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Dear Professional Colleagues,

This is a gentle reminder to submit your papers for the Librarians' Day – 2017 Seminar to be held on Saturday 12th August 2017 at the Adani Institute of Infrastructure. This year we will be celebrating the 125th Birth Anniversary of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan.

Please note deadline of submission for papers has been extended to **July 3, 2017** .

Selected papers will be published in seminar proceeding published by **M/s. Bookwell Publisher**, New Delhi with ISBN.

Seminar details, registration and brochure can be downloaded from the seminar website:<http://ld2017.alibnet.org/>

Registration

- Final registration deadline: **July 22, 2017**
- Early registration will enable us to make all the arrangements.
- We request you to kindly circulate this information amongst your colleagues, research scholars and LIS students and encourage them to participate in this professional event.

We count on your support for a successful seminar and look forward to your contribution and participation in the seminar.

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New system to catalogue library books

In a decision which may adversely affect the marketing of Indian books in other countries, the Ministry of Culture (MoC) has decided to merge the functions of the

Central Reference Library (CRL) with the National Library.

The CRL, located in the National Library campus in Kolkata, is responsible for the publication and sale of the Indian National Bibliography (INB). The INB is the list of all books published in India annually and is the key source for foreign libraries to know about the books published in India.

Link | <http://pralhad-fyibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/06/new-system-to-catalogue-library-books.html>

These new apps pass the class

VIRTUALLY THERE - several education apps are aiming to help you with homework, building your vocabulary and learning competitively — if you're willing to play along

VOLT
SOCRATIC
ELEVATE
KAHOOT

Link | <http://pralhad-fyibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/06/these-new-apps-pass-class.html>

Teacher education reforms begin

Govt has issued show cause notices to around 4,000 institutes in the past few months

The government thinks it is easier to clean up the mafia in the mining sector than in education — but is determined to succeed. A few days ago, Anil Swarup, secretary in the Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), posted on Facebook: "Underground mining and

over ground mafia in the coal sector were easier to handle. Battle now on to tackle the more difficult underground mafia in the education sector”.

Link | <http://pralhad-fyilibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/06/teacher-education-reforms-begin.html>

This couple is hiding books in Delhi metro stations for people to read and pass them on @ Innovative way to promote reading. The books are from the couple, Shruti Sharma and Tarun Chauhan's personal collection, and even if they have already lost two, Sharma is determined to continue doing it, all to infuse some good old reading habit among the commuters.

If you stay in Delhi there is no way you can avoid the metro. Often referred to as the city's lifeline, metro connects the length and the breadth of the city. If you have been on the metro then you might have also seen that, almost without an exception the commuters are glued to their smart phones. All heads are dropped as their gaze is fixed on their phone. The scenario is sad but true. But while we lament over it, there is a couple who is attempting to change it. Delhi-based couple Shruti Sharma and Tarun Chauhan have started an initiative known as the Books on the Delhi Metro.

Link | <http://pralhad-fyilibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/06/this-couple-is-hiding-books-in-delhi.html>

Education hits every boundary

India-Australia project to provide students quality learning is a rich venture

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World-class university plan to be reworked

The Union government has formed an inter-ministerial group to rework a cabinet proposal that aimed to establish 20 world-class universities in India.

Consequently, the proposal of the human resource development (HRD) ministry, submitted last month to the cabinet after months of deliberations, is being deferred, said two government

Link | <http://pralhad-fyilibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/06/world-class-university-plan-to-be.html>

Print Books vs. Ebooks: Who's Up, Who's Down, and Where Are We Headed?

by Dave Shumaker

For more than a decade, print books and ebooks have been locked in a fierce competition for the attention of the reading public, market share in the publishing business, and the hearts of librarians and their patrons. A few years ago, there was talk that the disruptive digital upstarts would put print out of business. But times change. A roundup of recent news and data shows that print is still going strong and provides a few hints about how marketplace developments and librarians' collection development plans are evolving.

