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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

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+ 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 16 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 Library Assistant at Central University of Rajasthan, NH-8, Bandarsindri, Kishangarh, Ajmer- 305817 : Last Date - 07/03/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Semi Professional Assistant and Library Attendant at Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi - 110021: Last Date - 08/03/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Library and Information Assistant at IIM Kozhikode : Last Date- 10.03.2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Assistant Librarian at National Institute of Technology, Sikkim Barfung Block, Ravangla Sub-Division, South Sikkim - 737 139 : Last Date - 10/03/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Librarian and Library Attendant at Aditi Mahavidyalaya University of Delhi, Auchandi road, Bawana, New Delhi - 110039 : Last Date - 17/03/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Librarian at Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC),Module No. 403-405, 4th Floor, NSIC Business Park, Okhla Industrial Estate, New Delhi- 110020:Last Date - 17/03/2025-[Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Scientific Officer 'SB' (Library) at Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital / Mahamana Pandit Madanmohan Malviya Cancer Centre, Varanasi,221005 : Last Date- 21.03.2025 upto 05.30 p.m-[Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Library and Information Officer at National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) Ahmedabad, Gujarat, Gandhinagar – 382355: Last Date - 23/03/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Librarian at Manipur University , Chancipur, Imphal- 795003: Last Date - 24/03/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Library and Information Assistant at Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institutes (FMTTIs), Biswanath Chariali, Biswanath, Assam-784176 : Last Date - 30/03/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Assistant Librarian at National Human Rights Commission Location: Manav Adhikar Bhawan, Block-C, GPO Complex, INA, New Delhi-110023: Last Date - 01/04/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Library Information Assistant in National Crafts Museum & Hastkala Academy, Government of India, Ministry of Textiles, Bhairon Marg, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi- 110001 : Last Date - 01/04/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Junior Superintendent (Library) at IIT KOTA,SPL-269, RIICO Industrial Area Kuber Extension, Ranpur, Kota-325003, Rajasthan : Last Date- 02.04.2025-[Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Librarian at Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University, Namati, Nalbari, Assam: Last Date-07.04.2025-[Click here for more](#)

Announcement

39th Study Circle

The 39th study circle of universal briefing took place on 1st March at 7.30 pm. The speaker for the session was Niladri Majumdar, Junior Research Fellow, Department of Library and Information Science, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, West Bengal and the President of the session was Dr. Soumen Mondal, Librarian, Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Mahavidyalaya, Kolkata, West Bengal. The topic of the study circle was "Diversity among authors and editors representing LIS literature".

The speaker presented a detailed analysis of a study he conducted on bibliographic records from the LIS domain, sourced from the OPAC of Jadavpur University. He began by defining the concept of diversity and then explored it from a sociocultural perspective. The study focused on assessing the representation in LIS literature, examining factors such as gender, ethnicity, and institutional affiliation. The main objective of his research was to evaluate the inclusivity of LIS literature and identify potential gaps in diverse representation within the collection under study. To achieve this, Mr. Majumdar employed a random sampling technique for selecting his study sample. Through his findings, he revealed that, among the five continents, authors from Asia were the most frequently represented. However, female representation in the literature was notably low, except in North America. In India, the gender gap was particularly striking, with female representation being only about one-fifth of that of their male counterparts, which underscores the pressing need to address gender disparities in research and academic recognition, advocating for a more equitable and inclusive culture within academia.

UB-Study Circle (Forthcoming Notification)

The 40th study circle of the Universal Briefing will take place on 29th March at 7.30 pm and the speaker for the session will be Dr. Nilima Paul, Librarian, Mrinalini Datta Mahavidyalaya, Kolkata, West Bengal.

Comprehensive Reporting

Comprehensive Report on the Two-Day International Conference "Role of Libraries in Unveiling the Indian Knowledge System in the Digital Era" (RLUIKS-2025)

The **Visva-Bharati Library Network**, in collaboration with **Universal Briefing, Kolkata**, successfully organized



Press meets on 20th February, 2025

the **Two-Day International Conference** on the "Role of Libraries in Unveiling the Indian Knowledge System in the Digital Era" (RLUIKS-2025) on **February 21–22, 2025**. The prestigious event was held at the **Lipika Auditorium, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan**, and brought together eminent scholars, researchers, academicians, and library professionals from around the world to deliberate on the significance of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) and their adaptation to the digital landscape. On 20th February, 2025, the day before the seminar there was a press meet between the local reporters and the organizing committee among the people.

