over by Prof. Ganga Prasad Prasain, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Tripura University, who is also the Chief Patron of ICRAL-2025. Esteemed dignitaries present at the event included the Chief Guest, Prof. Kameswar Nath Singh, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of the University of South Bihar, Bihar, and Guest of Honour, Prof. Jyoti Prakash Tamang, Acting Vice

Chancellor of Sikkim University. Prof. Pravakar Rath, Hon'ble Pro-Vice Chancellor of Mizoram University, Mizoram, also graced the occasion as a Guest of Honour.

In this event Prof. Bulu Maharana, Professor at Sambalpur University, Odisha, served as the Conference Director, and Prof. R. K. Mahapatra, Professor and Head of the Department of Library and Information Science, Tripura University, who was the Conference Chairman.

Prof. Udayan Bhattacharya, Professor & Head, Department of Library and Information Science, Jadavpur University, was present as a chair person and moderator of this conference.

The Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF) and the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) was the conference's sponsors. Their support emphasizes the partnership of academic and governmental authorities to promote the subject of academic libraries.

In an era of swift technological progress, ICRAL-2025 is anticipated to function as a forum for information exchange, investigation of novel methodologies, and development of the future course of academic libraries.



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Two-Day National Workshop on KOHA



A Two-Day National Workshop on KOHA: Building Proficiency in Open-Source Library Management was held on 24 – 25 January, 2025 at Fakir Mohan University. This workshop was organized by Department of Library and Information Science, Fakir Mohan University. Prof. Santosh Kumar Tripathy, Esteemed Vice – Chancellor, F. M. University, Balasore, was the chief patron and Prof. Bhaskar Behera, Chairman, PG Council, F. M. University, Balasore, was the patron of this workshop. Rd. Jagannath Behera Co-ordinator, Dept. of LIS; Dr. Manoj Kumar Acharya Asst. Professor, Dept. of LIS; Mr. Chinmay Kumar Das Asst. Professor, Dept. of LIS and Mr. Biswajeet Sahoo Asst. Professor, Dept. of LIS was the member of the organizing committee. Prof. Udayan Bhattacharya, Professor & Head, Dept. of Library & Information Science, Jadavpur University, West Bengal; Prof. Kailash Chandra Das, Adjunct Professor,









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Dept. of Library & Information Science, Berhampur University, Odisha; Prof. Bulu Maharana, Professor &

Head, Dept. of Library & Information Science Sambalpur University, Odisha was present as the invited speakers. Dr. Samir Kumar Jalal, Dy. Librarian, IIT, Kharagpur and Dr. Hemanta Kumar Biswal, Asst. Librarian, IIT, Kharagpur was the Resource Persons of this workshop. The goal of this two-day workshop was to give library professionals, information science students, and academic staff comprehensive, practical training in KOHA, a top open-source library management system. By developing fundamental skills in KOHA installation, configuration, and management, the workshop will help libraries streamline their operations. With KOHA's many features, including as cataloguing, circulation, serials, and acquisitions, participants will acquire useful skills and methods for running a library. This two-day workshop helped many students and professionals to enriched themselves with the knowledge and hands-on practice of KOHA.



How can GenAl be integrated into library work? After completing the GenAl Literacy Program, librarians have a better understanding of different uses for implementing the new technology. Click here to know more.

Words from Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, cofounder of the Sustainable Libraries Initiative: "My greatest hope is that libraries across the world recognize that our mission calls on us to be focused on climate adaptation, preparation, and helping communities create a new path forward in the face of what is predicted—and doing so with great urgency". Click here to know more.

