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## About Universal Briefing

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.....

At the outset of a new calendar year, we extend our warmest wishes for a **Happy New Year** to our readers, contributors and well-wishers, with sincere hopes that the months ahead unfold with optimism and momentum. This month, we reaffirm our focus on thoughtful dialogue, timely ideas, and meaningful exchange. As the field continues to evolve, we remain committed to learning together, sharing perspectives, and strengthening the bonds that keep our community engaged, resilient, and prepared for the year ahead.

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 carry on our commitment to delivering relevant, high-quality, and inspiring content that continues to empower and unite us all. Thank you for being an integral part of this continuing journey.



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### Latest Vacancies

- Recruitment for the Post of Librarian at Raman Research Institute, Bengaluru, C. V. Raman Avenue, Sadashiva Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560080 : Last Date - 06.01.2026 - [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Librarian at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar, Argul, Khordha, Odisha – 752050 : Last Date - 08.01.2026 - [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Library Attendant at Central University of Haryana Jant-Pali, District Mahendergarh, Haryana – 123031 : Last Date - 09.01.2026 - [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Professional Assistant & Library & Information Officer at Indian Institute of Mass Communication, New Delhi Aruna Asaf Ali Marg, JNU New Campus, New Delhi – 110067 : Last Date - 12.01.2026 - [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Librarian at Bose Institute Kolkata 93/1, Acharya Prafulla Chandra Road, Kolkata - 700009: Last Date - 12.01.2026 - [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Library and Information Assistant (LIA) at Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode, IIM Kozhikode Campus, Kozhikode, Kerala - 673 570 : Last Date - 12.01.2026 - [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Assistant Librarian at Bhakta Kavi Narsinh Mehta University, Junagadh, Khadiya, Junagadh, Gujarat - 362263 : Last Date - 12.01.2026 - [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Librarian and Technical Assistant (Library) at Gujarat University, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad, Gujarat- 380009 : Last Date - 13.01.2026 - [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Assistant Librarian and Library Attendant at Central University of South Bihar, NH-120, Gaya Panchanpur Road Post. Fatehpur Gaya – 824236 : Last Date - 15.01.2026 - [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Librarian At Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University (Baou), Dr. BAOU Marg, "Jyotirmay Parisar", S.G. Highway, Chharodi, Ahmedabad – 382481 : Last Date - 16.01.2026 - [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Professional Assistant, Semi-Professional Assistant, Senior Library Attendant at National Council of Educational Research And Training (NCERT) Sri Aurobindo Marg, New Delhi - 110016 : Last Date - 16.01.2026 - [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Assistant Librarian and Library Assistant at National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU), Sector - 9, Gujarat, Gandhinagar-382007 : Last Date - 18.01.2026 - [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Library Apprentice at National Institute of Science Education & Research (NISER), Jatni, Khurda, Odisha - 752050 : Last Date - 20.01.2026 - [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Library Assistant at Tripura Legislative Assembly Secretariat New Capital Complex, Agartala, Tripura- 799 010 : Last Date - 24.01.2026 - [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Assistant Professor at Lalit Narayan Mithila University Kameshwaranagar, Darbhanga, Bihar - 846004 : Last Date - 24.01.2026 - [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Library Assistant at Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya Koni, Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh) – 495009 : Last Date - 26.01.2026 - [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Librarian at Sri Aniruddhadeva Sports University Chabua, Dibrugarh, Milan Nagar, Assam - 786003, : Last Date - 31.01.2026 - [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Junior Library Superintendent Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Tirupati, Srinivasapuram, Venkatagiri Road, Tirupati District, Andhra Pradesh – 517619 : Last Date - 02.02.2026 - [Click here for more](#)

## UB Endeavour

### Study Circle Reporting .....

#### 49th Study Circle

The 49th study circle of Universal Briefing took place on 3rd January, 2026 at 7.30 pm. The speaker for the session was Dr. Barnali Roy Choudhury, Assistant Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Netaji Subhas Open University and the President of the session was Dr. Nimai Chand Saha, Librarian, Visva-Bharati. The topic of the study circle was "Metaverse libraries: illuminating paths to knowledge in virtual world".