Inaugural Ceremony

The grand **inaugural ceremony** set the stage for the conference, graced by distinguished dignitaries and eminent personalities from various fields. The event was formally inaugurated by:

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Inaugural Ceremony

- **Prof. Bina Kumar Saren**, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Visva-Bharati
- **His Excellency Mr. Qin Yong**, Deputy Consul General, People's Republic of China in Kolkata
- **Smt. Kalpana Dasgupta**, Former Librarian, National Library of India & Former Director, Central Secretariat Library, Ministry of Culture, Government of India, New Delhi
- **Prof. Udayan Bhattacharya**, President, Universal Briefing, Kolkata & Head, Department of Library and Information Science, Jadavpur University
- **Prof. Prabhakar Rath**, Pro Vice Chancellor, Mizoram University
- **Dr. Nimai Chand Saha**, Librarian, Visva-Bharati

The distinguished guests addressed the audience, emphasizing the role of libraries as custodians of knowledge and the need to integrate traditional Indian Knowledge Systems with modern digital technologies to ensure their preservation and accessibility for future generations.

Objectives of the Conference

The primary objective of the conference was to provide a platform for academicians, researchers, and library professionals to:

- Explore the **rich heritage** of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) and their historical evolution.
- Analyze the **relevance of IKS** in contemporary digital environments.
- Discuss the **challenges** in preserving and promoting IKS in the digital era.
- Facilitate **collaborative research** and encourage interdisciplinary discussions on the role of libraries in bridging the gap between ancient knowledge and modern technology.

The conference sessions aimed to delve into various aspects of IKS, including indigenous knowledge preservation, digital repositories, traditional manuscripts, artificial intelligence in libraries, and the ethical dimensions of digital knowledge dissemination.

Key Highlights of the Conference

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from **renowned library professionals, academicians, and researchers** from across India and abroad. The conference comprised a series of **keynote addresses, research paper presentations, panel discussions, and interactive sessions**, covering a diverse range of topics related to IKS.

Research Paper Presentations



Paper Presentation by Young Researcher

Over **60 research papers** were presented during multiple **technical sessions**, each focusing on distinct themes related to Indian Knowledge Systems and digital innovations in libraries. The technical sessions fostered an engaging atmosphere where scholars and young researchers exchanged ideas, findings, and solutions.

To acknowledge excellence in research and presentation skills, the **Best Paper Presenter** from each session was identified and felicitated.

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This recognition served as an encouragement for scholars to continue their research in the domain of IKS and library sciences.

Open-Air Technical Session – A Tribute to Rabindranath Tagore

A unique **Open-Air Technical Session** was held at the **Open-Air Reading Room of the Central Library**, a setting imbued with the essence of **Rabindranath Tagore's** vision of holistic education and intellectual freedom. This session paid tribute to Tagore's contributions to knowledge and learning, reinforcing the timeless relevance of Indian Knowledge Systems.

Panel Discussions and Cultural Program

The conference also featured **thought-provoking panel discussions**, where experts deliberated on various contemporary issues, including:

- The role of digital technology in revitalizing ancient knowledge.
- The impact of artificial intelligence and big data in library sciences.
- The ethical and policy dimensions of digitizing traditional knowledge.



Panel Discussion

These discussions provided a **platform for intellectual exchange**, encouraging participants to reflect on innovative approaches to sustaining the IKS in the digital age.

The **first day concluded with an aesthetic cultural program**, celebrating the artistic and literary heritage of India. This vibrant segment added a creative dimension to the conference, reinforcing the deep-rooted connection between knowledge and culture.

Summarization and Closing Remarks

As the **Rapporteur General** of RLUIKS-2025, **Prof. Saptarshi Gosh, Professor & Head, Department of Library and Information Science, North Bengal University, Darjeeling**, efficiently summarized the key takeaways of the conference, highlighting its role in inspiring future research and collaboration.

