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#### **PAUSE & PONDER**

Life is a journey with problems to solve, lessons to learn, but most of the time experiences to enjoy.

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### Librarians' Day 2019 (Please Note change in the date)

ADINET in collaboration with the Physical Research Laboratory will be conducting a Seminar on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at PRL, Ahmedabad. As usual this Seminar is held to celebrate the birth anniversary of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, the Father of Library Science in India.

This year ADINET will be completing 25 years in the month of October 2019. Hence this will be a joint celebration, to celebrate both the Librarians' Day and the Silver Jubilee Celebration of ADINET. Over the years ADINET's journey has been both productive and fruitful. We have covered many milestones in spite of our very limited resources and have yet to reach many more.

Please do send us your papers as soon as you can. Some suggestions for paper presentation are given below.

- 1. Current Trends in Libraries
- 2. Usage of IoT in Smart Libraries
- 3. Mobile App Development for Libraries
- 4. Library Network at National Level
- 5. Digital Marketing of Library Facilities
- 6. Moving Towards Smart Libraries.

The Seminar theme is Future Libraries – Overcoming Challenges

In order to discuss the Future of Libraries, it is essential to study the present emerging trends in libraries, since libraries are important hubs for learning and

knowledge creation. These trends vary to a major extent from library to library, that is from School Libraries, up to Libraries of Institutions of Higher Learning.

The huge gap in the resources available in different categories of libraries can to a large extent be addressed by implementing the following:-

- Resource Sharing
- Networking of Libraries by Subject & Category
- Co-operative Cataloguing
- Introducing C.I.P. Data

**Sub-theme 1. Use of New Information Technology in Future Libraries** 

Sub-theme 2. Rethinking Role of Libraries in National Development

Sub-theme 3. Providing Innovative Services

### Research papers in 9 years: MU contribution to UGC's digital bank

Nine years after the University Grants Commission (UGC) launched Shodhganga, a digital repository of dissertations and theses submitted by research scholars, the University of Mumbai (MU) has contributed only 12 research papers to it, with eight of them from one research guide, Arvind Luhar from Ismail Yusuf College, Jogeshwari.

#### Source |

**Hindustan Times | 25th February 2019** 

#### Data is the new pollution

Even as the world believes that data is the new oil, he thinks data is the new pollution

and points out how he refuses to use free services like Gmail that are extracting our data and eroding privacy.

"There is a new digital divide now — it is not between those who have access, and those who do not, but one between those who can escape the clutches of the internet and those who cannot afford to do so," he says.

Keen feels it is possible to fix it all.

There are five ways to do so, he says.

- \* Regulation, and governments are already stepping up as evidenced by actions on Face book and GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation),
- \* Through Innovation,
- \* Through Consumer Activism,
- \* Through Citizen Engagement and
- \* Through Education.

Full Info | https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/catalyst/data-is-the-new-pollution/article26333012.ece

### The Obama Presidential Library That Isn't

The Obama Presidential Center promises to be a presidential library like no other.

The four-building, 19-acre "working center for citizenship," set to be built in a public park on the South Side of Chicago, will include a 235-foot-high "museum tower," a two-story event space, an athletic center, a recording studio, a winter garden, even a sledding hill.

But the centre, which will cost an estimated \$500 million, will also differ from the complexes built by Barack Obama's predecessors in another way: It won't actually be a presidential library.

In a break with precedent, there will be no research library on site, and none of Mr. Obama's official presidential records. Instead, the Obama Foundation will pay to digitize the roughly 30 million pages of unclassified paper records from the administration so they can be made available online.

Full Info

https://www.nytimes.com/2019/02/20/art
s/obama-presidential-center-librarynational-archives-and-recordsadministration.html

### Aussie scholarship for Indian students

Source | Times of India | 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019



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#### Scribd targets student-creator of 'unauthorized' download tool

Digital library Scribd has filed a complaint against a tool that allows users to permanently download books magazines and other digital content from its publishing platform. Scribd requested web-based hosting service Git Hub to take down the tool, named Scribe-Downloader, under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA).

Although Scribd-Downloader does require the user to have a Scribd subscription to operate, Scribd says the tool infringes the anticircumvention provisions of the DMCA.

Scribd-Downloader, which was created by a student in India, allows users to permanently download content and save it.Scribd said this violates the DMCA as it means users no longer need to access content through the Scribd app.

In its complaint, Scribd said it has digital rights management technology in place to prevent users from downloading or saving copies of copyrighted material.