The speaker delivered a presentation on a highly engaging topic. Beginning with an introduction to the concept of the metaverse, she explained its key components and illustrated its timeline, tracing its evolution from early virtual worlds to today's immersive technologies. The discussion also included essential technologies such as virtual reality, augmented reality, mixed reality, blockchain, and 3D modeling etc. She highlighted how gaming, social media, and digital advancements have driven this evolution. She then transitioned to the role of libraries in the digital age, showcasing their progression from traditional libraries of the 1800s to digital, hybrid, and virtual forms to developing into the concept of metaverse libraries. Dr. Roy Choudhury elaborated on how technologies can be applied in metaverse libraries, providing real-time examples, and discussed their benefits. She also mentioned national and global libraries where metaverse technologies have been implemented. Finally, she addressed the challenges of implementing metaverse technologies in libraries and explored future directions, envisioning the possibilities of a futuristic journey through these immersive digital spaces.

### Library Day Celebration .....



On the occasion of Library Day, celebrated on 20th December 2025, the Milestone Event Committee of Universal Briefing, in collaboration with the Central Library and IQAC of Narasinha Dutt College, successfully organized a vibrant Poster-making Competition titled "My Dream Library: Where Every Shelf Holds a Universe". The event took place at the Centenary Auditorium of Narasinha Dutt College and witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and scholars across India.

The programme commenced with an inaugural ceremony graced by several distinguished dignitaries and eminent personalities from the field of library and information science and academia. The event was formally inaugurated by Dr. Soma Bandopadhyay, Principal of Narasinha Dutt College, along with Dr. Ranjan Samanta, Secretary, Universal Briefing; Dr. Swapan Khan, Joint Secretary, Universal Briefing; Dr. Somen Mondal, Assistant Secretary, Universal Briefing; Dr. Akhilesh Mondal, Senior Librarian, Narasinha Dutt College; Dr. Madhusri Ghosh Upadhyay, Chairman, Milestone Event Committee; Dr. Barnali Roy Choudhary, Assistant Professor, DLIS, NSOU; and Dr. Pronobi Porel, Assistant Secretary, Universal Briefing.

Following the inauguration, a felicitation ceremony was held to honour the dignitaries. Dr. Soma Bandopadhyay delivered a warm and inspiring welcome address, emphasizing the transformative role of libraries in nurturing imagination and knowledge. This was followed by insightful and motivating speeches by Dr. Ranjan Samanta and Dr. Madhusri Ghosh Upadhyay, who highlighted the creative vision behind the theme of the competition.



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A total of 28 posters were submitted by participants representing various colleges and universities across India. The competition reflected a rich diversity of ideas, creativity, and artistic expression. The posters were evaluated by an esteemed panel of judges comprising Smt. Indrani Bhattacharya, Former Senior Manager, Library Information Services, British Council; Smt. Smita Sett, Former Associate Professor, DLIS, Vidyasagar University; and Dr. Barnali Roy Choudhary, Assistant Professor, DLIS, NSOU.

The results were announced by Dr. Ranjan Samanta. The First Prize was awarded to Bhrantika Chakraborty and Gonmei Gaimeitan, the Second Prize to Sumit Ghosh, and the Third Prize to Dr. Saswati Pal Chaudhury, Ahana Dey, and Nabonita Rakshit. Participants were given the opportunity to present their posters, adding further vibrancy to the event.

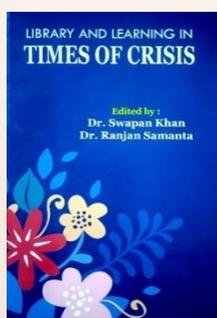
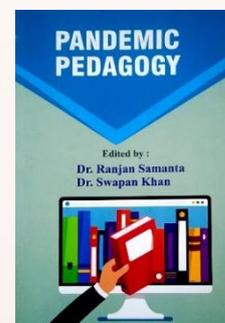
Dr. Santasree Basu, a member of the Milestone Event Committee, hosted the entire programme. Dr. Pronobi Porel, Assistant Secretary, Universal Briefing; Dr. Suparna Naskar, Librarian, Siliguri College and Ms. Tanushree Rakshit, Librarian, Uluberia College, served as mentors for the competition. Rupali Rupasmita Pradhan, Shreya Thakur, and Supriti Das are the other committee members that helped make the programme go smoothly.

The programme concluded with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks delivered by Debolina Biswas, Convener, Milestone Event Committee, Universal Briefing, marking the successful completion of a memorable and intellectually enriching celebration of Library Day.



