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**'Reading has helped me be a more empathetic and critical leader'**



Keshar Khulal is one of the most prominent names in Nepal's education sector. He spent the first 19 years of his career teaching physics at Budhanilkantha School and later went on to take on the responsibility of the institution's principal. He is currently the principal of Kathmandu World School. In a nearly four decades-long career, Khulal has also worked as a consultant for global organisations like the Danish International Development Agency and World Bank.

In this interview with the Post, Khulal shares how he got into reading, his know-hows about books and how they've been a part of his life...

Source: [The Kathmandu Post, 22 Dec 2022](#)

**Why I Started a Home Lending Library**



I've always been a voracious reader. During my Midwestern childhood summers, my sister and I would even compete to see who could finish the most pages between the end of one school year and the start of the next (I won twice, then she beat me once I got a summer job at a local fast food joint). Point being, books have shaped who I am, and they continue to do so. Reading is my passion and a core tenet of my identity. But I've always had trouble understanding those who have a different relationship to reading—friends who rarely read for pleasure, acquaintances who prefer to read a few nonfiction books each year, or people who don't experience the same joyful wonder that I get from immersing myself in a fantasy world...

Source: [TOR.COM, 21 Dec 2022](#)

**Why Does The World Need a Diverse, Equitable, And Open-Access Future In Scientific Research**

The COVID-19 pandemic exposed many flaws in the way our societies function.

Among the less obvious is the gaping problem at the heart of scientific research. In March 2020, scientists were scrambling to understand what the new virus was, how it affected patients, and how it could be treated.

Scientists usually publish research findings in scholarly journals many of which charge high subscription fees...

Source: [Outlook, 21 Dec 2022](#)

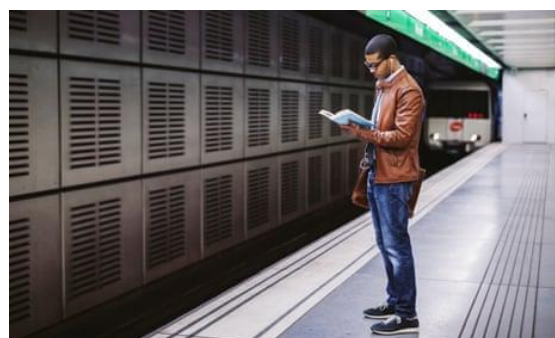
### **IIM Ranchi hosts successful human library**



Human Library events provide a unique opportunity for individuals to engage in meaningful conversations and learn from one another's experiences. It is based on the idea of a traditional library, where individuals can "borrow" a "book" in the form of a person and converse with them about their life experiences, beliefs, and points of view. Recently, the Indian Institute of Management Ranchi recently conducted a Human Library event that brought together students, faculty, and members of the community to share their stories and perspectives with one another...

Source: [Campusvarta, 20 Dec 2022](#)

**In 2022, I decided to get away from screens and read more books. It was wonderful**



The digital age is changing us in ways we would never expect. If you had told me 20 years ago that I would one day stop reading books, I would have said you were crazy. I've always been a reader; from the time I was little, I would hide away somewhere with a book and devour it, often in one sitting. Cut to 2021, when I realized I had only read five books that year, and the previous year, only eight.

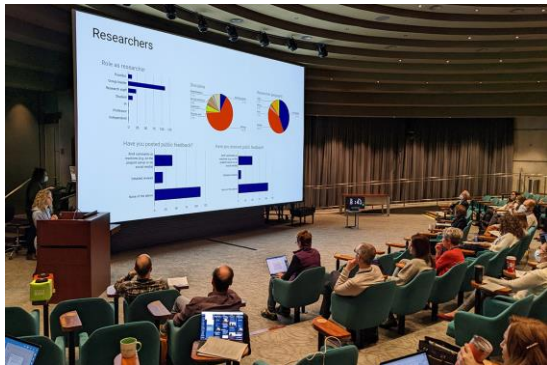
I didn't have to wonder why. I already knew it was my phone. We see our phone's own calculation of how many hours we've spent on it each day, and we can't quite believe it. What? Hours, I realized, that I used to spend reading books. So I made a New Year's resolution for 2022: more books, less phone. I set a goal for myself of 50 books. And I almost made it...

Source: [The Guardian, 19 Dec 2022](#)

### **Researchers push preprint reviews to improve scientific communications**

For decades, peer reviewing technical manuscripts before they were published in a journal was a regular duty for senior scientists. But James Fraser, a structural biologist at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), says he hasn't reviewed a

paper for a journal in years. Instead, Fraser and members of his lab focus on reviewing preprint studies that are posted online whenever authors like, bypassing a journal's peer-review process.



Critiquing preprints offers big advantages over traditional, journal-based peer review, Fraser argues. Authors can get expert feedback more quickly—sometimes in days instead of months—and from a bigger and more diverse pool of reviewers. The process also can be more efficient: Reviewers can focus solely on the quality of the science without worrying about whether a paper is a good fit for a particular journal. And the reviews can be shared with everyone, not just authors and editors. “This is valuable stuff that’s often locked up” in the traditional review process, which at most journals is confidential, he notes...

