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About Universal Briefing

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

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Editorial Desk

From Editorial Desk

We have successfully completed a fruitful one-year journey of publishing the *UB Newsletter*. This endeavour was not without its challenges; there were many ups and downs, countless brainstorming sessions, and numerous dream-weaving moments that have made this achievement possible. After publishing 12+ issues, we are now on the verge of releasing our next issue with ISSN accreditation, marking the beginning of a new era for *Universal Briefing*. Our publication has left a significant footprint in the Library and Information Science (LIS) domain, and we are proud of the impact it has made.

Reflecting on this enriching year, we are grateful for the opportunity to share knowledge, innovations, and best practices through our 18 issues, which have fostered meaningful dialogue within our community. The ISSN accreditation stands as a proud milestone in our journey, a testament to our commitment to quality and scholarly recognition. This accomplishment is a result of the collective efforts of our contributors, readers, and editorial team. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has been part of this journey, and we look forward to continuing our mission of advancing the LIS profession through this publication. To ensure even greater enrichment in the future, we kindly request your continued support by sharing valuable data, insights, and resources that will help us grow and evolve in the coming years.

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Latest Vacancies

- Recruitment for the Post of Library Trainees at Lakshminath Bezbaroa Central Library, IIT Guwahati- 781039:
Last Date - 07/05/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Librarian (on deputation) at National Institute of Technology Silchar, Silchar- 788 010, Assam: Last Date - 08/05/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Librarian at Sainik School Amethi, Kauhar, Shahgarh Distt-Amethi (UP) – 227411:
Last Date - 10/05/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Librarian at At Navy Children School, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi- 110021 : Last Date - 14/05/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Senior Assistant Librarian & Assistant (Accounts/Adm/ Library) at National Institute of Design, Madhya Pradesh Acharpura, Eint Khedi, Post Arwaliya, Bhopal- 462038 : Last Date - 15/05/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Library assistant at state central library Shillong, Meghalaya Public Service Commission, Shillong- 793001: Last Date - 17/05/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post Library Trainees at Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Homi Bhabha Road, Colaba, Mumbai-400005 : Last Date - 17/05/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Librarian at the Directorate of Information and Public Relations, Meghalaya Public Service Commission, Shillong- 793001: Last Date - 18/05/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Librarian (on deputation) at Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Chennai- 600036 : Last Date - 19/05/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Assistant Librarian at Indian Maritime University, East Coast Road, Semmencherry, Chennai - 600119, Tamil Nadu, India : Last Date - 19/05/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Library Assistant (on contractual) at Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad, Kandi, Sangareddy, Telangana – 502284, INDIA: Last Date - 21/05/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Librarian Netarhat Vidyalaya Samiti, Netarhat , Jharkhand, Ranchi – 835218 : Last Date - 30/05/2025 - [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Assistant Library and Information Officer at National Sugar Institute, Kanpur- 208017 (a subordinate office of the Department of Food & Public Distribution, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution): Last Date - 23/06/2025- [Click here for more](#)