The closing remarks were delivered by **Dr. Nimai Chand Saha**, Librarian, Visva-Bharati, who extended his **heartfelt gratitude** to all contributors, including:

- The **sponsor of the event**
- The **Visva-Bharati library staff members**
- **Prof. Udayan Bhattacharya** (President, Universal Briefing)
- **Dr. Ranjan Samanta** (General Secretary, Universal Briefing)
- The **team members of Universal Briefing**
- All **invitees and attendees**



Some Members of Team UB

He acknowledged their invaluable contributions and unwavering support in making RLUIKS-2025 a **resounding success**.

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Conclusion

The **Two-Day International Conference on the Role of Libraries in Unveiling the Indian Knowledge System in the Digital Era (RLUIKS-2025)** proved to be a **monumental success**, accomplishing its objectives of:

Fostering **academic and intellectual discussions** on IKS.

Encouraging **collaborative research and knowledge exchange**.

Strengthening **networking among library professionals, researchers, and academicians**. Reinforcing the **need for integrating traditional knowledge with modern digital innovations**.

The conference laid a **strong foundation for future dialogues and research initiatives**, ensuring the continuous evolution of Indian Knowledge Systems in the digital era.

Research Spotlight

DLIS, Mizoram University, Aizawl (Awarded Works 2025)

1. **Thesis Title:** Mapping of Publications and Collaborations Pattern in Social Science Research in South Asian Countries During 1991-2020: A Scientometric Analysis
Scholar's Name: Lalrokhawma
Supervisor: Prof. Manoj Kumar Verma

DLIS, Bundelkhand University, Bundelkhand (Awarded Works 2024)

2. **Thesis Title:** Webometric Analysis of Library Websites of Indian Universities
Scholar's Name: Abhishek Yadav
Supervisor: Dr. Rochna Srivastava

DLIS, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi (Awarded Works 2024)

3. **Thesis Title:** Rejuvenation of the Public Library and Information System in India: An investigation in the context of smart city
Scholar's Name: Abhay Chaurasia
Supervisor: Dr. Ajay Pratap Singh

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

4. **Thesis Title:** A Bibliometric Study of Doctoral Theses on Rabindranath Tagore available at Different Universities of West Bengal
Scholar's Name: Jayeeta Mullick
Supervisor: Dr. Biplab Chakrabarti

DLIS, RKDF University, Ranchi (Awarded Works 2024)

5. **Thesis Title:** Role of Academic Libraries in Higher Education with Special Reference to Universities of Kashmir: A Comprehensive Study
Scholar's Name: Hedayet Ulla Lone
Supervisor: Dr. Amiya Pramanik

Research Spotlight

DLIS, Hemchandracharya North Gujarat University, Gujarat (Awarded Works 2024)

6. **Thesis Title:** Impact of ICT on University Libraries of Gujarat State
Scholar's Name: Samirkumar M Chaudhari
Supervisor: Dr. Bhagvanbhai K Chaudhari

DLIS, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar (Awarded Works 2024)

7. **Thesis Title:** SWOT Analysis of Agricultural University Libraries in Maharashtra: An Analytical Analysis
Scholar's Name: Shyamsundar D. Pithore
Supervisor: Dr. Madhukar D. Garad

"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 **SNDT WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY, MUMBAI** AWARDED WORKS)

Awarded Works in 1996

1. **Thesis Title:** Expertise and qualities required of special Library Staff in India
Scholar's Name: Marolia P. V.
Supervisor: Kamat
2. **Thesis Title:** Management & Introduction of information Technology (IT) in the Libraries in India
Scholar's Name: Sen Bharati
Supervisor: Ganpule

Awarded Works in 2002

3. **Thesis Title:** Library and Information Science Education in Gujarat
Scholar's Name: Surati Daksha
Supervisor: Parekh Harsha

Awarded Works in 2004

4. **Thesis Title:** MEDLINE on CD-ROM an analysis of users' search behaviour
Scholar's Name: Joshi Medha
Supervisor: Parekh Harsha

Awarded Works in 2008

5. **Thesis Title:** Promoting Library Services in Colleges: Potential and Barriers
Scholar's Name: Naik Madhuri
Supervisor: Sen Bharati

