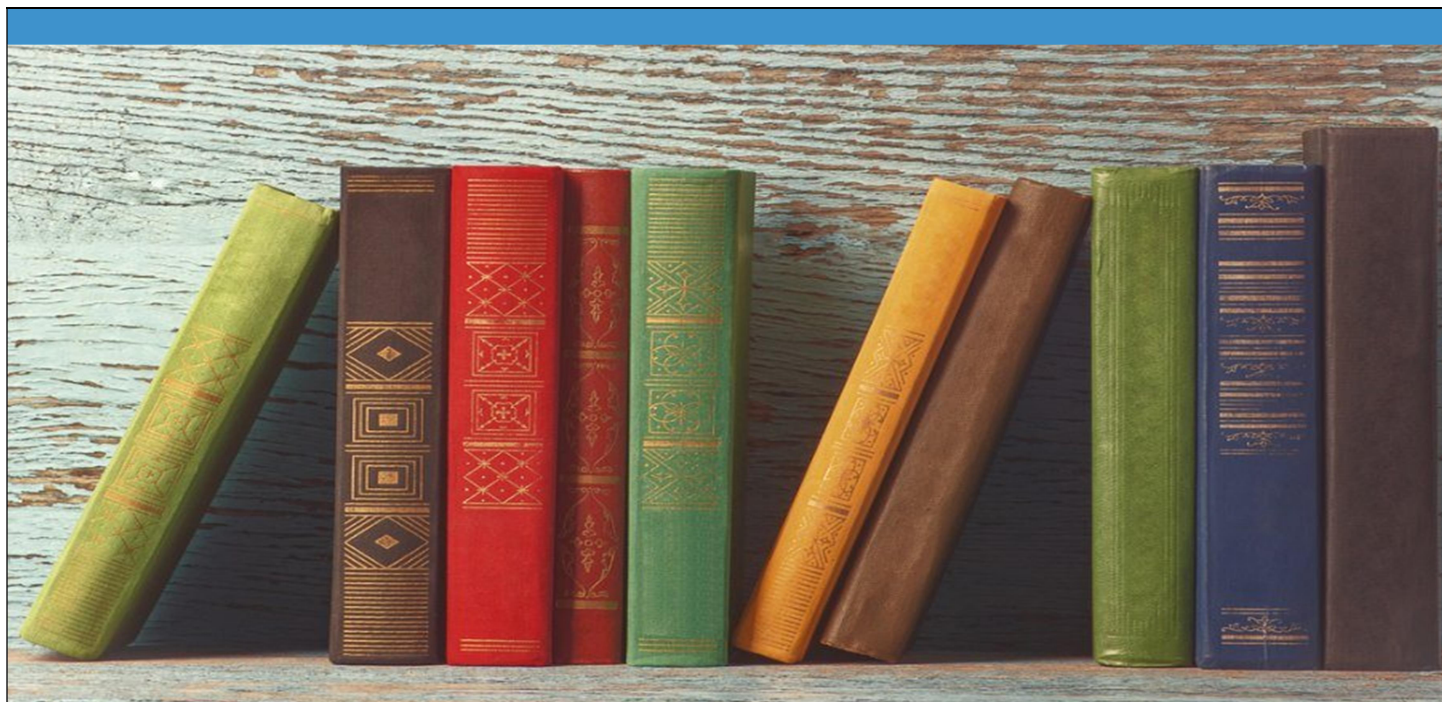




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## INDIA'S FIRST SPACE MUSEUM INAUGURATED IN HYDERABAD

With interest in space among public zooming up courtesy the successful flight of the Chandrayaan-2 mission to the moon, India's first Space Science Museum opened in Hyderabad. Located on the erstwhile Naubat Pahad in the centre of the city, it's a collaborative effort between the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) and the B M Birla Science Centre.

The B M Birla Science Centre has given 9000 square feet of space in its Science Museum building. There is already the popular Planetarium, a marble white temple, and a Dinosaur museum among others on the twin hillocks.

