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**ADINET Wishes you all a very
Happy New Year!!**



Pause & Ponder

***“Smart people learn from everything
and everyone, average people from
their experiences, stupid people
already have all the answers.”***

– Socrates

TALK ON
**NATIONAL VIRTUAL
LIBRARY OF INDIA
&
EMPOWERING
PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

IIT Gandhinagar, in collaboration with **ADINET** organized an offline talk on **“National Virtual Library of India & Empowering Public Libraries”** on 07th November 2024. The talk was delivered by **Dr. Kannan Moudgalya**, Project Investigator, National Virtual Library of India, Google MOOCs Research Awardee for Spoken Tutorials and Emeritus Fellow, IIT Bombay.

The interesting and informative talk discussed the very rich and diverse history, heritage and culture of India.

The [Indian Culture Portal](#) is an effort to democratise access to knowledge about the Indian our culture. It is being developed for the Ministry of Culture (MOC) by IIT Bombay. It has information from about 50 MOC organisations. Some of the very difficult to access records are accessible through this portal. For example, one can view the photographs from the Rashtrapati Bhavan, which are not accessible otherwise. It has a large collection of rare books that can be downloaded. Through a dedicated section, one can get an almost real experience of the amazing Ajanta Caves. It is a great resource for researchers working in areas, such as History, Tourism, and Journalism.

This talk also explored the possibility of empowering public libraries through Koha. The infrastructure required for this activity, created through [Spoken Tutorial](#) was also explained.



Dr. Kumbar (L) introducing Dr. K. Moudgalya (R)

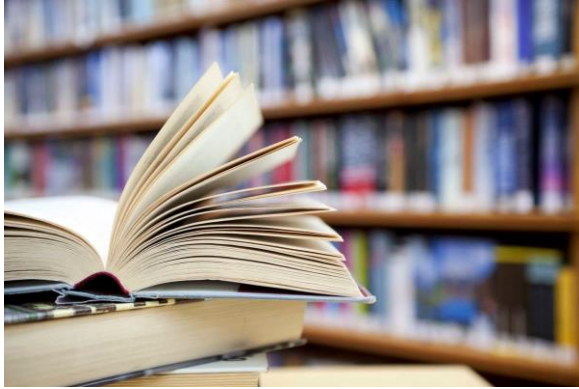


Hon. Director ADINET Dr. S. Yagnik felicitating the speaker

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Indore: 5,000 Seating Capacity Digital-Cum-Manual Library To Be Setup



Indore will soon have a new digital-cum-manual library with a seating capacity for 5,000 visitors. Indore Municipal Corporation (IMC) will construct a library aimed at providing a resourceful and modern learning space for the residents. "We have got approval from Chief Minister Mohan Yadav for setting up the library," mayor Pushyamitra Bhargav announced during the inauguration of two new library centres at BCM Paradise Society in Nipania on Sunday.

The upcoming library, which will combine both digital and physical resources, promises to elevate learning opportunities for all age groups in Annapurna Nagar, he added. Highlighting the role of education, Bhargav said, "Education makes life capable and cultured..."

Source: [The Free Press Journal, 11 Nov 2024](#)

AI should be the foundational technology for libraries and educational institutions

The 11th edition of the Sharjah International Library Conference is underway at the 43rd Sharjah International Book Fair (SIBF). The two-day conference, taking place on 9 and 10 November, has brought together more than 400 library professionals, educators and technology enthusiasts to explore the evolving role of artificial intelligence (AI) in education and library sciences.



Ahmed Al Ameri: In Sharjah, all roads lead to the library

Welcoming visitors and praising the partnership with the ALA, Ahmed Al Ameri, CEO of the Sharjah Book Authority (SBA), stated: "Once again we are amidst leading library professionals from around the world, and this gathering reflects our shared vision to strengthen cooperation between libraries in Sharjah and the world, under the leadership of His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Mohammed Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Sharjah. We believe that any nation or civilisation seeking to change its destiny should start with the library. Libraries are not merely repositories of books; they are spaces where we come together, where we understand the present, and where we shape the future. In Sharjah, all roads lead to the library."...

Source: [ZAWYA, 10 Nov 2024](#)

Forgotten lives adorn racks of Kovai library



The scent of old paper and the whisper of turning pages hang in the air, a stark contrast to the cacophony of car horns and bustling crowds just outside the library door. Here, nestled in the heart of Coimbatore, a city obsessed with the relentless pursuit of progress, two friends are on a different kind of quest – a journey into the past.

In this technology-driven age, many are driven by “What’s next?” But for Sudhakar Nalliyappan and Kumaravel Ramasamy, the question “What was?” holds the key to a more meaningful future. These kindred spirits, bound by a shared fascination with history, believe that to truly understand where one is headed, it is important to first understand where one has been. Sudhakar believes that losing our history is akin to losing ourselves. He emphasises the importance of remembering the stories that shaped our world – the food our ancestors ate, the art they created, the very land they walked on. For him, history is intrinsically linked to identity, and without it, we lose a vital part of who we are...