Announcement

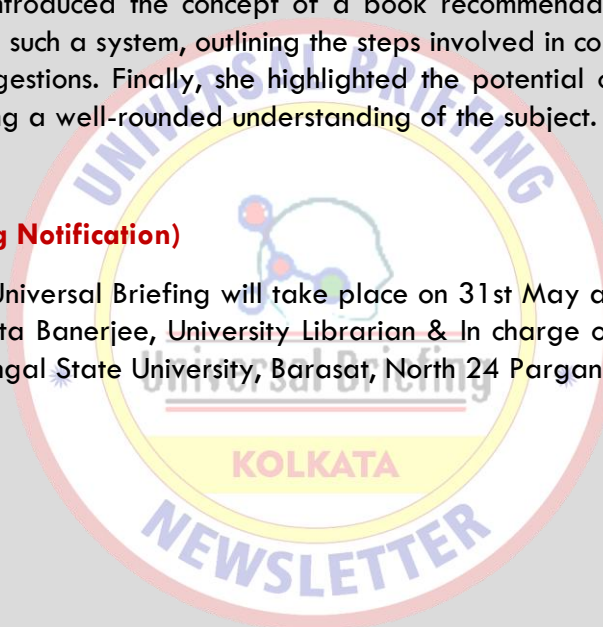
41st Study Circle

The 41st study circle of universal briefing took place on 26th April, 2025. The speaker for the session was Debolina Biswas, Junior Research Fellow, Dept. of Library and Information Science, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, West Bengal. The President of the session was Tanushree Rakshit, Librarian, Uluberia College, Howrah, West Bengal. The topic of the study circle was "Book Recommendation System: Collaborative filtering-driven approach".

The speaker delivered an engaging and well-structured presentation on the topic. She began by clearly defining what a recommendation system is and provided a thoughtful explanation of its growing importance in today's data-driven world, particularly in enhancing user experience across various digital platforms. She then explored the different types of recommendation systems, offering detailed and easy-to-understand explanations of each category. A key part of her talk focused on collaborative filtering and its various types. Following this, the speaker introduced the concept of a book recommendation system and described the methodology used to develop such a system, outlining the steps involved in collecting data, processing it, and generating personalized suggestions. Finally, she highlighted the potential of such systems, along with the challenges they face, providing a well-rounded understanding of the subject.

UB-Study Circle (Forthcoming Notification)

The 42nd study circle of the Universal Briefing will take place on 31st May at 7.30 pm and the speaker for the session will be Dr. Sushanta Banerjee, University Librarian & In charge of the Department of Library & Information Science, West Bengal State University, Barasat, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal.



Research Spotlight

DLIS, Mangalayatan University, Aligarh (Awarded Works 2025)

1. **Thesis Title:** Information Communication Technology ICT Based Library Resources and Services in University Libraries of Haryana
Scholar: Vipin Kumar
Supervisor: Dr. Roshan Khayal

DLIS, Sri Satya Sai University of Technology and Medical Sciences, Sehore (Awarded Works 2025)

2. **Thesis Title:** Evaluation of Services in University Libraries Special Reference to Karnataka
Scholar: Ghalappa
Supervisor: Dr Nand Kishore Patidar & Dr V T Kamble
3. **Thesis Title:** Pustkalayo mai suchna avam sanchar taknik ke Ghatko ka Adayan Madhya Pradesh ke shaskiye Visvavidhalay ke sandarbh mai
Scholar: Halley Theophilus
Supervisor: Dr Nand Kishore Patidar
4. **Thesis Title:** Madhya Pradesh ke Niji Vishwavidhyalayo mai pustkalay upyog mai Internet ka Badta Prabhav ek samichhatmak Adhyan
Scholar: Ashish Kori
Supervisor: Dr Nand Kishore Patidar

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

5. **Thesis Title:** Framing a Model for Library Rules of University Libraries in Indian Perspective
Scholar: Amita Roy
Supervisor: Dr. Soumitra Sarkar & Dr. Biplab Chakrabarti

DLIS, Sambalpur University, Sambalpur (Awarded Works 2024)

6. **Thesis Title:** Social Identity of Library Professionals in the State of Odisha an Empirical Study
Scholar: Priyanka Manjari Behera
Supervisor: Dr. Bulu Maharana
7. **Thesis Title:** Information Seeking Behaviour of Legal Practitioners in the High Court of Odisha an Empirical Study
Scholar: Karna Singh
Supervisor: Dr. Bulu Maharana

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

Research Recap

RESEARCH RECAP OF DIFFERENT UNIVERSITIES (THIS EDITION FOCUSES ON SHIVAJI UNIVERSITY, KOLHAPUR AWARDED WORKS)

Awarded Works in 1999

1. **Thesis Title:** Citation analysis of the doctoral dissertations submitted to the Shivaji University, Kolhapur in pure sciences (1962-1992).
Scholar: Khan, Abbas
Supervisor: Gunjal, S. R.

