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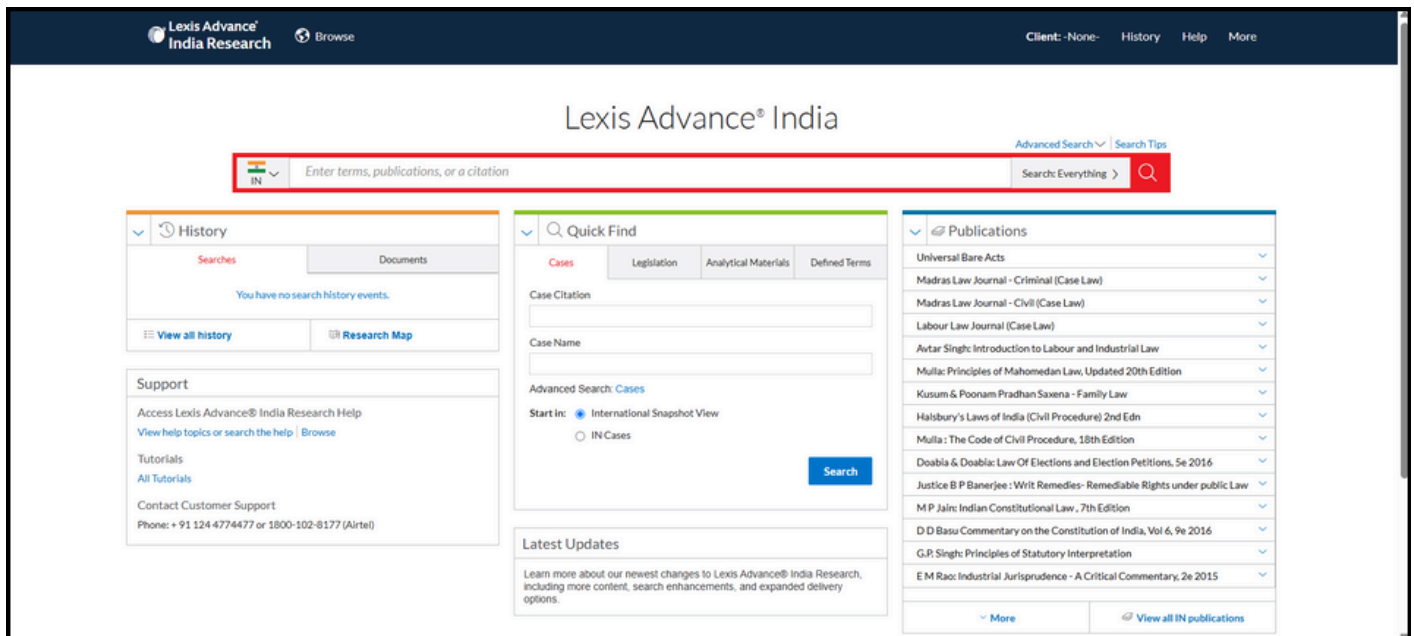
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LEXIS NEXIS

LEXIS NEXIS (HOME PAGE SECTION)

Lexis Advance® India Research is an advanced legal research platform that provides access to a vast collection of Indian and international legal materials. It is designed for law students, faculty, and professionals to conduct comprehensive research on case law, legislation, commentaries, and analytical materials — all through a single unified interface.

1. Access and Interface Overview

Once logged in, users arrive at the main homepage, which is divided into several functional sections for streamlined navigation and research management.

a. Multi-Source Search Capability

Users can enter keywords, case names, citations, acts, or publication titles directly into the search field.
The system automatically identifies the relevant database and retrieves results from:

- Indian Case Law
- Legislation and Bare Acts
- Legal Journals and Commentaries
- International Law Databases
- News and Analytical Articles

