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Nobel Prizes in 2015

Physics

Awarded to Takaaki Kajita is a Japanese physicist, known for neutrino experiments jointly with Canadian physicist Arthur B McDonald, "for the discovery of neutrino oscillations, which shows that neutrinos have mass".

Chemistry

Awarded jointly to Tomas Robert Lindahl FRS FMedSci is a Swedish-born British scientist specialising in cancer research, Paul Lawrence Modrich is the James B. Duke Professor of Biochemistry at Duke University and Investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and Aziz Sancar is a Turkish and American biochemist and molecular biologist specializing in DNA repair, cell cycle checkpoints, and the circadian clock "for mechanistic studies of DNA repair".

Physiology or Medicine

The award divided, one half jointly to William C. Campbell an Irish biochemist and Satoshi Ōmura is a Japanese biochemist. He is known for the discovery and development of various pharmaceuticals originally occurring in micro organisms "for their discoveries concerning a novel therapy against infections caused by roundworm parasites"

and the other half to Youyou Tu is a Chinese medical scientist, pharmaceutical chemist, pharmacist, and educator "for her discoveries concerning a novel therapy against Malaria".

Literature

Awarded to Svetlana Alexievich from Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine "for her polyphonic writings, a monument to suffering and courage in our time".

Peace

Awarded to National Dialogue Quartet "for its decisive contribution to the building of a pluralistic democracy in Tunisia in the wake of the Jasmine Revolution of 2011". The **Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet** is a group of four organizations that were central in the attempts to build a pluralistic democracy in Tunisia in the wake of the Jasmine Revolution of 2011.

Economics

The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel 2015, Angus Stewart Deaton, FBA is a British economist "for his analysis of consumption, poverty, and welfare".

Source:
http://www.nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/lists/year/

Brilliant! Govt. To Stop Physical Publishing of 3.5Cr Pages Of Gazette Notifications; Moves To ePublishing on Massive Scale

The core values of Digital India are embedded in making India a digitally empowered nation, which helps our society, culture and environment. Breaking the status quo remains one of the pillars of this mission. Continuing with this vision, Indian Govt. has now introduced a brilliant change into the system, which can save lakhs of trees and crores of tax-payers money; and set a new benchmark for e-Governance. PIB has informed us that Indian Govt. will now stop all physical printing of official Gazette notifications, all over the country; and switch to ePublishing them. This single masterstroke will save 3.5 crore pages of such Gazette notifications, which are published by the Govt. every year.

Besides saving Rs 40 crore annually (which is not a big deal); this move will help to save 90 tonnes of paper every year, which translates to thousands of trees which would be saved from being destroyed.

If we add on the insane amount of power, ink, chemicals, dyes, colors and more such ingredients to physically print 3.5 crore pages, every year, then eGovernance and Digital India will magically convert into a blessing.

As per the information received, all official Gazette notifications would now be published online at www.egazette.nic.in.

Legality of Online Gazette?
Citizens can now simply download all official Gazette from this above mentioned website, and print them if required, without paying any fees to the Govt.

The press notification issued by Govt. of India clearly states that under Information Technology Act 2000, all downloaded and printed Gazette are sufficient for all legal and official purposes.

Gazettes are important legal documents, no doubt. In court cases, official transfers, and Govt. decisions, these gazettes play an important role to convey the latest changes/edits made in the laws and rules. With the Govt. conforming the legality of all online published gazettes, it becomes clear that eGovernance has taken a major leap into the future.

Besides saving 3.5 crore pages, 90 tonnes of paper, insane amount of ink, colors, dyes and power; this online gazette publishing will save lots of time for citizens. Earlier, it took weeks to get hold of the physical printed copy of an gazette, which would now be available within 5 days of receipt of the same from the concerned Govt. department/Ministry.

Source | http://trak.in/
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Journals Online project introduces iThenticate to editors in developing countries

INASP's Journals Online project has introduced iThenticate software to the editors of journals on the BanglaJOL, NepJOL and SLJOL platforms through CrossCheck.

CrossCheck, powered by iThenticate, is an initiative started by CrossRef to help its members actively engage in efforts to prevent scholarly and professional plagiarism.

'Within a few days of its availability, the editors of the JOL journals have shown their keen interest in incorporating the iThenticate software into their workflows to check for plagiarism and thus improve the quality of their journals,' said Sioux Cumming, programme manager, Journals Online at INASP.

Uthpala Karunarathne, scientific officer at the Journal of National Science Foundation of Sri Lanka, welcoming the initiative, said: 'All this time we have been using free online plagiarism checkers which does not allow checking the whole paper but parts of the paper due to word limitations. I believe iThenticate will allow us check the papers more easily and accurately and increase the standards of our journal.'

iThenticate is the leading provider of professional plagiarism detection and prevention technology used worldwide by scholarly publishers and research institutions that ensures the originality of written work prior to publication.