Awarded Works in 2007

2. **Thesis Title:** Curriculum design strategy formulation for user education in the electronic environment with special reference to academic libraries in Mumbai
Scholar: Hanchinal, V.B.
Supervisor: Karisiddappa, C.R.
3. **Thesis Title:** Evaluation of information services for medical education with special reference to the information services rendered by medical college libraries in western Maharashtra
Scholar: Shinde, M.G.
Supervisor: Konnur, P. V.
4. **Thesis Title:** Impact of emerging enabling technologies on academic library and information center assessment of the state of the art in the selected colleges of Mumbai
Scholar: Hanchinal, V.V.
Supervisor: Karisiddappa, C.R.
5. **Thesis Title:** National information centre for sugar industry: A development plan
Scholar: Divatankar, N. I.
Supervisor: Gunjal, S. R.
6. **Thesis Title:** Status of medical college libraries in Karnataka and Maharashtra
Scholar: Kumar, Vasantha M.
Supervisor: Konnur, P. V.

Awarded Works in 2008

7. **Thesis Title:** Job Satisfaction Among Engineering College Librarians: A Comparative Study of Maharashtra and Karnataka States
Scholar: Kacherki, Umeshreddy Y
Supervisor: Konnur, P. V.

Awarded Works in 2011

8. **Thesis Title:** Development of a model for a collaborative repository of less used collection of university libraries in Karnataka state
Scholar: Joshi, Anupama N.
Supervisor: Konnur, P. V.

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9. **Thesis Title:** Resource sharing and networking of college libraries affiliated to Karnataka University, Dharwad
Scholar: Maraddi, Krishna S.
Supervisor: Konnur, P. V.

Awarded Works in 2012

10. **Thesis Title:** Impact of IT on the work culture in academic libraries of professional institutions
Scholar: Kulkarni, Shobha
Supervisor: Savanur, S. K

Awarded Works in 2013

11. **Thesis Title:** Evolving norms for an ideal Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETD) resource based on select worldwide ETD initiatives
Scholar: Jadhav, M. N.
Supervisor: Savanur, S. K.

Awarded Works in 2014

12. **Thesis Title:** Designing & development of Information Literacy model for undergraduate students in the colleges affiliated Goa University
Scholar: Carvalho, Maya De Jesus Antonia
Supervisor: Deshpande, N. J
13. **Thesis Title:** Need for developing the required information skills for using internet resources in the academic libraries of some selected institutes in Mumbai: A plan of action
Scholar: Ajagond, M. A.
Supervisor: Karisiddappa, C.R.
14. **Thesis Title:** Public library system in information & communication technology environment: A development plan for the class-A district public libraries in Maharashtra state
Scholar: Lokhande, S. S.
Supervisor: Divatankar, N. I.
15. **Thesis Title:** Usability evaluation of library websites: A case study of university library websites in the state of Maharashtra & Karnataka
Scholar: Kamat, R.R.
Supervisor: Pujar, S.M
16. **Thesis Title:** User study of public libraries in Goa state
Scholar: Satpute, B.B.
Supervisor: Wayadande, H.S

Awarded Works in 2015

17. **Thesis Title:** Analysis of cancer research literature in India: A scientometric study
Scholar: Munnoli, S. S
Supervisor: Pujar, S.M.

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18. **Thesis Title:** Awareness of E-Information literacy amongst university teachers of Maharashtra
Scholar: Bilawar, P. B.
Supervisor: Pujar, S.M.
19. **Thesis Title:** Development of a strategic model policy for Preservation & Conservation of rare documents in century old public libraries in Maharashtra.
Scholar: Adav, R. P.
Supervisor: Divatankar, N. I.
20. **Thesis Title:** Evaluative study of information seeking behaviour of the faculty members of LIS education in Maharashtra state
Scholar: Khamkar, R. D.
Supervisor: Konnur, P. V.
21. **Thesis Title:** Impact of information and communication technology (ICT) on library and information science (LIS) education: A case study of universities of Maharashtra
Scholar: Sutar, D. B.
Supervisor: Wayadande, H.S
22. **Thesis Title:** Re-engineering of library practices in engineering college libraries in South & Central zones of Maharashtra: An evaluative study
Scholar: Padval, B.S.
Supervisor: Divatankar, N. I.