The default mode is set to "Search: Everything", but users can refine the scope of the search using the drop-down menu next to the search bar.
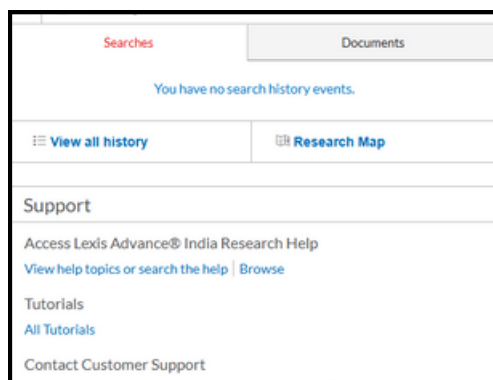
b. Search History and Refinement

Once a search is executed:

- Results can be refined further using filters on the left panel (Content Type, Legal Topic, Jurisdiction, etc.).
- Search history is automatically recorded under the History panel on the homepage, allowing quick access and reference to past queries.

c. Jurisdiction Filter

In the Advanced Search view, users can filter results by Jurisdiction:

- Under India, all states and union territories are listed individually (e.g., Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Delhi, Maharashtra, etc.).
- Users can select All, None, or specific states.
- There is also a Non-Jurisdictional option for general legal documents, commentaries, and international references.

This allows for state-specific or region-specific case law searches, which is highly useful for legal researchers, faculty, and practitioners.
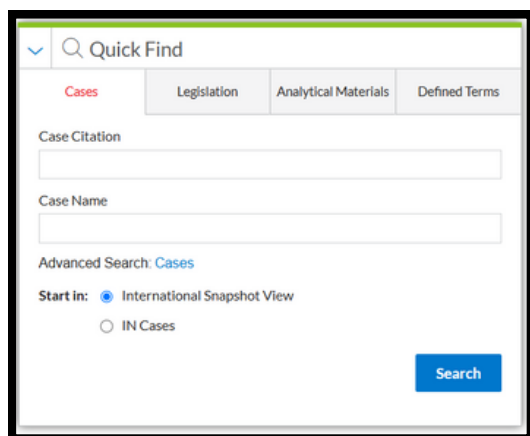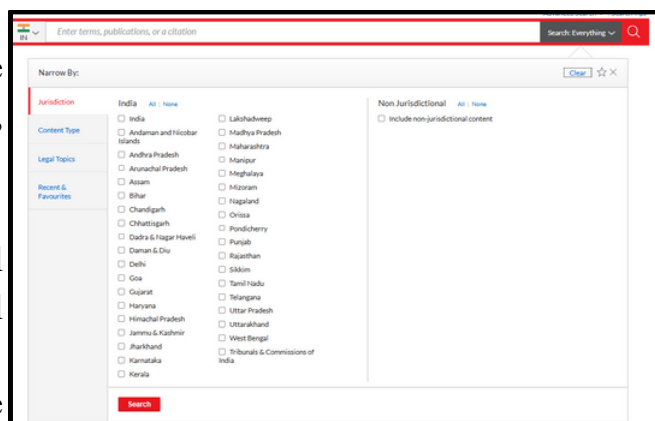

d. Quick Find

The Quick Find feature in Lexis Advance® India Research enables users to swiftly locate specific legal documents—cases, legislation, analytical materials, or defined terms—without navigating multiple menus. It offers four focused tabs: Cases, Legislation, Analytical Materials, and Defined Terms, allowing precise searches by case citation, case name, or act title. Users can choose to search across the International Snapshot View or restrict results to Indian Cases (IN Cases) for faster, targeted access.

