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Now, Read Vernacular Books Online

BANGALORE: Lovers of e-books, wanting to read vernacular language works, can now do so with ease with a website being launched recently by Pustaka Digital Media. According to the Digital Media company, the www.pustaka.co.in is India's first e-book selling and lending portal for vernacular language books.

Initially, around 150 titles from Tamil, Kannada and Telugu languages will be available for sale or rent. A bigger project to digitise Indian language books by 2020 is being planned by the company as well.

"The website will provide a new experience to native language readers with rich mobile content. Most native language books are not available as e-books, which is preferred by the young generation. We aim to bridge this gap. By 2020, our aim is to have a few lakh books in digital format," said Nivetha, CEO, Pustaka Digital Media, in a statement.

Some of the authors featured on the site are Indira Soundarrajan, Pattukottai Prabhakar, Yandamoori Veerendranath, Neela Padmanabhan, Devibala, Rajesh Kumar and K T Gatti.

Some of the more popular books on offer include Tulasi, Tulasidala, Aindhu Vazhi Moondru Vaasal and Khajurao.

Source|
<http://www.newindianexpress.com/>

Smartphone app for the visually impaired launched

New Delhi: An application equipped with Braille typing feature that promises to assist the visually-impaired in using all features of a smartphone was launched here on World Sight Day.

SimpleEye, a custom-designed application developed by Kriyate, a Delhi-based enterprise, is available for all android-based devices and was launched by Minister of State for Rural Development, Upendra Kushwaha at the Jawaharlal Nehru University.

It can be downloaded for free from Google play store.

"A user can navigate, take notes, listen to the news or even use a Braille keyboard to reply to messages as it removes all the clutter from the screen to present only one element at a time," Sumit Dagar, founder of Kriyate said.

"A voice narrates which element is put on the screen. The user can interact with this element using simple gestures. For example, swiping up/down scrolls through the elements in order. Swiping left takes the user one step back," he explained.

Kriyate has already started working on future updates to the application that would include predictive typing, colour identification and location sharing, Dagar said.

Over 70 visually impaired students in JNU have started using the application, Ramesh C Gaur, university librarian told IANS adding that the app would also help in using library e-resources such as e-books, e-journals and e-newspaper.

Source| <http://zeenews.india.com/>

Publishing Next 2014 : A Report

The fifth edition of the Publishing Next conference, the platform for publishing professionals to discuss issues facing the book industry, was held on 19–20 September 2014 at the Krishnadas Sharma State Central Library in Panaji, Goa.

The agenda covered several topics that are of concern to publishers, with special attention given to publishing in Indian languages; technologies that impact publishing; and trends that are seen in the publishing

business today. The highlight of this year's event was the first edition of the Publishing Next Industry Awards, which were presented in five categories this year. The Awards are instituted to recognise and reward the talent, initiatives and untiring efforts of publishers across the country.

Source| <http://www.printweek.in/>

No Copyright in email databases?

Justice Endlaw of the Delhi High Court has dismissed a lawsuit that Tech Plus Media Pvt limited had filed against its former employees who started a new publication after allegedly copying their visitor (or we assume newsletter). The judgement states that "...the said databases are nothing but a collection of the e-mail addresses of the visitors to the website/news portal of the plaintiff. The plaintiff cannot be said to be the author or composer or having any contribution in the same."

Source| <http://www.medianama.com/>

Gandhi's works as e-books

INDIA: The Navjivan Trust, founded by Mahatma Gandhi, has decided to bring out e-copies of all its books on India's father of the nation.

Navjivan will provide e-books on Gandhi either free or cheaper than the hard copies.

Managing trustee of Navjivan, Vivek Desai, told PTI: "We have completed the task of making 150 to 200 e-books and another 600 e-books shall be completed within the next two years."

Navjivan Trust was established by Gandhiji in 1929 to propagate the idea of Swaraj (self-rule), when India was struggling to free itself from the shackles of the British Raj.

Source | <http://news.asiaone.com>

Famous Bookstores of College Street in Kolkata

Despite stiff competition online, College Street bookstores are still doing brisk business.