As per 2025 draft regulations, if you have a PG degree (NCrF Level 6.5) with at least 55% marks (or an equivalent grade) in disciplines such as Arts, Commerce, Humanities, Education, Law, Social Sciences, Sciences, Languages, Library Science, Physical Education, Journalism & Mass Communication, Management, Drama, Yoga, Music, Performing Arts, Visual Arts, and Other Traditional Indian Art Forms like Sculpture, you must qualify in the National Eligibility Test (NET)/SET/SLET to be eligible for appointment as an assistant professor. However, for appointments in Engineering and Technology departments, if you have a PG degree (NCrF Level 7; e.g. M.E., M. Tech.,) with at least 55% marks (or an equivalent grade), you will be eligible for appointment as an assistant professor without qualifying in National Eligibility Test (NET). Please click here to read the draft regulations.

IFLA and De Gruyter are pleased to announce the appointment of Debbie Schachter as Editor of the IFLA Publications Series. Debbie takes on the position from Janine Schmidt who has stepped down after eight years of shepherding numerous titles through to a successful publication outcome and from Joseph Hafner who has been part of the editorial team. Click here to read more.

On 21st January 2025, the Learning Resource Centre at XLRI Delhi-NCR was buzzing with enthusiasm as they hosted a Book Exhibition featuring stalls from renowned publishers and empanelled vendors. This event was not just about showcasing books but also about fostering a culture of reading, collaboration, and intellectual growth within community. The exhibition saw active participation from faculty, staff, and students, who explored the diverse collection, discovered new resources, and shared valuable suggestions to enrich their library collections. XLRI-Delhi extend their heartfelt thanks to



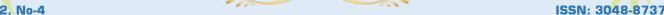
everyone for making this event truly memorable. The suggestions provided by attendees are invaluable in shaping their library into a dynamic hub of knowledge and innovation. Let's continue to inspire and be inspired through the power of books! Click here to know more.











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The much-anticipated New Delhi World Book Fair is approaching, bringing together the world of literature to celebrate knowledge, creativity, and culture, with participation from numerous countries. NBT, India, cordially invites you to join this distinguished event, where they will embark on a journey through the boundless realms of literary excellence

GLAM Special Report

Kolkata's Literary Legacy: The 48th Book Fair

The 48th International Kolkata Book Fair opened on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, with a record 1,000 stalls, showcasing book, magazine, and cultural exhibits. This year, Germany is the theme country, with other international participants from Argentina, Spain, Peru, the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Russia, and Nepal. Tridib Chatterjee, President of the Publishers and Booksellers Guild, shared that some of the pathways within the fairgrounds are named after eminent literary figures from Germany, such as Franz Kafka, Bertolt Brecht,



Rainer Marier Rilke, alongside eminent personalities and writers from our own country

The main gates of this year's book fair are Salil Chowdhury Ritwik Ghatak Gate, Goethe Gate, Max Mueller Gate, HackeschenHöfe Gate, Brandenburg Gate, Biswa Bangla Gate, and Jibananda Nazrul Gate. Abul Bashar, a distinguished writer from West Bengal, was honored with this year's Lifetime Achievement Samman' award, receiving a cash prize of ₹2 lakhs. For the first time, the Book Fair will feature a special Mascot, ducks named Haso and Hasi, who are all set to welcome visitors. In addition, The Publishers and Booksellers Guild has launched a book-lovers project called 'Buy Books, Win a Book Library'. Every day during the event, a lottery will be held, and 15 lucky winners will receive Book Gift Coupons worth Rs. 1000/- each.



Bangladesh's absence from this year's book fair is noteworthy. According to the organisers, the Publishers and Booksellers Guild, this marks the first time Bangladesh has not participated in the International Kolkata Book Fair since 1996, except for the two years when the fair was not organized. On the other hand, for the convenience of book lovers, the Metro Railway is running additional trains on the Green Line between Sealdah and Salt Lake Sector V from January 28 to February 9 to assist visitors traveling to and from the book expo. Metro Railway officials have announced that 122 services will operate on this route between 6:55 a.m. and 9:40 p.m., up

from the usual 106. In addition, telecom services provider Bharti Airtel has deployed five dedicated network setups at the fairgrounds to ensure visitors stay connected.













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