e. Publications

The Publications section in Lexis Advance® India Research provides access to a wide collection of authoritative legal texts and journals. When each publisher expanded, it offers quick options to Browse Legislation, Add to Search Filters, Go to Advanced Search, and View Publication Information. This feature allows users to easily explore, search, and reference central and state acts —making it a convenient tool for quick legal lookup and citation.
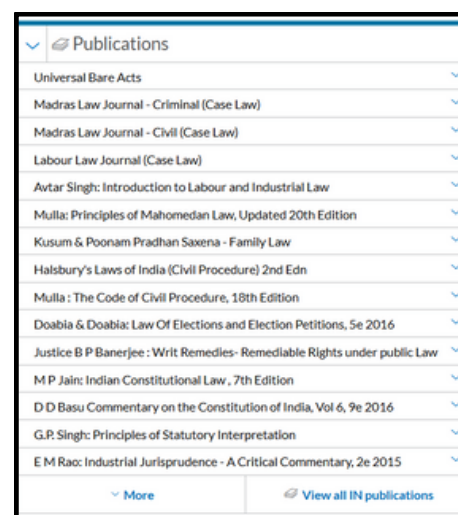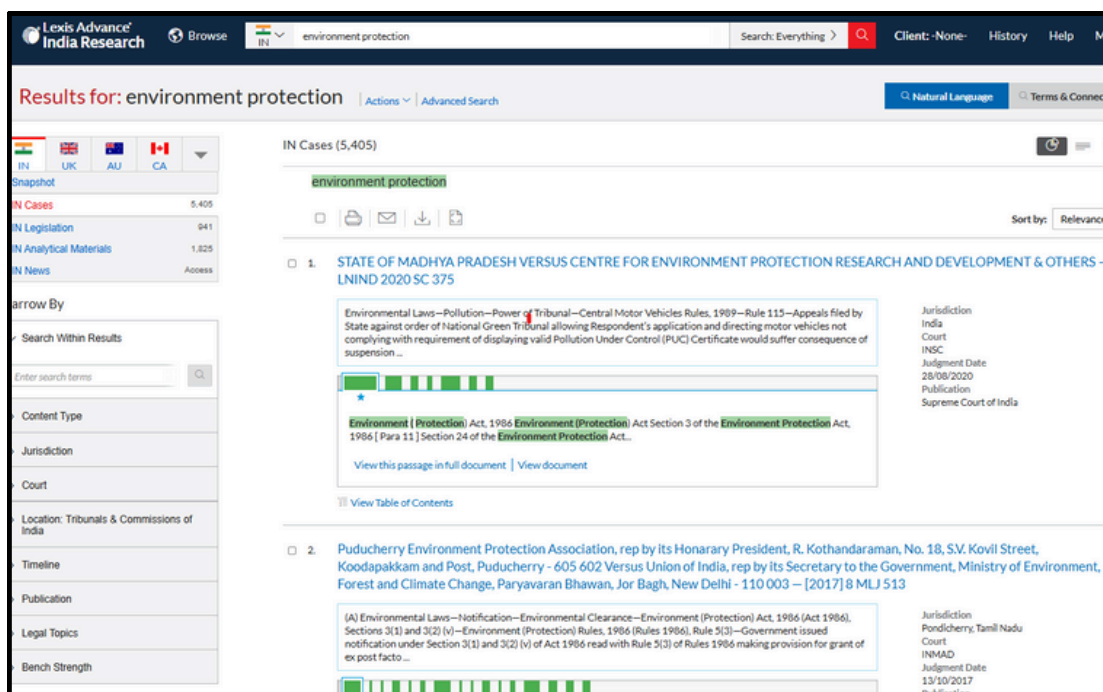
Search Results Page

The Search Results Page in Lexis Advance® India Research displays all documents that match a user's search query. It is designed to organize vast legal information into a clear, filterable, and easy-to-navigate format. The page integrates Indian and international legal databases, helping users find case laws, legislation, commentaries, and news from multiple jurisdictions in one place.

1. Search Term and Results Display (Top Section)

The entered search term appears at the top, confirming what was searched. Beneath it, the platform shows how many results were found and groups them into categories such as:

- IN Cases – Indian court judgments and decisions.
- IN Legislation – Indian statutes, bills, and acts.
- IN Analytical Materials – Commentaries, law journals, and research papers.
- IN News – Legal news articles and updates.

Jurisdiction Snapshot (Left Sidebar)

The sidebar includes jurisdiction filters such as IN (India), UK (United Kingdom), AU (Australia), CA (Canada) — along with additional options for HK (Hong Kong), MY (Malaysia), NZ (New Zealand), SG (Singapore), and US (United States)., allowing users to switch between domestic and international databases.