Link | <http://pralhad-fyilibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/06/print-books-vs-ebooks-whos-up-whos-down.html>

Gift a book, not a bouquet: Modi Ji @ Reading Movement

Link | <http://pralhad-fyibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/06/gift-book-not-bouquet-modi-ji-reading.html>

AI can help doctors fight cancer, but it's not meant to replace them - Just like Google can't replace Smart Librarian

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Knowledge is the Emerging Currency of the World in the present century @ says President of India

Addressing the Engineering Graduates, the President said that as they are aware, knowledge is the emerging currency of the world in the present century. They should make full use of technical knowledge acquired by them at this prestigious institution of excellence of military engineering. They can be successful in all their endeavors only by being professionally competent and by keeping abreast with the latest developments. The need of the hour is therefore to exploit the cutting edge technologies which are best suited to meet the requirements. He was sure the technical knowledge they had acquired would stand them in good stead. Their passion to accept challenges would empower further them to achieve unprecedented goals.

Link | <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx>

Institutes need to ensure that both students and teacher are motivated

Dr. Vijay V Bedekar, Chairman Vidya Prasark Mandali, Thane, which runs several education institutions offer his

thoughts on academic, student development & progress.

Link | <http://pralhad-fyibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/06/institute-s-need-to-ensure-that-both.html>

Publishers to get HRD nod on ISBN in 48 hrs

The HRD Ministry is learnt to have held a meeting on May 31 on issues flagged by the ISBN International Agency and decided to, henceforth, process all ISBN applications within 48 hours.

The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) has sought an explanation from the Ministry of Human Resource Development after the ISBN International Agency threatened to strip the Indian government of its role in distributing International Standard Book Numbers (ISBNs) to publishers amid complaints of red-tapism and fears of censorship.

Link | <http://pralhad-fyibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/06/publishers-to-get-hrd-nod-on-isbn-in-48.html>

Massive Big Data Problems Everyone Should Know About

Today, Big Data gives us unprecedented insights and opportunities across all industries from [healthcare](#) to financial to manufacturing and more. But, it also raises concerns and questions that must be addressed. The relentless changes to technology and [Big Data](#) are keeping everyone on their toes, and the reality is that organizations and tech departments, government agencies, consumer protection groups and consumers are struggling to keep up. For me, there are 3 Big Data concerns that should keep people up at night:

- ☐ Data Privacy
- ☐ Data Security
- ☐ Data Discrimination

Link | <http://pralhad-fyibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/06/3-massive-big-data-problems-everyone.html>

Cambridge reveals oldest Sanskrit manuscript on film

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Link | <http://pralhad-fyibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/06/cambridge-reveals-oldest-sanskrit.html>

Report @ Promises and pitfalls of online education

Eric Bettinger and Susanna Loeb Friday, June 9, 2017

Online courses have expanded rapidly and have the potential to extend further the educational opportunities of many students, particularly those least well-served by traditional educational institutions. However, in their current design, online courses are difficult, especially for the students who are least prepared. These students' learning and persistence outcomes are worse when they take online courses than they would have been had these same students taken

in-person courses. Continued improvement of online curricula and instruction can strengthen the quality of these courses and hence the educational opportunities for the most in-need populations.

Link | <http://pralhad-fyibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/06/report-promises-and-pitfalls-of-online.ht>

A British era library that tells a hoary tale 100-year-old SMS Club and Library has first prints of several books published in the United Kingdom

The Hindu | 16 Jun 2017 | Giji K. Raman : From the outside, it is just another building that sits amid the green expanse of tea plantations. But inside the SMS Club and Library in Peermade, Idukki, the visitor will be surprised to find some rare gems in the form of first prints of books published in the United Kingdom during the days of the British Raj.

It is as though each of the books, many of them close to 150 years old, breathe the rarefied air of memory and scholarship from a time increasingly receding into the realm of forgetfulness. Many books have on them signatures of persons who owned them, mostly Englishmen and women, perhaps planters, who used to live in the area before Independence.

Link | <http://pralhad-fyibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/06/a-british-era-library-that-tells-hoary.html>

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Knowledge is Power, and Power to the People

A strong Knowledge Management methodology is needed to effectively capture all knowledge

Knowledge is power, and having a methodology to effectively capture, use, and improve that knowledge is a force multiplier. Some companies still operate with Mount Olympus mindset, where knowledge is created by a special few. But your best and most accurate knowledge is in the minds of the people who do the work. Be a Prometheus and bring the power of the people.

