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

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Editorial Desk

From Editorial Desk

We have successfully completed a fruitful one-year journey of publishing the *UB Newsletter*. This endeavour was not without its challenges; there were many ups and downs, countless brainstorming sessions, and numerous dream-weaving moments that have made this achievement possible. After publishing 12+ issues, we have successfully obtained 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 feat, we are grateful for the opportunity to share knowledge, innovations, and best practices through our 19 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 Trainee at Central Library of Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Chennai -600036 : Last Date - 05/06/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Deputy Librarian at Kumaun University, Nainital (A State Government University), Uttarakhand - 263001 : Last Date - 07/06/2025(online) and 14/06/2025(hard copy) [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Librarian at Army Institute Of Law, Mohali Sector 68, Temple Road, Mohali, Punjab - 160062 : Last Date - 07/06/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment For The Post of Chief Officer Learning Centre At Indore Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Indore -453556 : Last Date - 09/06/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Librarian at Swami Vivekanand College of Law, Ramnagar, Banur, Patiala- 140601 : Last Date - 09/06/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Library Information and Assistant at Rashtriya Raksha University, Pasighat Campus, Arunachal Pradesh, East Siang - 791102 : Last Date - 11/06/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Librarian at Food Craft Institute, University Polytechnic Campus, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh-202002 : Last Date - 12/06/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Library Assistant at International Management Institute, Bhubaneswar- 751014: Last Date - 15/06/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Librarian at Central Coir Research Institute, Alleppey, Kerala under COIR Board (A Statutory Body under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India) : Last Date - 20/06/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Assistant Librarian at Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur (A Central University established by the Central Universities Act, 2009) Koni, Bilaspur-495009 : Last Date - 23/06/2025 (online)- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Librarian at The English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU), Hyderabad – 500 007 : Last Date - 25/06/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Chief Librarian (Deputation Basis) and Librarian Selection Grade (Senior Librarian) (Deputation Basis) at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Saket Nagar, Bhopal - 462020, Madhya Pradesh : Last Date - 05/07/2025- [Click here for more](#)



UB Endeavour

Study Circle Reporting.....

42nd Study Circle The 42nd study circle of universal briefing took place on 31st May, 2025. The speaker for the session was Dr. Sushanta Banerjee, University Librarian & In-charge of the Department of Library & Information Science, West Bengal State University, Barasat, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal. The President of the session was Dr. Arun Kumar Chakraborty, Professor, Department of Library & Information Science, Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata, West Bengal. The topic of the study circle was "Role of Library Professionals to meet the changing demand of 'Generation Z' in this Digital Era". Dr. Banerjee, the distinguished veteran, delivered a compelling and thought-provoking address on the topic mentioned above. Beginning with a strong assertion that librarians hold a critical responsibility in cultivating a culture of reading, particularly among Generation Z—the predominant demographic in today's society—he offered a realistic and eye-opening perspective. Drawing from his extensive experience, the speaker underscored the need for a fundamental shift in the mindset of library professionals, emphasizing that they must evolve from being mere custodians of printed materials to becoming active facilitators of knowledge and information. The discourse thoughtfully explored a wide range of pertinent elements including the relevance of traditional and digital learning, the growing importance of digital literacy, and the readiness of current systems to embrace digital education. He also highlighted the advantages of digital learning. Furthermore, he articulated the essential features that modern libraries must embody, such as adopting digital transformation, bridging the digital divide, promoting sustainability and inclusivity, preserving cultural heritage, adapting to evolving societal needs, and serving as dynamic community hubs. The concept of maker spaces was also introduced as a modern innovation within libraries. Enriching the talk with personal anecdotes, Dr. Banerjee concluded by emphasizing the critical role of building public relations in attracting and retaining Generation Z users, thereby ensuring the library's continued relevance in the digital age.

Announcement.....

UB-Study Circle (Forthcoming Notification) The 43rd study circle of the Universal Briefing will take place on 28th June at 7.30 pm and the speaker for the session will be Dr. Santashree Basu, Guest Faculty, Department of Library and Information Science, Rabindra Bharati University.