Filter Option

In Lexis Advance® India Research helps users refine their search results for faster and more accurate legal research. Located on the left side of the results page, it allows filtering by content type, jurisdiction, court, publication, timeline, legal topics, and bench strength. Users can also perform a "Search Within Results" to narrow large datasets using additional keywords. It provides quick access to judgments from specific courts, tribunals, or commissions and enables filtering by state or subject area. This tool ensures focused, efficient, and precise retrieval of relevant legal information—making it especially useful for students, researchers, and legal professionals conducting in-depth analysis.

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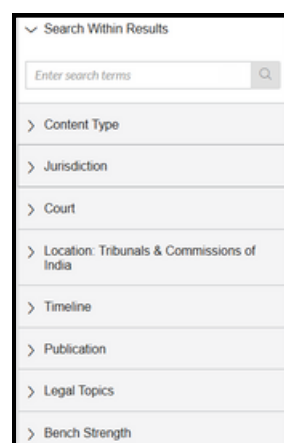
CONSENSUS

What is Consensus?

Consensus is an AI-powered research tool that searches millions of peer-reviewed papers to give clear, evidence-based answers. It summarizes key findings, shows how much researchers agree (via the Consensus Meter), and links directly to original studies — making it ideal for quick, reliable academic research.
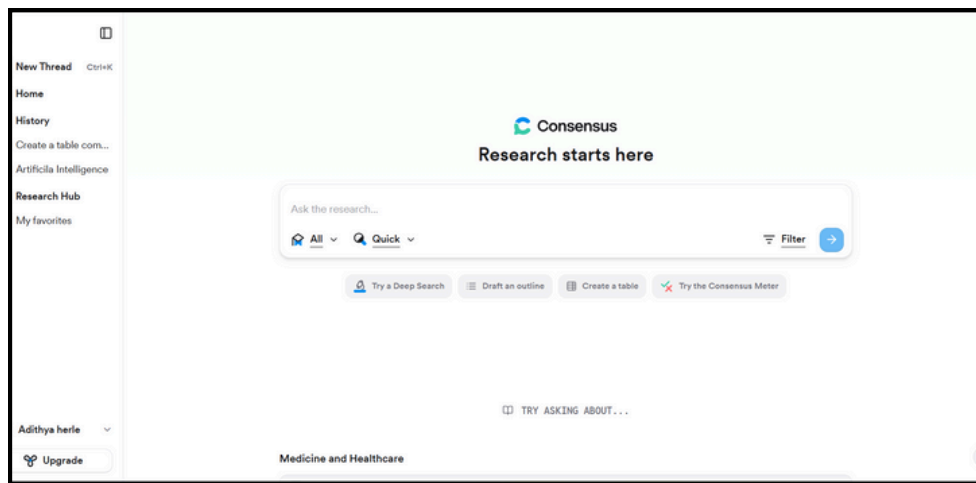
Home page

The home page of Consensus serves as the main research dashboard, where users can begin exploring scholarly information through AI-powered search. It is designed with a clean, intuitive interface that supports both quick searches and in-depth academic exploration.

a. Search Bar (Center):

The main feature of the page allows users to type research questions in natural language (e.g., "Does reading improve memory retention?"). It supports two search modes:

- Quick Search: Instantly retrieves summarized results from relevant research papers.
- Deep Search: Performs a more detailed analysis across multiple studies for comprehensive findings.
- The Filter option beside the search bar helps refine results by discipline, recency, or study type.

b. Smart Action Buttons (Below the Search Bar):

- Try a Deep Search: Expands beyond initial results for more thorough evidence-based findings.
- Draft an Outline: Helps users structure research notes or paper sections based on AI summaries.
- Create a Table: Organizes findings from multiple studies for comparison.
- Try the Consensus Meter: Displays how strongly existing research agrees or disagrees on a topic.