### Our Publication.....

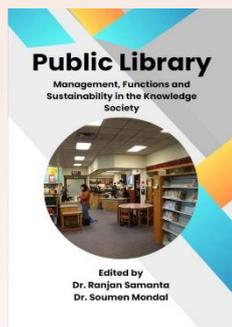
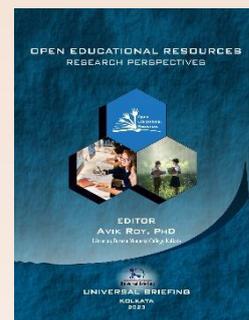
The book "Pandemic Pedagogy" was published by Prova Prakashani in collaboration with Universal Briefing in the year 2020. It was jointly edited by Dr. Ranjan Samanta and Dr. Swapan Khan. The book had informative eighteenth chapters. The outstanding contribution of authors presented an exceptional dimension 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.

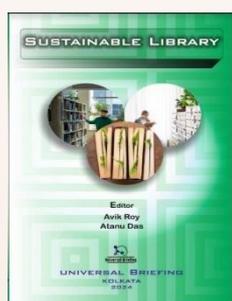
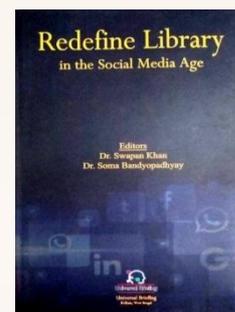
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A book was published in February 2023 by Universal briefing with the title “Open Educational Resources: Research Perspectives”, comprising selected articles from the two-day International Webinar of the same title, which was organised by Universal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



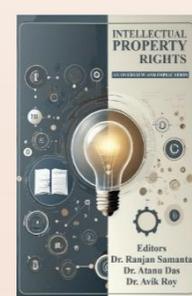
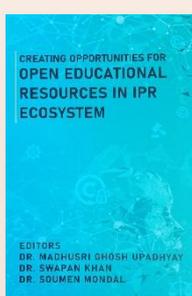
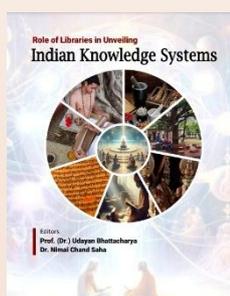
This book celebrates the profound impact of public libraries as vibrant spaces of learning, connection, and empowerment. In an era marked by rapid technological advancements and evolving societal needs, public libraries remain steadfast in their mission to provide equitable access to information and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

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



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

**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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#### UNIVERSAL BRIEFING

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

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Acceptance by

**January 21, 2026**

Full Paper Submission:

**January 28, 2026**

Early Bird Registration

Deadline:

**December 31, 2025**

Date:

February 20-21,  
2026 (IST)

Time:

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

Venue: **TEQIP Building**

**Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India**

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## Distinguished Insights

“Universal Briefing (UB) is a thoughtful initiative that plays a vital role in keeping the Library and Information Science (LIS) community informed, connected, and engaged. As a teacher, I find the updates not only helpful for staying current myself but also valuable as teaching aids that help students relate classroom learning to real-world developments in the field.”

**Dr. Syamili C., Assistant Professor, DLISc, University of Calicut**

## Research Spotlight

### School of Studies in Library and Information Science, Jiwaji University, Gwalior (Awarded Works 2025)

1. **Thesis Title:** Use of Information Resources in Select Private University Libraries in India  
**Scholar:** Arvind Jaiswal  
**Supervisor:** Dr. A.K. Sharma
2. **Thesis Title:** Core Competencies of Library Professionals of National Law Universities in India: A Study  
**Scholar:** Ambika Bhadauria  
**Supervisor:** Dr. J. N. Gautam

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

3. **Thesis Title:** Measuring the Open Access Uptake of Selected Indian Central Universities: A Study Based on the Data Carpentry Approach  
**Scholar:** Swagota Saikia  
**Supervisor:** Prof. Manoj Kumar Verma

### DLIS, Rani Channamma University, Belagavi (Awarded Works 2025)

4. **Thesis Title:** Perception about and use of Social Networking Sites by the Library Users of Agricultural Universities in Karnataka: A Study  
**Scholar:** Laxmi Yallappa Kamble  
**Supervisor:** Dr. Vinayak. M. Bankapur

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

5. **Thesis Title:** Role of Libraries in the Digital Inclusion of Tribes in Kerala A Move Towards Sustainable Development  
**Scholar:** Chitra S  
**Supervisor:** Dr. S. Thanuskodi & Dr. S. Kishore Kumar

### DLIS, Rashtasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Nagpur (Awarded Works 2025)

6. **Thesis Title:** Users Satisfaction with ICT based Library Services in Colleges affiliated to Gondwana University: A Study  
**Scholar:** Siddhartha Narayan Wakude  
**Supervisor:** Dr. Satyaprakash M. Nikose