Obituary

Dr. Santanu Das (1989 – 2025)

An Irreparable Loss to the Library and Information Science Community in West Bengal



With profound sorrow, we inform the untimely demise of **Dr. Santanu Das**, Assistant Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University. He passed away on **23rd May 2025 (late evening)** in Kolkata. Dr. Das was a distinguished academic, a passionate teacher, and a dynamic researcher whose contributions deeply enriched the Library and Information Science (LIS) community, especially in North Bengal and across West Bengal. A gold medalist in BLIS from NBU, he completed his Ph.D. from Jadavpur University, focusing on the digital divide—an area he continued to champion through his academic and social engagements. His dedication to knowledge dissemination, inclusive education, and the preservation of indigenous and digital knowledge positioned him as a role model for scholars and students alike. He authored numerous scholarly papers, delivered invited lectures across prestigious platforms, and actively contributed to academic bodies and policy forums. Dr. Das also served with distinction as the Librarian at Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya, and held pivotal administrative roles, including University Nominee and Governing Body Member in several reputed institutions. His professional legacy will remain etched in the institutions and individuals he nurtured with humility, scholarship, and a visionary outlook. The Library Science community mourns this immense loss. His absence leaves a void that will be deeply felt by colleagues, students, and the broader educational fraternity. May his soul rest in peace. **Om Shanti** 🙏.

Mr. Shivanand Mishra

Remembering Shivanand Mishra, Renowned Bhojpuri Poet and Dedicated Librarian



Mr. Shivanand Mishra, widely known by his pen name Shikari Baba, passed away on 21st May, 2025 after a prolonged illness. A resident of Parsonda village in the Shahpur block, his demise has cast a deep shadow of grief across the region. He was not only a beloved figure in the Bhojpuri literary world but also a dedicated professional in the field of librarianship. Since 2014, Mr. Mishra had been serving as the librarian at Kendriya Vidyalaya, IFFCO, Gandhidham, in Gujarat. He began his academic journey with a B.Sc. (Honours) in Chemistry from A.N. College, Patna in 1995. He later pursued a Bachelor of Library and Information Science (BLIS) from Rabindra Bharati University (1996–97), followed by a Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) from Jadavpur University (1998–99). Mr. Mishra started his career as a library trainee at the British Council, Kolkata in 1998. He then served as Assistant Librarian at the Asian Development Research Institute (ADRI), Patna from 2000 to 2003. Later, he joined Kendriya Vidyalaya, AFS, Srinagar, continuing his lifelong commitment to the promotion of library services and education. He also qualified the UGC NET in 2005. An erudite scholar with a deep interest in Hindi and Sanskrit classics, as well as literature on information science, Mr. Mishra was known for his expertise in cloud-based library software, including eGranthalaya 4.0, Koha, and DSpace. Apart from his professional achievements, Shivanand Mishra earned widespread recognition as a Bhojpuri poet and lyricist. He authored thousands of Bhojpuri songs, many of which continue to resonate with audiences and hold a special place in the cultural heritage of the region. His passing is a profound loss not only to the Bhojpuri literary world but also to the community of Kendriya Vidyalaya librarians and the wider field of library and information science. His legacy will continue to inspire generations to come. May his soul rest in eternal peace. **Om Shanti** 🙏.

Research Spotlight

DLIS, Karnatak University, Dharwad (Awarded Works 2025)

1. **Thesis Title:** Evaluation of Users Satisfaction with Library Resources and Services of Universities of Horticultural Sciences in Karnataka State: A Survey
Scholar: Narasanna
Supervisor: Dr. Ramesh R. Naik

DLIS, Sardar Patel University, Vidyanagar (Awarded Works 2025)

2. **Thesis Title:** Evaluation of Open Educational Resources in Science and Technology in India: A Webometric Analysis
Scholar: Miral Shivang Desai
Supervisor: Dr. Meghna Vyas

DLIS, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad (Awarded Works 2025)

3. **Thesis Title:** Gujarat rajyana lokjivan vikasma gram granthalayoni bhumika
Scholar: Aarifkhan Bismillahkhan Pathan
Supervisor: Dr. R. D. Parmar