Awarded Works in 2016

23. **Thesis Title:** Library Consortia and its impact on academic libraries in the western region of India: A study
Scholar: Fernandes, C. M.
Supervisor: Wayadande, H.S
24. **Thesis Title:** Use of ICT for quality enhancement & sustenance: A critical study of management institute libraries in Maharashtra state
Scholar: Nagarkar, S.R
Supervisor: Karisiddappa, C.R.

Awarded Works in 2017

25. **Thesis Title:** Bibliotherapy: A tool to promote reading for development of school children
Scholar: Kalyankar, R.R.
Supervisor: Savanur, S. K.
26. **Thesis Title:** Changing role of academic libraries in collection development: A study with special reference to college libraries in south Kokan region of Maharashtra
Scholar: Rane, Manisha
Supervisor: Divatankar, N. I.

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27. **Thesis Title:** Critical study of all India radio libraries and information centers in the changing environment of Maharashtra state
Scholar: Kulkarni, A.M
Supervisor: Deshpande, N. J.
28. **Thesis Title:** Study of libraries using barcode and RFID technologies for providing better services: Development of decision-making model
Scholar: Lad, Ashok T.
Supervisor: Savanur, S. K.
29. **Thesis Title:** SWOT analysis of polytechnic in Maharashtra with special reference to Information Communication Technology (ICT)
Scholar: Hajare, B. K
Supervisor: Divatankar, N. I.
30. **Thesis Title:** Usage of ICT for research in the medical education institutions in Maharashtra state: An analytical study
Scholar: Jadhav, Y.G.
Supervisor: Savanur, S. K.

Awarded Works in 2018

31. **Thesis Title:** A webometric study of websites of Indian universities in the context of libraries
Scholar: Hande, N.H.
Supervisor: Savanur, S. K.
32. **Thesis Title:** Development of a model for weeding out policy for library reading material
Scholar: Modi, V.S.
Supervisor: Divatankar, N. I.
33. **Thesis Title:** E-content management among university libraries in Maharashtra: Challenges and strategies
Scholar: Birje, S.R.
Supervisor: Deshpande, N.J.
34. **Thesis Title:** Impact of assessment and accreditation by NAAC on college libraries affiliated to Shivaji University, Kolhapur and Solapur: A study
Scholar: Sawant, P.L.
Supervisor: Konnur, P. V.

Awarded Works in 2019

35. **Thesis Title:** The use of grey literature in medical college libraries in Maharashtra
Scholar: Khandekar, G.B.
Supervisor: Savanur, S. K.
36. **Thesis Title:** Job-related stress, causal issues and coping strategies of college librarians: a comparative study.
Scholar: Patil, S. B.
Supervisor: Savanur, S. K.

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37. **Thesis Title:** Scholarly use of internet by research scholars in sciences at universities of Maharashtra
Scholar: Gurav, D. S.
Supervisor: Pujar, S. M.

Awarded Works in 2020

38. **Thesis Title:** A study of library services to measure the impact on teachers of affiliated colleges of Shivaji University, Kolhapur
Scholar: Kamble, S.P.
Supervisor: PSavanur, S. K

Awarded Works in 2022

39. **Thesis Title:** An Evaluative Study of Development of College Libraries Under CPE Status of UGC with Special Reference to Maharashtra State
Scholar: Bhagwat, Vasant Bajarang
Supervisor: Savanur, S. K.

Awarded Works in 2024

40. **Thesis Title:** Information needs and information seeking behaviour of law practitioners with special reference to Kolhapur city court: A study
Scholar: Mane, Vishwasrao Sadu
Supervisor: Khot, Namita

Awarded Works in 2025

41. **Thesis Title:** Use of social media and Websites by students of Pharmacy College in Maharashtra: A Study
Scholar: Londhe Sagar R.
Supervisor: Dr. P. B. Bilawar