Awarded Works in 2009

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6. **Thesis Title:** Solo Librarians in Mumbai: A study
Scholar's Name: Powdwal Sushama
Supervisor: Parekh Harsha
7. **Thesis Title:** Information Needs Analysis & Information Seeking Behavior: With Special Reference to Women Entrepreneurs in Western India
Scholar's Name: Murari Durga
Supervisor: Parekh Harsha
8. **Thesis Title:** Organization and retrieval of domain specific Information a case study of Indian Fungi
Scholar's Name: Nagarkar Shubhada
Supervisor: Parekh Harsha

Awarded Works in 2010

9. **Thesis Title:** Institutional Repositories in India: a status report
Scholar's Name: Sawant Sarika
Supervisor: Sen Bharati

Awarded Works in 2013

10. **Thesis Title:** Disaster Management in Libraries in India
Scholar's Name: Zaveri Parul
Supervisor: Sen Bharati

Awarded Works in 2014

11. **Thesis Title:** Academic and Professional Needs College and University Teachers belonging to of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes: Role of the Library
Scholar's Name: Bhabal Jyoti
Supervisor: Sen Bharati
12. **Thesis Title:** Developing Information Literacy Skills in Student Teachers – an Experimental Study
Scholar's Name: Kale Anjali
Supervisor: Sen Bharati
13. **Thesis Title:** Access to Information for Visually Impaired Students in Mumbai and Pune Region
Scholar's Name: Mule Tejaswini
Supervisor: Parekh Harsha

Awarded Works in 2017

14. **Thesis Title:** Need and impact of Continuing Education Programs for LIS Professionals: a study of University and College Libraries in Mumbai
Scholar's Name: Madhura Deodhar
Supervisor: Powdwal Sushama

Awarded Works in 2018

15. **Thesis Title:** Information Seeking Behavior of B.Ed students in Mumbai city.

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Scholar's Name: Rajput Sujata
Supervisor: Powdwal Sushama

Awarded Works in 2019

16. **Thesis Title:** The evolving world of Scholarly Communication: Impact and Implications on Academic and Research Libraries in Mumbai & Pune Region
Scholar's Name: Sanjeeva Meghana
Supervisor: Powdwal Sushama
17. **Thesis Title:** A Survey of Green Libraries in India
Scholar's Name: Gundawar Neeta
Supervisor: Powdwal Sushama
18. **Thesis Title:** Role efficacy of librarian in the context of faculty-Librarian relationship
Scholar's Name: Bandivadekar Anjali
Supervisor: Powdwal Sushama
19. **Thesis Title:** A scientometric study on diabetic retinopathy research output during the period 2006-2017
Scholar's Name: K Hemala
Supervisor: Dr. Shubhada Nagarkar

Awarded Works in 2020

20. **Thesis Title:** A study: Information Needs of users of RCF Libraries
Scholar's Name: Kute Manisha
Supervisor: Powdwal Sushama

Awarded Works in 2022

21. **Thesis Title:** Human Orientation in Libraries: A Study of University Libraries in Mumbai.
Scholar's Name: Ms. Rakshikar Nidhi
Supervisor: Dr. Powdwal S. C.
22. **Thesis Title:** The Study of the Legislature Library of Maharashtra State.
Scholar's Name: Ms. Satpute Gayatri
Supervisor: Dr. Sawant Sarika
23. **Thesis Title:** Security of Libraries: A Study of University Libraries in Maharashtra.
Scholar's Name: Ms. Rane Vrushali
Supervisor: Dr. Chavan Subhash

Awarded Works in 2023

24. **Thesis Title:** Development of Electronic books in Libraries of Engineering Colleges affiliated to the University of Mumbai: A Study.
Scholar's Name: Ms. Pagare Sandhya
Supervisor: Dr. Sawant Sarika

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25. Thesis Title: A Study on the Impact of Information Communication Technology (ICT) on the Libraries of Professional Institutes affiliated to Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU).

Scholar's Name: Ms. Hanchate Priti

Supervisor: Dr. Sawant Sarika

Awarded Works in 2024

26. Thesis Title: Information needs of Parents of Children's with Neurodevelopmental Disorder.

Scholar's Name: Ms. Mangrurkar Medha

Supervisor: Dr. Chavan Subhash

27. Thesis Title: Professional Development and Challenges faced by Women Librarians in Colleges of Mumbai and Thane region.