### DLIS, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi (Awarded Works 2025)

7. **Thesis Title:** Awareness and Use of Print and Digital Resources and Services by the Students of Girls Colleges Admitted to the Privileges of Banaras Hindu University: A Study  
**Scholar:** Naushaba Perveen  
**Supervisor:** Dr. Rajani Mishra

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

8. **Thesis Title:** A Study on Information Seeking Behaviour of Lawyers In the District Courts of Central Gujarat with a Plan to Develop A Legal Information System  
**Scholar:** Rajivbhai Maheshbhai Patel  
**Supervisor:** Dr. Lavjibhai N. Zala

### DLIS, Mewar University, Chittorgarh (Awarded Works 2025)

9. **Thesis Title:** Role of ICT on Information Seeking Behaviour of Teachers and Researchers: Comparative Study on some Libraries of IIT and Government Engineering College IN U.P.  
**Scholar:** Shikha Gupta  
**Supervisor:** Dr. Sanjay K. Sharma

*"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

- Anderson, B., Bani-Yaghoub, M., Kantheti, V., & Curtis, S. (2025). Using R to develop a corpus of full-text journal articles. *Journal of Information Science*, 51(6), 1457-1470.
- Bahl, G., & Mahajan, P. (2025). Comparison of Citation Tracking in Google Scholar, Scopus and Web of Science: A Case Study of Panjab University, Chandigarh. *DESIDOC Journal of Library & Information Technology*, 45(6).
- Bonal, R. B., & Uplaonkar, S. S. (2025). SWAYAM as a Contingency Plan for Future Pandemics. *DESIDOC Journal of Library & Information Technology*, 45(6).
- Cao, Z., & Peng, L. (2025). An empirical study of factors influencing usage intention for generative artificial intelligence products: A case study of China. *Journal of Information Science*, 51(6), 1513-1528.
- Chen, Y., Lin, H., Zhang, J., & Zhao, Y. (2023). Online health information consumers' learning across health-related search tasks from the perspective of retrieval platform switching. *Journal of Information Science*, 01655515231169961.
- Chen, S., & Xiao, L. (2023). Predicting and characterising persuasion strategies in misinformation content over social media based on the multi-label classification approach. *Journal of Information Science*, 01655515231169949.
- Dey, S., Panda, S. K., Sen, D., & Bhatt, A. (2025). Adoption and Future Potential of QR Codes in Academic Libraries: Bridging Physical and Digital Resources. *DESIDOC Journal of Library & Information Technology*, 45(6), 555-560.
- Dutta, B., & Sinha, P. K. (2025). An ontological data model to support urban flood disaster response. *Journal of Information Science*, 51(6), 1273-1294.
- Eqbal, N., & Ansari, M. A. (2025). Augmented Reality in Library Management System and Services: A Roadmap for Future Innovations and Applications. *DESIDOC Journal of Library & Information Technology*, 45(6), 574-583.
- Eykens, J., Guns, R., Engels, T. C., & Vandermoere, F. (2025). Cognitive and interdisciplinary mobility in the social sciences and humanities: Traces of increased boundary crossing. *Journal of Information Science*, 51(6), 1347-1361.
- Krishnamurthy, C., Hosamani, S. C., Pattar, V. D., & Naikar, S. (2025). A Scientometric Analysis of Research Productivity of Karnatak University, Dharwad. *DESIDOC Journal of Library & Information Technology*, 45(6), 529-540.
- Kumar A, R. (2025). Citation Inequality Among Top NIRF-Ranked Universities: A Gini Coefficient Analysis.
- Leeladharan, M. (2025). Trends in Statistical Methods in Indian Library Science Research (2012-2022). *DESIDOC Journal of Library & Information Technology*, 45(6).
- Li, T., Zeng, Z., Sun, S., Sun, J., & Li, Q. (2023). Constructing a multi-layer heterogeneous networks model to explore the public opinion evolution pattern of key users in public health emergencies. *Journal of Information Science*, 01655515231169953.
- Liu, W., Huangfu, X., & Wang, H. (2025). Citation advantage of COVID-19-related publications. *Journal of Information Science*, 51(6), 1529-1535.
- Madalli, D. P., Kumar, V., & Saurav, S. K. (2025). Doctoral-Level Research in Indian CFTIs. *DESIDOC Journal of Library & Information Technology*, 45(6), 511.
- Matysek, A. (2023). The use of one-on-one interviews in library and information science: A scoping review. *Journal of Information Science*, 01655515231171088.
- Otero, D., Parapar, J., & Barreiro, Á. (2025). Relevance feedback for building pooled test collections. *Journal of Information Science*, 51(6), 1379-1396.