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

4. **Thesis Title:** Design and Development of Knowledge Graph for Representing Narrative Information in Medicine
Scholar: Udaya Varadarajan
Supervisor: Dr. Biswanath Dutta
5. **Thesis Title:** Design and Development of Data Framework for Flood Disaster Management Using the Faceted and Semantic Techniques
Scholar: Prashant Kumar Sinha
Supervisor: Dr. Biswanath Dutta
6. **Thesis Title:** Information Needs of Tea Garden Workers of Kalchini Block in the District of Alipurduar West Bengal: A Study
Scholar: Rajib Roy
Supervisor: Dr. Susmita Chakraborty & Dr. Biplab Chakrabarti

DLIS, Punjabi University, Patiala (Awarded Works 2025)

7. **Thesis Title:** Use of books in agronomy horticulture soil science and plant pathology in Agricultural University Libraries of Punjab Haryana and Himachal Pradesh
Scholar: Dolly Sharma
Supervisor: Dr. Kulwinder Singh

DLIS, Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Motahari (Awarded Works 2024)

8. **Thesis Title:** Design and development of university library website with special reference to Central University Libraries in India: A prototype
Scholar: Anita Sharma
Supervisor: Dr. Ranjeet Kumar Choudhary

"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 **CALICUT UNIVERSITY, MALAPPURAM** AWARDED WORKS)

Awarded Works in 1992

1. **Thesis Title:** A survey of the pattern of literature search by the science researchers of Kerala
Scholar: Alexander Abraham
Supervisor: George A B

Awarded Works in 2003

2. **Thesis Title:** A study of the scientific productivity & information pattern of scientists in the context of new information technology with special reference to Universities in Kerala
Scholar: Soman K.N.
Supervisor: Dr. Raju M. Mathew.

Awarded Works in 2004

3. **Thesis Title:** Study of application of information technology in tribal medicine in Kerala with regard to forest medicinal plants
Scholar: Asha B.
Supervisor: Dr. Raju M. Mathew.
4. **Thesis Title:** Impact of Kerala Grandhasala Sangham on the formulation of Kerala Public Libraries Act, 1989
Scholar: Nasirudheen T.P.O
Supervisor: Dr. M. Bavakutty
5. **Thesis Title:** Information requirements of career seekers in Kerala in relation to information resources and services in libraries.
Scholar: Dineshan Koovakai
Supervisor: Dr. Jalaja V.

Awarded Works in 2005

6. **Thesis Title:** Comparative study of treatment of information, knowledge and wisdom in the Bible and the Quran within the context of emerging Cyber Society
Scholar: Arifa K
Supervisor: Dr. Raju M. Mathew
7. **Thesis Title:** Application of information and communication technology in special libraries in Kerala
Scholar: Mohamed Haneefa K
Supervisor: Dr. M. Bavakutty
8. **Thesis Title:** Role of internet in enhancing the resource sharing and enriching the information resources in the special libraries in India: An investigation
Scholar: M.G. Sreekumar
Supervisor: Dr. Raju M. Mathew
9. **Thesis Title:** Study of the application of information technology in the treatment and preparation of medicine in Ayurveda with special reference to Kerala
Scholar: Hemachandran Nair G
Supervisor: Dr. Raju M. Mathew

Research Recap

10. **Thesis Title:** College library services: A quality assessment
Scholar: Abdul Majeed K.C.
Supervisor: Dr. M. Bavakutty

Awarded Works in 2006

11. **Thesis Title:** Authority control of romanised arabic names in online public access catalogue
Scholar: Veerankutty Chelatayakkot
Supervisor: Dr. Jalaja V.
12. **Thesis Title:** A study of the theoretical foundations of information science/information technology based on the Vedic approach towards information, knowledge and wisdom.
Scholar: Muraleedharan P.
Supervisor: Dr. Raju M. Mathew
13. **Thesis Title:** The information search pattern of doctoral students in the electronic environment
Scholar: Rekha Rani Vargheese
Supervisor: Dr. M. Bavakutty
14. **Thesis Title:** Marketing orientation of University libraries of Kerala in information dissemination
Scholar: Vinod V.M
Supervisor: Dr. Jalaja V.
15. **Thesis Title:** A study of the industrial development pattern of Kerala in the context of information technology revolution and the emerging cyber society
Scholar: A C Rajan
Supervisor: Dr. Raju M. Mathew