The ISRO on its part is providing some 65 models of various spacecrafts, satellites and rockets of varying sizes. This museum exhibits scale models of Indian Launch vehicles GSLV Mark III, GSLV Mark II and PSLV, Chandrayaan-1, Mars Orbiter spacecraft, APPLE, Aryabhata, Bhaskara, Rohini RS-1 and a model of the International Space Station (ISS).

At present, 24 exhibits are on display to encourage young minds to explore Space Science and Technology. There would be a section on the diverse range of images sent back by the Indian Remote Sensing satellites on the countries natural resources and how utilisation of the

imagery is being done to tap them for development purposes.

The opening of the Space Museum recently has been timed with the golden jubilee year of the Birla Archaeological and Cultural Research Institute (BACRI). The Governor of the State of Telangana, ESL Narasimhan inaugurated it in the presence of Nirmala Birla, Chairman of the BACRI and CK Birla, Chairman of the CK Birla Group and BG Sidharth, Director of the Science Centre..

Among the biggest models on display would be the giant GSLV Rocket which would be approximately 60 feet tall. Incidentally, the GSLV (Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle), Mark 3 version has powered the launch of the Chandrayaan Mission of the ISRO on July 22 to land on the lunar surface on September 7.

Then there will be models of other rockets like the PSLV (Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle), which is the most successful launcher of smaller payloads into the near earth orbits with nearly 40 straight successes in a row.

One of the most exciting features would be a special enclosure in which visitors can directly get in touch with India's Antarctic Space Station (Dakshin Gangotri) in real time.

Source: Business Line <https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/national/indias-first-space-museum-inaugurated-in-hyderabad/article29091715.ece>

## E-LIBRARY APP RECEIVES ENCOURAGING RESPONSE IN BELAGAVI

The 'E-Library' app that the state government launched came to the rescue of many book lovers in the times of Covid-19, providing them access to not just one but various libraries across Karnataka. Consequently, people who downloaded the app were able to browse bookshelves in government libraries across Karnataka while seated at home. The app has certainly received an overwhelming response in Belagavi, with 11,000 book lovers downloading it.

The department of public libraries launched the application in March but very few users downloaded the app in the weeks immediately after its launch. However, growing awareness and the extended lockdown resulted in patronage for the app increasing, particularly after users learnt that it gave access to books in all public libraries. With 11,000 downloads, Belagavi stands sixth in the state in the number of users for the app: 'E-Sarvajanika Granthalaya'.

Users can access, in addition to a whopping 38,024 books, 5,829 videos, 59,990 e-journals. Moreover, there are more than 5,800 books and other study material for the children. Each public library - there are 10 in the district - in Belagavi has been provided with two computers and four tablets. Visitors to the library can use these devices to read the books they like.

Sidram Kurabet, who is keen on writing the Karnataka Administrative Services (KAS) exam, said that he was able to prepare for the key test while at home. "But for the app, I would not have been able to study for the exam with the public libraries being closed," Kurabet said.

Deputy director of the district and central library Ramayya G said that the initiative helped the tech-savvy readers of the present generation. "Even elderly citizens who cannot step out of their homes can read books of their choice on their phones or tablets. Several students have utilised the application extensively," Ramayya said

Source: Times of India: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/hubballi/e-library-app-receives-encouraging-response-in-belagavi/articleshow/78339490.cms>

## KOLKATA TO GET TRAM LIBRARY

In a first of its kind, Kolkata is all set to get a tram library, a top official said on Wednesday. The specially designed tram library will have books and magazines, including those on competitive examinations such as the civil services, WBCS, GRE or GMAT in order to attract readers from various educational institutions along its route, West Bengal Transport Corporation (WBTC) managing director Rajanvir Singh Kapur said.

