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Universal Briefing (UB) is a voluntary, non-profit, and non-governmental organization registered as a Trustee, dedicated to advancing Library and Information Services. It focuses on nurturing young professionals by offering opportunities to develop essential skills and knowledge. UB promotes research, innovation and the creation of tools and methods to foster future growth in the field. It also empowers students with effective information-handling skills. Through extensive discussions among its founding members, UB has embraced a broader mission to contribute meaningfully to academic and intellectual development in the Library and Information Science (LIS). UB remains devoted to fostering an inclusive, collaborative environment built on unity, fraternity, and mutual support.

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## Editorial Desk

### *From Editorial Desk.....*

As we turn the page on another month, we take a moment to reflect on the shared purpose that unites us in the pursuit of knowledge, the preservation of our professional values and the celebration of community. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who have been part of this journey like our readers, contributors, and supporters. Your engagement strengthens our collective mission to advance the Library and Information Science (LIS) profession and we remain committed to offering a publication that informs, connects, and uplifts our community.

As we have stepped into our third year of publication, we carry forward the momentum built over the past two years with a renewed commitment to quality and relevance. We are excited to continue exploring the evolving landscape of our field, expanding our perspectives, and deepening the value we offer. With genuine gratitude for each one of you, we invite you to stay involved, share your insights, and help us continue building a vibrant, informed, and collaborative community.

From its modest beginnings to becoming a trusted source of professional connection and knowledge exchange, our newsletter's growth is a testament to the dedication of our team, our network of passionate professionals and you, our valued readers. This milestone is not only a celebration of what we have achieved but also a reminder of the strength of a community bound by a common purpose.

As we look ahead, we reaffirm our commitment to delivering relevant, high-quality, and inspiring content that continues to empower and unite. Thank you for being an integral part of this continuing journey.



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## Latest Vacancies

- Recruitment for the Post of Assistant Professor at Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University, Lower Mall Road, Patiala, Punjab -147001: Last Date - 08/12/2025 -[click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Professor, Associate Professor (DLIS) at Central University of Punjab, Punjab, VPO: Ghudda, District: Bathinda-151401: Last Date - 09/12/2025 -[click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Library Trainee at The Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Berhampur, P.O. – Laudigam, Dist – Ganjam, Odisha, Pin-760003: Last Date - 10/12/2025 -[click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Library & Information Assistant at Combined Graduate Level Examination, Government of Puducherry, Puducherry Examining Authority Chief Secretariat, Puducherry, White Town-605001: Last Date - 14/12/2025 -[click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Assistant Librarian, Professional Assistant, & Library Attendant at BabasahebBhimraoAmbedkar University (A Central University) VidyaVihar, Rae Bareli Road, Lucknow-226025: Last Date - 14/12/2025 -[click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Library & Information Assistant at National Highways Authority of India (NHAI): Last Date - 15/12/2025 -[click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Assistant Manager - Archivist at Indian Institute Of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA), New Campus, Sargam Marg, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad – 380015: Last Date - 16/12/2025 -[click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of College Librarian in PoornapranjaSamshodhanaMandiram, Dr.VishweshatheerthaSwamiji Marg, Katriguppa Main Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka – 560070 under Adarsh Scheme Section, Central Sanskrit University (CSU), 56-57, Institutional Area, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058: Last Date - 20/12/2025 -[click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Librarian at Sainik School Gopalganj, PO-Sipaya Via Kuchaikote, Distt-Gopalganj (Bihar)-841 501: Last Date - 21/12/2025 -[click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Semi Professional Assistant, Library Assistant & Library Attendant at Satyawati College (University of Delhi), AshokVihar, Phase-III, Delhi-110052: Last Date - 22/12/2025 -[click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Technical Assistant & Technician, Knowledge Resource Centre (KRC) at CSIR – Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI), Lucknow, Sector 10, Jankipuram Extension, Sitapur Road, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh- 226031: Last Date - 26/12/2025 -[click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Recruitment for Assistant Library and Information Officer (ALIO) Post at National Centre for Organic and Natural Farming (NCONF), Hapur Road, Kamla Nehru Nagar, Ghaziabad-201002: Last Date - 09/01/2026 -[click here for more](#)

## UB Endeavour

### Study Circle Reporting.....

**The 48th Study Circle :** The 48th study circle of universal briefing took place on 29th November, 2025 at 7.30 pm. The speaker for the session was Dr. Bidyarthi Dutta, Associate Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Vidyasagar University and the President of the session was Dr Saptarshi Ghosh, Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, University of North Bengal, West Bengal. The topic of the study circle was "Metamorphosis of Research Evaluation Metrics: From Impact Factor to Altmetric Multi-Dimensional Indicators and Beyond".