The filter system in Consensus enhances research precision by allowing users to control study quality, time frame, journal rank, and research design. It transforms general searches into focused, evidence-based exploration, making it a powerful tool for conducting systematic reviews, thesis writing, and academic research.

Filter Options in Consensus

1. General Filters

These filters control the basic parameters of retrieved research:

- Publish Year: Restrict results to studies published within a specific period — Any Year, Past 2 Years, Past 5 Years, or Past 10 Years. Users can also set a custom year range for more precise filtering.
- Journal Rank: Lets users filter results by Scimago Journal Rank (Q1–Q4), helping prioritize top-tier journals.
- Citations: Option to limit results to papers with a minimum number of citations, ensuring research credibility.
- Exclude Preprints: Hides unpublished or non–peer-reviewed studies.
- Ask Paper (Beta): Allows interactive questioning of specific papers for summarized insights.
- Open Access: Filters for freely accessible, full-text research papers.

2. Methodology Filters

These filters help users focus on specific study designs and research methods, ensuring methodological precision:

- Design Types: Options include Meta-Analysis, Systematic Review, Randomized Controlled Trial (RCT), Non-RCT, Observational Study, Literature Review, Case Report, Animal Study, and In Vitro Study.
- Sample Size: Allows users to specify a minimum participant number to ensure statistical strength.
- Duration: Filters studies by research duration — customizable by days, weeks, months, or years.
- Controlled Studies Only / Human Studies Only: Toggle options to limit results to human or controlled studies only.

3. Field and Country Filters

These filters refine research contextually and geographically:

- Fields of Study: Offers 23 academic disciplines, allowing users to focus on subject areas such as Medicine, Psychology, Education, Environmental Science, Economics, and more.
- Countries: Enables users to filter studies from 236 countries, helping conduct region-specific or cross-cultural research analysis.

In the Month of October 2025

Library User, who used the Library the longest

Md Muqsith Kaif
(20221CSE0772)
PSCSE

Sujith M Maddin
(20221CSE0738)
PSCSE

Aafiya Mariam M
(20221CSE0756)
PSCSE

Chandra Mohan C
(20233MAT0009)
PSOE

Vijayashree Narayan Hegde
(20233PHY0012)
PSOE

Vanitha M
(20213MAT0003)
PSOE

Dr. Ranjith P V
(PUNIV02722)
PSOM

Dr. D Vijaya Sree
(PUNIV01964)
PSOC

Mr. Akhil Menon
(PUNIV02462)
PSOC

TOP Users!