The tram library, which will be inaugurated on Thursday, will travel regularly between Shyambazar and Esplanade, traversing 4.5 km through the city's education hub -- College Street, Kapur said. There are at least 30 educational institutions along or near its route, including the Calcutta University and Presidency University, Scottish Church College, Hindu School, Hare School and the Calcutta Girls' School.

"The tram library, being introduced by the WBTC that oversees India's only functional tramways, is a special tram with books, magazines, which can be read while travelling on the tram," Kapur said.

The tramcar will also have free wifi and will help passengers read e-books apart from laying their hands on books in the library, he said, adding that the collection will be updated regularly.

"We are also planning book reading sessions, book launches and literary festivals in the tram library in the future," the official said, terming the project as a dream come true that will give a new dimension to the city's electric tram service, which is in existence since 1902.

Source: Times of India <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/life-style/books/features/kolkata-to-get-tram-library/articleshow/78310572.cms>

## NO TAKERS FOR DELHI LIBRARIES WITHOUT CHILDREN

Amid the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, private libraries across the national capital have lost their prime audience -- children who used to throng there in huge numbers. One such instance of a private library without any takers for its books can be observed in New Delhi's Sultanpuri where Nand Kishore, owner of 'Talk a lot Library,' says he suffered huge losses in the last six months owing to Covid-19 even to the extent of being unable to repay the loan for his private library. "Our source of employment was taken away due to which I was upset. Our library rent is not waived off and the library is still closed," he added.

The private libraries in Delhi wear an empty look during the corona pandemic due to lack of students visiting them. In Unlock 4.0, the children have now started coming slowly but the lively atmosphere that used to be there with the presence of children inside the library is now a bleak shadow of the past.

However, hundreds of private libraries have been opened at places like Mukherjee Nagar, Laxmi Nagar, Karol Bagh, Gandhi Vihar, Old Rajinder Nagar and South Delhi in the national capital.

Students avail of the facility to study in these libraries by paying a fee. They also prepare for their upcoming exams. However, ever since the spread of the coronavirus infection, there has been a lull in these libraries.

Source Times of India: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/education/news/no-takers-for-delhi-libraries-without-children/articleshow/78253161.cms>

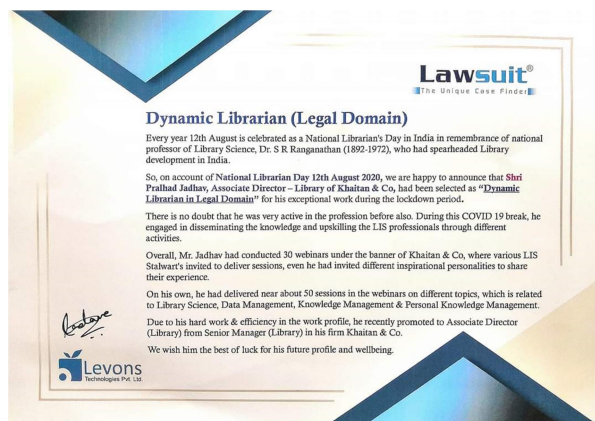
Nand Kishore told IANS, "Only those students who are going to appear for their upcoming exams are visiting the libraries and we are charging them 50 per cent fee."

According to Kishore's estimate, "Delhi may have nearly 2,500 private libraries. Through these libraries, students get a place to study and we get employment. Nothing can be done unless the government gives permission." Apart from these libraries, there were nearly 150 libraries in Delhi considered to be premier, including some in the government sector.

Mahesh Kumar Arora, assistant information officer, Delhi Public Library which comes under under the Ministry of Culture, told IANS, "Our library is government-owned and all government guidelines were duly followed. We have started 'limited services' in the library from June 1." Arora said, "Children are not allowed to come inside the library nor are they able to sit and study so we have made books available for them online. We have also waived the children's fines in the past. However, right now some children are visiting the library who leave the premises with books."

There are nearly 150 libraries in Delhi which can actually be called libraries. Otherwise so-called libraries are opened in homes where money is charged from children in exchange for service, Arora added.

