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Jalandhar Gets Integrated Command and Control Centre, Digital Library

Jalandhar Local Bodies Minister Dr Inderbir Singh Nijjar on 4 December 2022 inaugurated the Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) and launched digitalization of Guru Nanak Library under the Smart City Mission and the Public Works Integrated Management System portal in the city. In a unique initiative, the Minister unveiled Shri Guru Nanak Dev Public Digital Library. He said that the INR1.99 crore digital library comprises 20 desktop touch-screen computers and a web portal freely accessible for the citizens. Users of the digital library will have access to more than 50,000 e-books 5000+ premium books in English Hindi, Punjabi, and other regional languages and 25,000 Indian and International e-journals.

Source: Details available at <<https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/jalandhar/city-gets-integrated-command-control-centre-digital-library-422150>>

Digital Storytelling Platform Pratilipi to Offer Indian language E-books via Flipkart

Digital storytelling platform Pratilipi on 2 December 2022 announced a distribution tie-up with Walmart-owned e-commerce marketplace Flipkart to expand its user base in hinterlands of India. Through this partnership, Flipkart

will offer fiction and non-fiction e-books across multiple genres in 12 Indian languages. Pratilipi said that the larger vision with this collaboration is to eventually create a strong ecosystem of regional literature across various formats with amateur as well as established authors from its ecosystem that includes Pratilipi Comics, Westland Books, and IVM Podcasts among others.

Source: Details available at <<https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/business/startup/digital-storytelling-platform-pratilipi-to-offer-indian-language-e-books-via-flipkart-9639621.html>>

IIT Kharagpur Launches National Digital Library (NDLI) for Students

IIT Kharagpur has created a state-of-art National Digital Library (NDLI) for students consisting of various subjects. The library has more than 1.7 crore content for students to avail the priceless facility for academic knowledge. The library would act as a virtual repository of learning resources providing services for the learner community. The NDLI majorly consists of diverse resources such as books, audio books along with important video lectures and presentations. Students will be able to access lecture notes as well as necessary question papers and solutions. All the educational resources range from primary to postgraduate levels.

Source: Details available at <<https://analyticsindiamag.com/iit-kharagpur-launches-national-digital-library-ndli-for-students/>>

Telangana State Archives and Research Institute to Become Digital

The Telangana State Archives and Research Institute will soon launch a digital library, making it possible for students, researchers, historians, and history aficionados to easily access its archives. The digital library will initially make available the former Hyderabad Secretariat files from 1896, departmental records of GAD, Home, and from 1890 to 1947, as well as Persian archives including jagirs, land grant transactions, and Army records belonging to the Nizam period. After that, the digital library will house a startling 1.55 lakh historical documents from the Shah Jahan and Aurangzeb eras.

Source: Details available at <<https://telanganatoday.com/telangana-state-archives-and-research-institute-to-go-digital>>

Over 500 Libraries to Get Digital Boost in Tamil Nadu Soon

In a first across the country, 152 virtual reality devices worth INR65.54 lakh have been introduced in 76 libraries across Tamil Nadu. This aims to give readers an enhanced reading experience and also attract children into the world of books. The directorate of public libraries additionally plans to provide internet connection at all the libraries, introduce digital library facilities in 500 libraries based on footfall and also start doorstep delivery of books. The directorate is also planning to introduce digital libraries in 500 libraries across the State. At present, only Anna Centenary library has a digital library with more than 3,000 books. However, this is still in the discussion stage and funds will be allocated soon, said the officials.

Source: Details available at <<https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/tamil-nadu/2022/nov/14/over-500-libraries-to-get-digital-boost-in-tamil-nadusoon-2518051.html>>

Rajasthan Approves INR36 Crore to Set Up Digital Libraries in Schools

The Government of Rajasthan has sanctioned INR36.56 crore to set up digital libraries in 344 residential schools across the state, as per an official statement. Furthermore, Chief Minister Mr Ashok Gehlot approved the amount in compliance with the announcement made during the discussion of the Finance and Appropriation Bill 2022/23, the statement added. The statement further added that in view of the importance of digital learning in today's scenario, Gehlot had announced the financial provision for digital libraries and other necessary facilities for classes 9 to 12 in residential educational institutes and selected schools under various departments.

