



LIBRARY BULLETIN

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Librarian's Message

Greetings to all!

We wish our students and faculty a hearty welcome for the upcoming academic year, 2022–2023. Despite COVID-19's setback, the library staff remained dedicated to assisting our college's educational mission by offering quality services. The library staff were able to provide uninterrupted service to its users through hybrid mode in spite of the challenges of the previous year. Last year, students had access to free electronic textbooks written by our staff for the first time. Additionally, our students could use the Library Web OPAC to search our collection and access our digital collection, which includes previous question papers on the college website.

On behalf of the library staff, I'd like to express our gratitude to our energetic Principal Prof. Kishore S. Peshori for his unwavering support throughout the year. I'd also like to thank all teaching and non-teaching staff members for their cooperation and support to the library. I'd also like to thank the library staff for their dedication and hard work in serving our patrons.

May we all have a successful and safe academic year!

Ligimol Benny,
Librarian

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body." – Joseph Addison

COUNTERING DISINFORMATION

Disinformation is not a new phenomenon, but modern communication technologies have made it easier than ever before to produce and circulate false information disguised as news in order to gain credibility. The abundance of news sources, as well as the convenience and speed of social media — combined with readers' short attention spans and tendency to just read the headlines make it easy for readers to fall for fake news.

Misinformation and Disinformation

Misinformation is inaccurate and often damaging information that is spread without malice, implying that the person who spreads it believes it to be true. Disinformation, on the other hand, is the same type of inaccurate and destructive information as misinformation, but the individual disseminating it has hostile intent and is aware that the information is incorrect.

When it comes to distinguishing between misinformation and disinformation, the intent of the information is key. While most people do not intentionally spread misinformation, disinformation is spread by unethical organisations or extremists. Disinformation is significantly less prevalent than misinformation, which can come from anywhere and is usually distributed on social media.

How to Protect Yourself from Misinformation and Disinformation

Verify information: Today, we have access to more information at our fingertips than ever before. Cross-check information that you read in news items with other credible sources to take advantage of the data glut.

Use lateral reading: ‘Lateral reading’ is the practice of checking multiple websites to verify particular facts, whereas ‘vertical reading’ is the process of staying on the same website.

Consider the source: The first step is to figure out who is the primary source of information, as compared to the secondary source who is reporting on this data. Ask the following questions to yourself:

- Who wrote this article?
- What is the background of the source?
- Who is benefited by this story?
- What is the source material that the article is based on?
- Are you familiar with this person or organization? If your answer is ‘No’, take a few moments to look into the source's credentials.

Be sceptical: If you see an article that relies heavily on anonymous sources without any named sources or other confirming evidence, distrust the source and the article.

Get objective: It's also crucial to distinguish between news stories and op-eds. While op-eds are frequently emotive and subjective, news should be reported objectively. So, if you feel excessively furious or afraid after reading a news piece, it's probably an indication of a lack of objectivity.

Don't trust your gut: This 'gut feeling' is very different from authentic expertise, so unless you're an expert on a subject, it's best not to trust your gut.

Think critically: Search for figures and scientific reports to confirm information rather than anecdotes or stories.

Fact-check websites: There are a number of fact-checking websites that rely on peer-reviewed research rather than stories. You can use these websites as your proxy.

Here I have compiled a list of the most reliable websites for fact-checking:

www.snopes.com: Snopes is the original fact-checking and myth-busting website Founded by David Mikkelson in 1994. Now it's the oldest and largest fact-checking site online, widely regarded by journalists, folklorists, and readers as an invaluable research companion.

FactCheck.org is a non-profit and non-partisan website, a project of the Annenberg Public Policy Centre of the University of Pennsylvania.

FlackCheck.org: Headquartered at the Annenberg Public Policy Centre of the University of Pennsylvania, FlackCheck.org is the political literacy companion site to the award-winning FactCheck.org. The site provides resources designed to help viewers recognize flaws in arguments in general and political ads in particular. Video resources point out deception and incivility in political rhetoric.

<https://reporterslab.org/fact-checking/>: Duke Reporter's Lab is a centre for journalism research in the Sanford School of Public Policy at Duke University and their core projects focus on fact-checking. The Reporters' Lab maintains a database of global fact-checking sites.