## Forthcoming Events

### Conferences, Seminars, Webinars & Summits

- IASLIC 34th All India Conference 2025 “Library Vision 2047”. Organized by IASLIC in collaboration with Department of Library & Information Science, Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women University. Dates: January 5–7, 2026. Venue: Department of Library & Information Science, Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women University, Vijayapura, Karnataka, PIN 586108. For more info: [click here](#)
- Two Day National Seminar on Digital Transformation in Academic Libraries: Navigating Challenges and Leveraging Opportunities. Organized by Dept of Library and Information Science, Pingle Govt College for Women (A) Hanumakonda, Telangana. Dates: Time: [January 8, 2026](#) to [January 9, 2026](#). For Registration: [Click here.](#)
- DRTC-ISI Conference 2026 “Bridging the Gap: Trends in Library and Information Science”. Organized by Documentation Research and Training Centre (DRTC). Host Institute: Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Bangalore, India. Dates: 20–22 January 2026. Venue: Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore Centre, 8th Mile, Mysore Road, RVCE Post, Bangalore – 560059. 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, in association with the Central Library, Dravidian University, Kuppam, Andhra Pradesh, is organizing an ICSSR-sponsored Two-Day National Seminar on “Role of Universal Libraries in Realizing Viksit Bharat @ 2047 (RULVB@2047)”, to be held on 23–24 January 2026. For more info: [click here](#)
- National Conference on Library Science “Emerging Trends, Technologies, and Transformative Practices in Academic Libraries”. Organized by Shikshana Prasarak Mandali’s Sir Parashurambhau College, Pune. Date: 23 & 24 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](#)
- The Library of Avinashilingam Institute of Home Science and Higher Education for Women, Coimbatore, is organising a National Seminar on Academic Publishing & Ethical Use of AI Tools on 30 January 2026, from 9.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., at the Hi-Tech Seminar Hall. For Registration: [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](#)

## Forthcoming Events

- 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](#)
- RRRLF Sponsored National Conference on Information Landscape: Trends and Innovations in Public and Academic Libraries (NCILTIPAL 2026). Dates: [February 13, 2026](#) at 6am to [February 14, 2026](#) at 7pm. Location: [Erode, Tamilnadu](#). For more info: [click here](#)
- The 2nd International Conference on Resilience, Reflection, and Innovation in Library Services and Practices (ICIDLHV 2026). Dates: February 20th, 2026 - February 21st 2026. Location: [Poornima Institute of Engineering & Technology](#). For more info: [click here](#)
- The Karnataka Health Sciences Library Association (KHSLA)-2026 is organizing a Two-Day National Conference on "Health Librarianship to Health Informatics," to be held at the Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences, Mandya, Karnataka, on 20th and 21st February 2026. 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), 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](#)
- The Department of Library and Information Science, North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Shillong is organizing a Two-Day Ruby Jubilee International Conference on 'The Multifaceted Role of Information, Knowledge Systems, Technologies, and Libraries in Various Socio-Cultural and Academic Environments', to be held from 26-27 February 2026 (Thursday-Friday) at the Multi-Use Convention Hall, NEHU, Shillong. For more info: [click here](#)
- The Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH)-Knowledge Resource Centre (KRC-Library) is pleased to invite you to the Symposium on "Accessible and Inclusive Digital Library (AIDL)-2026" covering main themes viz. Assistive Technologies, Community Engagement and Designing Inclusive Library Space is scheduled on March 6-7, 2026 at IIT Hyderabad, India. 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](#)
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- Two Day National Conference on Transforming Academic Library Services in the Digital Era: Challenges, Opportunities. Organized by Central Library, Ananda Chandra College in collaboration with National Digital Library of India (Ministry of Education, Govt. of India). Dates: [April 9, 2026](#) to [April 10, 2026](#). Venue: Ananda Chandra College, Jalpaiguri, West Bengal. For more info: [click here](#)
- The Indian Institute of Management, Kashipur, Uttarakhand, in association with the Asian Library Association, New Delhi, is organizing the 9th International Conference of Asian Libraries (ICAL-2026) on the theme “Evolving Information Landscape: Making Libraries Future-Ready,” to be held from 16 to 18 April 2026 at IIM Kashipur, Uttarakhand, India. For more info: [click here](#)