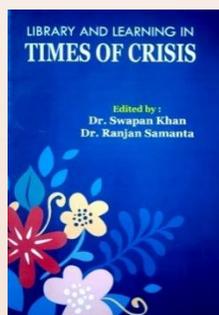
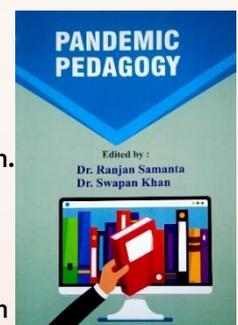
The speaker delivered a presentation on a vital topic for academics and researchers. He began with expanding on the concept of evaluation and metrics. He traced the history of these metrics, acknowledging the influential thinkers behind their development, and explained the mathematical foundations of citation-based measures, with particular emphasis on the impact factor. He elaborated non-citation indicators and provided an in-depth look at indexes, particularly the h-index, its variants, and their limitations. Dr. Dutta also discussed classical bibliometric tools. In addition, he explored altmetrics, and explained the distinction between citation scores and altmetric attention scores. Drawing examples ranging from Pythagoras to NASA scientists, he concluded by pointing out that despite the abundance of available metrics, each carries significant limitations. Therefore, he asserted, meaningful assessment must combine quantitative measures with qualitative evaluation.

### Announcement.....

**UB-Study Circle (Forthcoming Notification)** The 49th study circle of the Universal Briefing will take place on 3rd January, 2026 at 7.30 pm and the speaker for the session will be Dr. Barnali Roy Choudhury, Assistant Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Netaji Subhas Open University and president for the session will be Dr. Nimai Chand Saha, Librarian, Visva Bharati.

### Our Publication.....

The book "Pandemic Pedagogy" was published by Prova Prakashani in collaboration with Universal Briefing in the year 2020. It was jointly edited by Dr. Ranjan Samanta and Dr. Swapan Khan. The book had informative eighteenth chapters. The outstanding contribution of authors presented an exceptional dimension on pandemic pedagogy in relation to academic library and pandemic pedagogy mainly in higher education. Thought content, practical experience and knowledge of authors would help the students, scholars, library professional and others to understand the situation of education during Pandemic and the challenge taken to overcome; teaching learning process of that situation; advancement of new technology; extension of online education and open educational resources; opportunities and threats of online education.

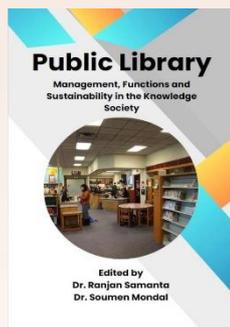
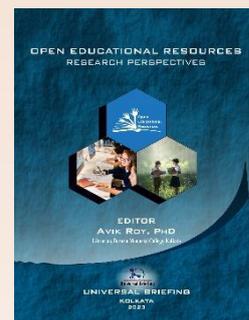


The book "Library and Learning in Times of Crisis" was published by Prova Prakashani in collaboration with Universal Briefing in the year 2021, edited by Dr. Ranjan Samanta and Dr. Swapan Khan. It contained seventeenth valuable research papers highlighted the role of libraries especially academic libraries and online teaching learning during the period of Global Pandemic of Covid-19. Some papers focused on Government initiatives for learners during Covid-19, effectiveness of social media for education; strength, weakness, opportunity, and threat of e-learning; importance of e-resources etc. The papers helped librarian to take various steps in every aspect of library services. Overall, all papers were very informative and insightful for learners, teachers,

administrators, policy makers and government.

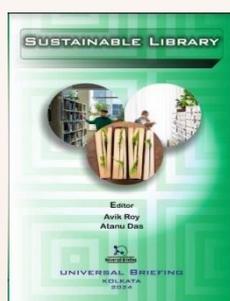
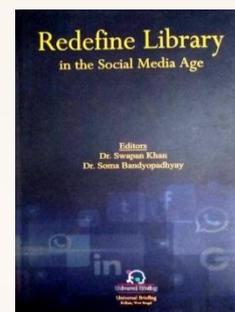
**UB Endeavour**

A book was published in February 2023 by Universal briefing with the title “Open Educational Resources: Research Perspectives”, comprising selected articles from the two-day International Webinar of the same title, which was organised by Universal Briefing on 20th and 21st November, 2021 at Kolkata, India. The book contains 13 selected articles on different aspects of OER including SWOT analysis, NEP, copyright and license, sustainability of OER etc., written by LIS professionals from various fields. This conference proceedings volume is edited by Dr. Avik Roy, Librarian, Derozio Memorial College; and illustrated by Avijit Naskar.



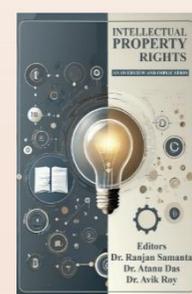
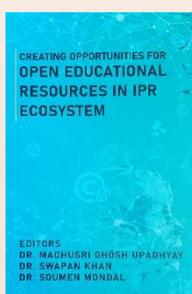
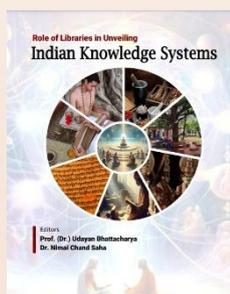
This book celebrates the profound impact of public libraries as vibrant spaces of learning, connection, and empowerment. In an era marked by rapid technological advancements and evolving societal needs, public libraries remain steadfast in their mission to provide equitable access to information and foster inclusive communities. Each chapter of this book is meticulously crafted to explore a different facet of the library experience. From the essential role of libraries in promoting literacy and lifelong learning to their innovative approaches to technology integration and community outreach, we aim to provide a comprehensive understanding of the multifaceted nature of libraries in the 21st Century.