Awarded Works in 2007

16. **Thesis Title:** Human relation in university libraries in Kerala
Scholar: Meena V.
Supervisor: Dr. Jalaja V.
17. **Thesis Title:** Role of university libraries in research in Kerala
Scholar: Sheeja N.K.
Supervisor: Dr. Jalaja V.
18. **Thesis Title:** Development of a library consortium for engineering colleges in Kerala
Scholar: Abdul Azeez T.A.
Supervisor: Dr. M. Bavakutty

Awarded Works in 2008

19. **Thesis Title:** Use pattern of electronic information resources in the college libraries in Kerala: an analytical study
Scholar: Vijayakumar A.
Supervisor: Dr. Jalaja V.
20. **Thesis Title:** Study of the information requirements and information use pattern of the members of Grama Panchayats in Kerala
Scholar: Dinesan K
Supervisor: Dr. M. Bavakutty

Research Recap**Awarded Works in 2009**

21. **Thesis Title:** Application of information technology in distance learning in higher education with special reference to India
Scholar: Manzoor Babu V.
Supervisor: Dr. Raju M. Mathew
22. **Thesis Title:** A study of the introduction, application, and utilization of information technology in higher educational context in Kerala
Scholar: Abdul Salam M.P
Supervisor: Raju M. Mathew
23. **Thesis Title:** Application of information and communication technology for rural development in Kerala
Scholar: Suja K
Supervisor: Dr. Jalaja V.
24. **Thesis Title:** Impact of information services of social organizations on empowerment of women in northern districts of Kerala: An evaluative study
Scholar: George P.V.
Supervisor: Dr. Jalaja V.

Awarded Works in 2013

25. **Thesis Title:** Information literacy of research scholars of universities in Kerala
Scholar: Vasudevan T.M.
Supervisor: Dr. Jalaja V.
26. **Thesis Title:** Impact of information and communication technology in information seeking and enrichment of researchers in Universities in Kerala.
Scholar: Mehaboobulla K
Supervisor: Dr. Jalaja V.

Awarded Works in 2014

27. **Thesis Title:** Use and effectiveness of UGC INFONET in promotion of education and research among universities in Kerala: A study
Scholar: Shaji B.
Supervisor: Dr. Jalaja V.

Awarded Works in 2015

28. **Thesis Title:** Availability and use of information for managerial decision making of information technology industry in Kerala
Scholar: Mahjabeen Aydeed
Supervisor: Dr. Jalaja V.

Awarded Works in 2016

29. **Thesis Title:** Role of public library in women empowerment in Kerala
Scholar: Sasi P.K.
Supervisor: Dr. Jalaja V.

Research Recap**Awarded Works in 2017**

30. **Thesis Title:** Impact of mass media on the empowerment of women library professionals in Kerala
Scholar: Lijina P
Supervisor: Dr. Jalaja V.
31. **Thesis Title:** Six sigma analysis of university libraries in Kerala
Scholar: Vahida Beegam T.
Supervisor: Dr. Jalaja V.

Awarded Works in 2018

32. **Thesis Title:** Reading behaviour in digital environment: a study among students of universities in Kerala
Scholar: Divya P.
Supervisor: Dr. Mohamed Haneefa K.

Awarded Works in 2019

33. **Thesis Title:** Information system for tribal development in Kerala
Scholar: Kala P.A.
Supervisor: Dr. Jalaja V.
34. **Thesis Title:** Service quality of special libraries in Kerala
Scholar: Sajna K.P.
Supervisor: Dr. Mohamed Haneefa K.
35. **Thesis Title:** Digital divide among students of universities in Kerala
Scholar: Aswathi P.
Supervisor: Dr. Mohamed Haneefa K.
36. **Thesis Title:** An investigative study on awareness and use of assistive technologies for information support for differently abled persons in Kerala
Scholar: Minimol K.
Supervisor: Dr. Jalaja V.