The recent e-tailing boom in India has had little impact on the average Kolkatans' romance with College Street - the Mecca for the city's booklovers. This is what CT discovered when it walked the street on a rain-drenched afternoon and interacted with some of its most popular and old booksellers.

Source | Times of India | 10 October 2014

De Gruyter Open converts eight titles to OA

De Gruyter Open is converting eight subscription journals to open-access megajournals. The change, which will start with volume 2015, relates to a group of eight Central European Journals that are currently

distributed under subscription model by Springer.

'The key motivation for this change was to build strong megajournals in all STM fields', explained says Sven Fund, CEO of De Gruyter. 'Our major advantage is that we build them on the basis of a group of journals that have been published for over a decade. They have rigorous peer review, high rejection rates and have earned good impact factors.'

The Central European Journals were launched twelve years ago by the Polish company Versita, which was acquired and subsequently renamed by De Gruyter. Each of the journals covers one broad discipline and has been renamed for the move to open access.

The eight journals are: Open Mathematics (*formerly Central European Journal of Mathematics*); Open Physics (*formerly Central European Journal of Physics*); Open Chemistry (*formerly Central European Journal of Chemistry*); Open Life Sciences (*formerly Central European Journal of Biology*); Open Medicine (*formerly Central European Journal of Medicine*); Open Geosciences (*formerly Central European Journal of Geosciences*); Open Engineering (*formerly Central European Journal of Engineering*); and Open Computer Science (*formerly Central European Journal of Computer Science*).

In addition, De Gruyter Open is launching new megajournals in

the humanities: Open Linguistics; Open Theology; and Open Archaeology.

Thomson Reuters to work with Russian eLibrary

Thomson Reuters' intellectual property and science division has announced collaboration with Russia's Scientific Electronic Library – eLibrary.ru – to make content from the Russian Science Citation Index accessible via the Web of Science.

The initiative is aimed at bringing greater visibility and improved access to influential research being produced in Russia, particularly in the sciences. Content from the Russian Science Citation Index (1000 top-tier scholarly publications in Russia) will be made available as a new dataset on the Web of Science. It will connect to the leading core journal indices within the Web of Science, and other databases on the platform such as the Data Citation Index and the Book Citation Index, enabling researchers to review and analyse the regional research alongside top-tier international scholarly content.

'We are pleased to collaborate with Thomson Reuters to get Russian researchers more involved into the international scholarly conversation,' said Gennady Eremenko, general director of Scientific Electronic Library. 'Not only will this effort increase the visibility and global

impact of Russia's research efforts, but it will also enable our researchers to connect with others throughout the world to discuss new ideas and inspire greater collaboration.'

The addition of the Russian Science Citation Index to the Web of Science will follow a similar model to other national citation indices such as the KCI Korean Journal Database and the SciELO Citation Index, both added to the platform in 2014; and the Chinese Science Citation Database, which has been hosted within the Web of Science since 2008. The Russian Science Citation Index will be available to Web of Science users in 2015.

'As the research landscape continues to expand, it is increasingly important to provide the global scholarly community with content from actively developing research centres, such as the BRIC nations,' said Gordon Macomber, Managing Director of Thomson Reuters IP & Science. 'We are pleased to work with the Scientific Electronic Library eLibrary to include this influential information within the Web of Science and give researchers around the world deeper insight into research and innovation coming from Russia.'

Inderscience selects Literatum platform

Inderscience Publishers has appointed Atypon, a provider of software to the scientific and scholarly publishing industry, to

host all Inderscience content from mid-2015 on its Literatum platform.

Following the acquisition of Metapress (Inderscience's former hosting provider) by Atypon in April 2014, many of Metapress' clients took advantage of the opportunity to transition to Literatum. Inderscience joins over 200 publishers who are publishing more than 6500 journals, 100,000 books, and 17 million articles on Literatum today.

'We are confident that our agreement with Atypon will provide the smoothest solution for our content migration of over 380 journal titles, with the benefit of improved features and functionality for our customers moving forwards,' said Mohammed Dorgham, editor-in-chief, Inderscience Publishers.

SAGE strengthens education-journal portfolio

SAGE has purchased Symposium Journals. Symposium Journals was set up 12 years ago and has a portfolio of journals publishing international research within the field of education.