Scholar's Name: Ms. Mhaprolkar Prajakta

Supervisor: Dr. Bhabal Jyoti

28. Thesis Title: Professional Development and Challenges faced by Women Librarians in Colleges of Mumbai and Thane region.

Scholar's Name: Ms. Jadhav Deepali

Supervisor: Dr. Chavan Subhash

RESEARCH RECAP DIRECTORY

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Forthcoming Events

Conferences, Seminars, Webinars & Summits

- One Day National Seminar on "Digital Transformation in Higher Education". Date: 8th March, 2025. Venue: Seminar Hall, TEQUIP Building, Jadavpur University. For registration: [Click here.](#)
- National Seminar on "Empowering Communities: User Centric Library Services for advancing sustainable development goals". Organized by Central Library, Mizoram University. Dates: 11th – 12th March 2025. For registration: [Click here.](#)
- Two-Day National Seminar on Converging Library Landscape in AI-ML Era: Issues and Challenges. Organised by Department of Library and Information Science, Vidyasagar University, Medinipur – 721 102, West Bengal. Dates: March 12-13, 2025. For more info: [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 of Public Libraries 2025. Theme of the conference "Public Libraries in Action: Blueprint of an Empowered Community. Dates: 17-20 March, 2025. Venue: Chali Resort and Conference Center, Cagayan De Oro City. For more info: [click here](#)

Forthcoming Events

- National Conference on Redefining Librarianship in the AI 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, Thiruvavur. 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](#)
- 2nd Two Days National Conference on 'Enhanced Services for Next-Gen Libraries through Artificial Intelligence'. Organized by Department of Library & Information Science, MGPU, Bihar. Date: 21-22 March 2025. Venue: Brihaspati Sabhagar, Buddha Parisar, Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Bankat, Motihari- 845402. For registration: [Click here.](#)
- Webinar Series for LIS students. Organized by [The IFLA Division C](#). Date: 25 March 2025. For more info: [click here](#)
- One Day National Seminar on Redefining Knowledge Ecosystems: Innovations and Challenges in Library and Information Science for the Digital Age. Organized by Department of Library & Information Science, University of Calcutta. Date: 25th March, 2025. Venue: Senate Hall, Darbhanga Building, College Street, University of Calcutta Kolkata -700073. Date: 25th March 2025 & Time: 11 a.m. For registration: [Click here.](#)
- 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](#)
- 3-Day Symposium on “Transforming Sanskrit Libraries in the Context of NEP 2020 for Viksit Bharat@2047”. Organized by Central Sanskrit University, New Delhi in Collaboration with Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India. Dates: 26th - 28th March, 2025. Venue: Samvet Auditorium, IGNCA, Janpath Building, Near Western Court, Janpath, New Delhi – 110001. For registration: [Click here.](#)
- International Conference on 'IKS Teaching and Curriculum Designing: Challenges for Teachers and Future Pathways'. Organized by Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University). Dates: 28th & 29th March, 2025. Venue: Medical College Auditorium, Bharati Vidyapeeth: 'Katraj-Dhankawadi Campus'. For registration: [Click here.](#)

Workshops, Programmes, Training & Courses

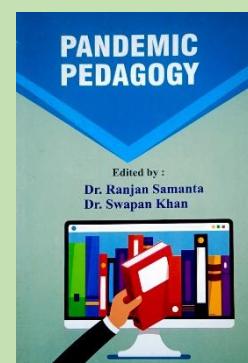
- Five Days Programme on SOUL 3.0: Installation and Operations (in offline mode) is being organized by INFLIBNET Centre during 03rd - 07th March, 2025. For more info: [Click here.](#)
- Kerala Library Association (KLA) Centre for Professional Development (CPD) offers two-day workshop on KOHA on 8-9 March 2025 at KLA-CPD on the premises of KLA Head Quarters Thiruvananthapuram. Date & Timing: Date: 8-9 March 2025, Time: 9 am to 4 pm. Venue: KLA Head Quarters, No. 36, II Floor, Kairalie Plaza Annexe, Karamana, Thiruvananthapuram. For more info: [Click here.](#)