Awarded Works in 2020

37. **Thesis Title:** Quality of work life and job attitude of library professionals of universities in Kerala
Scholar: Shyni K.G.
Supervisor: Dr. Mohamed Haneefa K.
38. **Thesis Title:** Emotional intelligence of library professionals in university libraries in Kerala
Scholar: Kadeeja Kutty U.
Supervisor: Dr. Jalaja V.

Awarded Works in 2021

39. **Thesis Title:** Publication productivity of Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur during 2008-2017: A scientometric analysis.
Scholar: Ajitha A.
Supervisor: Dr. Vasudevan T.M.

Research Recap

Awarded Works in 2023

40. **Thesis Title:** Professionalism among library professionals in University Libraries in Kerala

Scholar: Prasanth M.

Supervisor: Dr. Vasudevan T.M.

41. **Thesis Title:** Preservation of Documentary Heritage Collections A study of Selected Cultural Institutions in Kerala

Scholar: Dhanya T K.

Supervisor: Dr. Vasudevan T.M.

Awarded Works in 2024

42. **Thesis Title:** Epic as a dynamic living library an extrapolative study of the Mahabharata

Scholar: Simjith V

Supervisor: Dr. Vasudevan T.M.

RESEARCH RECAP DIRECTORY

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Forthcoming Events

Conferences, Seminars, Webinars & Summits

- Central Library and IQAC, Poornima University, Jaipur (Rajasthan) in collaboration with the National Digital Library of India (NDLI) and the Training Centre in Communication (TCC Africa), organizing one-day online seminar on Empowering Academia: Integrating Open Access, AI Tools and National Digital Library of India (NDLI) Resources for Smarter Education. Date: June 9, 2025. Time: 9:30 AM EAT / 12:00 PM IST. Venue: Online (Zoom). For more info: [click here](#)
- 6th International Conference on Data Analytics & Management (ICDAM-2025). Organized By: London Metropolitan University, London, UK (Venue Partner) in association with WSG University, Bydgoszcz, Poland, Europe, Portalegre Polytechnic University, Portugal, Europe, SGGW Management Institute & BPIT, GGSIPU, Delhi. Dates: 13th - 14th June, 2025. Venue: London Metropolitan University, London, UK. For more info: [click here](#)
- The International Conference on Library and Information Science (ICLIS-2025): Libraries as Pillars of Sustainable Socio-Cultural Capital, organized by the Sri Lanka Library Association and the Library of the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, will be held on June 26–27, 2025. For more info: [click here](#)
- SALIS 2025: National Conference on Reimagining and Transforming Libraries into Active Learning Hubs to Accelerate Global Education, organized by the Central Library, B.S. Abdur Rahman Crescent Institute of Science & Technology, Vandalur, Chennai, in association with the Society for the Advancement of Library and Information Science (SALIS) on 27th and 28th June 2025. For more info: [click here](#)
- American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference. Date: June 26-July 1, 2025. Place: Philadelphia, PA, USA. For more info: [click here](#)

Workshops, Programmes, Training & Courses

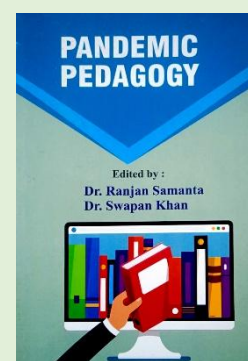
- Three Days International Workshop on Connecting and Empowering Research: Open Access, Open Data, and Research Metrics. Organised by All India Shri Shivaji Memorial Society's College of Engineering, Pune in collaboration with INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat. Date: 02-04 July, 2025. For more info: [click here](#)
- **Web of Science Training & Certification Program-2025.**
- Session 1 | Getting Started with Web of Science: Smart Discovery, Smarter Strategy - Monday, 09 June 2025 11:00 - 12:00 (UTC+05:30) Chennai, Kolkata, Mumbai, New Delhi. For registration: [Click here.](#)
- Session 2 | Organize, Cite, Collaborate: End Note and Ethical AI Tools for Research Management - Wednesday, 11 June 2025 11:00 - 12:00 (UTC+05:30) Chennai, Kolkata, Mumbai, New Delhi. For registration: [Click here.](#)
- Session 3 | From Discovery to Impact: Publishing Smart and Using Metrics Responsibly - Friday, 13 June 2025 11:00 - 12:00 (UTC+05:30) Chennai, Kolkata, Mumbai, New Delhi. For registration: [Click here.](#)