Link to Access the full Article | <http://knowledgemanagement.ciorevie.com/cxoinsight/knowledge-is-power-and-power-to-the-people-nid-24596-cid-132.html>

MUSEUM ON YOUR MOBILE

See what two city museums have contributed to a global cultural project that you can access on your smartphone

Link | <http://pralhad-fyibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/06/museum-on-your-mobile.html>

Big Data, a big leap?

With the world moving towards a digital set-up and a promising Digital India in the offing, how can big data and IoT change the tide for a better tomorrow?

Link | <http://pralhad-fyibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/06/big-data-big-leap.html>

Gift yourself the world's fastest digital paper

This new tablet brings the effortless feeling of writing on paper to the digital world

There are two types of people in the world: Those who do everything digitally, and 'paper people'.

Link | <http://pralhad-fyibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/06/gift-yourself-worlds-fastest-digital.html>

Organise your paperwork

Avoid confusion by storing and managing your documents in a systematic manner.

Link | <http://pralhad-fyibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/06/organise-your-paperwork.html>

WHAT SHOULD YOUR RESUME LOOK LIKE?

Faced with hundreds of resumes, hirers spend barely a minute on each while

looking for a suitable candidate to fill a vacancy. A Times Jobs study that took inputs from 690 recruiters and hiring managers reveals the skills and experience you need to grab the attention and bag the job.

Link | <http://pralhad-fyibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/06/what-should-your-resume-look-like.html>

The Art of Reading!

- 🔗 **Role of Library**
- 🔗 **Role of Library Staff**

Link | <http://pralhad-fyibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/06/the-art-of-reading.html>

The challenges for India's Digital Revolution

The right way to drive a revolution of this type is through empathy – not a form of empathy that comes from superiority, but one born from a profound humility

Link | [The challenges for India's Digital Revolution](#)

Google to teach school kids about online safety, etiquette

- Google is spearheading an educational campaign to teach pre-teen children how to protect themselves from scams, predators and other trouble.
- The lessons are tailored for kids ranging from eight to 12 years old, a time when many of today's children are getting their own smartphones and other devices that connect to the internet.

Link | <http://pralhad-fyibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/06/google-to-teach-school-kids-about.html>

India's 70,000+ public libraries and its untapped potential: A study in contrast
The bottom line that emerges from conversations with these stakeholders is the immense potential of 70,000 public libraries in the country that is yet untapped.

A meagre total of 75 public libraries are serving the over 200 million population of Uttar Pradesh. Compare this to 4,028 public libraries in Tamil Nadu that serve its 67.8 million population and a study in contrast emerges. To add to its woes, Uttar Pradesh spends just about Rs 22 crore on its libraries while the amount spent by states like Tamil Nadu and Karnataka run into hundreds of crores. Even from the Rs 22 crore that it spends on its public libraries, about Rs 20 crore goes into maintenance and salaries.

Link | [India's 70,000+ public libraries and its untapped potential: A study in contrast](#)

10 New Skills to Stay Ahead

The rapid spread of digitalisation and artificial intelligence, along with advances in mobile Internet and cloud technology are impacting the way work is done. Rica Bhattacharyya looks at 10 new skills to stay ahead of the curve

Link | [10 New Skills to Stay Ahead](#)

Rote Learning!!!!

The Indian curriculum's emphasis on rote learning is unlikely to change, so your approach must. Here's how and why

Link | <http://pralhad-fyibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/06/rote-learning.html>

Rote learning Vs Experiential learning: Choose your pick

The evil of rote learning has plagued Indian classrooms since time immemorial. With the revolution which is underway in the K-12 sector, there is a glimmer of hope of education being rescued from the clutches of rote learning. But reasons like a lengthy syllabus, shortage of teachers are cited even now to justify it, which defeats the very purpose of education, as students are unable to apply the concepts they learn outside the four walls of the classroom.