Forthcoming Events

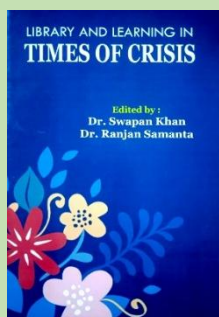
- 3 days' workshop. The role of the librarian. Date: 11 - 13 Mar 2025 | Mode: VIRTUAL. Timing: 08:30-13:30 UK time. For more info: [Click here.](#)
- HUBLET Webinar. A live demonstration of Hublet's tablet solution and discover how it transforms digital content management in libraries. Date & Time: March 20, 2025, at 5:00 PM IST. For registration: [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.](#)
- Workshop on "Redefining Libraries in the Era of AI" conducted by IMT Nagpur in March 21st-22nd, 2025. For registration: [Click here.](#)
- A Three-Day Faculty Development Programme on Empowering Teaching and Research through ICT Integration Organized by CENTRAL LIBRARY In Collaboration with I
- Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Ananda Chandra College, Jalpaiguri, West Bengal. Date: March 24 - 26, 2025. For registration: [Click here.](#)
- A Two-Day National Level Capacity Building Programme on Collaborative Innovation: How Multidisciplinary Research is Shaping the Future. Jointly Organized by Central Library, RIT and RIT Research Council, Research Department of Physics & RIT Institution's Innovation Council in association with Society for the Advancement of Library and Information Science (SALIS). Dates: 28th & 29th March, 2025. Venue: PRR Hall. For registration: [Click here.](#)
- Two-day National Workshop on "Impact of AI on library and information work". Organized by The Institute of Public Enterprise (IPE), Hyderabad, in collaboration with ICSSR, New Delhi. Dates: April 3-4, 2025. Venue: IPE Shamirpet Campus, Hyderabad, Telangana. For more info: [Click here.](#)
- SWAYAM Library and Information Science (LIS) courses currently open for enrollment are free to enroll in and learn from. For more info: [Click here.](#)

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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.

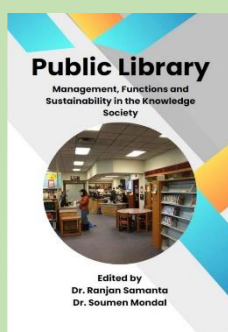
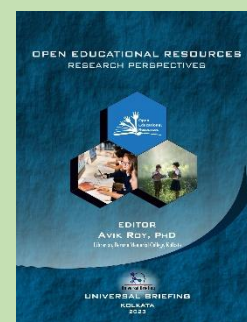


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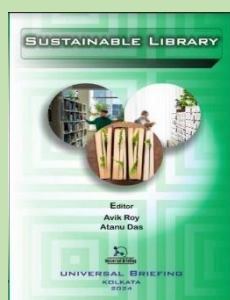
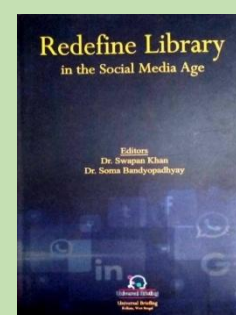
The book "Library and Learning in Times of Crisis" was published by Prova Prakashani in collaboration with Universal Briefing in the year 2021, edited by Dr. Ranjan Samanta and Dr. Swapan Khan. It contained seventeenth valuable research papers highlighted the role of libraries especially academic libraries 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.

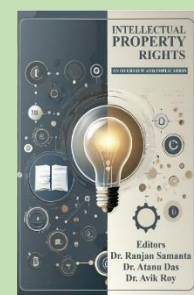
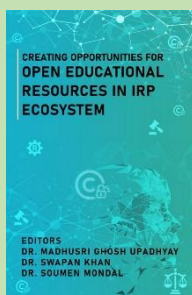
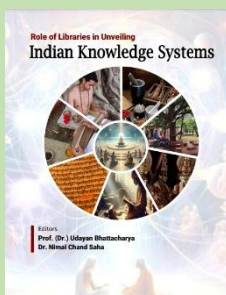
Purpose of this book titled "Redefine library in the social media age", is to visualize a dramatic transformation of concept of libraries due to rapid development of technological innovations especially in post pandemic period. The human need for information is changing day by day. They seek information 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.

