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Prime Minister

MESSAGE

It is most heartening to learn about 'G20 Library Summit 2024: Connecting the nations for Knowledge and Cultural heritage' being organized at Pondicherry University.

For centuries, our socio-cultural fabric has been woven with an enduring tradition of relentless pursuit of knowledge. Our scriptures say, नास्ति विद्या समं चक्षु, meaning there are no eyes akin to learning.

Books have for long been regarded as humanity's best friends, as they help us delve into the depths of a wide array of subjects that include philosophy, language, literature and build our intellectual prowess.

Our libraries and reading rooms are a vast repository of various subjects to fulfill the requirements of information, knowledge and entertainment. Libraries have traditionally been places where great ideas were absorbed, as well as born.

Keeping pace with the changing times, our libraries have reoriented themselves to the needs of readers, by adopting the latest technologies.

We have been single-minded in our endeavour to significantly boost the habit of reading among young people. The rising popularity of digital books and audiobooks is revolutionising reading habits in the 21st century. Yet, at the same time, there is also an increased interest in traditional books and libraries.

The sharing of best practices by various nations at the G20 Library Summit 2024 will be an enriching experience for all. I am sure that students, researchers, academicians, librarians, as well as domain experts will learn from each other. This will also help form abiding relationships with each other and with the pursuit of knowledge.

Best wishes for the success of the G20 Library Summit 2024.

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