<http://FactChecker.in>: Is India's first dedicated Fact Check initiative since early 2013. FactChecker.in is an initiative of The Spending & Policy Research Foundation which also runs www.indiaspend.org, India's first data journalism initiative.

<https://pib.gov.in/factcheck.aspx>: The Press Information Bureau (PIB) is the nodal agency of the Government of India to disseminate information to the print and electronic media on government policies, programmes, initiatives and achievements. <https://factcheck.pib.gov.in/> any suspicious news of information can be fact checked on this site.

<https://www.boomlive.in>: BOOM is an independent digital journalism initiative with a mission to fight misinformation, explain issues and make the internet safer. BOOM is one of India's first and leading fact checking website and initiative, committed to provide readers journalistically verified facts. How to Fact-Check Images with Google : A quick video demo of how Google's reverse image search tool can be used to fact-check and research images.

We're all susceptible to believing or even disseminating misinformation since humans have built-in cognitive biases. But by verifying sources, reading laterally and gathering diverse viewpoints, we can avoid these biases and lean objectively, which is in the best interest of our democracy.

COURSERA for Free Online Courses

Here is a golden opportunity to learn job-ready skills in months instead of years. Earn a university issued certificate from a prestigious institution for free through an adaptable and career-focused online programme.

Our college's partnership with Coursera gives students access to numerous courses in a variety of specializations of their choosing. It empowers the learners:

- To gain knowledge from top universities and businesses: Watch video lectures from renowned professors on demand in a variety of areas, including business, computer science, data science, language acquisition, and more.
- To get career-ready: Build in-demand skills in IT, data science, AI, and more to prepare for a job using self-paced quizzes and hands-on projects.
- To explore any Interest: Try everything from computer science to creative writing.
- To earn professional certificates: Obtain shareable Course, Specialization, and Professional Certificates for each programme you finish in order to demonstrate your new skills and earn professional certifications.

