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'Gift guests books instead of bouquets'

MUMBAI: The state school education department has told schools to gift guests attending functions books instead of bouquets to help promote reading. A government resolution (GR) saying this was issued on Thursday — the birth anniversary of the former President APJ Abdul Kalam which was observed as 'Vachan Prerna Diwas' (Reading Inspiration Day). "We have stopped giving bouquets to guests long ago. We give them books," said Anil Bornare, teacher, Swami Muktananda High School, Chembur.

More than 15,000 schools across the state conducted activities and competitions. "We had a day-long activity in the schools. We gave them books from the library to read," said father Francis Swamy, coordinator of the Jesuit School Board. Students of JD Bharda School at CST participated in a 24 hour-long reading relay. Vile Parle Mahila Sangh School hosted an interschool activity.

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Google's huge online library doesn't violate copyright laws, U.S. court says

LARRY NEUMEISTER

Google is not violating copyright laws by digitizing books for a massive online library, a federal appeals court ruled Friday in a decade-long dispute by authors worried that the project would spoil the market for their books.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan agreed with a judge who concluded that the snippets Google showed customers from its database did not violate copyright laws. Judge Denny Chin ruled in November 2013 that Google digitization of over 20 million books, mostly out-of-print titles, did not violate copyrights because the Mountain View, California-based company only showed short sections of the books in its database. Chin had said it would be difficult for anyone to read any of the works in their entirety by repeatedly entering different search requests. The appeals court agreed, saying: "Google has constructed the snippet feature in a manner that substantially protects against its serving as an effectively competing substitute for plaintiffs' books."

The Authors Guild and various authors had challenged Google in 2005, contending that the digital book project violated their rights. Google Inc. has made digital copies of tens of millions of books from major libraries and established a publicly available

search function. It planned ultimately to scan over 100 million books, including material from the New York Public Library, Library of Congress and several major universities.

The appeals court said Google's profit motivation does not justify denial of what is a fair use of the books' content and overall enhances public knowledge. "We see no reason in this case why Google's overall profit motivation should prevail as a reason for denying fair use over its highly convincing transformative purpose," the appeals court said in a ruling written by Judge Pierre N. Leval. "Many of the most universally accepted forms of fair use, such as news reporting and commentary, quotation in historical or analytic books, reviews of books, and performances, as well as parody, are all normally done commercially for profit."

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**Maharashtra Government
Approved Rs. 5 Crore to
Asiatic Society Library
(Mumbai).**

Summary of the Digitization
Project

. 1,00,000 books and 2,500 manuscripts, some of which date

back to the 12th century, at the 211-year-old Asiatic Society library in Mumbai.

. Under the project, the archives of the library will be digitised and saved in the form of CDs and microfilms, which will be accessible to members, researchers, and scholars.

. The online portal would also allow scholars access valuable collections, thus allowing us to let the knowledge reach whoever is willing.

. The digitisation process involves scanning over 14 lakh pages History of the Asiatic Society Library.

The Asiatic Society of Bombay was founded by Sir James Mackintosh, a lawyer, jurist and public figure in England, to disseminate knowledge about the India and the Orient. Then known as the Literary Society of Bombay, it met for the first time on November 26, 1804, nearly two decades after Sir William Jones had set up the Asiatic Society of Bengal. In 1826, the Literary Society merged with the Royal Asiatic Society of Britain and Ireland, and four years later moved into the imposing facade of Townhall with its tall pillars and the flight of stairs. In 1954, it ended its 128-year-long association with the Royal Asiatic Society.

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HRD Ministry Appoints Review Committee to Look into Non-NET and Net

Review Committee will submit report by year-end

As a part of the overall process of bringing about change in the higher education sector, and improving access, quality, impact and equity in the Universities, the Ministry of Human Resource Development is in the process of reviewing the current research framework, efforts, pportunities, quality and output. A key imperative is the need to encourage and expand quality research in diverse fields.

For over two decades, the All India National Eligibility Test (NET), a competitive examination conducted twice a year by the University Grants Commission (UGC) has been the basis for the Research Fellowships, currently almost nine thousand that enable students to pursue M.Phil and Ph.D programmes.

The Non-NET Fellowship Scheme was introduced by the UGC in 2006. It is presently limited only to fifty institutions including Central Universities and those

with Potential for Excellence. Almost thirty five thousand students are presently availing of these Fellowships.