## Workshops, Programmes, Training & Courses

- Refresher Course on Library & Information Science (Online Mode). Organized by UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (formerly HRDC), Mizoram University. Duration of the Course - 5th – 18th Feb, 2026. For Registration: [Click here.](#)
- The Institute of Secretariat Training & Management, New Delhi will be conducting One Week In-Service Course for Sr. Library Professionals (ISC-LSP-01) in Offline mode for Government Library & Information Science Professionals working in libraries of any government department from 16th Feb, 2026 to 20th Feb, 2026. 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.](#)
- Training Workshops for Public Libraries across Karnataka. Campaign by Science Gallery Bengaluru. For more info: [Click here.](#)
- The 2026 Core Fundamentals Web Course Schedule @ American Library Association (ALA). CHICAGO–Core is pleased to announce the release of the 2026 Core Fundamentals Web Course schedule. This series of related online courses covers basic topics that enhance skills in various areas of library work. Courses are 4 to 6 weeks in length and are repeated throughout the year. For Registration: [Click here.](#)

## Students Corner

### National Fellowship Scheme for Higher Education of ST Students

The National Fellowship Scheme for Higher Education of Schedule Tribe Students is a Central Sector Scheme, fully funded by Ministry of Tribal Affairs to grant scholarship to ST students for pursuing higher education in India. The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to meritorious Scheduled Tribe students to enable them to pursue PhD degree after completing their post-graduate degree.

The total number of fresh fellowships awarded each year is 750. In case of non-availability of adequate number of Scheduled Tribe applicants, the number of fellowships not availed during that year is carried forward to the next academic year. There is no State/University wise ceiling on the number of

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slots. In case the number of applicants exceeds the number of available slots for awards, selection is made on the basis of marks obtained in post-graduation exam.

Slots is provided to sub-categories subject to the following priority:

Priority	Category	Slots
1	Divyangjan [5% of 750]	38
2	PVTG (List at Annexure-VIII)	25
3	Female (30% of 750)	225
4	ST Others	462
Total		750

### Eligibility Criteria:

The candidate belonging to ST must have passed the Post-Graduation examination for being eligible for the Fellowship. The candidates should have minimum 55% marks at the final examination in master's degree (or) 4 years bachelor's degree with Research. The candidate must have qualified the UGC NET or CSIR NET examination and possess a valid UGC/CSIR NET certificate and scorecard.

The candidate should get admission and registration for regular and full time Ph.D. Courses in Indian Universities / Institutions / College included under section 2 (f) / 12(B) or 2(f) and 12(B) of UGC Act; Deemed to be Universities included under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 and eligible to receive grants-in-aid from UGC; Universities/ Institutions/ Colleges funded by Central/ State Government; Institutes of National importance.

The age should not be more than 36 as per the cutoff date given in notification.

There are no income criteria for eligibility in respect of this scholarship.

The ST students once considered eligible for the Fellowship shall not be entitled for any other scholarship/stipend/salary/other benefits from other sources.

### Duration:

The Scholarship is given for entire duration of the course pursued by the student. The maximum duration for which the fellowships is available for PhD degree is 5 years. In case a student has taken admission for Ph.D. course in the previous year but could not apply or was not selected for the fellowship in that year, he/she can apply for the fellowship in subsequent year. In case a student is selected for fellowship in 2nd or subsequent year, he/she will be eligible for the remaining period of the course duration.

### Benefits:

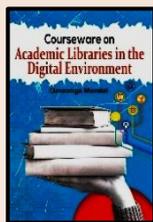
The applicant selected for scholarship are entitled to monthly fellowships. The monthly fellowship for both Humanities/Social Sciences and Science/Engineering/Technology is Rs.31000/- for first two years and Rs.35000/- for remaining 3 years. Also, an annual contingency of Rs.20,500/- and Rs.25,000/- is given. HRA Allowance is also given to fellows as per UGC norms. Escort Allowance for Divyanjan (monthly) of Rs.2000/- (as per with UGC rates) is also provided.

**Application Procedure:** Application for the scholarship is invited through the tribal ministry fellowship website for each year separately. Applications are filled, processed, and approved and the scholarship is disbursed through the National Scholarship Portal.