Link | [Rote learning Vs Experiential learning: Choose your pick](http://pralhad-fyibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/06/rote-learning.html)

Wordlift is helping robots understand what online articles are really about

The random box:

WordLift, much like today's search engines, works with entities rather than tags and keywords. What is really an entity though?

The evolution of today's search engines and the rapid adoption of personal assistants (PAs) – capable of understanding user intent and behaviors through available data – require an upgrade of the existing editorial workflow for bloggers, independent news providers and content marketers. With voice search coming on strong, websites now have to compete directly for business (and struggle to be on top of search results), by bringing targeted information at lower

prices. With voice there are not many alternatives: Either you get featured on Google, or you get nothing.

Link | <http://pralhad-fyibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/05/wordlift-is-helping-robots-understand.html>

Running out of space? Now store data in DNA strands

Microsoft is planning to execute this Idea by providing a choice for backing up large amount of digital information

Link | <http://pralhad-fyibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/05/running-out-of-space-now-store-data-in.html>

Visually challenged teachers in Kerala get ICT training

Executive Director of IT@School project, K Anvar Sadath said, the unique 'Sarada Braille Keyboard' developed by Sathyasheelan, Headmaster of Government School for Visually Challenged at Kunnamkulam and his son Nalin has been included in the training package. The training for the visually challenged teachers is aimed at empowering them. get ICT training Thiruvananthapuram: Kerala will soon become the first state in the country to have trained all visually challenged teachers in Information and Communication technology (ICT) education.

Link | [Visually challenged teachers in Kerala get ICT training](http://pralhad-fyibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/05/visually-challenged-teachers-in-kerala-get-ict-training.html)

Indian varsities have poor research output, says study

Since no proper analytical evaluation is available for a large number of institutions, the researchers wanted to perform a quantitative evaluation of research performance of Indian institutions. Researchers, including Marisha from BHU and Sumit Kumar Banshal from South Asian University in New Delhi, found that the University of Delhi has the highest research output at present, followed by BHU. New Delhi: All the central universities in India put together have a lesser research output than either of the world's top two ranking varsities - Cambridge and Stanford, according to the latest study that paints a dismal picture of the state of scientific research in the country.

Link | <http://pralhad-fyibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/05/indian-varsities-have-poor-research.html>

Promoting the mother-teacher collaboration to make learning faster

The first teacher that any child has is their mother. She helps the kid learn from the moment heshe comes into this world. She is the best person to provide personalised learning. But unfortunately, because of the current education system, we compare what a mother teaches her child to what the child is taught in the school.

Link | <http://pralhad-fyibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/05/promoti-ng-mother-teacher-collaboration.html>

How the brain tackles reading

A new India-focused study provides fresh insights into the subject

Reading is a very recent acquired skill in evolutionary terms. Areas of the brain, evolved for visual pattern-recognition, are

activated to understand letters and involved in the mental translation from visual letters to spoken language. A recent India-focused study on adult literacy provides new insights into how the brain tackles reading.

A group of eight scientists co-wrote a paper published in the peer-reviewed journal, *Science Advances* (<http://advances.sciencemag.org/content/3/5/e1602612>).

Link | <http://pralhad-fyibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/05/how-brain-tackles-reading.html>

For inclusive publishing

Much more needs to be done to simplify the process of converting print into appropriate alternative formats

The challenge of accessibility in the arena of education is formidable. Expansion of inclusive publishing is a way of overcoming it. The current predominant practice of conversion from print and other digital formats is cumbersome.

Link | <http://pralhad-fyibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/05/for-inclusive-publishing.html>

Forthcoming Events

Upcoming Event | MANLIBNET 17th Annual International Conference on 15-16 September 2017 at Jaipuria, Noida, India

Blog | <http://pralhad-fyibrarian.blogspot.in/>

Website | <https://sites.google.com/site/pralhadjadhavlib/home>

PMO wants more institutes to bid for 'world class' tag

HRD ministry has expedited the plan to create world class universities and further relaxed the rules to encourage more private and public institutions bid for the tag

New Delhi: Under pressure from the prime minister's office, the human resource development ministry has expedited the plan to create world class universities and further relaxed the rules to encourage more private and public institutions bid for the tag.