Source: [The New Indian Express, 10 Nov 2024](#)

Members of Perali village library press for own building



Patrons of a popular library functioning out of an “ill-equipped” panchayat-owned building in Perali of the district have renewed demands for a separate building.

Regular library visitors said they have been petitioning the Rural Development Department for another building for the past three years adding that no action was forthcoming.

The department has been asking the panchayat to vacate the building and shift to another place as basic facilities, including toilet, tables and chairs are woefully inadequate, sources said.

The library with 1,335 members and 34 patrons is used by about 30-50 people and students from Perali and surrounding villages everyday to read books and newspapers. It has been functioning for over 25 years and it has been based out of the panchayat building for over five years...

Source: [The New Indian Express, 04 Nov 2024](#)

Bhopal bastis to Karnataka villages, community libraries kickstart a reading revolution

Saba Khan was five when she first began borrowing comic books from a neighborhood kirana shop in Bagh Dilkusha on the outskirts of Bhopal. She would thumb through Chacha Chaudhary and Natraj comics for one

rupee an hour, racing against time to finish them before returning the worn-out copies. "I would finish them in a few minutes!" she recalls with the same excitement she felt as a child. But even then, a question gnawed at her — why should anyone pay to read?



It was a question that lingered, even as Saba's life unravelled around her. An accident involving her parents and other setbacks led to her dropping out in Class 8. Yet, her love for books never wavered...

Source: [The Times of India, 03 Nov 2024](#)

Amit Shah urges Gandhinagar libraries to boost reader engagement, says 'The future depends on them'



Speaking to librarians from trust-run and public libraries, Union Minister for Home and Cooperation Amit Shah on Friday stressed on the importance of cultivating a reading culture.

According to an official release from the BJP, during a meeting held on Friday,

Shah emphasised on the need to instill a reading habit among children and urged librarians to commit to increasing library readership by 30%.

Shah said that the future of a nation relies not solely on the number of students in schools and colleges but on the number of children and youngsters who frequent libraries. He further said that "education and reading are distinct" and should be treated as separate entities...

Source: [The Indian Express, 01 Nov 2024](#)

With 2,500 books, first digital library of state opens in Bilaspur dist



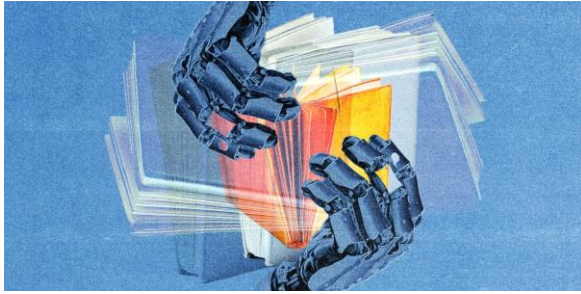
Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today inaugurated the first digital library of Himachal Pradesh, having about 2,500 books and offering an offline access to NCERT and CBSE books for Class I to XII, was formally launched in Bilaspur today. The digital library is equipped with essential amenities and seating arrangement for 40 persons.

Sukhu said that college courses, competitive exams and various educational books would be available to the readers in this library. "The library offers free access to reading materials via touch screen devices, servers and social media platforms. The facility is equipped with RFID technology, enabling a smart management system

that benefits users by streamlining library functions. To enhance user experience, each reader will be issued an ID card, which must be scanned for library entry,” he added...

Source: [The Tribune, 30 Oct 2024](#)

AI revolution creates demand for hot new job: AI librarian



As AI reshapes business, including the business of HR, a new role is emerging that bridges the gap between human expertise and machine learning: the AI librarian.

It's a job you may have never heard of, but chances are that, given time, you will. In fact, it is one of the hottest new roles to emerge from the explosion in generative AI, according to a report by Korn Ferry, whose AI lead characterized skills required for collecting, organizing and analyzing data as the “central nervous system of AI.”

The growing demand for AI librarians “highlights how the evolution of technology is creating roles that merge traditional skills like information management with modern demands in data-driven environments,” said Jaycee Schwarz, talent acquisition specialist at ad tech and fintech firm Prizeout...

Source: [Worklife, 15 Oct 2024](#)

Karnataka: Woman GP member opens library with Bhagyalakshmi savings



Using savings from her monthly payments under the Bhagyalakshmi scheme as the seed money, a Gram Panchayat member in Belagavi district has set up a public library at her village in Mantur.

Mallavva Meti, 55, collected around ₹1 lakh to set up the small library and reading room for rural youth. Of this, ₹26,000 was saved from her Bhagyalakshmi receipts, ₹45,000 from her honorarium amounts of GP membership, and the rest from public donations.

A room on the Beereshwar temple premises has been used for the library which has books to help youth prepare for competitive examinations, apart from magazines and newspapers. Some of the books were donated and the rest were bought. The library was inaugurated on Sunday.

Minister Laxmi Hebbalkar lauded the work of Ms. Meti and the other villagers. She has promised to visit the library and extend assistance if need be, said a release from her office...

Source: [The Hindu, 14 Oct 2024](#)

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