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Digital Library News 10,000 Books in Over 100 Languages: all you need to know about digital library

NDTV, 4 June 2024

The National Book Trust (NBT) and the Department of School Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India, have signed an MoU to establish an institutional framework for the Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya Digital Library Platform. By providing over 1,000 non-academic books from over 40 reputable publishers in 22+ languages in addition to English, this innovative digital library endeavours to cultivate a passion for reading among Indian children and youth. The library will serve readers between the ages of three and eighteen, who will be divided into four age categories in accordance with the NEP 2020 guidelines.

Source <https://www.ndtv.com/education/10-000-books-in-over-100-languages-all-you-need-to-know-about-digital-library-5814685>

India-US CEO Forum working group launches knowledge-sharing platform

Business Standard, 28 May 2024

The dialogue also saw the launch of Prakshepan, an innovation Hackathon, and Cybersecurity & AI Capacity Building and Skilling Workshops for

MSMEs and startups. The platform was launched in partnership with United Services Institute (USI) and CyberPeace Foundation, during the dialogue on inclusive growth, unlocking trade, empowering Startups and MSMEs in the Digital Age at USI.

Source https://www.business-standard.com/external-affairs-defence-security/news/india-us-ceo-forum-working-group-launches-knowledge-sharing-platform-124052801988_1.html

WIPO Treaty, a big win for India and Global South

Press Information Bureau, 26 May 2024

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) treaty on intellectual property, Genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge, is a significant win for countries of the Global South and for India, which is a mega biodiversity hotspot with abundance of traditional knowledge, and wisdom. The global IP system has now incorporated the system of knowledge and wisdom that has sustained economies, societies, and cultures for centuries for the first time.

Source <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseframePage.aspx?PRID=2021716>

Ninety-two per cent of knowledge workers in India use AI at work as compared to the global figure of 75%

Mint, 16 May 2024

India Inc. is witnessing a transformative shift, with a staggering 92% of knowledge workers across diverse sectors actively integrating artificial intelligence (AI) tools into their daily workflows, compared to the global average of 75%, according to a joint study by internet giant Microsoft and professional networking platform LinkedIn. Notably, 72% of AI employees are proactively bringing their own AI solutions to work, rather than relying solely on company-provided resources to enhance productivity. In comparison, the global average for AI workers embracing Bring Your Own Artificial Intelligence (BYOAI) stands at 78%.

Source <https://www.livemint.com/ai/artificial-intelligence/92-of-knowledge-workers-in-india-use-ai-at-work-as-compared-to-the-global-figure-of-75-11715855147404.html>

How a Hyderabad organization helped establish over 600 libraries in India

The Hindu, 21 March 2024

Hyderabad's Food4Thought Foundation, which originated as a voluntary donation of literature, has since assisted in the establishment of libraries throughout India and aims to establish 1,000 libraries by 2025. Food4Thought Foundation, based in Hyderabad, was established in 2015 with the purpose of facilitating the donation of books from individuals who have unused books on their shelf to educational institutions and persons in need of books to establish tiny libraries.

Source <https://www.thehindu.com/books/hyderabad-food4thought-foundation-helped-establish-over-600-libraries-across-india-targets-1000-by-2025/article67890937.ece>

Twelve research organizations launch AI Knowledge Consortium in India

The Hindu, 8 March 2024

Twelve research institutions and think tanks have joined forces to establish the Artificial Intelligence Knowledge Consortium (AIKC) in India, "dedicated to championing [a] multi-stakeholder approach to AI governance," the bodies announced on 8 March 2024. "As AI becomes an integral part of our daily lives, the AIKC recognizes responsible business practices and comprehensive societal oversight are dual imperatives," the organizations said in an announcement. The AIKC's secretariat will be housed at Koan Advisory, a private consultancy that advises foreign firms on entering the Indian market.

Source <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/12-research-organisations-launch-ai-knowledge-consortium-in-india/article67926313.ece>

Indian-American NGOs launch \$1 million fund to establish digital libraries in underserved communities

Deccan Herald, 21 February 2024

Indian- American non-profit organisations in the US have announced the start of a \$1 million (Rs 8.29 crores) fund to establish digital libraries in underserved communities in India. Christened 'Project Umeed', the groundbreaking initiative to promote education and digital literacy in rural India is being launched in partnership with Teach for Life, India Development and Relief Fund (IDRF), Guru Krupa Foundation and SM Sehgal Foundation.

Source <https://www.deccanherald.com/world/indian-american-ngos-launch-1-million-fund-to-establish-digital-libraries-in-underserved-communities-2903290>

KK Handiqui Library of Gauhati University declared best in India

The Times of India, 2 February 2024

The KK Handiqui Library of Gauhati University has been awarded the 'Best University Library in India' by the Indian Library Association (ILA).

Dr Prasanta Kumar Deka, received the award at the inaugural session of the 69th Annual International Conference of the ILA. With a record of incredible services from hoarding

a whopping 2,82,701 books, 35,995 bound periodicals, 6,268 theses, 7,801 dissertations and 4,500 manuscripts and a huge collection of reference books, almanac, encyclopedias, dictionaries, popular magazines and newspapers, the KKHL has been excelling in its technical services as well.

Source <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/guwahati/kk-handiqui-library-of-gauhati-university-best-university-library-in-india/articleshowprint/107350882.cms>