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Happy Librarian's Day



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LIBRARIAN'S DAY 2022

Seminar held at CEPT University

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On: **27th August 2022 (Saturday)**

At: **CEPT University, Ahmedabad**

On the Theme: **Redesigning Library
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**ADINET Organized Online Webinar
on Mendeley & Zotero on 30 Jul
2022.**

The speakers of the Webinar were:

Dr. Nishtha A.
Head, LIS
PRL, Ahmedabad



Dr. B. B. Chand
Librarian
& Head NICMAN
IIMA, Ahmedabad



Ms. Rhoda Bharucha welcomed the speakers and the participants (around 50) to the online webinar. **Dr. Lalitha Poluru** graciously introduced the speakers, Dr. B. B. Chand and Dr. Nishtha Anilkumar.

Dr. Chand shared his experiences of using **Mendeley** and also expertly presented the features and functionalities of the Reference Management Tool.

Dr. Nishtha Anilkumar presented her experiences with **Zotero**. She also shared her thoughts on the usefulness of Zotero and how the reference management tool helps the researcher in carrying out research work.

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The librarian who defied the Taliban



Wahida Amiri worked as an ordinary librarian before the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan last August. But when the militants started to strip women of their rights, she became one of the leading voices against them. She told the BBC's Sodaba Haidare how protesting against Taliban rule led to her arrest and why she decided to leave her country.

The Taliban said I was a spy. That I had helped start an uprising against them. That I went onto the streets and protested just to get fame. "Go home and cook", said one of them.

But the truth is, I only wanted one thing: equal rights for Afghan women. The right to go to school, to work, to be heard. Is that too much to ask for?

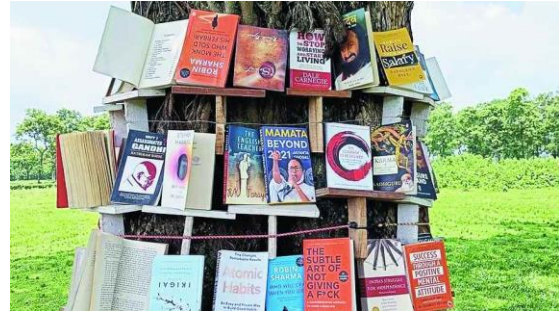
The day they came to arrest us, an eerie silence had fallen over Kabul. In recent days a number of women who had protested against the Taliban had been taken, so we were moved to a safe house.

In the last few months since the Taliban took over Afghanistan, I had been a strong and proud woman, marching through the streets to protest against them. I looked them in the eye

and said: "You can't treat me like a second class citizen. I'm a woman and I'm your equal." Now, I'm hiding in this unknown place, not knowing my crime but wondering if they'll come for me...

Source: [BBC, 12 Aug 2022](#)

Tree library helps ground turn over a new leaf



Books raining down a tree in Alipurduar are not just driving out loiterers and addicts from the 109-year-old European Club ground, but also spreading the joy of reading.

Nimesh Lama, 25, an unemployed graduate from Kalchini, has hung and placed books on a rain tree, a species of a flowering tree in the pea family, on the ground of the European Club of Dima tea estate, some 30km from Alipurduar.

Lama's idea behind starting the open-air library was to get rid of alleged drug addicts who would constantly loiter in the area and at the same time spread the joy of books in the tea belt.

The youth said he came up with the idea as he did not have the wherewithal to physically drive out addicts...

Source: [The Telegraph, 12 Aug 2022](#)

Turning a new page



A few of them, in fact, are witnessing a significant rise in new memberships, thanks to the ‘reading revival’ triggered by the lockdowns.

There are 512 libraries affiliated to the Library Council in Ernakulam. Most are “traditional spaces”, says District Library Council secretary M R Surendran. “Following the Covid crisis, the culture of gathering together to read periodicals and newspapers has waned,” he says...

Source: *The New Indian Express*, 12 Aug 2022

Coffee @ library, anyone?



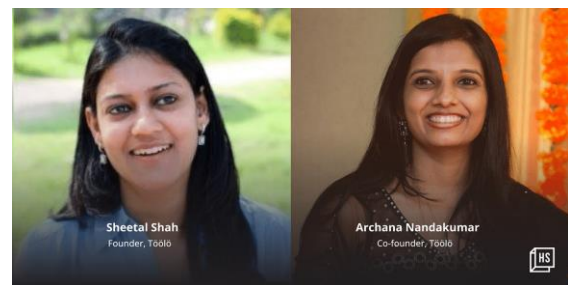
Kerala has always taken pride in its robust public library network. The state has 9,207 public libraries, and 6,811 of them are affiliated to the Kerala State Library Council (KSLC). However, Kerala continues to limp in its effort to equip them with better technology and infrastructure, and transform them into vibrant information hubs.