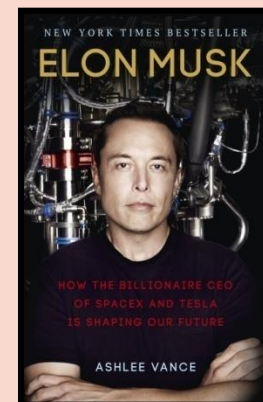
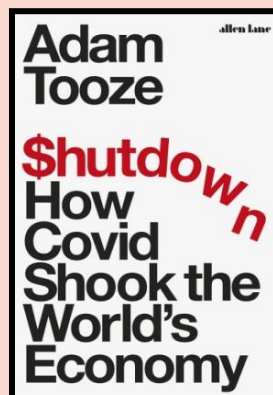
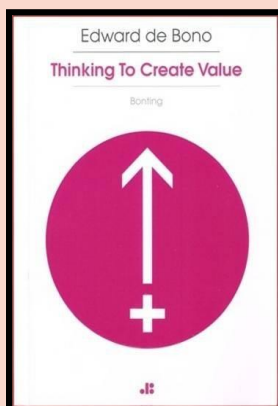
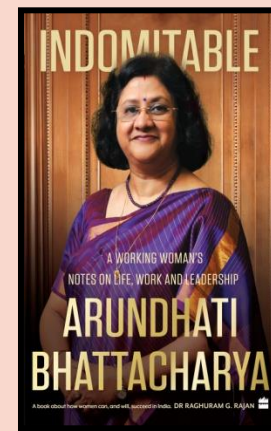
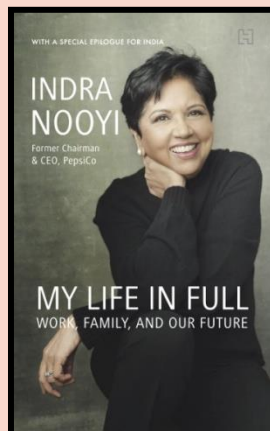
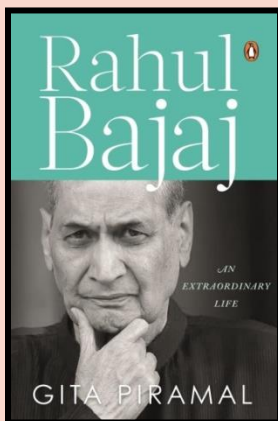
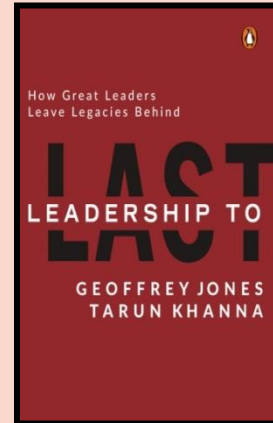
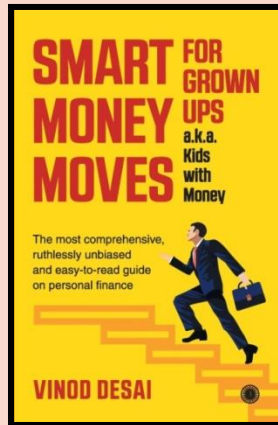
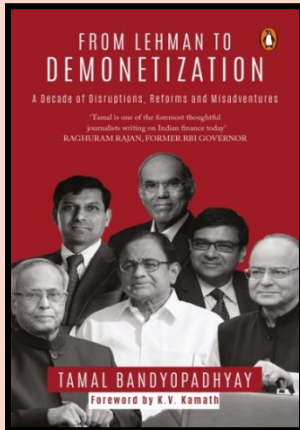
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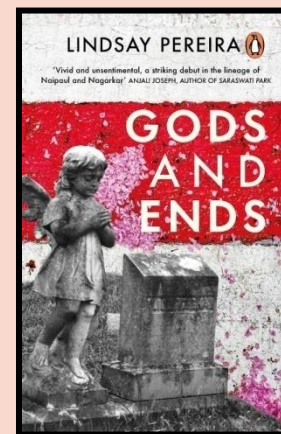
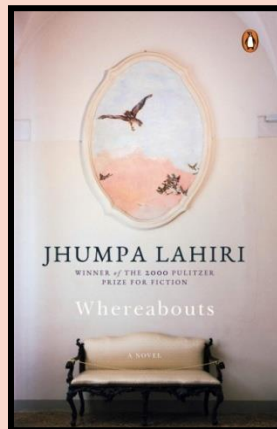
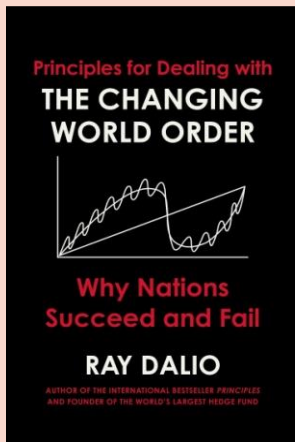
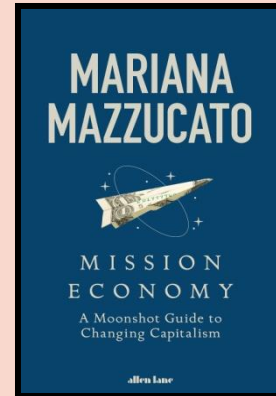
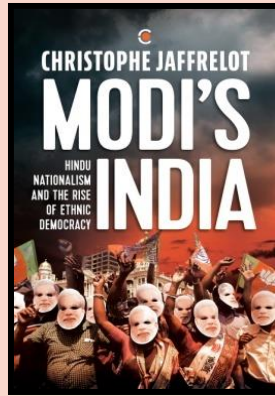
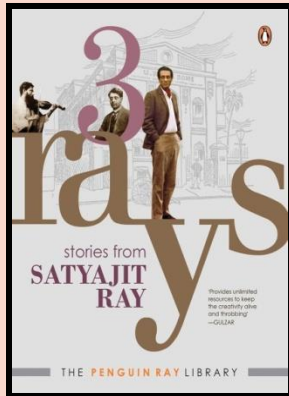
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New Arrivals in the Library

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Open Educational Resources

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<http://egyankosh.ac.in/>

<https://epgp.inflibnet.ac.in/>

<https://nptel.ac.in/>

<https://www.swayamprabha.gov.in/>

Testimonial from Alumina

I have personally benefited immensely from our library from 1973 to 1981 during my years as a student and a professor.

I found unique books in the MMK library that had a wealth of information that really got my curiosity ignited and widened my perspectives and knowledge in the offbeat subjects. I owe my transformation from being a young and naughty student to a serious and dedicated one leading to University Ranks at BCom, MCom and MPhil Level to the library!

I would urge all students to make it a regular habit to visit the library and read!



Best wishes,

Dr Sunil Gupta



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