Months after it floated draft rules, the ministry has now changed several of them, according to two government officials who spoke on condition of anonymity and documents seen by *Mint*.

Link | <http://pralhad-fyilibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/05/pmo-wants-more-institutes-to-bid-for.html>

Libraries will never be obsolete

Libraries represent the history, culture and civilisation of a country. In a sense, they also represent its future. If a country invests in its public libraries it ensures its continued cultural enrichment. Right through history, till recent times, it is the deliberate burning down of libraries that demonstrated barbaric behaviour.

Link | <http://pralhad-fyilibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/05/libraries-will-never-be-obsolete.html>

Traditional recruits and managers who haven't diversified their skill sets are in the firing range

The issue is particularly serious for countries like India where more than 10 million people enter the job market every

year. When people cannot support themselves with work at all – let alone with work they find meaningful there can be serious social problems. There is no option but to go in for a dramatic shift in skilling and retooling the job aspirants.

Link | <http://pralhad-fyilibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/05/the-future-of-employment.html>

ASU (Arizona State University) approves Open Access Policy

Public access to information is at the heart of a new policy at Arizona State University, the ASU Open Access Policy, which was passed by the University Senate and approved May 3 by University Provost Mark Searle.

The new policy, developed by the University Senate Open Access Task Force, aims to make it easier for ASU faculty and researchers to make their scholarly work more widely available and with fewer restrictions, and is in line with the university's charter.

Open access refers to peer-reviewed research that is made accessible to the public at no cost to the user — eliminating traditional copyright restrictions that many argue impede knowledge dissemination.

Link | <http://pralhad-fyilibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/05/asu-arizona-state-university-approves.html>

Personal SEO (search engine optimization) Is Essential For Your Career Success

"Personal SEO" is the foundation technique for creating and managing personal online visibility, a requirement in today's search- and technology-obsessed

world. Google alone processed no fewer than [2 trillion searches](#) in 2016.

- **SEO** (search engine optimization) is a term used by web professionals to describe the art/science of making a web page appear in a search engine's results in a search for an appropriate and relevant term. For example, if the website is about sailboats, it should appear in the results when someone searches for "sailboats," hopefully near the top of page one.

- **Personal SEO** is the art/science of having a person's name appear in search engine results for a relevant search, like a name, job title or professional skill, again, hopefully on the top of the first page. Personal SEO also applies to searches done on sites like LinkedIn, Facebook and other relevant/searchable sites.

When someone does a search on our names, we must have positive content about us visible in search engines, as well as LinkedIn and other social networks and professional sites. Done well, personal SEO makes a person highly visible in search results on appropriate searches in appropriate websites.

Link | <http://pralhad-fyibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/05/personal-seo-search-engine-optimization.html>

Now you may edit your voice into text!!!! Software, named VoCo

Scientists have developed a new software that allows people to edit audio recording of a human voice with the ease of changing words on a computer screen.

Link | <http://pralhad-fyibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/05/now-you-may-edit-your-voice-into-text.html>

When paper and apps bring clear vision - Samarthan Trust open six more Braille libraries in South India in collaboration with Amway, a multinational corporation

CHENNAI: Since ancient times, the mark of a good civilisation has been the presence of a flourishing library culture. There are many libraries in Chennai that cater to all, but only a handful has books for the visually-challenged. To add to this small number, Samarthan Trust for the Disabled opened a library recently in the city.

Started 20 years ago by Mahantesh GK, the trust aims to open six more Braille libraries in South India in collaboration with Amway, a multinational corporation.

Link | <http://pralhad-fyibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/05/when-paper-and-apps-bring-clear-vision.html>

International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Digital Library | ICC launches new online research tool

Here's what you can expect from ICC Digital Library:
Link | <http://pralhad-fyibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/05/international-chamber-of-commerce-icc.html>

How Google Took Over the Classroom

The tech giant is transforming public education with low-cost laptops and free apps. But schools may be giving Google more than they are getting.