The acquisition results in Symposium's journal portfolio of nine titles becoming a part of SAGE's journal programme, including: Citizenship, Social and Economics Education, Contemporary Issues in Early Childhood, E-Learning and Digital Media, European Educational Research Journal, Global Studies

of Childhood, Policy Futures in Education, Power and Education, Psychology Learning & Teaching and Research in Comparative and International Education.

Ziyad Marar, SAGE's global publishing director commented, 'We are delighted to welcome the highly-regarded education journals of Symposium publishing to SAGE. The nine titles, including the flagship journal of the European Educational Research Association, represent an international range of well-regarded research and complement our strong presence in education publishing extremely well.'

Founder of Symposium Journals Roger Osborn-King said, 'I am delighted to be handing my journals publishing business to SAGE, a publisher that has impressed me by their company vision, their social science and humanities specialism, and our shared values. I am confident SAGE will continue to nurture the academic growth of the editorial and research base of these journals, and to open up for them many exciting new opportunities.'

Springer-Verlag France sells French-language STM assets to Lavoisier

Springer and Lavoisier have signed an agreement for the sale of Springer-Verlag France's French-language STM publications to Lavoisier.

The transaction is effective as of 1st September 2014. Archives and

the articles to be published up to and including December 2016 will continue to be accessible online via SpringerLink. All past and current subscribers will have continued access to the journals archives on the Springer platforms.

The French-language products published by Springer Healthcare in Paris and those published by Springer Group entities, including Professional Publishing, are not part of this transaction and will remain with Springer.

The move, says Springer-Verlag France, will enable the division to focus its activity on English-language STM publishing, having a liaison role to researchers, libraries and institutions in France, and serving as a base for the sales operation for France, Southern Europe and the Maghreb.

'Lavoisier is a trusted name and an established brand in French-language publishing, and it plays a significant role in the market. We are confident that our French-language products are in good hands,' said Guido Zosimo-Landolfo, president of Springer-Verlag France.

RCB plans to upgrade 125-year-old library

The Rawalpindi Cantonment Board (RCB) has planned to upgrade 125-year-old Cantonment Library and launch a dedicated website for it to

establish a link to international libraries.

Talking to 'The News', RCB Executive Officer Fahim Zafar Khan while dilating on various issues said that more books will be added to provide research facilities to students of Masters, MPhil and PhD. "This library will also incorporate books on history and many other subjects will be upgraded to international standards. A digital library will also be made available in near future," he added.

Fahim Zafar Khan said that the cantonment board will bear all expenses on the project.

Publisher prices to increase by five to seven per cent next year

Publisher price increases for academic and academic/medical libraries are expected to be in the range of five to seven per cent (before currency impact) next year. This is according to the 2015 Serials Price Projection Report from EBSCO Information Services.

The company says that the report is based on surveys of a wide range of publishers and reviews of historical serials pricing data. The aim is to assist information professionals as they make budgeting decisions for the upcoming renewals season.

According to EBSCO, 'price increases seem to have levelled off recently.' The company

attributes this to the proliferation of multi-term, fixed-increase licence agreements and the growth in the number of open-access journals. However, the report noted that the majority of OA projects seek to shift expenses from libraries to research, which may mean that institutions that do not produce significant amounts of research published in OA journals may experience reduced costs but those that produce a relatively high volume of OA published scholarship may face increased overall costs.

The company also noted that price changes could vary by institution type, size or research intensity more so than it has in past years. In addition, the report noted that the decoupling of print and online pricing could result in significant increases for institutions whose patrons still rely on print copies.

Israeli library's manuscripts tell unique stories

Jerusalem: These are treasures that Israel doesn't allow anyone to check out of its national library.

Kafka's Hebrew vocabulary Notebook. The first written evidence of the Yiddish language.

And the Crowns of Damascus, Bibles smuggled out of Syria 20 years ago in a Mossad spy operation so classified that their very existence in Israel was kept secret for years.

Many nations maintain official libraries of their countries' most prized historical manuscripts. Israel's is unique: It seeks manuscripts from every country in the world where Jews have ever lived.

Now the National Library of Israel is dusting the cobwebs off some of the most prized jewels of its collection as it seeks to draw attention to a new effort to preserve and publicise these treasures.

