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75th e-News Digest

Message from the Hon. Director, ADINET

“ADINET had started the e-News Digest in the year 2014.

A large number of Libraries are handled by just one LIS Professional. It is quite a challenge for one Librarian to do all the work of Procuring, Technical Processing, handling the Issue & Return, Reshelving, providing Reference Services, etc. to their users. Besides doing the Library Work they also have to attend to other duties.

This leaves very little time for Librarians to read & to keep up with the latest developments.

Hence the need was felt to start this e-News Digest. For a few years, both the English & Gujarati editions were prepared. Since there was hardly any request for the Gujarati version, it was discontinued.

There is no subscription fee for this publication. Each month it is mailed to about professionals in Gujarat even if they are not members of ADINET.

We are indeed very happy that this publication has completed 75 issues

and that even our senior professionals find it useful.”

*-Ms Rhoda Bharucha,
Hon Director ADINET*

Motivating Messages from the Senior LIS Professionals

“One of the American Library Association professional ethics is " We strive for excellence in the profession by maintaining and enhancing our own knowledge and skills, by encouraging the professional development of co-workers, and by fostering the aspirations of potential members of the profession.”

“ADINET helps us to update our knowledge. They share with us innovative and creative ideas and new developments around the world. I love to read ADINET e-News Digest regularly.”

*-Dr Shailesh R. Yagnik, Sr. Advisor-
MIMI and KEIC, MICA, Ahmedabad*

“ADINET e-news Digest compilation is very interesting. The selection of news items makes us want to read more.

Kudos to ADINET Team!”

-Dr Nishtha Anilkumar, Head LIS, PRL

“ADINET E-News Digest is an interesting information product of ADINET and serves as a valuable information source to the students of Library and Information Science, the young library trainees who join various organizations, the middle level LIS professionals who are in the process of upskilling themselves as well as to the seasoned professionals who look forward to finding stories to share with

their staff with an intention to encourage them to contribute well to their respective libraries.

The Digest covers an interesting mix of topics, initiatives, news items, ranging from school libraries to public libraries, research libraries to national libraries as well as educational institutions, research organizations, NGOs, etc. thus ensuring that all professionals have something to pick up and adopt in their respective libraries. Some initiatives covered, succeed in inspiring the youngsters to take up challenges while some news coverage, motivate the LIS veterans to share their best practices with the community. I enjoy the wonderful reading tips and strategies accompanied with the anecdotes cited in the Digest. The amazing snippets get the professionals of all levels employed in different types of libraries, information centres and even the common people from all walks of life to engage meaningfully with the content of the E-news Digest. The team which dedicates its valuable efforts and time, scan through various sources ranging from newspapers around the world to Library and Information Science Journals, Blogs to Websites and other literature.

I congratulate ADINET for the marvellous work. It would be right to sum up that ADINET E-News Digest is a weekend treat for the busy professionals, a daily snack for the new professionals but a vital vitamin for the passionate professionals!"

-Dr T S Kumbar, Librarian, IIT-Gandhinagar

PAUSE & PONDER

"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do."

— Pele

Readers Please Note

Follow the "Title" of each News to continue to Read further

Batighar Adarsha Library: Spreading light in silence



A library, set up at a remote rural area in Tangail by a university student (now a police officer), has been helping local people including youths and students gather knowledge and become enlightened citizen for the last one decade.

Md Kamruzzaman Sohag, former student of criminology and police science department at Mawlana Bhasani Science and Technology University in Santosh, set up the library "Batighar Adarsha Library (Lighthouse Ideal Library)" at his house at Chourakora village in Mogra union in Sadar upazila on February 21, 2010 with a slogan 'Let's read books, enlighten ourselves'...