There were times when libraries played a pivotal role in giving local communities a direction. Not anymore. Currently, the district or taluk level

library councils conduct one or two ‘routine’ programmes at the public reading spaces. That’s it. There is a clear lack of vision and vigour to make these sacred spaces more engaging, lively...

Source: *The New Indian Express*, 12 Aug 2022

This hyperlocal startup is turning neighbourhood women into librarians, entrepreneurs



When there is hyperlocal grocery, ecommerce, logistics, and mobility—why not a hyperlocal library?

In fact, it would be like hitting the bull’s eye if it has the dual advantage of creating women micro-entrepreneurs, right?

Our story starts in 2019 in the US, when Sheetal Shah found herself spending a copious amount of time at local public libraries during a holiday with her two young children.

“The libraries enthralled us so much that I wanted to entwine the worlds of reading and community building among children in India, too,” she tells HerStory. Once back, Sheetal took the first step towards encouraging young readers by launching a dedicated library for her neighbourhood children at her home in Bengaluru.

“When I started the first library in my apartment complex, I also got my son involved in it as he loves books, and he was happy to share them with

others,” says Sheetal, describing how the idea caught on...

Source: [Your Story, 10 Aug 2022](#)

Librarians play crucial role for NEP's success: Yadapadithaya



Mangalore University Vice Chancellor P. Subrahmanya Yadapadithaya on Monday, August 8, said that the role of librarians was crucial in the success of NEP-2020, as they act like a bridge in dissemination of information.

He was speaking at the inauguration of a five-day workshop on “Transformation of the Libraries for NEP 2020” organised by University Library at M.N. Vishwanathaiah Hall of the University. Prof. Yadapadithaya said Mangalore University was the frontrunner in Karnataka in modernising its library...

Source: [The Hindu, 10 Aug 2022](#)

Libraries and knowledge society



Preservation of wisdom and knowledge for posterity has always been considered an important duty of society. Time was, when books were written in manuscript, on palmyra leaves. Then came paper, pens and, ink, succeeded by typewriters. Today computers have taken over completely. Desktops, laptops, tablets and even smart phones are the order of the day.

Libraries where books are preserved, in whatever form they have been written, serve many purposes. They contribute to the economy of a country by providing jobs, especially in the rural areas. Even unpaid volunteers improve their skills, and gain in confidence, thus enhancing the chances of their employment elsewhere later on. Libraries have an edge over other sources of knowledge and information, such as the printed, electronic and social media, on account of their ability to deliver personalised services to people, of all age groups from children to the elderly...

Source: [The Hans India, 04 Aug 2022](#)

What makes a library 'green'?



The aim is to be plastic-free, to see equipment reconditioned and reused, to build public awareness of ecological issues as well as save paper... All around the world libraries are going green. The book industry is going

green, and not just in publishing houses or bookstores. For seven consecutive years, the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), founded in Edinburgh in 1927, has handed out the "Green Library Award," sponsored by German publishing house Walter de Gruyter GmbH.

But what exactly does the term "green library" encompass? With Singapore's National Library Board taking the Best Green Library 2022 award, Paris's Médiathèque de la Canopée La Fontaine was awarded the Best Green Library Project 2022, it involves several aspects. Starting with the quality of the material. The media library located in the very heart of the city has chosen to abandon the use of plastic for protectively covering some of its books (especially those with a short lifespan such as magazines)....

Source: [Forbes, 03 Aug 2022](#)

Country's Future Decided By Number Of Youths Going To Libraries: Amit Shah

Gandhinagar, Jul 23 (PTI) Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday said the future of a country is determined by the number of youngsters visiting libraries and not by the number of factories operational or its military strength.

Shah visited his paternal village Mansa in the Gandhinagar district of Gujarat to inaugurate and lay the foundation stones for a host of projects including a library building.

"The future of any country is not determined by how many industrial units are functioning there, how powerful its Armed Forces are, or how much tax it collects. The country's

future is decided by how many of its youths go to libraries," he said...

Source: [Outlook, 23 Jul 2022](#)

5 most iconic libraries in India you must visit



If you are a bookworm and looking for a quiet and peaceful spot to read some of your favorite books, what's better than a library?

There are several iconic and majestic libraries in the country that will not only leave you awestruck with their wide collection of books but also with their intriguing architecture.

Check out these five iconic libraries in India...

Source: [NewsBytes, 20 Jul 2022](#)

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