The Ministry of Human Resource Development has from December 2014, enhanced the support provided to Research Fellowships based on the NET.

Junior Research Fellows will receive, for the first two years Rs. 25,000/- per month and 30% House Rent Allowance (HRA) as well as a contingency grant for each year. Senior Research Fellows will receive, for the next three years Rs. 28,000/- per month, 30% HRA and a contingency grant for each year.

The Government has decided to establish a Review Committee to go into the issues related to the research fellowships provided by the UGC, covering both NET and Non-NET fellowships. The Review Committee will submit its report to the Ministry within December 2015.

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7 Big Benefits of Giving Employees the Knowledge They Need

Many enterprise brands and organizations are becoming

increasingly challenged by an information problem: too much information, compounded by trouble managing it and delivering it to employees. This typically leaves employees feeling the organization doesn't offer much information at all, or if they do, that's it not current or accessible. And whether that perception permeates HR, IT, marketing, sales or customer service, it erodes employee engagement and ultimately, overall business success.

While many organizations have been focusing on investments in customer-facing self-service knowledge initiatives such as a knowledge base capable of projecting consistent searchable information across channels, leading businesses and organizations have also learned to serve their internal customers, their employees, with similar or better offerings. But how does employee self-service knowledge separate the best from the rest? There are seven key ways.

Customer Service, predicts that by 2018, the rapid creation and retrieval of relevant content (KM) will be a key attribute of leading enterprises. Make sure you are serving your internal customers – your employees – with the knowledge they need.

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India Ancient Muslim Library Goes Digital On Islam & Newspapers

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The library history of supporting education and information was recalled by 85-year-old Abdul GaniSani. CAIRO – Revealing the old treasures in one of the oldest libraries in the world history, Deccan Muslim Institute is going through renovation process to restore rare books, some as old as 150 years. "The library was established in 1915 in a small rented room near MG Road. Since then it has been shifted many times finally settling here near Azam campus," Mohammad Asif Shaikh, principal of the Deccan Muslim Institute, told The Times of India on Sunday, November "It's the largest Urdu library in the state. It has over 30,000 books, of which 20,000 are in Urdu."

Deccan Muslim Institute celebrated 100 years on Friday with explanations on the history of why Bhagwad Gita and the Guru Granth Sahib in Urdu and the Qur'an Sharif in Marathi were

the most sought after books. Through its history, it has served as a monument of Islamic history, scholarships information centre, medical welfare centre, self-help group centre, language centre, career guidance cell and research centre.

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Encyclopaedia Britannica to come up with a Digital Library

Mr Sarvesh Shrivastava has been the Managing Director (MD) of Encyclopaedia Britannica (South Asia) since 2012. He comes with a vast experience of over 25 years in the education and training. In this conversation, Mr Shrivastava imparts his rich knowledge and also informs about the exciting new digital library by Encyclopaedia Britannica.

He has been involved with education since 2003 and has joined this organisation for a cause which was to find out how it can help in being the solution for India's educational system. By converting its material to digital form, we can now provide resources that are renowned and trusted globally. And because they are available in digital form, they can be made available to learners too. Today, inclusion is very important because 70 per cent of India's population still

resides outside metropolitan cities.

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India 92 in education among 142 countries

India ranks 92 in education among 142 countries that have been assessed in numerous sectors, the Legatum Prosperity Index 2015 stated. The country, though, is nowhere near the top 10 countries when it comes to economy, entrepreneurship and opportunity, governance, education, health, safety and security, personal freedom and social capital. As per the Legatum Prosperity Index 2015, India ranks 99 in these sectors.

Education is an essential thing for developing any country. Many other countries are surging ahead such as Malaysia 51, Sri Lanka 59, and Philippines 76 etc. The Legatum Prosperity Index is an annual ranking, developed by the Legatum Institute, of 142 countries. The ranking is based on a variety of factors including wealth, economic growth, education, health, personal well-being, and quality of life.

Link for the Index

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Unique libraries around the world

Books are a man's best friend. And when it's pre-winter, the bookworms of Kolkata head to the many old libraries around the city for hours of relaxed reading sessions. Rows upon rows of shelves, the smell of old books and the silence -for a book lover, there's no greater place than a library and no greater feeling than cooking up new ideas there. Sure the city has many uppity bookstores to offer but they will never be as satisfying as the good ol' ones like National or Barabazar libraries.