Purpose of this book titled "Redefine library in the social media age", is to visualize a dramatic transformation of concept of libraries due to rapid development of technological innovations especially in post pandemic period. The human need for information is changing day by day. They seek information from varieties of sources and formats. For this purpose, the library staff and library professionals need to adopt themselves into this dynamic environment. Social media is becoming increasingly popular among all the stakeholders of the library. There is no doubt that the present library must be defined in the context of social media to satisfy the users in this social media age.



Any kind of scholarly work provides a serendipity of reading so many novel academic contents including books, book chapters, research articles, magazines, popular articles etc. Sustainability is the buzz of the day where almost every activity in the societal periphery culminates to the sustainable future. How can the library lag behind being one of the most important pillars of society? The present volume, "Sustainable Library" is an endeavour to add even an iota to the knowledge base of the global discourses on sustainable libraries. We remain grateful to Prof. Udayan Bhattacharya, Department of Library and Information Science, Jadavpur University, Kolkata to continuously inspire us to work on this compilation of the literature on sustainable libraries and publish them in one volume.

**Our Latest Publication.....**



## UB Endeavour

### Announcement.....

#### CALL FOR PAPERS

##### Sub-Themes:

- AI Applications in Library Operations
- AI & Digital Libraries
- User Experience and Discovery
- AI in Scholarly Communications
- Higher education and AI Capacity Building
- AI in Public Libraries
- Ethics, Legal and Policy Dimensions in Libraries
- Innovative and Sustainable AI in Libraries

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- All manuscripts of full paper (12pt Times New Roman) must be submitted in MS-Word format within 3000 words only.
- The manuscripts should not be published previously (partly or in full).
- Reference must be maintained by following APA Style format 6th edition.
- All the authors whether single or multiple, must register the seminar for presenting/ publishing the paper.
- The selected papers will be presented in the seminar and will be published as a book after seminar with **ISBN**.

#### UNIVERSAL BRIEFING

### 6<sup>th</sup> International Seminar

#### Two-Days International Seminar on

### Intelligent Libraries: Harnessing AI Driven Future

Organized by:  
**Universal Briefing**  
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#### Important Dates

Abstract Submission  
Deadline:  
**December 31, 2025**

Notification of  
Acceptance by  
**January 11, 2026**

Full Paper Submission:  
**January 20, 2026**

Early Bird Registration  
Deadline:  
**December 31, 2025**

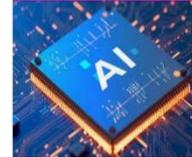
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February 20-21,  
2026 (IST)



#### Time:

10:00 A.M. - 05:30  
P.M. (GMT+5:30)



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Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India

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## Distinguished Insights

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

**Dr. Narayan Chandra Ghosh, Librarian, IIM Calcutta**

“ Great initiative. Your Newsletter is of so good in all aspects of content, narration, appearance, and useful relevance ”

**Dr. S. Srinivasaragavan, Prof. & HOD, DLIS, BU, Trichy**

## Research Spotlight

### DLIS, Jammu University, Jammu (Awarded Works 2025)

1. **Thesis Title:** Applications of Web 3.0 in IIT Libraries of Northern India  
**Scholar:** Diksha Sharma  
**Supervisor:** Dr. Sangita Gupta
2. **Thesis Title:** Security Issues of University Libraries A Study of Jammu Division  
**Scholar:** Romesh Chander  
**Supervisor:** Dr. Meghna Dhar

### DLIS, Mizoram University, Aizawal (Awarded Works 2025)

3. **Thesis Title:** Digital Literacy Competency Among Research Scholars of School of Physical Sciences  
**Scholar:** Bhaigyashree Boro  
**Supervisor:** Dr. F.Chanchinmawia

### DLIS, Alagappa University, Karaikudi (Awarded Works 2025)

4. **Thesis Title:** Scientometric Analysis on Quantum Dots QDs Research Literature A Global Perspective  
**Scholar:** R. Sargunapathi  
**Supervisor:** Dr. R. Jeyshankar and Dr. S. Thanuskodi

### DLIS, Punjabi University, Patiala (Awarded Works 2025)

5. **Thesis Title:** Use of E-ShodhSindhu resources by the Faculty of Colleges in Punjab: An analytical study  
**Scholar:** Amandeep Kaur  
**Supervisor:** Dr. Kiran Kathuria