UB-Latest Publication



Latest Publication



Digital Sustainability: Transformative Pathways for Libraries by S. Dhanavandan. India: Ess Ess, 2024. ISBN (hbk) 978-9392594960 : ₹2,100.00

Knowledge Management in Libraries by P. Balasubramanian. India: Ess Ess, 2021. ISBN (hbk) 978-9387698376 : ₹750.00



Cataloguing in the New Era: Gazing through the Bodleian Catalogues to RDA by Subhankar Biswas and Durga Sankar Rath. India: Ess Ess, 2017. ISBN (hbk) 978-8193359761 : ₹1,100.00

Digital Libraries by P. Balasubramanian. India: Ess Ess, 2021. ISBN (hbk) 978-9387698765 : ₹875.00



Anglo-American Cataloguing Bidhi (2nd Revised edition) Practice set by Dr. Nantu Acharya. Kolkata: Palmview Publisher, 2024. ISBN: 978-8195057221 : ₹250.00.

Granthagar Proshashon by Bhubaneswar Chakraborty, Swapna Banerjee & Sanjoy Roychowdhury. Kolkata: World Press Publication, 2025.



Next Generation Libraries in The Networked Digital Environment edited by Bhanu Pratap and Renu Bala. New Delhi: New India Publishing Agency – NIPA, 2024. ISBN: 978-9358873719: ₹ 5995.00.

Introduction to Bibliometrics and Scientometrics by Kailash C. Garg. New Delhi: Ess Ess Publications, 2024. ISBN: 978-93-92594-6-8: ₹ 1200.00.



Trends on Tech

DEEPSEEK:

[DeepSeek](#) is the name of a free AI-powered chatbot, which looks, feels and works very much like ChatGPT. DeepSeek, a Chinese artificial intelligence (AI) startup, made headlines worldwide after it topped app download charts and caused US tech stocks to sink.

In January 2025, it released its latest model, DeepSeek R1, which it said rivalled technology developed by ChatGPT-maker OpenAI in its capabilities, while costing far less to create.

Key Features of DeepSeek AI

Open-Source Technology

DeepSeek stands out with open-source technology. Its AI models, like the new releases DeepSeek-V3 and DeepSeek-R1, are made open-source, so their source code can be accessed for free by developers and researchers to share ideas and make improvements within the AI community. Open-source models can create faster breakthroughs through users contributing improvement and adaptations.

Cost Efficiency

The strategy for DeepSeek development puts focus on cost-effectiveness. The company argues that it built the models at one-tenth the price that the competing giant OpenAI took. While it is reportedly true that OpenAI invested billions to build the model, DeepSeek only managed to produce the newest model with approximately \$5.6 million. This puts forth the issue of price sustainability in AI and showcases the new firms which might change the entire scenario in comparison with a high-price model due to low-priced strategies.

Market Impact and Reactions

The rise of DeepSeek has made a huge impact on the technology sector and has evoked significant stock market reactions. In fact, for instance, Nvidia shares plummeted as DeepSeek gained popularity. This reaction illustrates broader concerns about the dominance of American companies in the field of AI and how competition from Chinese companies is likely to shift the dynamics in the market. To know more click [HERE](#).

Social Media News

The Information and Library Network Centre (INFLIBNET) is an Inter-University Centre of UGC, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India. The Centre provides unprecedented support to the Scholarly community and HEIs through various projects and services. Open Day is an annual event of INFLIBNET Centre (Foundation Day) which was celebrated on 27th February 2025 to showcase the achieved milestones. The purpose of the open day was to showcase the research activities and projects the centre executed and provide visitors with an opportunity to learn about the Centre's research activities and achievements. It was also an opportunity for the Centre to engage with the public, Library and Information Science Professionals, Research Administrators, and Students and to build relationships with them. The open day has provided a platform for the Centre to share its vision, mission, and strategies and to demonstrate its commitment to innovation and technological development to provide scholarly resources to the community. It allowed visitors to meet the scientists and technical team behind the projects, ask questions, and gain a better understanding of the Centre's work. For more [click here](#)

The INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Goa, for the INFLIBNET Services on 20th February 2025. This MoU aims to ensure the effective implementation of the INFLIBNET services for DHE's stakeholders, i.e., colleges under DHE, Goa.

