



The University Library

Cochin University of Science and Technology

**5th INTERNATIONAL
BOOK FAIR 2021**

3rd to 5th February 2021

10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. on all days

Venue

**Seminar Complex
Cochin University Main Campus
Thrikkakara**

Entry Free

The Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT) is a unitary University with an academic structure consisting of 10 faculties with specialisation available in all faculties/departments. The University, re-accredited by NAAC with A grade, bagged the Chancellors Award for the second time also. CUSAT is supported by PURSE, UGC-SAP and DST-FIST and is the premium Science and Technology University in the state.

The Cochin University Library has been keeping pace with the changes in the field of library and information science over the years. Located centrally in the campus, the resources of the library are open to all the departments of the university. The general public is also given restricted access to the resources. The University Library has always maintained a rich and balanced collection of subject books and general reading material. It provides campus wide IP enabled full text online access to wide range of electronic data basis, e-journals, e-books, theses and other e-resources. In the year 2010, the University Library shifted to open source platform for digital content and library management in accordance with the State Government policy. The bibliographic records of books, journals and theses in the Library can now be accessed globally through web OPAC and the Union Catalogue facility.

The new building of the University Library houses the Student's Reading Lounge, Language Lab, Skype room, Scholarship Corner and Internet Lounge. The student Lounge

aims to provide 24 hour Wi-Fi facility and ample reading space for students with permission to bring their own reading aids. The Language Lab is a comprehensive platform for IT enabled language learning. The Skype Room provides students and faculty the opportunity to interact with subject experts working in premier institutions for discussion. The Scholarship Corner offers students an opportunity to prepare for competitive examinations. The library reached out to the users by offering e-access to the resources via remote log-in and by conducting webinars during the pandemic period.

About the Event

The 5th International Book Fair, being held from 3rd to 5th February 2021, is part of various extension activities of the University Library to reiterate the library's role in the cultural identity of the University. This Book Fair intends to motivate students to read by offering them a wide collection of books to choose from and make them better equipped to embark on the "adventure of ideas and the search for truth" which is the defining feature of a University. We also wish to draw the attention of the University community and the general public to the books, programs, resources and services available in the library. The earlier International Book Fairs were a success in terms of participation. Leading book sellers will be participating in the 5th edition of this event.

We welcome all book lovers to this 5th edition to spread the joy of reading by following COVID-19 protocols and make use of this opportunity to augment the library's rich and varied collection.