But, Scribe-Downloader aimed to "circumvent its technological measure that controls access" to copyright-protected work, without the authority of the copyright owner.

Following the complaint, GitHub has removed Scribed-Downloader from its platform.

This is not the first time Scribed has acted against a platform which allows users to download content.

In 2017, it filed a copyright and trademark infringement suit against the

operators of the website 'Scribd-Download.com', which it said gave away free Scribe content and asked users to donate via PayPal.

Source

https://www.worldipreview.com/

#### 2nd Edition of Indian Sign Language (ISL) Dictionary Launched

The dictionary, in its second edition, now has 6000 words

The Goa disability sector welcomed the Union Ministry for Social Justice and Empowerment initiative to launch the 2nd Edition of Indian Sign Language (ISL) Dictionary. The dictionary is brought out by Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC) under Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD).

At the same time, the stakeholders said that the dictionary needs to be distributed across at least the government nodal departments/agencies meant for the Persons with disability (PswD), other government department offices and agencies across the country, so that persons with hearing and speech impairment can communicate and get responses for their issues and problems when they approach authorities.

The ISL Dictionary is also available on ISLRTC's YouTube channel. Around 1000 videos have been uploaded already.

The dictionary is intended to serve as a resource for ISL teachers, ISL learners, teachers of the hearing impaired, interpreters, parents of hearing-impaired children, and researchers. Hearing-impaired persons will benefit from this

dictionary since they can look up information about a particular sign and its English/Hindi equivalents. The dictionary includes total 6000 words under the categories of academic, legal, medical, technical and everyday terms. It has been made with the involvement of the hearing impaired community, by giving due consideration to their suggestions and understanding. The videos contain the sign, the English term for the sign and pictures where relevant. A word list is also given with the English and Hindi equivalents of the signs.

#### Source |

The Hindu | 28th February 2019

### IITs, DU, JNU on QS list of global top 100

NEW DELHI: The Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay figures among the top 100 institutions in engineering and technology and art and design (51-100) category in the latest subject-wise QS rankings announced on Thursday. The other institutions from India to have made it to the top 100 in various subject lists include IIT, Delhi, Madras and Kharagpur as well as Delhi University, Jawaharlal Nehru University and the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.

Ranking Available
https://www.topuniversities.com/univer
sity-rankings/world-universityrankings/2019

Pratham Books – Digital Repository of Open Source on multi-lingual stories called StoryWeaver

Source |

#### Mid-Day | 1st March 2019

### The numbers book

Leading not-for-profit children's book publisher, Pratham Books, has been a platform to discover the most innovative titles - they just launched three books in GIF format on Children's Day last year. And yesterday, the publishing house announced that its digital repository of open-source multi-lingual stories, called StoryWeaver, has crossed 150 languages. The latest title, Era Lua i era Casqueta, is in Gascon, a language spoken in parts of France and Spain. The title is based on the story The Moon and The Cap by Rohini Nilekani, translated by Sévan Rakön and



illustrated by Angie and Upesh.
The digital library stands at
12,000 books today and we won't
be surprised if they hit a new
milestone in the pear future.

### Dr. Nedunuri Krishna Murthy Digital Library opened in Andhra University

Visakhapatnam: In order to restore the Indian classical music with the help of technology, Andhra University Music and Dance Department launched 'DrNedunuri Krishna Murthy Digital Library. A collection of Indian classical music that dates back to a different era produced by stalwarts of the Indian classical music was stored in the digital library.

The music compositions and live concerts of legends like Gudalur Narayanaswamy Balasubramaniam, Ariyakudi Ramanujalyengar, Musiri Subramanialyer, Sripada Pinakapani, Semmangudi R Srinivasalyer and Nedunuri Krishna Murthy were preserved in this digital library to give demonstrations to teachers, research scholars and students of both Carnatic and Hindustani Music.

The creative music like Ragalapana and Swarakalpana can also be found in this digital library. This digital library has the music which was compiled from different sources, which cannot be traced in YouTube. In the age of pop, rap, rock and hip-hop genres, Andhra University intends to preserve Indian classical music and take it forward to the next generation.

Classical music is unique in different regions. According to Head of Music and Dance Department, Andhra University, K Saraswati Vidhyardhi, the digital library aims not only to enhance the singing skills of the students and offers a rare experience to the visitors, who come to watch recorded concerts at the premises.

Source | https://www.thehansindia.com

### IISc. Launches digital database on plant species

Information on nearly 16,000 species of plants, ferns, creepers, and trees from across peninsular India can now be accessed online.