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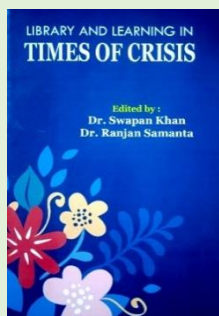
- The Information and Library Network Centre (INFLIBNET), Gandhinagar, and R.S Mundle Dharampeth Arts and Commerce College, Nagpur, are jointly organising “One-Day Awareness Programme on IRINS and INFLIBNET Services for Scholarly Communities” on the 13th June 2025 at R.S Mundle Dharampeth Arts and Commerce College, Nagpur. For registration: [Click here.](#)
- The Central Library of IIT (ISM) Dhanbad is organizing an Online National Workshop on Library Management using Open-Source Software, from 16th to 20th June 2025. For more info: [click here](#)
- One Month Online Internship-LIS Students by Librarian Guide Educational Academy (LGEA). Dates: June 16-July 16, 2025. Time: 08:00 am - 09:30 pm. Platform: Online. For registration: [Click here.](#)
- Two Days Certificate Course on Koha -Integrated Library Management System | | Date: 21-22 June, 2025 (Saturday & Sunday) | | Time: 08:00 pm to 09:00 pm. For more info: [Click here.](#)
- Three Days National Workshop on Creation and Management of Digital Library using Open-Source Software (in offline mode) is being organized by INFLIBNET Centre during 02nd - 04th July, 2025 at An IUC of University Grants Information and Library Network Centre, Commission, Infocity, Gandhinagar-382007, Gujarat, India. For more info: [Click here.](#)
- Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi Sponsored Ten Days ‘Research Methodology Course for M.Phil./Ph.D./PDF Women Research Scholars in Social Sciences’ (21st to 30th July 2025) Organised by Department of Studies and Research in Library and Information Science and Karnataka State Open University Library, Mukthagangothri, Mysuru, Karnataka – 570 006. 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.](#)

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.

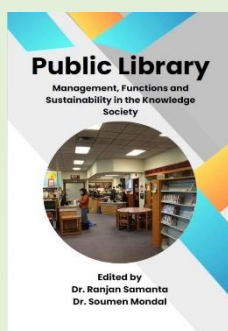
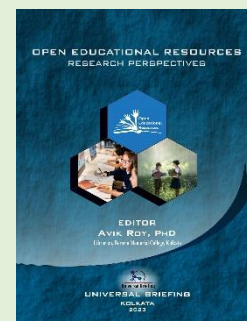


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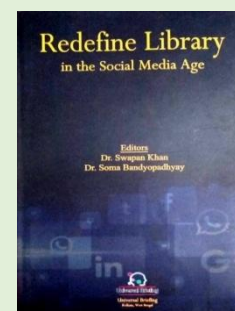
The book “Library and Learning in Times of Crisis” was published by Prova Prakashani in collaboration with Universal Briefing in the year 2021, edited by Dr. Ranjan Samanta and Dr. Swapan Khan. It contained seventeenth valuable research papers highlighted the role of libraries especially academic libraries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

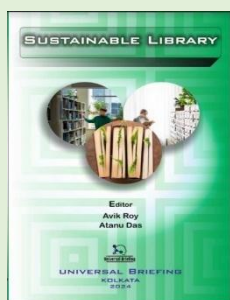


This book celebrates the profound impact of public libraries as vibrant spaces of learning, connection, and empowerment. In an era marked by rapid technological advancements and evolving societal needs, public libraries remain steadfast in their mission to provide equitable access to information and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

