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PAUSE & PONDER

"Speak to people with love and compassion and you have the ability to create change in them."
~ Matt Valentine

I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service.

I acted and behold, service was joy.
- Rabindranath Tagore -

Open Source for Cloud Storage! Is there any other option except Google Drive?

Generally, we talked about cloud storage; the first thing that came to our mind is Google Drive. Is there any other option available in the open-source domain for cloud storage?

The options are Next Cloud, Own cloud & Syncthing.

The features gap between Google Drive and other alternative are not that much; most of them had the same **features for secure file sharing, etc.**

Full Info |
https://www.androidpolice.com/2020/01/25/the-best-free-and-open-source-alternatives-to-google-drive-on-android/

Food4Thought Foundation tries to make reading cool:-

The distraction for drop-in reading habits is because of mainly television, computers, mobiles, etc.

The Food4Thought foundation is trying them every effort to improve the reading habits among the young generation.

They had a couple of initiatives for example:

Save Endangered Stories
Ghar Ghar Pustakalaya

Apart from the initiative, the foundation conducts various activities & reading sessions to encourage the habit of reading.

Food4Thought Foundation tries to make reading cool

Link :
https://telanganatoday.com/making-reading-cool-again

Swalekhan (self-writing) app – an android application:-

Most of the exceptional students (Visually Disabled) are not satisfied because they depend on the writer for their exams. According to them, it is hard to find a writer, and many times they are inefficient.

He said the UGC was seeking to add more 'credible Indian journals' to its list under Care. Patwardhan, who was in the city recently, said Care has stakeholders from across fields such as statutory bodies, academies and councils to review the journals every quarter.

Link | **https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/ city/coimbatore/ugc-adds-1000- quality-academic-journals-to-its- list/articleshowprint/73644151.cms**

With the help of technology and intelligence, this type of barrier can overtake, Niwant Andh Mukta Vikasalaya comes up with App named as Swalekhan, which can be used by individual students for their writing purpose.

Link| https://www.thehindu.com/sci- tech/technology/app-aims-to- academically-empower-visually- impaired- students/article30654036.ece

Links which are useful for LIS professionals for Jobs, Open Course ware, UGC-NET preparation and other LIS examinations :-

http://lisportal.com/en/ https://www.lisquiz.com/

Now, online study material for Class 5, 8 scholarship aspirants:-

Mumbai: In order to help students prepare for the Class 5 and Class 8 scholarship exams in the state, the education department will provide online study material and practice question sets.

The material for the exams has recently been uploaded on the DIKSHA mobile application, a platform offering teaching-learning material to students, teachers and parents.

UGC adds 1,000 'quality academic journals' to its list:-

The University Grants Commission (UGC)'s 'Consortium of Academic and Research Ethics (Care)' has so far added around 1,000 Indian academic journals to its list since it was formed last November, and the list is growing, said Bhushan Patwardhan, vice-chairman of UGC.

"We have recently uploaded a lot of content for scholarship exams on the app. Students can learn important concepts and can also practice for the

final exams with the help of the resources that have been provided here," said an official from Maharashtra State Council of Education Research and Training (MSCERT), which conducts the exams.

Recently, the state's publishing bureau, Balbharti, had also uploaded audiovisual content on the application.

"The idea is to not just provide study material, but also teaching resources for various classes and examinations under the state board with the help of which teachers can teach effectively," said the official.

Teachers said that it is a welcome move, but had to be adequately publicized. "We were not aware of this until now. It would be nice to share this with students and parents. The department should publicize the initiative more widely so that more students take benefit," said a teacher from an Andheri-based school.

The material on the application includes videos, documents and interactive content with the help of which key concepts have been explained to the students. Students can also download this and read it offline later.

Source | Hindustan Times | 26th January 2020

Excel at Excel:-

Microsoft Excel was launched in the year 1985, the software that can use to tabulate & analyze data.

It is an essential computer program that can use in today's work environment. It is used in every field of business, banking, accounting, and even in the library also.
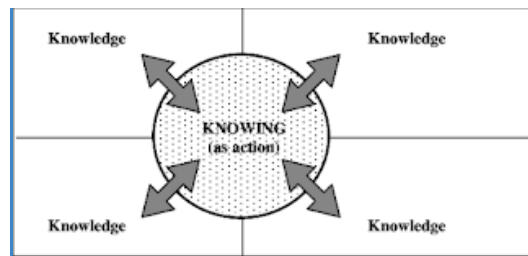
With the help of online resources available, one can become an Excel pro.

Source | Times of India | 25th January 2020

Knowledge or Knowing?

Knowledge and knowing are two different things. Knowledge is that which we gather from outside. Knowing arises from within.

Knowing is subjective and arises in rare ones; it is opposed to knowledge, which is objective and can easily be acquired by one and all, like any other object, by means of education, reading and listening.

Link | https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/blogs/the-speaking-tree/knowledge-or-knowing/

THE DIGITAL SHIFT - Indian educational institutions:-

Indian educational institutions are making the much-needed move from using traditional ways of teaching to ones that involve technology

NCR-based Genesis Modern School has everything that would attract a modern parent – virtual labs, robotics labs, STEM lab, digital tools, smart classrooms, etc. Basically, it ensures that technology is incorporated in every aspect of a student and teacher's learning cycle.

But it is not alone in riding high on technology. Tamil Nadu-based SRM Institute of Science and Technology – a deemed University — uses blended learnings and flipped classrooms format (an instruction strategy that reverses the traditional ways of teaching by delivering content online and even outside of classrooms).

Source: Economic Times 28.1.2020

Best Village Public Library - Kumudavalli in West Godavari district, Andhra Pradesh:-

A tremendous example of a 100% literate village that believes in the transformative power of education and the library is in Andhra Pradesh.

The villagers had adopted some innovative ideas to develop the library they are
·   "library dowry"; for every wedding in the village, the family has to donate something to the library, even if it's just ₹10.

·   Diwali, each household has to pay up ₹20.
·   A research scholar from the surrounding area has to submit a copy of their thesis to the library.

Link:http://www.livemint.com/opinion/columns/adopt-kumudavalli-s-example-for-an-enlightened-country-11579446209716.html

What we won't have in 2030, the resourceful librarian?

Library & Librarian means it is full of knowledge house, do you think that they will be going to vanish in the coming decade?

Link:http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/blink/cover/what-we-wont-have-in-2030/article30462337.ece

Open Research Libraries (ORL):-

ORL officially launched on Jan. 29, 2020. Open Research Libraries provides access to

·   7202 books
·   49,432 chapters

The primary stakeholder of these initiatives they are

·   Knowledge Unlatched,
·   Biblioboard,
·   EBSCO Discovery Service,
·   ProQuest with the Ex Libris Primo
·   Summon library discovery services
·   OCLC with their creation of MARC records
·   Indexing in World Cat
·   World Cat Discovery

www.openresearchlibrary.org

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