Source: [Science, 19 Dec 2022](#)

### **Tamil Nadu govt launches 'Friends of Library' programme to promote reading**

The 'Friends of Library' programme, under which books would be directly given to those who are unable to access state-run libraries, was introduced by the Tamil Nadu government on Thursday.

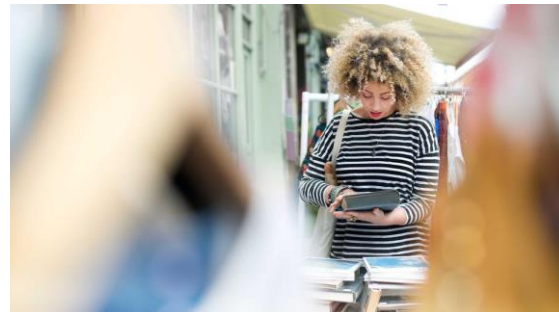


Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi, the school education minister who launched the programme, said that volunteers' services would be employed for this.

As a result, the project will be helpful to people with disabilities, seniors, kids, and hospital in-patients, among others, who are unable to visit a library...

Source: [India Today, 18 Dec 2022](#)

### **CEO Reading List: 5 Books For 2023**



Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis reportedly said that of the “many little ways” to enlarge one’s world, “Love of books is the best of all.” Those words are as prescient now as they were decades ago, and perhaps even more needed.

Beyond the obvious general positives that accrue from reading, there are valuable benefits for leaders, especially in today’s world of nonstop change, geopolitical tensions, and economic volatility. Today business leaders are expected to understand,

and engage in, a much broader set of global issues than they once were, from climate change to diversity and inclusion to social movements. Today, enlarging one's world calls for broadening beyond traditional business literature to a range of genres...

Source: [Forbes, 08 Dec 2022](#)

### **In 21st century of digital technology, libraries need to change: DU vice-chancellor**

The government is going to set up a digitised central library and soon all the libraries in the country will be connected through it, Singh said at the curtain-raiser for the International Conference on Academic Libraries (ICAL-2023).

"The 21st century is the century of digital technology. In this era of ever-changing processes, libraries also need to change," the DU V-C said.

"Universities cannot be imagined without libraries. The changing technology and digital medium have made things accessible to the common man. In such a situation, the physical and digital forms of libraries also have great importance in the lives of teachers and students.

"The government of India is going to set up a digitised central library, through which soon all the libraries of the country will be connected," he added...

Source: [The Print, 06 Dec 2022](#)

### **Watch: Wholesome video of little Anganwadi kids entering library goes viral**



Going to libraries is one of the most common practices carried out in educational institutions across the country. From the younger days, kids are involved in getting used to visiting libraries and reading relevant stuff. Many school-going children also love to spend hours in the library, going through different books and also spending their free time surrounded by books.

Just like going to school for the first time is special, visiting the library is also a similar moment for several students. One such heartwarming moment was witnessed after a group of small kids was spotted visiting the library for the first time...

Source: [Firstpost.com, 28 Nov 2022](#)

### **Ebooks Made Me Fall Back in Love With Reading**



AT THE RISK of sounding like a sanctimonious teenager on Booktok, let me humblebrag for a second: I've read nearly 100 books so far this year.

Turns out it wasn't that hard and didn't cost an arm and a leg. My goal for 2023 is to read 200 books.

As a kid, I was obsessed with reading. I always had my nose between pages, much to the chagrin of my parents, teachers, and anyone trying to have a conversation with me over the dinner table. Like many of my peers, I stopped reading so voraciously as I got older, gradually letting the hobby fall by the wayside. Reading was too much work and not enough fun. In the summer of 2020, my partner gifted me a Kindle, and ebooks have ever since changed my life. None of this is hardly new—the Kindle alone has been around for more than 15 years, and digital books are even older—but it still feels like they're underrated. Allow me to re-introduce their benefits...

Source: [Wired, 21 Nov 2022](#)

### Books to read and skills to learn at READ India Centre



Barack Obama, former president of the United States, once tweeted, "Reading is important. If you know how to read, then the whole world opens up to you." It's a philosophy READ India believes in. As a Trust in 2007, READ (Rural Education and Development) began to set up community libraries and resource centres around the country. They now have 54 centres across 13 states. The newest is in Surul near Santiniketan – Bengal's seat of learning and home to two of our Nobel

Laureates. My Kolkata caught up with Kalpana Dasgupta, a trustee of READ India, who is a former librarian of the National Library of India in Kolkata as well as former director of Central Secretariat Library in New Delhi. She happens to spend at least six months of her year in Santiniketan, and is happy to show us how to read, write (but not really 'rithmetic.)...

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

### Maverick librarian gets little bookworms to blossom



When Savithriram Kanemaradka was transferred to Mandekolu, a remote area in Sullia taluk of Dakshina Kannada, she was struck by the library functioning out of the gram panchayat building.

A librarian by profession, she noticed that it had a sizable number of books, but no takers. She thought up an idea: why not get kids from surrounding villages to read books from the library?

Savithriram visited all the 10 primary schools in the GP limits to create awareness of the library. But even as the kids came, she knew that sustaining their interest would be a challenge.

Thus was born 'Ammanigagi ondu Pustaka' (one book for my mother)...

Source: [Deccan Herald, 16 Oct 2022](#)

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