It helps editors, authors and researchers prevent misconduct by comparing manuscripts against its database of over 56 billion web pages and 142 million content items, including 44 million works from 590 scholarly publisher participants of CrossCheck, a service offered by CrossRef and powered by iThenticate software.

Indian-American's app offers 'books for Snapchat generation'

New York : With more and more teenagers giving up books for Facebook and Twitter, an Indian-American businesswoman cum author has recently launched an app that features short fiction for young readers or what she calls the "Snapchat generation".

Each book on the app called Hooked will be roughly 1,000 words and is designed to be read in about five minutes reported IANS.

The stories will be told entirely through dialogue and read like texts. Messages show up on screen when readers click "Next," CNN Money reported.

While initially, the app, developed by Prerna Gupta, will only feature content from screened contributors, eventually users will be able to submit content of their own.

The app is free to download and features one free story a day. Readers can unlock more stories with the subscription service. A week of unlimited stories costs $2.99. A month is $7.99 and a year is $39.99, the report said.

Source | Free Press | 22 September 2015

World's oldest Quran manuscript to go on display

LONDON: A Quran manuscript believed to be among the oldest in the world, dating back to at least 1,370 years, (placing it close to the time of Prophet Muhammad) will be put on display in the UK from from October 2 till October 25.

The Quran manuscript, held by the University of Birmingham, has been placed among the oldest in the world thanks to modern scientific methods.

Radiocarbon analysis has dated the parchment on which the text is written to the period between AD 568 and 645 with 95.4 per cent accuracy.

The test was carried out in a laboratory at the University of Oxford. The result places the parchment close to the time of Prophet Muhammad, who is generally thought to have lived between AD 570 and 632.

Researchers conclude that the Quran manuscript is among the earliest written textual evidence of the Islamic holy book known to survive.

The Quran manuscript is part of the University's Mingana Collection of Middle Eastern manuscripts, held in the Cadbury Research Library.

Consisting of two parchment leaves, the Quran manuscript contains parts of Suras (chapters) 18 to 20, written with ink in an early form of Arabic script known as Hijazi.

Kalam's birthday on Oct 15 was celebrated as no-schoolbag day

The decision to celebrate October 15, the birth anniversary of former President of India A P J Abdul Kalam, as Vaachan Prerna Diwas in schools across the state was made by school education minister Vinod Tawde soon after Kalam's death on July 27. In a government resolution issued on Wednesday , the state asked all students from Class III to VIII to read non-academic books in school, and instructed schools to host book exhibitions, implement gift-a-book programmes, introduce students to well-kn own authors from around the world, and hold discussions on books. The government has said that almost Rs 6 lakh is available for the programme.

Going a step further, the office of the deputy director has asked schools in the Mumbai region to also allow students to leave their bags home on the day. "Kalam's writings are an in aspiration to students and youth. These activities will help students develop an interest for reading, which is sorely lacking. So we created the `school without bags' plan for that day," said B B Chavan, deputy di rector, Mumbai region. Suggested activities for schools in Mumbai inc lude inviting authors, literature and other subject experts, reading a book that is not a school textbook

and teaching students how to read out loud. "There should be no kind of pressures in class this day and a positive environment should be created. This way, students can read what they like and have fun doing it. Only then will the programme be a success, "said the circular issued by Chavan.

Source | Times of India | 8 October 2015

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Forthcoming Events

18th National Convention on Knowledge,

Library and Information Networking - NACLIN 2015

will be organised by DELNET in collaboration with Gulbarga University Library, in Gulbarga from November 24-26, 2015 at Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Bhavan, Gulbarga University, Gulbarga.

National Workshop on Digital Repository (DSpace) at DSB Campus, Kumaun University, Nainital.

Time: November 28, 2015 to November 29, 2015 Location: Nainital, Uttarakhand, India
Street: **DSB Campus, Kumaun University**
Website: http://www.splp.in/l

Organized By: DSB Campus, Kumaun University and Society for Promotion of Library Professionals (SPLP)

UGC Sponsored Two Day National Conference on Qualitative Library and Information Services for Higher Education in Knowledge Society (QLIS-2015)

Time: December 3, 2015 to December 4, 2015, Location: Ahmednagar College

http://www.aca.edu.in

IASLIC 2015: IASLIC 30th All India Conference 2015

Theme: Library Legislation and Community Information Services

Date December 28-31, 2015 For further details, please contact: Prof Pijushkanti Panigrahi, General Secretary, IASLIC, P 291 CIT Scheme 6M, Kankurgachhi, Kolkata – 700054

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