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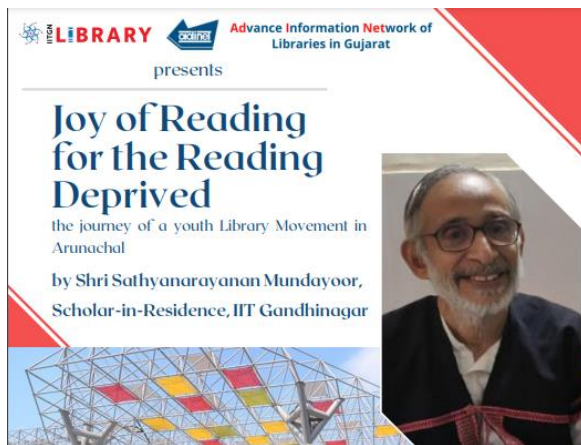
“A great man is different from an eminent one in that he is ready to be the servant of the society.”

—Dr. B R Ambedkar

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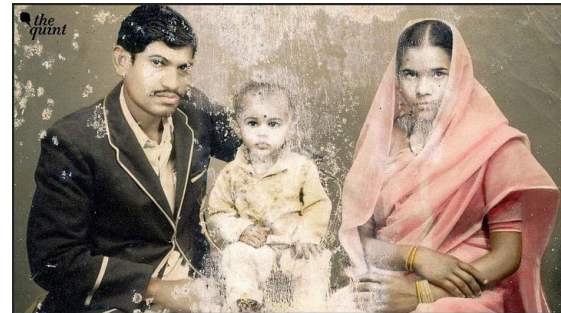
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“Joy of Reading for the Reading Deprived: the journey of a youth Library Movement in Arunachal” a webinar was organized by IIT-Gandhinagar Library in collaboration with ADINET **04 March 2023 (Saturday) at 11:00 am**



The webinar talk by **Shri Sathyanarayanan Mundayoor**, Scholar-in-Residence, IIT-GN was highly motivating. He took the audience on his inspirational journey of working in the remote areas of North East India and narrated his experience through Pictures and Videos of creating interest and reading habits among the local population on the Joy of Reading. The inspiring talk was attended by more than 50 professional from across the country. The presentation can be accessed through the ADINET Website.

Book Excerpt: How Dr BR Ambedkar's Words Helped Me Overcome My Fears



(The following is an edited excerpt from Yogesh Maitreya's new book *Water in a Broken Pot: A Memoir* (Penguin 2023). Encompassing experiences of pain, loneliness, deprivation, alienation, and the political consciousness of his caste identity, this intimately moving memoir is a story of resilience and raw brutality.)

I always wanted to be hugged
Hence mistook their needs for love,
Consequently, abandoned, snubbed
On barren land, barren sky above...

Source: *The Quint*, 14 Apr 2023

Role of AI In Digital Libraries



Artificial Intelligence (AI) has assimilated into our daily lives, revolutionising how we engage with technology and improving the

effectiveness and productivity of our daily activities. Digital libraries are one setting where AI has made a huge difference, altering how we access and use information.

Digital libraries are online collections of electronic resources, which can include articles, books, journals, videos and audio files. Their purpose is to make a large amount of information easily accessible to users. However, due to the vast amount of information available, it can be difficult to organise and manage it effectively. AI can help in this regard by providing tools and techniques to efficiently manage and sort through the information in digital libraries.

Artificial Intelligence also found a way in the Budget 2023. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, in her Budget speech, outlined that India will embark on a vision, called 'Make AI in India' and 'Make AI work for India' and under this Sitharaman proposed the creation of centres of excellence dedicated to AI, which will come up in top education institutes in India...

Source: [BW Education, 13 Apr 2023](#)

How Technologists Can Move From Idea To Published Book: Part 1



Many talented technologists dream of publishing a book someday. They may not know how to begin or how the

publishing process works. With so many avenues for publishing, it can be difficult to know where to start. In this article, I describe the steps needed to identify your idea and take it to the point where you'll have a book proposal you can take to publishers...

Source: [Forbes, 16 Mar 2023](#)

How Technologists Can Move From Idea To Published Book, Part 2



Here in Part 2, I describe the steps you'll take once you have developed your proposal.

Find Publisher Contacts

Publishing companies have employees known as acquisition editors, whose job is to maintain a pipeline of viable book projects for the publishing company. Based on their market research, acquisition editors typically have strategic objectives to find and develop projects for books on specific topics. Better publishers know where the holes are in their portfolios of published books. Acquisition editors will sometimes accept compelling projects outside of these objectives. Or, this may be your lucky day: Your idea might be just what the publisher is looking for...