The Flora of Peninsular India, which has data on over 10,233 species, and Flora of Eastern Ghats, which enumerates in impressive detail over 4,097 species, are a testament to nearly 12 years of work by the Indian Institute of Science researchers to make information on plants in the country more accessible to even a casual nature enthusiast.

The websites took root in the stacks of specimens kept neatly at the nearly six-decade-old Herbarium JCB at the Centre for Ecological Science (CES) at IISc. K. Sankara Rao, 80, former professor at the CES, and one of the founders of the herbarium, is the brains behind the digital repository.

Around 12 years ago, Prof. Rao hit upon the idea to create a digital repository based on the herbarium. "We enquired then whether there was a database of plants in India. There was no database, and even now, there is no digital database apart from what we have created," he said.

His team digitised the collection, while enhancing information present through their field visits, photographing individual plants, and recording even their GPS locations.

Five years ago, their intensive legwork resulted in a digital library of flora in Karnataka. Bolstered by the feedback, they extended their work to the Eastern Ghats and central India. Now, information on plants from more than 14 States is available in the two newly launched websites.

"In spite of being a global biodiversity hotspot, India lags behind many other countries. We do not currently have a targeted national effort in a single scientifically validated, crated digital platform for our flora," said Rudra Pratap, Deputy Director of IISc.

Apart from species names and other botanical details, the websites provide details about the distribution of plants, their conservation status (including 528 endangered species), and even local names in languages such as Kannada, Malayalam, Telugu, Tamil, Odiya and Hindi.

"We are losing our natural landscape and species associated with it to economy and development ... This database is for the younger generation," said Prof. Rao.

Source | The Hindu | 3rd March 2019

### E-Courts app brings reforms in justice delivery system

A new digital app, available on both android and IOS, has already seen 17 lakh downloads within few months of its launch, recording almost 5,000 downloads a day, making it so popular that it has bagged the top Digital India award this year.

Source | Times of India | 4th March 2019

### eCourts app brings reforms in justice delivery system

Provides Case Status And History, Helps Pay Court Fee

Pradeep.Thakur @timesgroup.com New Delhi: eCourts services is touted as a revolution in court management in the country and is expected to speed up inng in the World Bank's



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agencies and other institution-al litigants," said Justice Ma-dan B Lokur, retired Supreme Court judge who spearheaded the computerisation and mod-ernising of courts over the last decade which has helped in ex-

decade which has netpod in ex-peditious service delivery and disposal of cases.

Speaking about the app, launched in August last year, Justice Lokur told TOI that this new app is one of the most significant court reforms initi-

#### Archive, what's that?

Mumbai Public Libraries ought to take a closer interest in archiving its history....... before it gets lost due to neglect and lack of intent

Source | Mumbai Mirror | 4th March 2019

#### Archive, what's that?

Mumbai's public libraries ought to take a closer interest in archiving its history, before it gets lost due to neglect and lack of intent



#### EU's proposed law could shut out small online platforms

Source | Business Standard | 4th March 2019 EU's proposed law could shut out small online platforms

### How the New York Public Library fills its shelves, and why some books don't make the cut

Every book has to earn its spot in one of world's leading public collections. Here's what it takes for a book to make it to the New York Public Library.

The New York Public Library has one of the largest public collections in the world. But, unlike Amazon, it does not have seemingly infinite storage. Every book must earn its place on crowded shelves. Nothing gets there by accident. With millions of books to choose from, the library often gets asked how a book gets on the shelves.

Full Info | https://indianexpress.com/article/lifesty le/books/how-the-new-york-public-library-fills-its-shelves-and-why-some-books-dont-make-the-cut-5607733/

### Import Excel data just by photographing a spreadsheet

The feature is available in the updated Microsoft Excel app for Android.

Microsoft recently rolled out a number of major updates to its products, including a particularly handy new feature for Excel. Using the Android version of the app, users will be able to snap a photo of a printed data table and have it converted into a digital, editable spreadsheet. The feature, which is available to Microsoft 365 subscribers, isn't available on iOS yet but Microsoft is promising it will arrive soon.

The new import feature uses image recognition technology to identify all of the information on the page and convert it into an Excel spreadsheet in the app. It should eliminate the need to manually enter or copy data, depending on its accuracy. The feature, labelled in-app as "Insert Data from Picture," can perform the conversion from analogy to digital with a single tap. Microsoft first floated the idea for this tool last year before being made widely available in the most recent update to the Android app. It's just the latest in the company's ongoing efforts to insert more machine learning models into its products.