### DLIS, Doctor Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar (Awarded Works 2025)

6. **Thesis Title:** Research trends in Physical Sciences a Scientometric analysis of Ph D theses submitted to Doctor Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya: A Central University Sagar M P  
**Scholar:** Anil Kumar  
**Supervisor:** Dr. Mahendra Kumar

### DLIS, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad (Awarded Works 2025)

7. **Thesis Title:** Analytical study on the usage and impact of electronic resources by the students of MCA colleges at Gujarat  
**Scholar:** Hardikkumar Hirabhai Vanik  
**Supervisor:** Dr. Rajeshkumar M. Gamit

### DLIS, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj University, Panvel (Awarded Works 2025)

8. **Thesis Title:** Challenges of Collection Development and Management of e Resources in the Libraries of Law Colleges affiliated to Savitribai Phule Pune University SPPU Pune  
**Scholar:** Madhukar Babu Togam  
**Supervisor:** Dr. Deelip Mestri

### DLIS, Karnataka State Women's University, Vijayapura (Awarded Works 2025)

9. **Thesis Title:** Information and Communication Technology components in LIS education in Indian Universities: A Study  
**Scholar:** Rupalli Kumbhar  
**Supervisor:** Dr. P. G. Tadasad

*"Are you a research scholar who just submitted their Ph.D thesis in LIS? Want to be featured in our next edition? [Click here](#) to add your details and get a chance to feature in our upcoming spotlight section!"*

## Monthly Scholarly Highlights

- Cohen L, Pang X, McIntyre JM, Stanwicks KN (2025). Building bridges and the chance to do better tomorrow: global resource sharing moving forward. *Information Discovery and Delivery*, 53(4), 438–448.
- Dadkhah M, Rahimnia F, Memon AR (2025). Facilitators and barriers to dealing with questionable journals in management science. *Library Hi Tech*, 43(2-3), 459–476.
- Guo Y, Ma H, Zhou J, Chen Y, Yuan Y (2025). The information needs of users in the metaverse communities: a grounded theory study. *Library Hi Tech*, 43(2-3), 855–871.
- Huang Y, He X, Lian Z, Yang Z (2025). Mapping the landscape of digital cultural heritage research: a quantitative and visual bibliometric study. *Library Hi Tech*, 43(2-3), 1157–1187.
- Isiaku L, Muhammad AS, Kefas HI, Isiaku HH (2025). Documenting trends in blockchain technology adoption: a systematic review. *Information Discovery and Delivery*, 53(4), 449–469.
- Joo S, Cahill M, LeFebvre L, Garcia A, Cole A (2025). Factors affecting librarians' intentions to engage in virtual storytimes. *Library Hi Tech*, 43(2-3), 943–957.
- Joseph J, Jose J, Jose AS, Ettaniyil GG, Nair SV (2025). A scientometric analysis of bibliotherapy: mapping the research landscape. *Library Hi Tech*, 43(2-3), 1014–1034.
- Kaffashan Kakhki M, Malin JR, Naderbeigi F, Maleksadati I, Behzadi H (2025). Designing an axial code pattern for absorptive capacity of knowledge in academic libraries: examining the effect of individual and organizational learning. *Library Hi Tech*, 43(2-3), 542–567.
- Khan AU, Ma Z, Li M, Zhi L, Hu W, Yang X (2025). From traditional to emerging technologies in supporting smart libraries. A bibliometric and thematic approach from 2013 to 2022. *Library Hi Tech*, 43(2-3), 590–621.
- Liang S, Wei Z, Zang L (2025). An exploratory study of factors influencing user app abandonment on smartphones. *Library Hi Tech*, 43(2-3), 622–637.
- Mitha SB, Omarsaib M (2025). Emerging technologies and higher education libraries: a bibliometric analysis of the global literature. *Library Hi Tech*, 43(2-3), 1248–1270.
- Muneja PS (2025). Assessing electronic resource searching competency among postgraduate students. *Information Discovery and Delivery*, 53(4), 470–480.
- Paracha A, Arshad J (2025). A bibliometric study toward quantitative research assessment of security of machine learning. *Information Discovery and Delivery*, 53(4), 481–498.
- Tang Z, Xu X, Wang F, Zhang L, Zhu M (2025). Effect of interface layout design of a public library website on information-seeking experience for elderly people. *Library Hi Tech*, 43(2-3), 746–762.
- Vasishtha P, Dhingra N, Vasishtha S (2025). Application of artificial intelligence in libraries: a bibliometric analysis and visualisation of research activities. *Library Hi Tech*, 43(2-3), 693–710.
- Verma MK, Yuvaraj M (2025). What's up in WhatsApp research: a comprehensive analysis of 12,947 papers indexed in Dimensions.ai. *Library Hi Tech*, 43(2-3), 477–512.
- Wang X, Dai C, Wang Y, Bao L (2025). Text analysis and optimization strategy of an app's privacy policy from the perspective of dual perception: taking Chinese shopping apps as an example. *Information Discovery and Delivery*, 53(4), 499–516.
- Wani JA, Rehman IU, Ganaie SA, Maqbool A (2025). Measuring the global scientific literature on big data analytics in the LIS: the blending approach of altmetrics and bibliometrics. *Information Discovery and Delivery*, 53(4) 425–437.
- Yu W, Jiang Y, Fu T (2025). Digital reading: a bibliometric and visualization analysis. *Library Hi Tech*, 43(2-3), 513–541.