Source: [Forbes, 13 Apr 2023](#)

Why reading books is good for society, wellbeing and your career



TikTok allows video up to 10 minutes, but says surveys show almost half its users are stressed by anything longer than a minute. An Instagram video can be up to 90 seconds, but experts reckon the ideal time to maximise engagement is less than 15 seconds. Twitter doubled the length of tweets in 2017 to 280 characters, but the typical length is more like 33 characters.

It's easy to get sucked into short and sensational content. But if you're worried this may be harming your attention span, you should be. There's solid evidence that so many demands on our attention make us more stressed, and that the endless social comparison makes us feel worse about ourselves.

For better mental health, read a book...

Source: [The Conversation, 12 Apr 2023](#)

To encourage reading, library set up at a park in Assam's Golaghat



A group of women under the banner of Akhil Bhartiya Marwari Mahila Sammelan have set up a library in the middle of a park in Assam's Golaghat district to inculcate the culture of book reading among youths of the state.

In this modern digital age, where teenagers can be seen importing time on social media, these women have come up with a unique initiative to revive the book-reading culture....

Source: [ANI, 10 Apr 2023](#)

Goa State Library Policy to be formulated



In a bid to preserve the personal book collection of eminent writers for national posterity, the Goa government will be formulating the Goa State Library Policy. The government has reconstituted a state level committee of prominent writers, educationists and library professionals to frame and finalize the guidelines for the policy.

"The committee shall meet as and when required to discuss and finalize the guidelines for 'Goa State Library Policy'. The term of the committee is extended for further period of one year with effect from January 12, 2023 to January 11, 2024 or till the committee submits its final guidelines, whichever is earlier," the notification read....

Source: [The Times of India, 08 Apr 2023](#)

AI Adoption And Reading Habits: How Companies Can Encourage Deep Reading



Your digitally enabled workforce is swimming in communication at every turn. From email, Slack, Jira and back, there is no end to the volume of text and data corporate employees are tasked with reading. Is it any surprise that our reading habits have changed dramatically over the last decade?

It turns out the modern workforce tends to skim and skip rather than read deeply for comprehension and introspection. Many digital influences, from our habitual scrolling through social media to the frantic pace of all-day meetings, have trained employees to minimize diligent reading and thorough comprehension practices...

Source: [Forbes, 04 Apr 2023](#)

Plagiarism tool gets a ChatGPT detector – some schools don't want it

Plagiarism detection software that is already screening the work of more than 62 million students worldwide is getting a major upgrade to detect AI-generated writing – though some universities say they don't want it.



This comes several months after the release of the AI chatbot ChatGPT that can generate entire essays prompted major US school districts and universities around the world to ban its use...

Source: [New Scientist, 03 Apr 2023](#)
(Access by Subscription)

11 Early Reading Habits That Make Young Kids Love Books



How parents read to babies, toddlers, and preschoolers can have a huge impact on how much they love reading and how readily they learn to read on their own one day. Here, simple steps you can take at bedtime tonight...

Source: [Reader's Digest, 27 Mar 2023](#)

AI makes plagiarism harder to detect, argue academics – in paper written by chatbot



An academic paper entitled Chatting and Cheating: Ensuring Academic Integrity in the Era of ChatGPT was published this month in an education journal, describing how artificial intelligence (AI) tools “raise a number of challenges and concerns, particularly in relation to academic honesty and plagiarism”.

What readers – and indeed the peer reviewers who cleared it for publication – did not know was that the paper itself had been written by the controversial AI chatbot ChatGPT.

“We wanted to show that ChatGPT is writing at a very high level,” said Prof Debby Cotton, director of academic practice at Plymouth Marjon University, who pretended to be the paper’s lead author. “This is an arms race,” she said. “The technology is improving very fast and it’s going to be difficult for universities to outrun it”...

Source: [The Guardian, 19 Mar 2023](#)

"Great Boon": Startup CEO Shares How Access To Indian Railway's Library Contributed To His Success

Ruchit G Garg, the chief executive of Harvesting Farmer Network, took To Twitter to share how access to Indian Railway's library contributed to his success story. Mr. Garg, whose mother worked as a clerk for the railway's library, said he was able to

read books and magazines that "were out of our reach."

Sharing a picture of the library, he wrote, "When I lost my father about 35 years ago, my mom started working as a clerk for Indian railway's library, meant for executives/staff. We had very little means, could not afford much including books... I would sneak in to read all possible things I was interested in..."



Source: [NDTV, 17 Mar 2023](#)



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