In the Month of August 2025

For Knimbus (By Activity):Student

**Kanduru Himasree
(20201BAL0050)
PSOL**

For Knimbus (By Activity):Research Scholar

**Ranjitha C R
(20243MGT0017)
PSOM**

Highly Searched Databases in Knimbus- Remote Access Platform

- Scopus (46.3%)
- Manupatra (21.1%)
- JSTOR (14.6%)
- EBSCO (4.7%)
- Lexis Nexis India (4.3%)
- SCC Online (3.9%)
- Capitaline (1.6%)
- IEEE (1.6%)
- Hein Online (1.2%)
- others (0.7%)
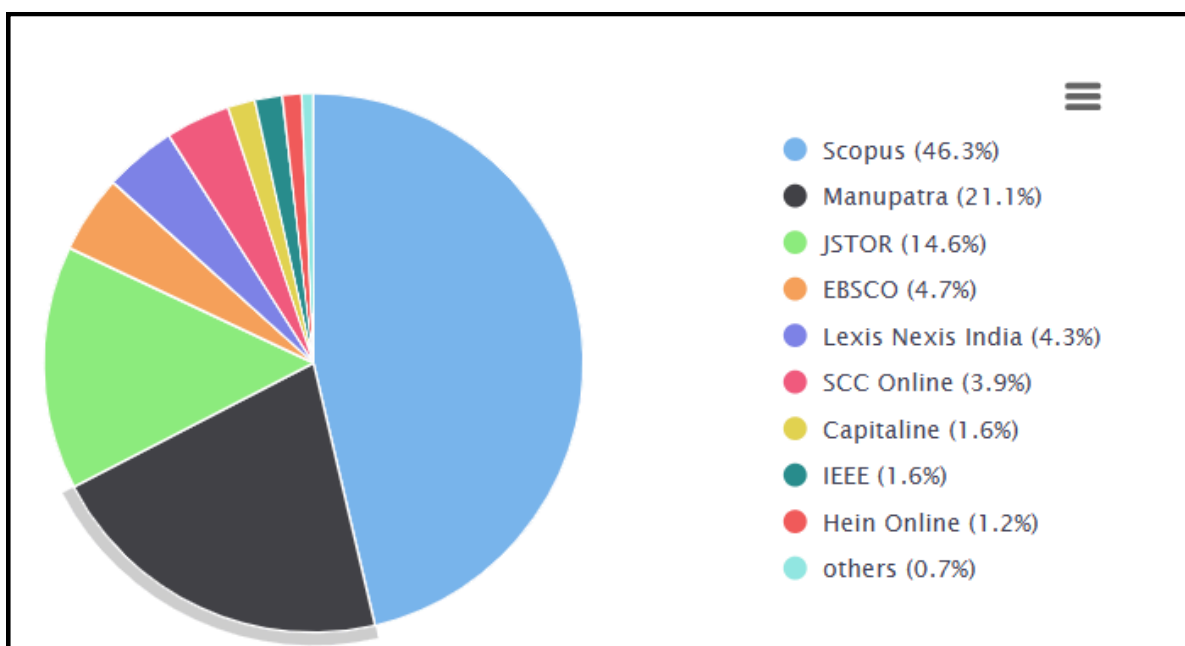
LIBRARY STATISTICS

In the Month of October 2025

Library Usage Statistics	
Physical Footfall	9126
Knimbus	2133
OPAC	2237
PULOAR	186
Linked Tree	1383
Digital Stack	42
Book Transaction	2505
Plagiarism Checked	955
Article Request Fullfilled	178
E-Book Request Fullfilled	127

Highly Searched Subjects in Knimbus- Remote Access Platform

- Engineering and Technology (23.7%)
- Business and Commerce (20.8%)
- Computer Science and IT (15.8%)
- Computer Engineering (11.6%)
- Software and Programming (8.6%)
- Industry (4.8%)
- Mathematics (4.3%)
- Electronics and Communication Engineering (3.6%)
- Artificial Intelligence (3.4%)
- others (3.4%)
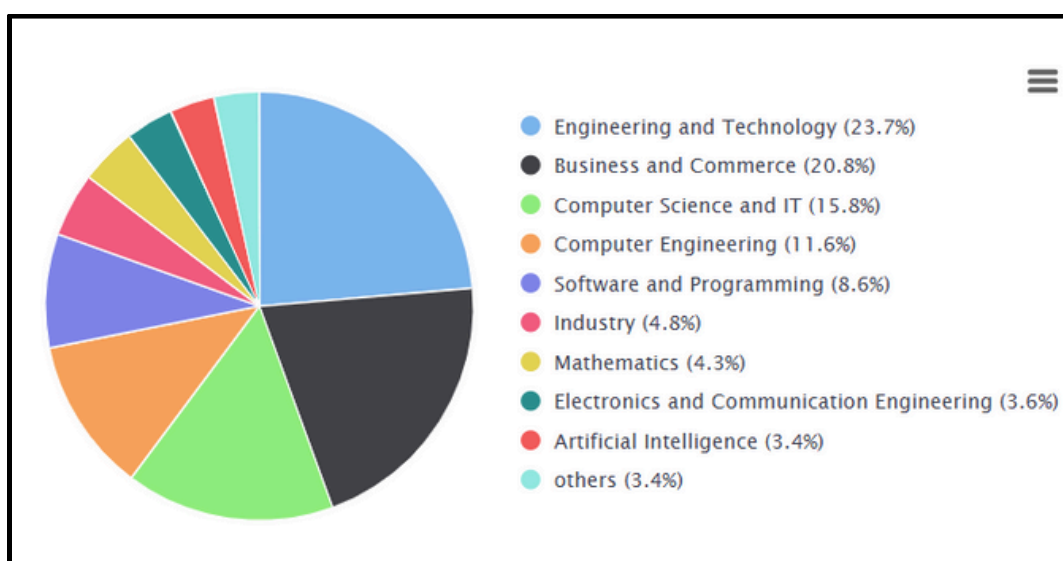
Newly Added