"Hey faculties, Are you ready to encapsulate the entire lifecycle of your department through the impactful Ph.D. works it has delivered to the world of knowledge? 🌐 🎓 Let's shine a spotlight on the journey of your scholars' research achievements in our Research Recap section of the upcoming newsletter edition! [Click here](#) to share the details and immortalize your department's legacy in the annals of LIS history. Send us the essence of your scholarly endeavors, and let's celebrate the boundless contributions together! 🚀"

Forthcoming Events

Conferences, Seminars, Webinars & Summits

- 2nd International Conference on Advanced Network Technologies and Computational Intelligence (ICANTCI 2025). Organized By Department of Computer Applications, Chitkara University, Punjab, India in Association with City University, Malaysia and University of Wollongong in Dubai, Dubai Knowledge Park, Dubai, UAE. Conference dates: 2-3 May 2025. For more info: [click here](#)
- Resource Sharing for Effective User Satisfaction: Innovative Policies to Strengthen Library Networking Relationships. Organized by Central Library, Shiv Nadar University, Dadri, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh. Date: 8th and 9th May 2025. Venue: Auditorium, C021, Shiv Nadar University, Dadri, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh – 201314. For more info: [click here](#)
- National Seminar on Shifting Paradigm of Public Libraries in Artificial Intelligence Era Organized by Department of Library and Information Sciences Sponsored by Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation Ministry of Culture, Government of India Central University of Punjab, Bathinda. Seminar Date: 09th May, 2025. Venue: Central University of Punjab, Badal- Bathinda Road, VPO- Ghudda, Punjab, India, PIN- 151401. For registration: [Click here.](#)
- 9th International Conference of Asian Special Libraries (ICoASL 2025), themed "Sustainable Development of Libraries through Innovative Technologies". Organized by Madhu Limaye Library, RMLNLU, India & Dr Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University. Date: 9-11 May 2025. For more info: [click here](#)
- 2025 ECIS Library and Information Services Conference. Place: Georgetown University in Qatar. Date 15-17 May 2025. For more info: [click here](#)
- CILIST-25. Online International Conference on Contemporary Innovation Services and Technologies. Organized by Library Professionals Foundation. Date: 10th May, 2025. For more info: [click here](#)
- The Prof. Y. K. Bhushan Information & Knowledge Resource Centre, NMIMS University, Mumbai, and Tata Consultancy Services, Mumbai, are jointly organizing the International Conference on Open Science (ICOS-2025) titled "Global Perspectives on Open Science: Bridging Research, Access, and Innovations." The conference will be held on 16th and 17th May 2025 at the Mukesh Patel Auditorium, NMIMS, Mumbai. For more info: [click here](#)
- National Conference on Transforming Libraries: Synergy between Accreditation, Technology and Academic Excellence" is being organized by JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) in association with Karnataka State Library Association (KALA) and LIS Academy Bangalore. Dates: 23 – 24 May, 2025. For registration: [Click here.](#)
- The National Conference on "Innovative Design & Art: For Creating Smart, future-ready Learning Spaces for the Modern World" is a joint event organized by the School of Design and Ashok Goel Library at Rishihood University on 23 & 24 May 2025. For more info: [click here](#)

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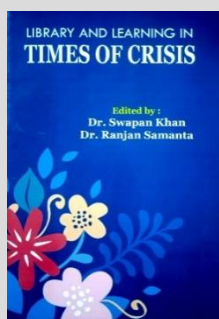
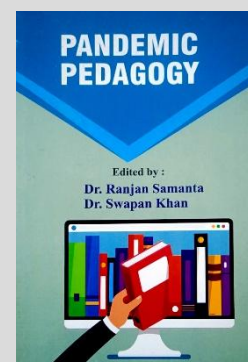
- The Dr. O. P. Bhalla Central Library, ManavRachna International Institute of Research and Studies (MRIIRS), Faridabad, in association with the Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET), Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), National Digital Library of India (NDLI), Delhi Library Association (DLA) & Haryana Library Association (HLA), is organizing an International Conference on “Innovative and Digital Transformation in Academic Libraries” (ICIDTAL) on 27th-28th May 2025 at MRIIRS, Faridabad, Haryana. For more info: [click here](#)
- 6th International Conference on Data Analytics & Management (ICDAM-2025). Organized By: London Metropolitan University, London, UK (Venue Partner) in association with WSG University, Bydgoszcz, Poland, Europe, Portalegre Polytechnic University, Portugal, Europe, SGGW Management Institute & BPIT, GGSIPU, Delhi. Dates: 13th - 14th June, 2025. Venue: London Metropolitan University, London, UK. For more info: [click here](#)
- SALIS 2025: National Conference on Reimagining and Transforming Libraries into Active Learning Hubs to Accelerate Global Education, organized by the Central Library, B.S. Abdur Rahman Crescent Institute of Science & Technology, Vandalur, Chennai, in association with the Society for the Advancement of Library and Information Science (SALIS) on 27th and 28th June 2025. For more info: [click here](#)
- American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference. Date: June 26-July 1, 2025. Place: Philadelphia, PA, USA. For more info: [click here](#)