## Forthcoming Events

### Conferences, Seminars, Webinars & Summits

- International Conference on Library and Information Science (ICLIS-2025) will be held in London, UK during 08th Dec-09th Dec 2025. For more info: [click here](#)
- I-LIPS 2025: International Conference on "Innovative Technologies in Librarianship: Challenges and Opportunities", to be held on December 12–14, 2025, at JECRC Foundation, Jaipur, India. For more info: [click here](#)
- Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) Consortium is organizing a National Conference on Engineering Librarianship, from 11th - 13th December 2025 at Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belagavi. For more info: [click here](#)
- Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR) Sponsored Two-Day National Level Seminar on "Eastern Light of Wisdom: Philosophical Stream of Bengal in the River of Indian Knowledge System and its Relevance in Modern Crises". Dates: 15-16 December, 2025. Venue: Jamalpur Mahavidyalaya Organized by Department of Philosophy in collaboration with Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Jamalpur Mahavidyalaya Jamalpur, Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal. For Registration: [Click here.](#)
- ResComm 2025: Research Communication Conclave "Bringing Research into Action". Dates: 17-19 December. For more info: [click here](#)
- DELNET Webinar on "Information Integrity: Libraries as Defenders of Truth" by Dr. Jonathan Hernández Pérez, Chair, IFLA FAIFE, to be held on December 19, 2025 (Friday), at 8:00 PM IST. For more info: [click here](#)
- VTU National Conference on Engineering Librarianship organized by Visvesvaraya Technological University Library. Dates: 22nd to 24th January 2026. For more info: [click here](#)
- The Department of Library and Information Science, National College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, proudly announces the Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF), Ministry of Culture, Government of India–sponsored International Conference on "New Generation of Libraries for Literacy and Lifelong Learning (NGLLLL-2026)," to be held on 29th and 30th January 2026 at National College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, Tamilnadu. For more info: [click here](#)
- I-KOAL 2025: International Conference on Knowledge Organisation in Academic Libraries. Jointly organised by: Library Professionals Association, New Delhi & Central Library, DDU Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh. Theme: Preserving Traditional Agriculture Knowledge via Digital, Rural Libraries: Integrated Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) for Sustainable Growth and Viksit Bharat 2047. Date: January 31st, 2025. Venue: Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh. For more info: [click here](#)
- 71st ILA Conference 2026: International Conference on "Transforming Library Services in the AI Era: Library Services, User Engagement and Community Impact," to be held from 5th to 7th February 2026, organized by the Central Library, Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra (Ministry of Education, Government of India) jointly with the Indian Library Association, New Delhi. For more info: [click here](#)
- 2nd International Conference on Sustainable & Intelligent Computing in Science and Technology: Research Trends of ICT using Digital Libraries with Human Values & Ethics (ICIDLHV2026),

## Forthcoming Events

will be held at Department of Applied Sciences & Central Library, Poornima Institute of Engineering and Technology (PIET), Jaipur, Rajasthan, India on February 20-21, 2026. For more info: [Click here](#)

- LIB-BRIDGE 2026. The Documentation Research and Training Centre (DRTC)-Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) Conference on “Bridging the Gap: Trends in Library and Information Science” will be held from 11th to 13th March 2026 at the Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore Centre, Bangalore, India. For more info: [Click here](#)
- The Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF), under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, is sponsoring an International Conference on Transforming Libraries: Innovation, Management, Smart Technologies, and Creative Knowledge of Society for the Future, to be held on 14th & 15th March 2026 (Revised Dates), organized by the University Library, Periyar University, Salem-636 011, Tamil Nadu, India. For more info: [Click here](#)

### Workshops, Programmes, Training & Courses

- 12th UGC-NET Preparatory Programme on Paper-II (Library and Information Science), to be held from 5th to 7th December 2025 (Three Days), organized by Fr. Utarid Library, St. Xavier's College of Education (Autonomous), Palayamkottai – 627 002, Tamil Nadu, in collaboration with the Society for the Advancement in Library and Information Science (SALIS), Tirunelveli. For Registration: [Click here.](#)
- 2-Day Virtual Workshop Building Institutional Repository with Open Source Software-DSpace - Hands-on sessions: setup, ingest, metadata, search & preservation. This workshop will be conducted on December 6, 2025 & December 7, 2025 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM IST each day. For Registration: [Click here.](#)
- The Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, in collaboration with the University Library, Central University of Punjab, is organizing a Two-Week Online Refresher Course on “Smart Information Systems: AI in Action” from December 8 to 20, 2025. For more info: [Click here.](#)
- One Day Workshop on Educational Organizations Management System (ISO 21001:2018) for Academic Excellence: A Strategic Meet for NIRF, NAAC and IQAC Coordinators is jointly organized by PSG College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore and Nature Science Foundation, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. Date: December 09, 2025, Tuesday. For Registration: [Click here.](#)
- Two Day National Workshop on Transdisciplinary Research and Scientific Writings organised by R & D Cell, Derozio Memorial College and Sponsored by ICSSR, Ministry of Education Govt. Of India Dates: 12-13 December, 2025. For Registration: [Click here.](#)
- Smart Cataloguing: Using AI Tools for MARC Records and Metadata Creation in Koha: Online Workshop Organized by LibAuto. Date: 13 December, 2025. Time: 8:00 pm-9:00 pm. For Registration: [Click here.](#)
- DDC Made Easy- Using AI Tools for Automatic Classification: Online Workshop Organized by LibAuto. Date: 14 December, 2025. Time: 8:00 pm-9:00 pm. For Registration: [Click here.](#)