Director of INFLIBNET (Information and Library Network Centre), Gandhinagar, Gujarat, Devika Madalli has said that SOUL (Software for University Libraries) has now been integrated into an open-source model and is now being used by 172 university libraries.

INFLIBNET Mobile App is now available in Google Play Store at <https://lnkd.in/gN5D3BrM>. Kindly scan the QR Code available on the banner. You all are requested to explore it and use it to the maximum to get the services of Information and Library Network Centre, Gandhinagar at your fingertips! To access the INFLIBNET WhatsApp Service, you may say 'Hi' to the number +91-9429855203, or you may scan the QR code on the banner.



From an empty space to a world of stories! Dr Shrikant Jichkar foundation transformed a room into a library at the Government Boys' Observation

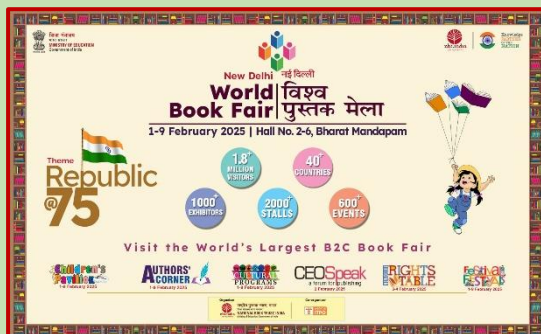
Home in Nagpur creating a space for learning, imagination, and second chances. Every book is a new beginning!

District library of South 24 parganas, West Bengal has organised an exhibition on the occasion of 70th foundation day. The exhibition will run between 22nd February to 7th March from 12 noon to 5:00 PM. For more [click here](#)

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GLAM Special Report

52 Years of Literary Brilliance: New Delhi World Book Fair 2025



The New Delhi World Book Fair, held at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi, is India's second-oldest book fair, following the Kolkata Book Fair. The first New Delhi World Book Fair was held in 1972. In 2025, The New Delhi World Book Fair is celebrating its 52 years' of legacy. The New Delhi World Book Fair 2025 was inaugurated by the President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, on 1st February 2025, in New Delhi.

The National Book Trust of India, under the Ministry of Education, organized this fair in partnership with the India Trade Promotion

Organisation with the goal of celebrating India's literary history while embracing global trends. With attractions such as the Children's Pavilion, Authors' Corners, foreign exhibitions, and literary workshops, it was a must-attend event for book lovers, providing significant opportunities for interaction and insights into the upcoming generations of publishing.

This fair was a magnificent literary celebration that attracted readers, authors, and publishers from all across the world. It was scheduled during February 1–9, 2025, at Bharat Mandapam in Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. This event promised a diverse mix of cultural interchange, intellectual discussion, and a large selection of books.

The World Book Fair 2025 ran every day from 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. The theme "Republic@75" designated India's 75th anniversary as a republic this year, highlighting themes of equality, justice, and freedom. The slogan "We, the People of India" expressed the country's common ambitions. The Children's Pavilion, storytelling sessions, thematic exhibitions, and interactive workshops were among the top draws.



Some of the special features of this NDWBF are as follows: Children's pavilion offers storytelling and activities to foster a love of reading. Authors' corner hosts book releases, dialogues, and panel discussions with established and emerging writers. International exhibitions, showcasing world literature and encouraging cultural exchange. Cultural programs such as music, dance, and performances to commemorate India's multilingual literary history. International participation has brought diverse literary perspectives, while platforms like the YUVA Corner will spotlight emerging Indian authors.



A feature of this year's event is the "Festival of Festivals," which brings together literary festivals from all around India. With over 100 sessions on topics such as AI in literature, contemporary poetry, and historical narratives, this program promotes a lively interchange of ideas. The New Delhi World Book Fair 2025 was more than just a book fair; it was also a center for cultural exchange and intellectual development. It served as a forum for promoting Indian literature around the world while also encouraging a respect for other literary traditions. The fair's broad

programming demonstrated the transformational potential of literature in changing societal ideals and maintaining cultural heritage.

The National Book Trust (NBT) of India organizes this yearly (formerly biennial) event, which takes place in the winter. Since 2013, the National Book Trust (NBT) has held the New Delhi World Book Fair every year at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi in collaboration with the India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) under an MOU.

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