It's pioneering a worldwide initiative to digitize every Hebrew manuscript in existence. It's building a new home next to the Israeli parliament.

It sent a prized manuscript handwritten by medieval Jewish philosopher Maimonides to France accompanied by bodyguards for a first-ever display at the Louvre Museum.

Later this month, the library is convening what it calls a Global Forum of luminaries philanthropist Lord Rothschild, former U.S. Diplomat Elliot Abrams, Nobel laureate Daniel Kahneman and others to raise the profile of the collection. This week, the library in Jerusalem opened its vaults and gave the Associated Press a rare glimpse at its most prized treasures. Some had not been made public in years. Others have never had public viewings.

"Though these items are unique, what makes them even more unique is the stories behind

them," said Aviad Stollman, the library's head of collections.

New Zealand libraries to learn from Guinness

650 library and information professionals attending the LIANZA Conference will be treated to some insights into one of the world's oldest brands from Keynote Eibhlin Roche, Manager of the Guinness Archive, located in Guinness Storehouse, Home of GUINNESS®, in Dublin, Ireland.

The conference, which runs from Sunday 12 to Wednesday 15 October at SKYCITY Convention Centre in Auckland, will see delegates reflect on the need for libraries to connect with the past to help shape and develop a flourishing future for New Zealand - 'Pou Whakiro - Connect and Thrive'.

As Company Archivist, Roche is responsible for the acquisition, cataloguing, preservation and access to the Guinness Archive collection; she also curates and is responsible for the content development of new exhibitions within the Guinness Storehouse Visitor Experience, and works closely with the Guinness Global Marketing teams in the promotion of the brand's heritage.

She passionately believes in maximising the heritage of the brand to inform future innovations and commercial developments for GUINNESS.

Conference Convenor, Library Manager Māori and Pasifika Services at Auckland University, Anahera Morehu says the Guinness Archive is the only corporate Archive open to the public in Ireland and there is a lot we can learn from this leading global example of a corporate brand archive.

"Eibhlin's advice on how heritage materials can be utilised to maximise a corporate brand will not only be of interest to archivists, corporate and special librarians, but will be valuable to anyone interested in leveraging the corporate value of heritage materials".

The four day library conference programme includes a range of high calibre local and international keynotes including international futurist Thomas Frey, former International Federation of Library Associations President Dr Ingrid Parent, information literacy guru Judith Peacock and homegrown keynotes Mai Chen, Damon Salesa, Wiremu Doherty and Rangimarie Hunia.

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3 open source content management systems compared

Whether you need to set up a blog, a portal for some specific usage, or any other website, *which CMS (content management system) is right for you?* is a question you are going to ask yourself early on. The most well-known and widely used open source CMS platforms are:

Joomla, Wordpress, and Drupal. They are all based on PHP and MySQL and offer a wide range of options to users and developers alike.

To help you choose between these three excellent open source CMS platforms, following comparison has been made based on installation complexity, available plugin/themes and ease of use.

Installation time and complexity

Installation is the first thing you would need to do before you start using a CMS, so let's have a look at what it takes to install these tools.

Drupal

Drupal is considered by many to be the most complex of them all to install and use, but that's simply not true anymore. Drupal has evolved and the process is fairly simple. Download the files from the website, unzip and place the contents in the root folder of your webserver. Then access the root folder from your browser. From there on, you just let the software do it for you. But remember to create a database for your Drupal site and keep the database user name and password on hand before you start the installation process.

Joomla

Like Drupal, Joomla also needs you to provide the database name during the installation. The installation process in Joomla is

similar to Drupal except for a few extra options that Joomla provides during installation. For example, you can choose if your Joomla site should be offline after installation, and you get to see all the configurations before the final installation happens. Also, as a security feature, the installer requires removing the installation code folder after installation.

Wordpress

Most people think that Wordpress is the most easy to use of these three CMS tools. Rightly so, Wordpress requires the same information as the other two, but this is nicely hidden behind two stages of installation. The first part is the creation of config.php file (all of the information about the database, username / password, database host etc. goes in the file). Once this is done, there's just one click for installation of Wordpress. If you have a config.php file ready (from your previous installation or if you manually created it) there is no need to do the first step. The installer automatically searches for the file and takes you to config.php file creation only if it is not present.