Link | <http://pralhad-fyibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/05/how-google-took-over-classroom.html>

No quick-fix solution to end plagiarism

The solution lies in a thorough reform of the education system

Concerns over academic dishonesty and plagiarism have risen in the digital age. Violation of academic ethics begins in school when holiday homework is 'outsourced' for a price. Such behaviour, in academic parlance, is defined as passing off another's work as one's own — in short, plagiarism. The consent of parents in such practices lends an air of acceptability to the entire exercise and impressionable, young minds unfortunately process this behaviour as harmless, thereby continuing it in tests conducted in colleges and universities too. It is important to understand the reasons behind such behaviour and formulate remedial measures.

Link | <http://pralhad-fyibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/05/no-quick-fix-solution-to-end-plagiarism.html>

Transforming education in the digital age

While yet nascent, education technology is set to take off as schools, colleges and universities launch into a new era of teaching and learning

Link | <http://pralhad-fyibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/05/transfor ming-education-in-digital-age.html>

Asian Universities Alliance (AUA) Formed

Fifteen universities from across Asia have formed a consortium called the Asian Universities Alliance. A [joint statement](#) from member universities identifies four objectives: to "promote mobility of students, scholars and staff among all members," "strengthen

research collaboration and joint innovation," "establish high-level dialogues and forums to discuss higher education strategies and policies," and "compile and publish annual reports on Asian higher education."

"We believe that higher education will play an increasingly important role in future Asian societies and that economic globalization has made openness the trend of higher education," the statement said. "AUA will embrace that trend by building closer ties both among member universities and with universities outside AUA. Together, we will play a more significant role in world higher education."

Link | <http://pralhad-fyibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/05/asian-universities-alliance-aua-formed.html>

Locals help government create India's first ever Book village

Not only books but the villagers have gone a step ahead by letting the visitors stay at their homes and guest houses and providing them food & refreshment

Link | <http://pralhad-fyibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/05/locals-help-government-create-indias.html>

Law Ministry launches digital initiatives for legal access in rural areas. The three initiatives are:

- ☐ Pro-bono legal services
- ☐ Tele law
- ☐ Nyaya Mitra

Access At | <http://pralhad-fyibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/04/law-ministry-launches-digital.html>

The Future is Digital - How digital disruption will impact human resources

Link | <http://pralhad-fylibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/04/the-future-is-digital-how-digital.html>

How to Make Time for Research and Writing

Be intentional about writing and make it a part of your daily routine rather than a chore. I tend to do a lot of my writing early in the morning when my family is still asleep. I typically wake up at 4 a.m., grab breakfast, and then get to my computer to begin writing. Some may prefer to write in the evening, at a coffee shop, or at the library. The time and location do not matter as long as writing becomes a part of your daily schedule.

Link | <http://pralhad-fylibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/04/how-to-make-time-for-research-and.html>

West Bengal Library Service to digitize rare books

KOLKATA: Rare books across libraries of Bengal would now have a digital copy. Thanks to the West Bengal Public Library Network has taken up an initiative to make e-books out of all the rare books available in the state across several libraries.

Access At | <http://pralhad-fylibrarian.blogspot.in/2017/04/west-bengal-library-service-to-digitize.html>

Initiatives of AICTE

Press Information Bureau, Government of India. Ministry of Human Resource Development

With a view to improve the standards of technical education and to provide competent technical manpower for the Make-In-India campaign, the All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) has approved the following package of measures to be implemented by all the technical institutions:

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It is not tech versus humans; it will be tech with humans

When was the last time you visited your bank branch (except during the demonetization period)? Or hailed a cab without an app, boarded a flight without a Web check-in, printed a photograph or booked a movie ticket at the cinema hall's box office? Here are some amazing statistics—it took the telephone 75 years to reach 100 million users since its invention. To achieve the same user base, the internet took 7 years, Facebook took 4 years 6 months, WhatsApp took 3 years and 4 months and more recently Instagram took just 2 years. But the popular game Pokémon Go took only a month to cross 100 million downloads.

Technology is disrupting and at an accelerating pace. While the internet was the cause of technology disruption in the previous century, smartphones are the disruptors of this century. Smartphones have moved from being a mere mode of communication, to an all-encompassing device that perform a range of tasks.

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