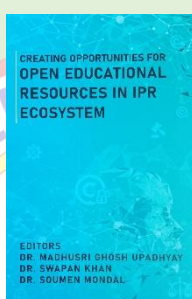
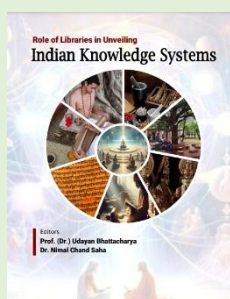


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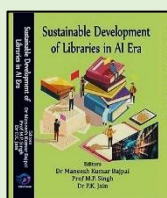


Any kind of scholarly work provides a serendipity of reading so many novel academic contents including books, book chapters, research articles, magazines, popular articles etc. Sustainability is the buzz of the day where almost every activity in the societal periphery culminates to the sustainable future. 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.

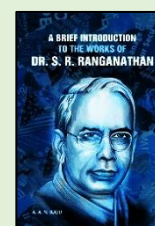


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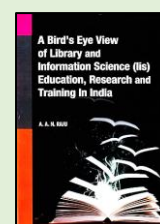
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Trends on Tech

Fireflies.ai:

Fireflies.ai is an AI-driven platform that helps teams automate meeting note-taking by transcribing, summarizing, and making meetings searchable. It can integrate with various platforms like Google Meet, Zoom, and Teams, and offers features like real-time transcription, automatic summaries, and the ability to search and analyze voice conversations.

Functions: Recording, Transcribing, and Summarization: Fireflies automatically records, transcribes, and summarizes meetings, allowing users to focus on the conversation rather than note-taking.

AI-Powered Search: Users can search for specific topics, action items, dates, times, and more within the transcripts. Conversation

Intelligence: Fireflies analyze meetings to track metrics like talk time, sentiment, and filler words.

Collaboration

Tools: Users can add comments, pins, and reactions to transcripts, create sound bites, and share notes with collaboration apps.

AI Apps: Fireflies offer a library of AI Apps to create custom notes and summaries for specific industries or use cases.

Pricing: Fireflies.ai pricing plans and services start from free forever to \$29 and more. For more details, click [HERE](#).

Gamma AI:

It is an AI-powered platform designed to streamline the creation of presentations, websites, social media posts, and other digital content. It leverages artificial intelligence to generate layouts, content, and even images, making it easier for users to produce professional-looking materials.

Gamma AI is also being used in research for various applications:

Presentation Creation: Gamma AI can be used to create engaging and informative presentations, making research findings accessible to a wider audience.

Document Creation: Researchers can use Gamma AI to quickly generate reports, proposals, and other documents, streamlining the research process.

Literature Review: Gamma AI can assist in discovering relevant research articles and summarizing key findings from large databases, saving researchers time.

Data Visualization: Researchers can use Gamma AI to create interactive graphs and charts to visualize complex data, making it easier to understand research findings.

Collaboration: Gamma App encourages collaboration among researchers by creating shared interactive presentations and allowing peer feedback within the content.

Pricing: Gamma AI offers a range of pricing plans for researchers and other users. The Free plan is a great starting point, while the Plus plan and Pro plan provide more features and capabilities for those needing more AI assistance. For more information, click [HERE](#).