Workshops, Programmes, Training & Courses

- Three Day Workshop on Koha: Open-Source Library Automation Software. Jointly organize College Library & AALIS (Alumni Association of Library and Information Science). Dates: 5th, 6th & 7th May, 2025. Time: 9 am to 6 pm. For registration: [Click here.](#)
- 12 Day Refresher Courses organized by UGC – Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, Sardar Patel University. Course Date: 19-05-2025 to 01-06-2025. For more info: [Click here.](#)
- Three Days National Workshop on Creation and Management of Digital Library using Open-Source Software (in offline mode) is being organized by INFLIBNET Centre during 02nd - 04th July, 2025 at An IUC of University Grants Information and Library Network Centre, Commission, Info city, Gandhinagar-382007, Gujarat, India. For more info: [Click here.](#)
- SWAYAM Library and Information Science (LIS) courses currently open for enrolment are free to enrol in and learn from. For more info: [Click here.](#)

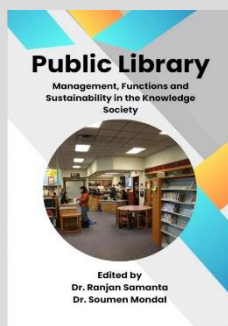
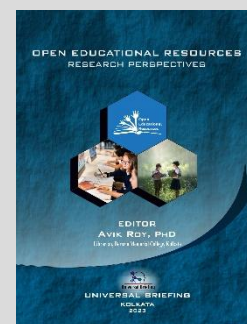
UB-Self Publication

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



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

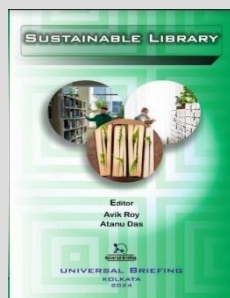
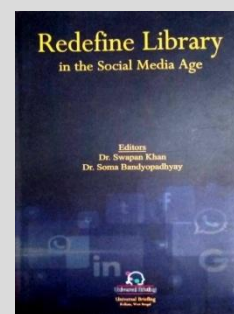
A book was published in February 2023 by Universal briefing with the title “Open Educational Resources: Research Perspectives”, comprising selected articles from the two-day International Webinar of the same title, which was organised by Universal Briefing on 20th and 21st November, 2021 at Kolkata,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

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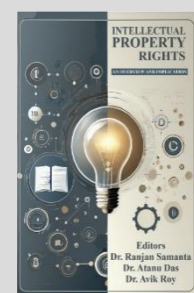
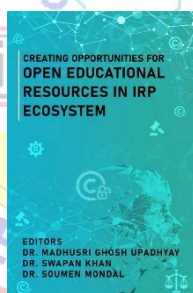
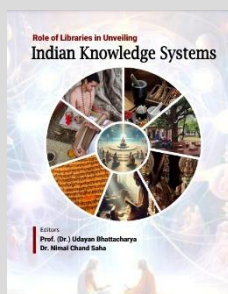
Purpose of this book titled "Redefine library in the social media age", is to visualize a dramatic transformation of concept of libraries due to rapid development of technological innovations especially in post pandemic period. The human need for information is changing day by day. They seek information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