Source | https://www.engadget.com/

The UNESCO World Book Capital 2021 contest is open

The contest aims to promote books and foster reading habits during a special program lasting one year

Another very special initiative by UNESCO – the United Nations Education Science and Culture Organization – aims to acknowledge the commitment by cities to promoting books and to foster reading habits throughout the period of one year in the selected city. The contest is now open for 2021, when the next city awarded will follow in the footsteps of Wroclaw, Poland (2016), Conakry, Guinea (2017), Athens, Greece (2018), Sharjah, United Arab Emirates (2019), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (2020) and fourteen other cities since the first edition of the awards in 2001.

There are six main criteria to be considered by the Evaluation Committee, including:

Dedicated program implemented through the term **and** bringing long-term benefits for the partner **and** society

Degree of municipal, regional, national and international involvement

Conformity with the principles of freedom of expression, alongside others.

UNESCO, together with the Advisory Committee will support the selected city in the planning and implementation of its program during the two years preceding its term, while evaluating the whole preparatory work.

Applications are expected by email to wbcc@unesco.org by Thursday, 2 May 2019.

More info and Application form at UNESCO World Book Capital.

Source

https://www.themayor.eu/en/theunesco-world-book-capital-2021contest-is-open

#### Buying rare books online

Buying rare books online can be as rewarding as browsing in a real bookshop

With an online rare bookseller like Howard, you don't even miss handling the books: the accuracy, knowledge and the care with which he describes a book you're interested in is close to having a face-to-face conversation in a physical bookstore with an impassioned book dealer.

Full Info | https://www.thehindu.com/books/head-in-the-cloud-buying-rare-books-online/article26405801.ece

### Coming soon: the Indian museum of natural history

It will house the country's geological wealth in one location

From dinosaur fossils to pre-human skulls, India is home to a vast treasury of geological and paleontological specimens that contain a wealth of scientific information about the planet and its history. But these rare specimens are scattered in different labs all over the country. So, to better conserve this prehistoric heritage, the government is planning to house them in one place — an 'Earth Museum'.

This museum will be modelled on the American Museum of Natural History, or the Smithsonian museum in the U.S. The museum, which will be set up as a public-private partnership, would be located somewhere in Delhi, Noida or Gurugram, said G.V.R Prasad, head of the Department of Geology, University of Delhi.

K. Vijay Raghavan, Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA) to the Prime Minister, said at a press conference that such a repository was necessary to make people aware of India's paleontological and geological wealth. "There is a lot of history here, but somehow it hasn't been communicated well," he said. Another concern, he added, was that several collections of fossils and important geological specimens weren't properly organized, and they survived only due to the efforts of individual researchers who maintained them within their labs. A single site, accessible to the public as well as researchers wanting to investigate rare and important finds, was necessary, Mr. VijayRaghavan said.

#### Source | The Hindu | 7th March 2019

### The Making of Public Libraries – in Delhi and the Presidencies

Compared to the three libraries established in Calcutta, Bombay and Madras, the Delhi Public Library was a late starter.

- The Asiatic Society of Bombay
- · National Library of India in 1953 (Calcutta)
- The Connemara Public Library, Madras now Chennai

Compared to the three libraries established in the presidencies of Calcutta, Bombay and Madras, the Delhi Public Library was a late starter.

The library stocks 1.5 million books. Despite its 72,000-strong membership, 35 branches, children's library, Braille services and mobile libraries, it still manages to project a dark and dingy appearance. Unlike the grand structures

that house the other three libraries at Chennai, Kolkata and Mumbai, the Delhi Public Library is located in an entirely unwelcoming ambience – opposite the Old Delhi Railway Station.

Full Info | https://thewire.in/urban/the-making-of-public-libraries-in-delhi-and-the-presidenciess

## Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation runs mobile library for just five readers

In the digital era, where people are hooked to their smart phones and other gadgets, libraries play an important role in keeping the tradition of reading a physical book alive. With an aim of promoting the habit of reading books,

Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC)'s MJ Library initiated mobile libraries, set-up in three divisions, women, children and for the new west zone.

The number of readers decreased over the year, but the authority is still hopeful of garnering more readers. They have not discontinued the service in spite of running it with just for five women members. On an average the authority spends Rs 5700 and more for the maintenance per month.

Full Info
https://www.dnaindia.com/mumbai/rep
ort-ahmedabad-municipal-corporationruns-mobile-library-for-just-fivereaders-27284677

Information for this issue has been provided by Mr. Pralhad Jadhav, Senior Librarian, Khaitan & Co. Mumbai