For more information on eligibility, benefits and application procedure please visit

<https://fellowship.tribal.gov.in/>

## Latest Publication



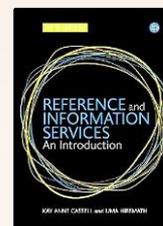
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**Reference and Information Services: An introduction** by Kay Ann Cassell & Uma Hiremath, 5<sup>th</sup> ed. UK: Facet Publishing, 2023. ISBN(pbk) : 978-1783306329 ; ₹7,150.00



## Trends on Tech

### India AI Impact Summit 2026:



The IndiaAI Mission, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), briefed the media in New Delhi on the India AI Impact Summit 2026, scheduled for February 16-20, 2026, at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. The summit's core focus is the "Democratisation of AI and Bridging the AI Divide," aiming to ensure wide, equitable access to AI resources and prevent the concentration of AI capabilities among a few nations or companies.

#### Vision and Thematic Structure

The Summit's vision is guided by three principles (Sutras) focused on ensuring AI benefits humanity, protects the environment, and promotes inclusive growth. These principles emphasize human development and safe deployment ("People"), aligning AI with environmental goals ("Planet"), and ensuring equitable distribution of AI benefits and socio-economic progress ("Progress").

These principles are implemented through seven thematic working groups (Chakras) that will structure the summit:

- Human Capital
- Inclusion for Social Empowerment
- Safe and Trusted AI
- Resilience, Innovation, and Efficiency
- Science
- Democratizing AI Resources



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AI for Economic Growth and Social Good  
Progress and Flagship Initiatives

These themes were developed after extensive consultations, including public engagement and input from over 500 organizations.

**Key progress and initiatives include:**



Approximately 300 pre-summit events have been held globally, with 57 in over 25 countries.

Three global challenges (YUVAi, AI by HER, and AI for All) have received over 15,000 registrations from 135 countries.

The India AI Tinkerpreneur Challenge will feature the top 50 projects by school students.

UDAAN is a global AI pitch fest connecting startups with investors.

An AI Impact Expo at Bharat Mandapam will showcase global and local innovations

For more information visit [India AI Impact Summit 2026 website](#).

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Researchers from Dr. Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University (BBAU), Lucknow, received a patent for an intelligent book sorting and library management system. The system addresses challenges in modern libraries such as rapidly expanding book collections, limited human resources, need for efficient, error-free operations. The project was jointly developed by Prof. Shilpi Verma and her research scholars (Vikrant Dubey, Rajiv Ranjan Mishra, Virendra Kumar) along with collaborators from Sharda University and Agrwan Heritage University.

Despite widespread internet access, private reading rooms are booming in Bhubaneswar and Cuttack. It offers quiet, distraction-free study spaces with cubicles, Wi-Fi, AC, TV, projectors, and clean water. Public libraries are overcrowded, understaffed, and poorly managed. Odisha has 30 public libraries, but most lack librarians. At the State Library (Harekrushna Mahatab Library), 48 of 58 posts are vacant. Private reading rooms charge ₹750–₹1,800 per month for 10 hours/day. Shorter slots cost ₹200–₹300. State library membership is far cheaper (₹225 for 3 years, mostly refundable).



The construction of the Kamarajar Grand Library and Intellectual Centre at Mannarpuram, Tiruchi, is spread over 1.97 lakh sq. ft. and comprises a ground plus seven floors. The project is estimated to cost ₹290 crore, including ₹50 crore allocated for e-books and ₹5 crore for equipment. Work began in April 2025 and was originally scheduled for completion by September 2026; however, with faster-than-expected progress, the library is now likely to be completed by February 2026. The library will feature a wide range of facilities: the ground floor will house a waiting hall and a 1,000-seat

auditorium; the first floor will include a science centre, children's theatre, and children's library; the second floor will accommodate a research centre and a multi-purpose centre. The upper floors will host a robotics and games area, digital library, English library, knowledge centre, artificial intelligence research centre, digital studio, conference hall, and a video conferencing room. The fully air-conditioned building will be

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equipped with nine elevators (including two glass lifts), escalators, and parking facilities for 100 cars and 150 two-wheelers.



All the members of Universal Briefing extend their heartiest congratulations to Prof. Sanjay Kumar Singh from Gauhati University on receiving the Best Teacher Award from MANLIBNET. This recognition truly reflects his passion for teaching, constant guidance, and the positive impact that he has made on students and the academic community. Wishing you good health and many more achievements in the years ahead.