Books

New Collection of Total 402 Books Have Been added in the Month of October 2025

Print Journals

Click Here to Access the Table of Content of the Print Journals received by the Library in the month of September 2025

Library
ORIENTATION

The Library & Knowledge Resource Centre (LKRC) organized an orientation session for the faculty members of the School of Design (PSoD) on October 29, 2025, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at DV-12, D Block. The session, conducted at the invitation of the PSoD, aimed to familiarize faculty with the wide range of resources and services offered by the University Library to support academic and research excellence within the Design discipline.

The session covered key areas such as Library resources specific to the School of Design, including print and digital collections, online databases, and e-resources accessible through the institutional portal. Faculty members were guided on effective utilization and management of Library materials, advanced search techniques, and access to design-related research journals and e-books through platforms like EBSCO, Knimbus, and the Koha OPAC.

In addition, the session focused on the research assistance services provided by LKRC, highlighting AI-powered tools that can support academic writing and research analysis, while also discussing their ethical usage and responsible application.

GLOBAL LIBRARY NEWS

INTERNATIONAL OPEN ACCESS WEEK 2025

The week of October 20–26, 2025 marks the global observance of International Open Access Week (OA Week), a yearly event designed to highlight and advance the ideals of open access in scholarly communication.

The official theme for 2025 is "Who Owns Our Knowledge?". This theme calls for a reflection on who controls knowledge creation, dissemination and access—particularly in a time of rapid change and disruption.

FREE LIBRARY OPENS FOR GLOBAL TRAVELLERS AT CHENNAI AIRPORT

On October 16, 2025, the Airport Authority of India, in partnership with the Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Foundation, inaugurated a free-access Library in the international passenger transit zone of Chennai Airport. Approximately 100 books across business, spirituality, women's empowerment, and children's literature are available for flyers during layovers.

It reflects an innovative outreach channel for libraries—beyond traditional campuses or public branches—to reach users in transit, which could be relevant in thinking about "non-traditional" Library spaces.

"BOOKS ON WHEELS" INITIATIVE IN PUNE

The National Book Trust (NBT) launched the "Books on Wheels" initiative on October 17, 2025, in Pune, Maharashtra, to promote reading across all age groups in urban and rural areas. The mobile book bus will tour schools, villages, and community centers across Pune district until December 2025, before being permanently stationed in the city. Aligned with the third edition of the Pune Book Fair (13–21 December 2025), this project aims to make books more accessible and bridge the gap between readers and libraries.

Book
review

Spending money to show people how much money you have is the fastest way to have less money.

- Moragn Housel
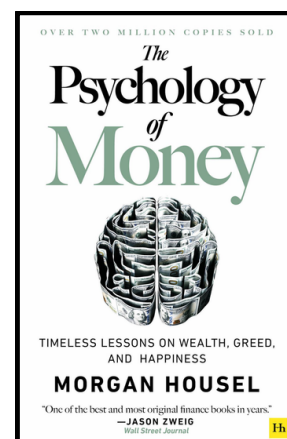
The Psychology of Money by Morgan Housel is a simple yet powerful book that explains how people think and behave about money. Instead of giving formulas or investment tricks, the author focuses on human behavior — emotions, habits, and decisions that shape financial success. Through 19 short and engaging chapters, Housel shows that managing money is more about attitude and discipline than intelligence. He emphasizes that financial success depends not on what you know, but on how you behave when facing greed, fear, or uncertainty. The book highlights how luck and risk play unseen roles in wealth creation and why being consistent and patient often matters more than chasing quick returns.

