

COPYRIGHT CHALLENGES IN ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

3RD FEBRUARY 2025 (MONDAY)



Gitarattan International Business School organized an NDLI Skill Development Workshop on "Copyright Challenges in Academic Libraries" on 3rd February 2025 for teaching staff and students to address the critical issues surrounding copyright laws, fair use, and digital access in academic institutions. The session was conducted by Dr. Ashis Biswas, Deputy Librarian of the University of Delhi, an expert in copyright laws and digital resource management.

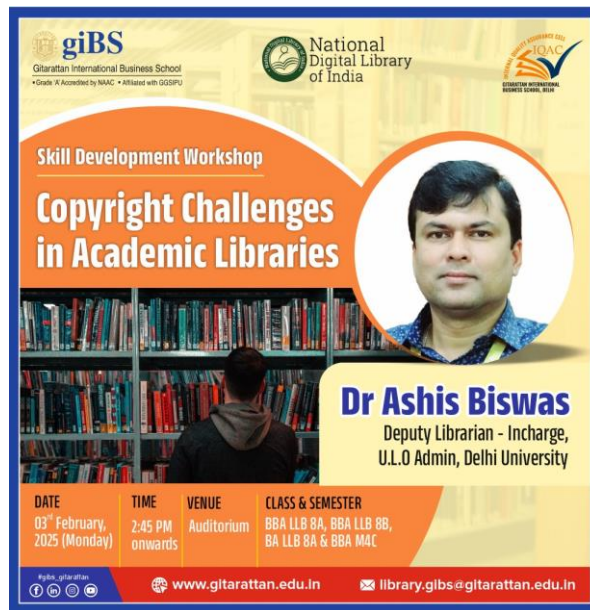
The workshop began with an overview of copyright laws relevant to academic institutions. The Deputy Librarian explained key provisions of the Indian Copyright Act, 1957, focusing on sections applicable to educational institutions. Libraries play a crucial role in ensuring access to scholarly resources, while also balancing the rights of copyright holders. These challenges are heightened by rapidly advancing technologies and shifting educational and research needs. Dr Biswas informed the audience that libraries must navigate a complicated landscape of legal, ethical, and practical issues, balancing the needs of their communities for access to knowledge with respect to the intellectual property rights of authors and publishers. To address these challenges, academic libraries must stay informed about changes in copyright law, foster dialogues with stakeholders (like publishers and policymakers), and advocate for legal reforms that support both access to knowledge and copyright protection. The session covered the legal concept of fair use, explaining when and how academic libraries can legally distribute copyrighted materials for educational purposes. The workshop highlighted how NDLI serves as a national knowledge repository, offering legally accessible academic resources.

The workshop concluded with recommendations for academic libraries, including:

- Encouraging open-access publishing to enhance legal resource sharing.
- Implementing clear copyright policies within institutional libraries.
- Providing training for faculty and students on responsible digital resource usage.

The session provided valuable insights into the evolving copyright landscape and how academic libraries can navigate these challenges while ensuring knowledge dissemination.

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TYPE OF EVENT	NDLI
VENUE	Auditorium, GIBS
TIME & DURATION	2:45 PM Onwards
CONDUCTED BY	GIBS Library
ORGANISED FOR	Teaching Staff and Students
NAME OF THE COORDINATOR	Mr. Chetan Prakash
ATTENDANCE	49
RESOURCE PERSON	Dr. Ashis Biswas, Deputy Librarian, Delhi University
OBJECTIVES OF THE EVENT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To educate librarians, researchers, and academicians on copyright laws affecting academic libraries. 2. To discuss the implications of digital content sharing under Indian copyright law. 3. To explore solutions for balancing copyright compliance and accessibility in academic institutions. 4. To introduce best practices for handling copyrighted materials in library resources.

LEARNING OUTCOME	<p>By the end of the workshop, participants were able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand the key provisions of the Indian Copyright Act, 1957, relevant to academic libraries.• Recognize the principles of fair use and how they apply to digital resource sharing in educational institutions.• Identify challenges faced by libraries in balancing access and copyright compliance.• Utilize NDLI's resources to access legally permissible academic content.
SHORTFALL DURING EVENT	None
LINK OF YOUTUBE VIDEO	https://youtu.be/b2A8XSjUKX8

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