Social Media News

- **Digital Libraries in Uttar Pradesh:** The Uttar Pradesh government plans to establish digital libraries in 400 villages across Prayagraj. These libraries will be equipped with computers, LED screens, and Wi-Fi to enhance educational access for children and teenagers. For more details [click here](#)
- **Bad Axe Library Renovation:** The Bad Axe Area District Library in Michigan completed \$400,000 in renovations, including new windows, updated furnishings, and expanded areas for children and computer users. An open house is scheduled for June 12 to showcase the improvements and launch the summer reading program. For more details [click here](#)
- Natalie Taylor from the University of South Florida School of Information was honored with the **Beta Phi Mu Award 2025** for distinguished service to education for librarianship. For more details [click here](#)
- Kennesaw State University's Libraries Recruitment and Retention Task Force received the American Library Association's Equality Award for creating an equitable hiring and onboarding process. For more details [click here](#)
- County Library in Michigan is celebrating its 120th anniversary with events starting June 4, including historical storytelling sessions and the grand opening of a new Story Park. For more details [click here](#)
- An executive order by President Trump to dismantle the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) has led to significant funding cuts for libraries across the U.S., affecting digital resources and leading to staff layoffs. For more details [click here](#)
- The Association for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T) announced merger negotiations with the Special Libraries Association to explore a unified future for information professionals. For more details [click here](#)
- The Minot-Sleeper Library in Bristol, New Hampshire, was awarded \$500 by ByWater Solutions to support library goals and community initiatives. For more details [click here](#)
- Charles Sturt University in Australia is celebrating 50 years of library and information science education, marking its golden jubilee. For more details [click here](#)
- Navigating the Future: Key Trends in Academic Libraries for 2024. This blog post summarizes the top six trends identified in the report and Comparative Overview of ARL vs. IFLA through Trend Reports 2024. For more details [click here](#)
- Koha 25.05.00 released on Tuesday May 27th, 2025. Koha is the first free and open-source software library automation package (ILS). Development is sponsored by libraries of varying types and sizes, volunteers, and support companies from around the world. For more details [click here](#)



GLAM Special Report

Echoes of Eternity: Gita and Natyashastra Find Global Home at UNESCO



The Memory of the World (MoW) Register lists documentary heritage that has been suggested by the International Advisory Committee and approved by the Executive Board as meeting the selection criteria for global relevance and great universal value.

UNESCO's Memory of the World Register has included 74 additional documentary heritage collections, including manuscripts of the Bhagavad Gita and Bharat Muni's Natyashastra, increasing the total

number of inscribed collections to 570. According to UNESCO, the registry includes entries on the Scientific Revolution, women's contributions to history, and key milestones in multilateralism from 72 nations and four international bodies.

According to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, this is a moment of pride for all Indians worldwide. The Gita and Natyashastra's inclusion on UNESCO's Memory of the World Register is a testament to our rich cultural heritage and ageless wisdom. For ages, civilization and consciousness have been fostered by the Gita and Natyashastra. The globe is still inspired by their insights.

Natyashastra is considered a seminal text on performing arts. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Union Culture Minister has expressed this as a significant event for Bharat's civilizational legacy. This global honor recognizes India's timeless wisdom and artistic creativity. These ageless masterpieces are more than just literary gems; they serve as intellectual and aesthetic underpinnings for Bharat's worldview, as well as the way we think, feel, live, and express ourselves. This brings our country's total to 14 inscriptions on the international register.

From the newly inscribed collections, fourteen are related to scientific documentary heritage. Egypt presented Ithāf Al-Mahbūb, which recounts the Arab world's contributions to astronomy, planetary movement, celestial bodies, and astrological analysis in the first millennium of our era. The archives of Charles Darwin (United Kingdom), Friedrich Nietzsche (Germany), Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen (Germany), who captured the first X-ray photos, and Carlos Chagas (Brazil), a pioneer in disease research, have also been included. Other additions include collections about the memory of slavery from Angola, Aruba, Cabo Verde, Curaçao, and Mozambique, as well as archives about prominent historical women who are still largely underrepresented on the register, such as girls' education pioneer Raden Ajeng Kartini (Indonesia and the Netherlands), author Katherine Mansfield (New Zealand), and travel writers Annemarie Schwarzenbach and Ella Maillart (Switzerland).

The all 14 Indian treasures honoured by UNESCO are as follows: The IAS Tamil Medical Manuscript Collection (1997), Saiva Manuscripts (2005), Rigveda (2007), Tarikh-e-Khandan-e-Timuriyah (2011), Laghukalachakratantrarajatika Vimalaprabha (2011), Shantinatha Charitra (2013), Gilgit manuscript (2017), Maitreyayavarakarana (2017), Abhinavagupta (2023), Ramcharitmanas (2024), Panchatantra (2024), Sahridayaloka-Locana (2024), Shrimad Bhagavad Gita (2025) and Bharat Muni's Natyashastra (2025).

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