Source: [The Daily Star, 15 Mar 2021](#)

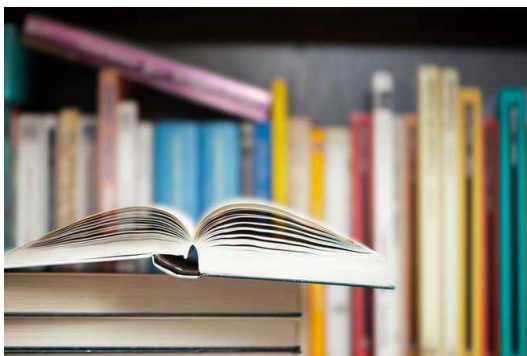
How schoolchildren built a library network for students without access to books during the lockdown



“I want to study. My parents are labourers, and it is tough. I want a better job,” said Simran Kaur. A class seven student, Simran is a regular visitor to the student-led mobile community library in the village of Barkidandi in Nanakmatta, Uttarakhand. Nanakmatta is an important Sikh pilgrimage site in the district of Udham Singh Nagar.

Source: [Scroll.in, 14 Mar 2021](#)

Library for students opens at Rajgarh



In a bid to facilitate students preparing for competitive exams and promote the habit of reading, a group of youngsters have opened a library at Rajgarh town in Sirmaur district.

“With little help from the government, we decided to run it through The Yuvaan Foundation on our own and by collecting funds. These were used to

buy furniture and books for competitive exams were ordered online,” said Vikalp Thakur, who is a founding member.

Source: [The Tribune, 12 Mar 2021](#)

HC calls for well-stocked libraries in schools



One of the Constitutional guarantees is providing education to all classes of people and in achieving this target, libraries play a great role. Article 21 A of the Constitution provides for Right to Education to all children. However, libraries are provisioned only in 15% of the villages in the State, the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court has observed...

Source: [The Tribune, 12 Mar 2021](#)

Hyderabad's libraries come back to life

The students are back in the courtyards of the major libraries in the city. They are back after a nine-month hiatus sitting on the steps, on the lawns and on foldable garden chairs

reading their books and occasionally glancing at their cellphones.



“The lockdown of libraries have hit our preparations. We lost nine months as our books were in the city and we moved to our villages,” says Manipal from Gajwel who is preparing for SI competitive examinations spending the day reading outside the State Central Library at Afzalgunj. While the officials marked their attendance and carried out their regular duties, the reading rooms and lending facilities in the libraries were shuttered for nine months.

Source: [The Hindu, 12 Mar 2021](#)

Psychologist Dr. Manjunath empowers professionals on the power of reading



With an online presence across the nation, Dr. Manjunath has a vision to coach 1 lakh individuals in India.

The Year 2020 was a hard time for everyone. The economy collapsed, businesses closed, people lost their jobs. Things got tough during the lockdown. However, Dr. Manjunath innovated new ways amid the crisis to teach working professionals and business owners that helped them to grow. Progressing in their professional life, He helped them become mentally strong and motivated to face tough times. He believed it was important to talk about mental health in this era where a routine is important for us but very few people follow it.

Source: [Hindustan Times, 12 Mar 2021](#)

Bal Kalyan Kendra, digital library inaugurated



The Punjab and Haryana High Court Judge-cum-Executive Chairman, State Legal Services Authority, Chandigarh, Justice Jaswant Singh, inaugurated “Bal Kalyan Kendra”, the first of its kind one stop solution and multidisciplinary centre for children in conflict with law and a digital library at the Observation-cum-Special Home, Sector 25, here today..

Source: [The Tribune, 11 Mar 2021](#)

3 Simple Tips To Pick Up the Habit of Reading Books



If you want to pick up the habit of reading books, there are a few tips that will help you integrate this activity into your lifestyle. For instance, choose a book that interests you and set up dedicated reading times throughout the day...

Source: [Prestige, 11 Mar 2021](#)

Not-for-profit publisher makes big move toward open access science

Canadian Science Publishing (CSP)--a not-for-profit publisher of peer-reviewed STEM journals--is excited to announce a new transformative open access publishing agreement with the University of California (UC) that will offer unlimited open access publication for UC researchers publishing with its journals.

The transformative agreement is the first of its kind for a Canadian journal publisher and a pivotal first step for CSP and its international authors and readers. The Ottawa-based not-for-profit is exploring how to shift from subscription-based business models to models that make it easier and more affordable for researchers to publish their work open access...