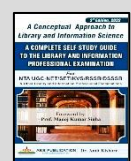
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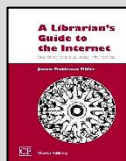


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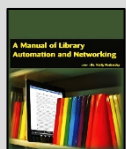


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Trends on Tech

Napkin AI

Napkin AI is an AI-powered visualization tool that transforms text into visuals, like charts, diagrams, and flowcharts, in a few seconds. It's designed to help users brainstorm, explain concepts, and organize thoughts visually without requiring any design skills. Essentially, it makes creating professional-looking visuals from your written content quick and easy.

Features

Text-to-Visual Conversion: Napkin AI leverages AI to automatically generate visuals from your text, saving the time and effort.

Intuitive Interface: The platform is designed for simplicity, allowing users to paste the text and generate visuals with a few clicks.

Customization: Users can customize the generated visuals with colors, icons, and other elements to match their specific needs.

Versatile Use Cases: Napkin AI can be used for a wide range of applications, including brainstorming, presentations, documentation, and communication across various platforms like Google Docs, Slides, and Canva.

Free and Paid Options:

Napkin AI offers a free plan with limited Autographic quotas and a paid plan for unlimited access and advanced features, according to their pricing page.

Merlin AI

Merlin AI is a versatile AI-powered tool that functions as a Chrome extension and web app, offering users a range of capabilities to enhance productivity and workflow. It provides access to various AI models like ChatGPT, GPT 4, and Claude, allowing users to generate responses, summarize content, and perform other AI-driven tasks across different websites and applications.

Here's a more detailed breakdown of Merlin AI's capabilities:

AI-powered assistant:

Merlin AI serves as an AI companion, helping with tasks like research, writing, summarizing, and translation.

Chrome extension and web app: It's available as both a browser extension and a standalone web application, offering flexibility in how users access its features.

Access to multiple AI models: Merlin AI provides access to a variety of leading AI models, including ChatGPT, GPT 4, and Claude, enabling users to leverage the best features of different AI technologies.

Social Media News

Central Library of Symbiosis International University have successfully hosted Book Exhibition on Maharashtra Day to celebrate its state day. The Central Library had organized a two-day Book Exhibition on April 29–30, 2025. The exhibition featured 5000+ books from 200+ reputed national and international publishers, covering Marathi Literature, Artificial Intelligence, Indian Knowledge Systems, NEP 2020, reference books, and more. Aimed at promoting regional culture and academic excellence, the event reflects the spirit of the day with the

theme: "ज्ञान हेच खरे सामर्थ्य आहे, आणि पुस्तके त्याचा सर्वोत्तम स्रोत आहेत.



Gale, in partnership with the East Asian Studies Library at the University of Delhi, hosted a successful workshop aimed at enhancing research in East Asian Studies through digital archives. The event featured engaging discussions and active participation from faculty and scholars. Special thanks were extended to Dr. Rajesh Singh for motivating students to utilize Gale's resources, and to Dr. Nabin Kumar Panda for his insightful views on the future of East Asian Studies. Gale remains committed to supporting academic excellence through resource-driven learning, with more such sessions planned.

Shabdakalpa, a digital historical dictionary documenting the evolution of the Bengali language, is set to launch on February 21, 2028 (Bhasha Diwas). Developed at Jadavpur University, it aims to be the first historical dictionary for a non-Latin script, tracing Bengali words across centuries. Funded initially by the university and state government, it later received support from the Global Jadavpur University Alumni Foundation and the Biseswar Chattopadhyay Trust, the latter pledging major funding through to completion. The project benefits from being "born digital," allowing easier future updates. Once complete, **Shabdakalpa** is expected to be a landmark resource in preserving and studying Bengal's rich linguistic heritage. For more details [click here](#)

Jadavpur University's Central Library has introduced the '**Sparsh**' software to enhance accessibility for visually challenged students, allowing them to read all books in **Braille**. Developed by **Prof. Anupam Basu** and his students at IIT Kharagpur, Sparsh converts printed books into Braille format. Installed in the university's accessible library, the staff are currently undergoing training to assist students in using the software. The university also seeks additional funding to expand the initiative further. For more details [click here](#)