## Dynamic Librarian (Legal Domain) Award 2020



On account of Librarian's Day 12th August 2020, Lawsuit from Levons Technologies Pvt. Ltd introduced the Dynamic Librarian (Legal Domain) Award 2020, which was conferred to Shri Pralhad Jadhav, Associate Director, Khaitan & Company for the year 2020. The selection was made on the basis of different qualities such as activeness, hardworking, and experience and through social media and professional forum platforms.

## WORLD'S FIRST SCIENTOON BOOK

Cartoons are most effective at communicating with human beings. They not only tickle us but are also capable of delivering tough messages in a simple, subtle and riveting manner. Human mind is hard wired to take their messages on board ahead of other forms of communication. A 'scientoon' is a cartoon communication based on science. Scientoons are meant to inform and sensitize people to science and scientific concepts in an intelligible and interesting way.

World's first scientoon book entitled "Bye Bye Corona", written by 'scientoonist' Dr Pradeep Srivastava, former Senior Principal Scientist at CSIR-Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI), Lucknow, was released today at a function held at Raj Bhawan, Lucknow, by Ms. Anandi Ben, Governor, Uttar Pradesh. The book is published by Vigyan Prasar, an autonomous agency under the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Govt. of India. Dr Nakul Parashar, Director, Vigyan Prasar, and Nimish Kapoor, scientist and head of publication division, Vigyan Prasar, are the chief editor and editor of the book.

The 220 pages book contains comprehensive information on novel coronavirus pandemic, its symptoms and its prevention through precautions. 'Bye Bye Corona' also has a very interesting chapter on the 'Art of Living with Coronavirus' highlighting the methods to deal with the virus in day to day life if it is here to stay for a longer time. The Book offers a perspective insight into the intricacies of the deadly pandemic without scaring the reader.

"The basic purpose of this book is to make people aware of COVID-19 in an engaging way. I drew few scientoons and posted them on my facebook. Dr Nakul Parashar (Director, Vigyan Prasar) noticed them and tossed the idea of developing a book of scientoon on coronavirus. I planned for a 50 pages book initially, as I was working single handedly on the project. After having realized the vastness

of the subject, I decided to seek toon contribution from more people. The final version of the book has 220 pages" said Dr Pradeep Srivastava, the author. Other than him, seven students scientoonists namely Ms. Lakiesha Inacia Coelho E Costa, Ms. Da Costa Maria Scimran Blossom, Ms. Priyanka Shanke, Ms Samaradini Paigankar, Ms. Selcea Savia Da Costa and Mr. Prathamesh P. Shetgaonkar from Parvati Bai Chowgule College, Madgaon, Goa, also contributed to the book. Another contributor is Vishal Mulia, a school teacher in Gujarat. "Post its launch in India, the book would soon be released in Brazil under Brazil-India Network program and would possibly be translated into Portuguese language" informed Dr Srivastava.

"Pictorial display of a fact or fiction has always been one of the most powerful medium of retaining the attention of a reader. In a number of graphical representations of communication that assist the reader, cartoons have always been preferred. In the domain of scientoon, Dr Pradeep Srivastava's Bye Bye Corona stands apart with a topic so relevant that ardently requires cartoon form. A collection of science toons at a very relevant point. Indeed, a well awaited title!" said Dr Nakul Parashar, Director, Vigyan Prasar.

"Vigyan Prasar is actively publishing popular science books and Bye Bye Corona is a timely publication to understand the pandemic through cartoon characters. Awareness is the best tool for prevention, which in turn is the best way to save us from this pandemic" observed Nimish Kapoor, Head, Publication Division, Vigyan Prasar.

It is further planned to make a 3D version of this book, so as to facilitate its multi lingual adaptation across India and abroad. The scientoon book 'Bye Bye Corona' is expected to help create wider awareness about COVID-19 cutting across age, language, and national boundaries.

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