## Students Corner

### National Overseas Scholarship for SC etc. Candidates

The National Overseas Scholarship (NOS), provided by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, aims to empower low-income students from marginalized communities by providing financial assistance to study abroad. The communities include the Scheduled Castes, Denotified Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes, Landless Agricultural Labourers, and Traditional Artisans. The Scheme provides scholarship to the selected candidates to support their higher education, such as master's degree or Ph.D. courses abroad in Institutions/Universities accredited by the Government/authorized body of that country in any field of study. The final decision as to which topic can be covered rests with Selection-cum-Screening Committee of NOS. However, NOS does not offer courses or research in Indian culture, heritage, history, and social studies. Eligible students of Library and Information Science domain can avail the benefits of the scheme. In each selection year, 125 fresh awards, subject to availability of funds, is given under the Scheme. In case, the slots in the 1st round of selection remains unfilled these slots are filled in 2nd round. The division of slots includes 115 for Scheduled Castes; 06 for Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes; 04 for Landless Agricultural Labourers and Traditional Artisans.

**Eligibility Criteria:** Candidates applying for the scholarship must belong to one of the eligible categories of communities. Gross annual family income from all sources must not exceed Rs. 8.00 lakh per annum in the preceding financial year. The age of the candidate must not be more than 35 (thirty-five) years. At least 60% marks or equivalent grade in the qualifying examination is required to apply for the scholarship. In case of Ph.D courses, the qualifying exam is master's degree and for master's degree courses, the qualifying examination is bachelor's degree. Candidates having an unconditional offer of admission from any of the top 500 ranked foreign institutes/universities as per the latest available QS World University Rankings for the year only will be considered for selection for grant of scholarship.

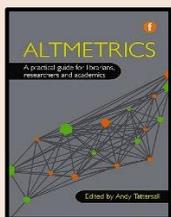
**Duration:** Scholarship is granted for a period of maximum 3 years for Master degree programmes and maximum 4 years for Ph.D. degree programmes.

**Benefits:** The benefits provided to the selected candidates varies depending on the place of the institution where the degree is to be pursued. The covered areas include tuition fees, visa fees, maintenance allowance, contingency fund, medical fees, contingency travel and equipment, air passage of economy class from authorized agents; and local travel to reach the institution.

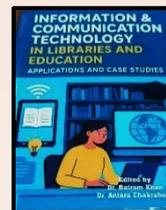
**Application Procedure:** The candidates, having required eligibility and as per their suitability of the conditions of the scheme, can apply online on the portal. The online applications of the eligible candidates are placed before the selection-cum-screening committee for making their recommendations for selection and ranking of the eligible candidates for scholarship. A selected candidate is required to avail the award within one or maximum of two years from the date of issuance of provisional letter from the Ministry regarding selection for the award.

For more information on eligibility, benefits and application procedure please visit <http://nosmsje.gov.in/>

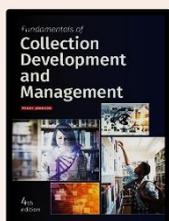
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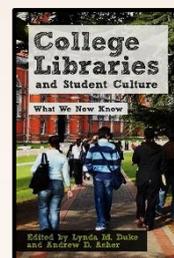
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## Trends on Tech

### Zapier Chatbots:

Zapier Chatbots are no-code, automation-friendly conversational agents created using the Zapier platform. They allow users to design customized chatbots that can interact with customers, collect information, and trigger automated workflows across thousands of integrated apps—without writing any code.

- With Zapier Chatbots, users can:
- Build chat interfaces using a simple visual builder
- Connect the chatbot to apps like Gmail, Google Sheets, Slack, Notion, CRM tools, and more
- Automate responses, save form-like inputs, and perform tasks based on user messages
- Deploy the chatbot on websites, social media, or internal systems
- Enhance customer support, lead generation, onboarding, and workflow automation

Overall, Zapier Chatbots streamline communication and automate repetitive processes, making them an effective tool for businesses, educators, and organizations seeking to improve efficiency without technical complexity. For more information click [HERE](#)

Zapier — Overall Pricing Structure:

Zapier has a free tier: this gives you up to 100 “tasks” per month. (“Tasks” = actions triggered by automations.) Basic automations are possible under this free plan.