One of the strongest lessons in the book is the idea of "enough." Housel reminds readers that wealth is not about how much you earn but how content you are with what you have. He argues that comparison and greed often make people unhappy and lead to poor financial choices.

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Having an industry-aligned curriculum to enhance employability

A modern curriculum must be holistic, multidisciplinary, outcome-driven, technology-integrated, dynamic, and evolving to address the emerging needs, writes **Prof Raghavendra P Tiwari**

Fast-changing career pathways and complex societal challenges call for a tectonic shift in the educational landscape. Industry-aligned holistic education is critical to skill and cross-skill youth to make them future-ready and to harness the demographic dividend.

Traditional models of education need to be replaced by a transformative framework prioritising learning outcomes in terms of competencies, skills, values, and attitudes to unlock the full potential of youth and make them relevant in an era full of uncertainties. In this context, seamless integration of curriculum, pedagogy, and assessment is essential. When reimagined collectively, these enablers create an ecosystem that produces future-ready graduates. A modern curriculum must be holistic, multidisciplinary, outcome-driven, industry-aligned, technology-integrated, and evolving to address the emerging needs. Curriculum should foster holistic learning that integrates critical thinking, real-world problem-solving skills, creativity, values, and attitudes, ensuring that learners stay relevant. An industry-aligned curriculum serves as a transformative force as it enhances employability, provides hands-on learning, nurtures essential 21st-century workplace skills, cultivates a lifelong learning mindset, and empowers learners to be futuristic. To frame such a curriculum, a strategic intervention is needed, which may

Breaking rigid subject boundaries enables convergence of sciences, arts and humanities

include fostering continuously expanding industry partnerships with structured feedback loops, co-creating curricula in collaboration with industry experts, societal and cultural stakeholders, and investing in faculty training for curriculum design and development. The curriculum should contain an appropriate proportion of field study, apprenticeships, projects, and internships as integral components.

Today's learners are digitally adept, socially connected, and inclined towards multitasking. To engage them meaningfully, pedagogy must shift from rote methods to immersive student-centred approaches. Breaking rigid subject boundaries enables a holistic convergence of sciences, arts, humanities, and vocational skills, fostering adaptability and innovation. Collaborative methods such as

flipped classrooms, peer learning, group projects, and digital learning communities promote critical thinking, teamwork, and shared knowledge-building. Inter- and transdisciplinary, inquiry-based learning approaches foster critical thinking, creativity, and innovation.

Technology-enhanced learning pathways further transform education through blended and hybrid models, gamification, and immersive tools such as AR/VR and real-life simulations. A key focus of student engagement must be on holistic development that nurtures not only intellectual growth but also emotional and ethical well-being. Socio-Emotional Learning plays a vital role in cultivating empathy, resilience, and interpersonal skills essential for personal and professional growth. Equally important is value-based pedagogy, where ethics, sustainability, and civic responsibility are seamlessly interwoven into learning experiences. NEP 2020 envisions an education system that ensures equity

and inclusivity by addressing the varied needs of learners. The Universal Design for Learning (UDL) framework strengthens this vision by promoting multiple modes of content delivery, engagement, and assessment, ensuring accessibility for all. Multilingual learning resources help preserve India's linguistic diversity while enabling students to learn in the language they understand best, thereby advancing equity in education.

Applying Knowledge

Modern education demands a paradigm shift from traditional one-time, high-stakes exams to holistic approaches. Such a shift recognises that true learning is not about reproducing information but about applying knowledge meaningfully, solving real-world problems. Open Book Exam can be a game-changer in this context. Continuous and competency-based assessments ensure that progress is tracked in realtime. Portfolio-based assessment provides a comprehensive record of a learner's journey by capturing projects, creative outputs and overall growth over time, thereby highlighting both strengths and grey areas. Additionally, peer and self-assessment empower learners to actively engage with their own learning process, fostering reflection, accountability, and collaborative responsibility.

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