The updated IFLA-UNESCO School Library Manifesto was unanimously endorsed by UNESCO's Information for All Programme Intergovernmental Council on 24th April 2025, marking a renewed commitment to the role of school libraries in education. Originally adopted in 1999, the Manifesto defines the essential role of school libraries in promoting literacy, critical thinking, creativity, and global citizenship. The update, led by IFLA's School Library Section with global input from school librarians and in partnership with International Association of School Librarians (IASL), reflects evolving educational needs, including technological changes and the expanded role of school librarians. It was approved by IFLA's Governing Board in 2023 and finalized in collaboration with UNESCO in 2024.

GLAM Special Report

Unveiling the Past: Harappan Chariots and Epigraphic Heritage at the National Museum

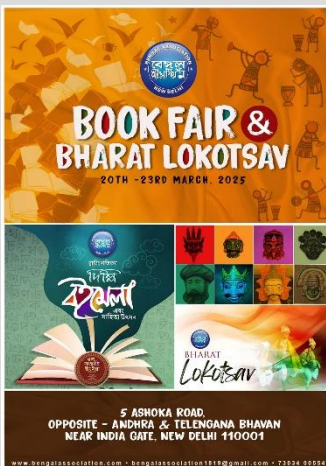


The National Museum in Delhi has introduced two remarkable attractions: bronze-age solid-disk wheel carts, or chariots, unearthed from the Sinauli archaeological site in Uttar Pradesh, dating back approximately 4000 years, alongside a permanent exhibition of epigraphs, designed to captivate those with a passion for heritage. It is the part of the exhibits in the Harappan Gallery. The epigraph exhibition opened its doors on April 16, 2025. The chariot was unveiled on the occasion by Dr. B.R. Mani, Director General of the National Museum, and Arunish Chawla, secretary of the Culture Ministry.

The chariot was previously on display for a limited period of time at the National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) in New Delhi as part of the temporary exhibition *Roots and Routes*, which was held during the G20 summit. The museum has an extensive collection of Indian epigraphy, including early graffiti, the seals of the Harappan civilization, which are the earliest examples of written communication, early historic, medieval, and modern period stone, and copper plate inscriptions that describe land grants, donations, and royal decrees. During excavations in April 2018, the Archaeological Survey of India found the chariot in Sinauli village of Baghpat. It was a component of a bigger discovery that also contained weaponry, other artifacts, and royal graves. This esteemed collection, which has spent the most time in the reserve section, is currently on show at the Inscriptions Gallery's permanent exhibition.



Boimela & Bharat Lokotsav: A Symphony of Literature & Heritage.



Bengal Association of Delhi has organized the '22nd Boimela (Book Fair) and Bharat Lokotsav' from March 20 to March 23, 2025, at No. 5, Ashoka Road, opposite Andhra Bhawan. The Bengal Association, founded in 1958 by Dr. B C Roy, former Chief Minister of West Bengal, promotes Bengali socio-cultural activities in Delhi and the National Capital Region.

Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of Education, launched the book fair in the presence of Biplab Deb, MP and former Chief Minister of Tripura, and prominent Bengali writer Sukanta Gangopadhyay. The book fair attracted thousands of visitors, including enthusiastic readers and audience members, particularly young people. In addition to the display of books, 'Bharat Lokotsav' promoted cultural programmes from several Indian states. Local talent from Delhi, as well as renowned artists like Anannya Chakraborty and Saurabh Mani, performed soulful songs, dances, and musical performances. Well-known literary figures such as Sukanta Gangopadhyay and Dr. Shashi Tharoor have read from their works and engaged with the audience. Professor Tapodheer Bhattacharya, a famous author and former vice-chancellor of Assam University, gave a talk on the importance of Bengali as a classical language in India.

A philatelic exhibition was also hosted on campus. Another exhibition featured posters of 1947, tram tickets in Kolkata and Delhi, and other mementos.

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