In summary

Installation of all three of these tools is easy and similar with only a few noticeable differences. While Drupal installation looks and feels a bit lengthy, Joomla provides few extra options and a secure feature of installer files deletion. Wordpress has a

minimal interface and the quick installation feels nice, but it doesn't let you configure much during installation. However, all of them need basic information like database name, user ID, and password, among others.

Source | <https://opensource.com/>

15 Million Pages of Medical History Are Going Online

Over the next two years, the Wellcome Library, partnered with digital technology charity [Jisc](#), is collaborating with nine institutions to put 15 million pages of 19th-century medical books online. An incredible resource for medical historians, the project is also directed at engaging researchers from the arts, humanities, and contemporary medicine in this trove.

"More broadly still, we want to support public engagement with science and medicine — it's such a big part of our lives, but often it's seen as remote or exclusive," Simon Chaplin, head of the Wellcome Library, told Hyperallergic. "By making the books available for anyone to use we hope to encourage new ideas around contemporary science engagement based on historical collections."

The first stages of the UK Medical Heritage Library are now online at the Internet Archive, including such promising titles as *An appeal to the public and to the legislature, on the necessity of*

affording dead bodies to the schools of anatomy (1824) and *On poisons in relation to medical jurisprudence and medicine* (1859). The books cover everything from fingerprinting to phrenology to premature burial; there are arcane exercise manuals and elaborately illustrated dissection guides, all under an open license. Last week, the Wellcome announced six universities joining the project: University College London, University of Leeds, University of Glasgow, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, King's College London, and the University of Bristol, as well as libraries of the Royal College of Physicians of London, the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, and the Royal College of Surgeons of England. Together they hope to expand on the established Medical Heritage Library consortium based in the United States, which includes the Wellcome and has 50,000 titles digitized.

"Through the US and now the UK Medical Heritage Library projects we've seen how libraries can work together to make their collections more accessible," Chaplin explained. "We can do this individually, but there's a lot more to be gained by doing it together. Our physical collections are precious and we want to preserve them, but don't want this to be a barrier that stops people using them, so digitization can help."

The digitization will be executed by representatives of the Internet Archive based at the Wellcome Library, and is a part of a still greater plan to make 50 million pages of medical history available online by 2020. There are many similar projects underway at institutions around the world, but the Wellcome has been a leader in making digitized content easily accessible (as with Wellcome Images) and concentrating on outreach beyond academia. The exposure of these often hidden resources can help secure their future, through public engagement with what makes them arcane yet also essential.

Source| <http://hyperallergic.com/>

CONGRATULATIONS

We are happy to announce that **Dr. Rashmi T. Kumbhar** has been awarded the Phd Degree, from the Pune University, in the month of 2014. The title of her useful thesis is "Design and Development of Children's National Science Digital Library for India", under the guidance of Dr. S.K. Patil, DLIS, Jaykar Library, Pune University.

Forthcoming Conferences

ST.Mary's College, Thrissur invites for the programme on UGC Sponsored National Level Seminar on Skills Approach to Information and Communication Technology for Information Problem Solving 02-03 January

2015. More information available at: <http://www.kla.stmaryscollegeethrissur.edu.in/> and

<http://www.stmaryscollegeethrissur.edu.in>

NIT Silchar, India and University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, USA organises International Library Conference on "What's Next in Libraries? Trends, Space, and Partnerships" at NIT Campus, Silchar, Assam, India January 21-23, 2015.

National Seminar on Application of Information Technology in Libraries to be held at Bharati Vidyapeeth Abhijit Kadam Institute of Management & Social science, Solapur on 15th November 2014.

Karnataka State SC/ST Library Professionals Association (R) in collaboration RAK Medical and Health Sciences University, Ras Al Khaimah, UAE (United Arab Emeritus) is organizing an "International Conference on Emerging Technologies and Future of Libraries: Issues and Challenges" at Gulabara University Library, Gulabara, Karnataka on 30th to 31st January 2015. Last Date of Paper to be submitted is 5th December 2014. For More detail kindly contact on 09902813928 and etfl2015@gmail.com
