

Digital Library News

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NatWest Group India and ISDM Unveil Digital Library for the Social Sector

Indian School of Development Management (ISDM), in partnership with NatWest Group India, has launched the NatWest Library which is available in both digital and physical form with the physical set-up at the ISDM's NCR campus. It is an effort to bring together carefully curated knowledge on a wide range of Development and Management topics that will have a far-reaching impact for social purpose organisations (SPOs), professionals, researchers, academicians, and students alike. As per the release, the library will deliver access to various open access and subscribed online databases, newspapers, journals, magazines, and millions of eBooks via a single access platform.

Details available at <<https://www.financialexpress.com/education-2/natwest-group-india-and-isdm-unveil-digital-library-for-the-social-sector/3126652/>>

Spaces Underneath Delhi flyovers to be Converted into Charging Stations, Libraries, Parks

Delhi's Public Works Department (PWD) has come up with a plan to convert spaces below flyovers across the city into charging stations, libraries and parks to prevent encroachment by the homeless or misuse by antisocial elements.

PWD Special Secretary Mr Shashanka Ala has sought details of flyovers and ideas from all the district magistrates who have also been asked to hold consultations with RWAs and come up with an idea suitable for each area by 16 June 2023.

Details available at <<https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/g20-summit-delhi-flyovers-8660093/>>

Mobile Library for Primary Students of MCD Schools Inaugurated

A mobile library equipped with laptops, internet connectivity and a wide range of digital resources for primary students of Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) schools was inaugurated on 19 April 2023. It has been donated by Chegg India in collaboration with SEEDS, a non-profit organization. The library has digital content to enhance the students' learning capacity. The bus is equipped with modern computers, internet connectivity, and a wide range of digital resources such as videos, games, and interactive tools, providing a complete learning experience for children. The initiative includes training programs for government school teachers to improve their digital teaching skills and make the most of the resources provided on the bus.

Details available at <<https://theprint.in/india/mobile-library-for-primary-students-of-mcd-schools-inaugurated/1528058/>>

Digital Library System e-Granthalaya Implemented in 100+ Uttarakhand Universities

The 'e-Granthalaya' portal has been linked to over 100 higher educational institutions in Uttarakhand, providing online access to course books and research papers in various subjects for 1.9 lakh students and faculty members. Higher Education Minister Mr Dhan Singh Rawat stated that the state is on track to achieve 100% digitisation of higher education in the near future. Currently, 115 higher educational institutions are connected to the portal, with 1.9 lakh registered users benefitting from easy online access to their course materials and research papers. Mr Rawat expressed his satisfaction with this development, saying that students in Uttarakhand will no longer have to struggle due to book shortages.

Details available at <<https://www.indiatoday.in/education-today/news/story/digital-library-system-e-granthalaya-implemented-in-100-uttarakhand-universities-2359036-2023-04-12>>

AP Government to Set Up 10,960 Digital Libraries Soon

The Government of Andhra Pradesh has announced that all villages in the state will soon have access to 10,960 digital libraries, at a cost of ₹450 crore. The initiative is part of the government's efforts to improve access to education and technology in rural areas. Mr M Mandapati Seshagiri Rao, Chairman of Andhra Pradesh Grandhalaya Parishad, announced this initiative during a meeting with state library officials. The first digital library has already been established in Kadapa, and the government plans to establish a total of 10,960 digital libraries in the state.

Details available at <<https://www.indiatoday.in/education-today/news/story/ap-govt-to-set-up-10960-digital-libraries-in-the-state-soon-2352846-2023-03-29>>

Bibliophiles Cheer as Lucknow's Oldest Library Goes Digital

Now the treasure trove of more than 80,000 digitised books and 27,000 e-magazines of Lucknow's 153-year-old Amir-ud-Daula library are available for free on <https://lucknowdigitallibrary.com>. Also, the content is available on a mobile app Lucknow Digital Library. The transformation of the city's oldest library was made possible under Smart City's digitization project at an outlay of ₹1.07 crore. These books/manuscripts are available in 48 genres from science, arts, economics to languages, history, religion and law, music, culture, war, mathematics etc. They are in almost all Indian languages and foreign languages like French and German. As per records, the library is host to some rare books like Turkish history (1687), International Policy Essays on the Foreign Relations of England (1884), Modern Hinduism (1887) and Hindu Religion (1899). Similarly, hundreds of manuscripts in Tadpatra and Bhojpatra in Sanskrit, Prakrit and Pali dating back to 2nd century have also been also digitized.

Details available at <<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/lucknow/bibliophiles-cheer-as-lucknows-oldest-library-goes-digital/articleshowprint/98242122.cms>>

Digital Library that Is All Set to Transform the Lives of Rural Students, Including Visually Impaired, in Bidar

With 4,600 books, Braille material, four computers, a laptop and television, this digital library set up in a village in Bidar district, Karnataka is all set to transform the lives of children. The digital library, with internet and digital accessibility with pre-recorded audio books, established under Oduva Belaku (Light of Reading) Scheme in Aliyabad Gram Panchayat in

Bidar district, quietly beckons students with reading interest. The library is housed in a government primary school at Aliyabad. It has become a beacon of hope for many, especially those who are seriously preparing for competitive examinations.

Details available at <<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/karnataka/digital-library-that-is-all-set-to-transform-the-lives-of-rural-students-including-visually-impaired-in-bidar/article66536877.ece>>

Budget 2023: National Digital Library to Be Set Up for children, adolescents

The Centre will set up a National Digital Library for children and youth to facilitate access to quality books across subjects, Finance Minister

Nirmala Sitharaman said on 1 February 2023 while presenting the Union Budget for 2023-24. National Digital Library of India (NDLI) is a virtual repository of learning resources which is not just a repository with search/browse facilities but provides a host of services for the learner community. It is sponsored and mentored by Ministry of Education through its National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT). The government had announced setting up of National Digital University in the last budget to resolve the problem of limited access to seats within the higher education ecosystem.

Details available at <<https://www.livemint.com/technology/tech-news/budget-2023-national-digital-library-to-be-set-up-for-children-adolescents-11675249305287.html>>