We take a look at some of the most amazing bookstores across the world that provide you with much more than just a quiet reading zone. Read on to find more.

CAMEL LIBRARY

Fancy a camel that stacks up your favourite books on its back? Well, your dream has come true! The library camels of Kenya, as they are popularly known, serve the nomadic population in the country with books. A programme which

was started way back in the late 80s, these book toting humps just sit around in empty spaces, allowing you to come and choose your book, read it and then keep it back in the book trunk. Now that's something everyone should experience!.

LIBRARY SHIP

Forget about floating restaurants, the world has gotten its first, one-of-a-kind floating bookstore. In a tiny county called Hordaland in Norway, this floating library sails to more than 250 small communities on the islands of Fjords every year between September and April. On board, this vessel can house about 6,000 books at one time. A captain, a cook, a couple of librarians and one or two entertainers (clowns and a contortionist) make this library a unique experience.

LIBRARY OF MASS DESTRUCTION

Don't go by the literal meaning of the name -this library in Argentina represents a dark time in the nation's history. A mobile library which displays about 900 odd books, is in the shape of a tank (representing the Argentine War of Independence) and cruises along the streets of Buenos Aires and other smaller towns which do not have access to traditional libraries. It pulls up besides pedestrians and allows them to borrow books.

BURRO LIBRARY

The camels in Kenya are not the only ones who deliver books to readers. A primary school teacher in Colombia, South America loads his donkeys with books and heads off to the rural areas in the town and delivers books to children, who have no access to a library.

These burros have introduced the joy of reading to these little children who wait eagerly for their 'mobile library' to arrive!

VENDING MACHINE LIBRARIES

Well there's nothing like walking into a bookstore, smelling the dusty tomes and asking for suggestions on books from the good ol' librarian. But, to make reading easier and convenient for its patrons, a library in California is designed as a vending machine which is stocked with both fiction and non-fiction books. This library is open 24x7 and just like you would vend out a bottle of cola from the machine, you pay a fee and vend out the book that you wish to read. Taking the tradition forward, a few districts in Beijing, China have also followed suit.

MAILBOX LIBRARY

While there are a bunch of free libraries across the globe, have you ever thought of converting your front yard or your mailbox into one? A few counties in England and Europe have

converted their mailboxes into libraries and offer a free read to passers-by. These tiny libraries can house about 10 odd books and mostly cater to children in the vicinity. However, some of these libraries do stock up on books for adults and often charge a nominal fee. Talk about innovative hacks!

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6 Popular Online Libraries for E-Books

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BENAGLURU: The digital world has changed the shape and style of urban lifestyle, may be from writing mail to E-mail and manual transaction to the current mobile wallets, it is all digitalized now. To be more precise, the respective technology has reduced the usage of papers, the same goes with the books, you guessed it right! E-nooks are gradually taking over the printed books, hence this story speaks about websites that provide free download of E-books

and here goes the list, as reported by the TECH INSIDER.

Open Library:

Open Library is an online library created by Aaron Swartz, Brewster Kahle and the site is a part of the project called Internet Archive, which is a non profitable project, funded by the California State Library and the Kahle or Austin Foundation. Books form this site can either be read online or downloaded as E-books for free, further, the site is suppose to have collection of 20 million books.

Project Gutenberg:

Project Gutenberg was created by the Michael S. Hart, in order to encourage the creation and distribution of eBooks. Since it was formed in 1971, it is the oldest digital library, additionally the motto of the project is make the service free as much as possible, books can be read on almost any computer and has collection of more than 50, 000 books as of 2015.

Google Books:

Google Books is among the services that the Google is providing through the digital technology, readers can either read books online or can download E-books through the Google Books app that is available for android device users.

Through the site, one can search for full texts of books or the magazines that the Google has scanned, converted to text using optical character recognition, and stored in its digital database and published online.

Amazon Kindle:

Amazon Kindle is probably the most popular digital library in the contemporary era. Amazon Kindle is a series of devices that is designed to read and download E-books online form the Amazon Kindle store. It was first introduced in 2007 and Kindle store app was released to both android devices and iOS devices. As of the latest reports, kindle store now houses more than 3.6 million E-books.

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