Source: Details available at <<https://www.financialexpress.com/education-2/rajasthan-36-crore-digital-library-schools-schools/2745111/>>

More than 4000 Digital Libraries to be Established in Andhra Pradesh

The Andhra Pradesh Education Minister Mr Botcha Satyanarayana on 14 September 2022 said more than 4000 digital libraries would be established in the state, and each village secretariat would be equipped with one digital library. Addressing a review meeting with the chairpersons, secretaries and officials associated with district libraries, the Minister said development of libraries was crucial for development of the education sector. He directed the officials to focus on development of libraries in every district.

Source: Details available at <<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/andhra-pradesh/more-than-4000-digital-libraries-to-be-established-in-andhra-pradesh/article65890977.ece>>

Delhi Government Launches India's First Virtual School, Invites Admission Applications

Delhi Chief Minister Mr Arvind Kejriwal on 31 August 2022 launched India's first virtual school—Delhi Model Virtual School—affiliated with the Delhi Board of School Education. As per the announcement, the school has been launched for children who cannot go to school physically for any reasons. The facility will also be used for preparing students for competitive exams like JEE, NEET, and CUET. To access the platform, students will be provided an ID and password using which they can login and attend classes. The platform will also provide facilities like digital library, recorded lectures, etc.

Source: Details available at <<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/india/delhi-government-launches-virtual-schools-invites-admission-applications/articleshow/93897622.cms>>

Mumbai: Tata Hospital to Set Up National Digital Library

With the aim of collating patients' records in all the 270 hospitals across India under the National Cancer Grid (NCG), the Tata Memorial Hospital (TMH) has decided to set up a national digital library in its building, which will be the main hub for all data records. The TMH signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Koita Centre for Digital Oncology (KCDO) on 26 August 2022. The Koita Foundation will help further digitalize medical records by introducing artificial intelligence, which will provide better treatment accessibility to patients. This will help to create a data bank of the patients suffering from different types of cancer across India which will help in research and policy-making.

Source: Details available at <<https://www.freepressjournal.in/mumbai/mumbai-tata-hospital-to-set-up-national-digital-library>>

Cabinet Approves Widening access of the Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) Database to Users, Besides Patent Offices

The Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the 'Widening access of the Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) database to users, besides patent offices'. The opening up of the TKDL database to users is an ambitious and forward-looking action by the Government of India. This will be a new dawn for Indian traditional knowledge, as the TKDL will drive research and development, and innovation based on India's valued heritage across diverse fields. The opening up of the TKDL is also envisaged to inculcate thought and knowledge leadership through Bharatiya Gnana Parampara, under the New Education Policy 2020.

Source: Details available at <<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1852528#:~:text=The%20Cabinet%20chaired%20by%20the,%20the%20Government%20of%20India>>

National Virtual Library of India Has a Total of About 3.04 Lakh Digital Artefacts, Informs Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy

"The National Virtual Library of India has a total of about 3.04 lakh digital artefacts and more than 34.91 lakh bibliographic entries." This information was provided by Union Minister of Culture, Mr G. Kishan Reddy in the Rajya Sabha on 4 August 2022. The Union Minister further informed that the Ministry ensures that all its organizations hand over both bibliographical and digital resources to the National Virtual Library of India for integration on the Indian Culture Portal regularly. The portal, <<https://>

indianculture.gov.in> is available in the public domain. The content on the portal is presented in 18 curated categories, namely, Rare Books, E-books, Archives, Gazettes and Gazetteers, Manuscripts, Museum Collections, Paintings, Audios, Intangible Cultural Heritage, Photo Archives, Images, Videos, Content from UNESCO, Research Papers, Indian National Bibliography, Reports and Proceedings, Union Catalogues, and other Catalogues.

Source: Details available at <<https://newsonair.com/2022/08/05/national-virtual-library-of-india-has-a-total-of-about-3-04-lakh-digital-artefacts-informs-union-minister-g-kishan-reddy/>>

Flying colours: a digital feather library for Indian birds is taking off

A digital feather library has just been fluffed out. It contains high-resolution images of wings and feathers from at least 50 species, with more being

added. Alongside each colourful spread, viewers can find details of the bird's weight, body length, beak width, etc, along with the date, location and cause of death. A first-of-its-kind repository for Indian birds, the aim is to aid avian research and help in the niche field of feather transplants. The resource is accessible to the public free, and aims to also help birders identify species they've spotted. <Featherlibrary.com> was launched on 15 November 2021 and will act as a reference point for feather transplants. Based on availability, actual feathers can also be drawn from the library.

Source: Details available at <<https://www.hindustantimes.com/lifestyle/art-culture/flying-colours-a-digital-feather-library-for-indian-birds-is-taking-off-101658492249859.html>>