Source: [EurekaAlert, 10 Mar 2021](#)

The MIT Press launches Direct to Open



The MIT Press has announced the launch of Direct to Open (D2O). A first-of-its-kind sustainable framework for open-access monographs, D2O moves professional and scholarly books from a solely market-based, purchase model where individuals and libraries buy single e-books to a collaborative, library-supported open-access model.

Source: [MIT News, 10 Mar 2021](#)

Mammoth digitisation drive at TS Central Library



For this treasure trove of books in the city, it has been a massive digitisation exercise spread over the years.

In the last 17 years, the State Central Library, Afzalgunj, has painstakingly scanned and digitised over 45,704 from its collection of books. And a lot more is to be done for the popular library which has a collection of over 5 lakh books.

Source: [Telangana Today, 09 Mar 2021](#)

"Please Attend Parliament, Make Use of Library": Venkaiah Naidu To MPs

Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu on Monday said that members should make it a point to be present in the House to enhance understanding of parliamentary procedures and also use the library facility.

On the first day of the second part of the Budget Session, Mr Naidu said that he has been told that some members do not attend the proceedings even when they are in the national capital...

Source: [NDTV, 08 Mar 2021](#)

How a Delhi Police library is keeping slum children in school and away from crime



Free wifi, computers, books and a reading room — this is how the Delhi Police is trying to reduce the crime rate in R.K. Puram through a public library for slum children.

The Delhi Police Public Library had opened in December 2019 but the Covid-19 pandemic forced it shut after just a few months. The library was then revived again in August 2020 and since then is being actively used by children from nearby slum areas.

Source: [The Print, 07 Mar 2021](#)

Army converts bus stand to 'street library' for J&K children



In a novel initiative, the Army has converted a dilapidated bus stand in a village in South Kashmir into a 'street library' to help students of neighbouring areas to prepare for competitive exams and higher studies. The library which was set up in the last week of February by the 18 Rashtriya Rifles of the Army has become an instant hit among the students of Ranipura, Chittisigpura, Kejrival and Devipora villages, officials said....

Source: [The Indian Express, 07 Mar 2021](#)

Florida State University Libraries debuts new open access publishing program



Florida State University Libraries is launching FSU's first open-access publishing program.

Florida State Open Publishing (FSOP) provides the university's faculty, students and staff with the digital publishing tools and support needed to produce peer-reviewed, open scholarly publications, educational resources and other digital research outputs.

Created to address gaps in traditional scholarly publishing, FSOP aims to make FSU's scholarly output more accessible, diverse and innovative.

Source: [Florida State University News, 02 Mar 2021](#)

45,000 books, online access to 6 lakh more: The naya libraries of Srinagar



The Srinagar administration has set up a network of libraries housing 45,000 books in the capital...

Source: [The Indian Express, 28 Feb 2021](#)

How School Librarians Adjusted to Remote Learning



As schools across the nation shifted to distance learning — and then again to a hybrid model — library staff have taken creative approaches to foster student engagement and give students access to literature.

From sharing digital resources with teachers to helping students in research projects, librarians around the country have found themselves going above and beyond to guide teachers and students at all grade levels, including in their efforts to engage and educate using technology solutions.

Source: [EdTech, 25 Feb 2021](#)

Copyright Clearance Center Now Automating Open Access Agreement Management Between Publishers and More Than 800 Institutions and Funders in 40+ Countries Through RightsLink® for Scientific Communications

Copyright Clearance Center, Inc. (CCC), a leader in advancing copyright, accelerating knowledge, and powering innovation, announces that RightsLink for Scientific Communications (RLSC), its market-leading, comprehensive scholarly communications workflow solution trusted by more than 30 leading publishers representing 2,400 journals, is now being used to simplify the management of Open Access (OA) agreements between publishers and more than 800 institutions and funders in 40+ countries.

Source: [Businesswire, 23 Feb 2021](#)

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