## Trends on Tech

### Wix:

Wix is a popular cloud-based website development platform that allows users to create professional websites without any coding. It offers an easy drag-and-drop editor, customizable templates, and built-in tools for design, e-commerce, blogging, and marketing.

Key features include:

- Wix is a user-friendly website builder with drag-and-drop editing and no coding needed.
- It offers pre-designed templates — including a template specifically for “Library / Bookstores / Publishers / Libraries” — which you can adapt for your college library site.
- One can easily publish information: library catalog highlights, new acquisitions, announcements (new books, exhibitions), events (book exhibitions, reading sessions), library rules, contact info — making your library digitally accessible.
- Built-in features (or add-ons) allows to maintain a blog/news section or events-calender; ideal for posting updates (new arrivals, exhibitions, seminars). Wix also supports embedding multimedia, images — useful for visual display of book exhibitions, library events, etc.

Wix is widely used by individuals, small businesses, educators, and professionals for its simplicity, flexibility, and all-in-one website management features. For more information click [HERE](#).

## Social Media News



At the recently held book festival in Nagpur, the National Book Trust (NBT) launched a digital-library initiative under Ministry of Education’s Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya mission, offering access to **5,000+ free e-books via a QR code**, covering 23 Indian languages and drawing from over 200 publishers, covering fiction, classics, biographies, science, technology, self-help, and children’s

picture books. This makes reading more accessible to many, especially in underserved or resource-constrained contexts. For more details [click here](#)

A few days back, The National Library of India (NLI) and Dravidian University, Kuppam, Andhra Pradesh, formalised an academic partnership to expand academic collaboration in the field of Library and Information Science (LIS). The agreement aims to strengthen internship opportunities, research exchange, and capacity-building initiatives between the two institutions. Under the partnership, students and scholars of Dravidian University will gain access to the National Library’s vast repository of books, manuscripts, rare documents, and digital collections. The collaboration also opens avenues for joint research projects, professional training modules, and skill-enhancement programmes tailored for university staff.

Maharashtra, a pioneer in library legislation with the 1967 Public Libraries Act, now faces growing discontent among its custodians. On **December 9**, librarians will march in Wardha to protest government neglect and low pay—₹6,800 for top-tier staff and just ₹2,223 for the lowest. With **11,150 libraries** and about **20,000 employees**, they are demanding a threefold salary hike and better benefits to sustain these vital community institutions. Association leaders argue that while the government spends crores on events, it ignores modernization of libraries. They stress that libraries are vital for literacy, combating misinformation, and supporting students who cannot afford books. Without proper funding, these institutions cannot survive.

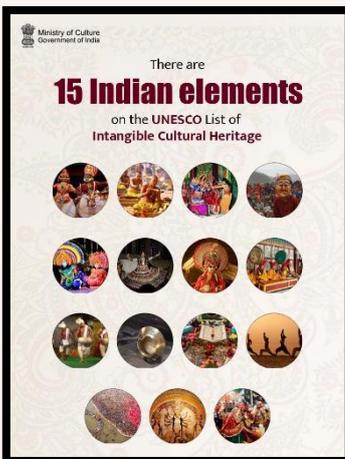
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Chief Minister M.K. Stalin inaugurated several new projects, including a modernized library, a co-working space (Muthalvar Padaippagam). **Periyar Nagar Library & Muthalvar Padaippagam**, modernized at a cost of ₹5.24 crore under the North Chennai Development Programme. It functions as both a **library** and a **co-working hub**. With 75-seat library hall, 85-seat learning centre, 60-seat training hall, E-learning access, free internet, purified drinking water, cafeteria & a collection of **70,000 books**, which includes competitive exam materials (NEET, JEE, CLAT). The initiative reflects a blend of community development and modernization—libraries are being reimagined as knowledge hubs and entrepreneurial spaces, to serve growing urban needs.

The **Kolkata International Book Fair 2026** will be held from **January 22 to February 3** at Salt Lake Central Park, Karunamoyee. For the first time, **Argentina** will be the theme country, highlighting cultural ties with Bengal through literature, art, football, and Rabindranath Tagore. Delegates from Argentina and other nations, including the UK, USA, Germany, France, Spain, Japan, and Latin American countries, will participate. Publishers from across India will also showcase their works. As the fair approaches its **golden jubilee in 2027**, organizers have launched an archival photo initiative, with selected submissions to be exhibited and featured in a commemorative souvenir.

## GLAM Special Report

### Showcasing Living Traditions: UNESCO's 20th ICH Session Heads to India

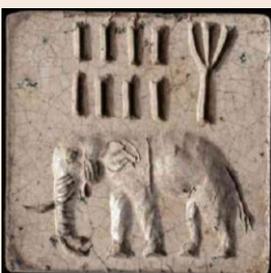


India is set to host the 20th session of the UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage from December 8 to 13, 2025, at the iconic Red Fort in New Delhi. This landmark event, organized by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, showcases India's pivotal role in cultural diplomacy and its dedication to preserving its living heritage.