## GLAM Special Report

### Celebrating Linguistic Diversity: Constitution Released in Santhali Language



President Droupadi Murmu released the Constitution of India in the Santhali language at a function held at Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi. Published in the Ol Chiki script, the initiative marks a significant step towards promoting linguistic inclusion and empowering Santhali-speaking communities, while reinforcing efforts to make the Constitution accessible to people in their mother tongues.

President Droupadi Murmu addressed the gathering, saying it was a source of pride and delight for the Santhali people that the Indian Constitution was now available in their native language and script. She noted

that the program would allow Santhali speakers to read, appreciate, and connect more intimately with the nation's constitutional ideals and rights, and that access to the Constitution in one's home tongue promotes democratic participation and social inclusion. The President noted that the release coincides with the centenary year of the Ol Chiki script, making the occasion all the more significant, and thanked the Union Ministry of Law and Justice for publishing the Constitution in Ol Chiki during this historic year as a tribute to the Santhali community's cultural and linguistic heritage.

Santhali is one of India's most ancient living languages, spoken by a sizable tribal population in eastern India. Its placement in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution under the 92nd Amendment Act of 2003 formalized its linguistic and cultural significance. The availability of the Constitution in Santhali is another significant step forward in India's ongoing attempts to maintain linguistic variety and promote inclusive and democratic governance.

*Source: Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India*

## Library in Focus

### Century-old Madhusudan Library, Khidirpur Shines with the Glow of Book Reading Habits



Michael Madhusudan Dutta spent his childhood and early youth in the Khidirpur area of Kolkata. He was born into a wealthy family in the village of Sagardari. When he was only 7 years, started living with his parents in a house on Khidirpur Circular Garden Reach Road. It is said that after converting to Christianity, Madhusudan had to fight a lot for the ownership of this house. It is also said that at that time Michael also stayed in a house in Mansatla Lane, Khidirpur for some time. Still, it is encouraging that the Michael Madhusudan Library, started 110 years ago by the people of Khidirpur area of Mansatla Lane, is still alive and well after a century.

One 80 years old library member said that during the 1940s to 1960s, libraries were built one after another in the city of Kolkata. Books were highly valued by Bengalis at that time. Books were also a major source of entertainment. Mothers and sisters used to read books after their lunch. Then library was a gold mine for students. But since the 1990s, the picture has slowly started to change. The new generation now has the whole world in their hands. They no longer need libraries. Therefore, for a long time, libraries have been closing one after another." At such a time, in 2025, the Michael Madhusudan Library in Khidirpur completed 110 years. This initiative to keep a library of Bengali and English literature alive in a cosmopolitan region like Khidirpur is undoubtedly commendable.

Let's look back to those days 100 years ago. On February 7, 1915, the Michael Madhusudan Library was founded at 46/2 Manasatla Lane, in the residence of Ramakrishna Goswami. He was the first secretary of the library. Amarendranath Mukherjee was the first librarian. However, the path of the library was not easy during the British era. The revolutionary organization of the Swadeshi movement, 'Anushilan Samiti', had its headquarters in the alleys of Khidirpur Mansatla. Therefore, this library also fell under the wrath of the British rulers. The police suspected that the Anushilan Samiti had clandestine connections with this library. As a result, a large number of books and historical documents were confiscated. Not only have that, but the locals also stopped coming to the Madhusudan Library's tri-border area out of feared.



Pramath Chowdhury, Maharaja Manindra Chandra Nandi, Basanti Devi, Banful Balaichand Mukherjee and many other famous people have visited this library. In 1940, the Michael Madhusudan Library was moved to its present building, 17/1/2 Mansatla Lane, Khidirpur. The foundation stone of the library in this new building was laid on February 13, 1940, under the leadership of Santosh Kumar Basu, former Mayor of Kolkata. Santosh Kumar Basu was also the President of this library at that time. This library is the repository and bearer of many rare books. There are about 30 thousand books in this library. In the early nineties, the library was on the verge of closing once again. But thanks to the initiative of the residents of the area, the Michael Madhusudan Library was revived in a new way since 1999. Currently, the library building has become even more dazzling after being renovated. There is a large collection of books and a huge reading room on the first floor. There is a large discussion room on the second floor. Various events are held at this library throughout the year. The children's event 'Hatta Mela', the senior citizens' yoga exercise session, and the women's own cultural event Madhumilan Utsav (on January 25, the birth anniversary of Michael Madhusudan Dutta), etc. After achieving a century, the Michael Madhusudan Library in Khidirpur is moving forward with its head held high. This is a rare occurrence. In this way, the memory of Madhu Kabir's work also lives on.

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