Chaired by H.E. Mr. Vishal V. Sharma, India's Ambassador and Permanent Delegate to UNESCO, the session will welcome over a thousand delegates from more than 24 State Parties. They will review nominations for the Intangible Cultural Heritage Lists and engage in discussions on global safeguarding cooperation.

Among the nominations under consideration is the renowned festival of Deepavali. Should it be inscribed, Deepavali would join the ranks of other acclaimed Indian elements such as Yoga, Kumbh Mela, and Durga Puja. This opportunity marks India's inaugural hosting of the session, reflecting the nation's commitment to preserving both the tangible and intangible facets of its rich cultural identity. **(Source: Ministry of Culture)**

### From Signs to Script: Indian Museum Brings 5,000 Years of Writing to Life



An exhibition featuring epigraphs that date back as far as 5,000 years opened Friday at the Indian Museum. Typically stored away, these artifacts are being showcased for a conference. An official noted that only a small portion of the museum's extensive collections are available for public viewing.

The exhibition entitled "Epigraphic Episodes: Echoes, Engravings, and the Essence of India" features a diverse array of artefacts, including royal edicts, votive offerings, merchants' marks linked to

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ancient trade routes, and everyday records from vibrant civilisations. Among the treasures on display, the oldest items trace back to the Indus-Sarasvati or Harappan Civilization of the Bronze Age, which thrived in the Indus River basin, covering parts of what is now Pakistan, northwest India, and Afghanistan.

Some inscriptions are written in Brahmi, a script that developed several centuries later. Recognized as one of the earliest deciphered writing systems, Brahmi flourished during the Maurya Empire, serving as a key means for emperors to communicate moral and administrative messages. These ancient artifacts are linked to Pundranagara, which aligns with today's archaeological site of Mahasthan in Bogra, Bangladesh. Dating back to the third or second century BC, one notable limestone inscription highlights the principles of governance based on core values.

The exhibition showcases artefacts from dynasties like the Gupta, Pala, and Sena, including some originating from the ancient undivided Bengal. Among the notable pieces is the Eran Inscription of Samudragupta, a striking red sandstone artifact that pays tribute to the Gupta emperor, underscoring the deep connection between faith and royal authority. Additionally, visitors can explore a fascinating Chinese inscription unearthed near the Mahabodhi Temple in Bodhgaya, adding further depth to this remarkable collection.



Sayan Bhattacharya, the deputy director of the Indian Museum, highlights that as the oldest and largest repository, the museum holds an extensive and notable collection of inscriptions. Despite their significance, the presentation of these artifacts in the museum's galleries has been quite restricted over time. To address this, the exhibition aims to celebrate these exceptional relics, which not only echo the nation's rich heritage but also shed light on the evolution of India's linguistic diversity and diverse writing traditions. **(Source: The Telegraph)**

## Library in Focus

### Taltala Public Library: A Century-Old Library that Continues its Legacy



Every corner, every street of Kolkata awaits with a glimpse of history. One such, the Taltala Public Library in Kolkata is the city's oldest functioning public library, established in 1882. The effort for the foundation was going on since 1879. It is located at 12B, Library Row, Taltala, Dharmatala, Kolkata-700013. The library is neither aided by the Government nor by any private donors. It is run by donations from a few well-wishers. The total collection of this library at present is about 70,064 of which Bengali documents are about 53,000 and English documents are about 17,000. There is no standard classification system followed in the library. Books are arranged in shelves according to accession numbers. However, documents are classified under different subject heads. There are 22 of such heads which are: Poetry, Fiction, Detective fiction, Historical fiction, Drama, Essay, Travel, History, Biography, Autobiography, Literature, Literary criticism, Collections, Science, Economics, Astrology, Medicine, Fine arts, Arts,

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Agriculture, National literature (like Freedom movement of a country) and Farce. Like classification, there is no standard code for cataloguing purpose. Actually, no detailed catalogues of documents are there. However, there are two or three volumes of published catalogue both for the general section and children section, arranged alphabetically under author. There are three special collections in library. These are, *Surendranath Banerjee collection*: All the books donated by Surendranath Banerjee and Books in the library published before 1810 and/or the first edition of the book. *Girish Ghosh collection*: All the books donated by Girish Ghosh and Books in the library published within 1910- 1811 and/or the first edition of the book. *Special collection*: Valuable Vedic literature or scripture. According to library In-Charge "The library struggles with issues like humidity and bookworms, and efforts to digitize its rare books have not yet fully materialized. We do our best to spray insect repellents but the problems return." Library president, Dr. Shankar Nath said that there have been attempts to digitalize the old and rare books with the help of government representatives but the projects never really took off. He also said nowadays, libraries like ours are visited mostly by research scholars only. The library is also well known for its societal initiatives.



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