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Fig. I : Dr. Amol Shripad Divkar - Director Sarvottam Infotech explaining the finer details of Japanese tissue lamination to the University of Mumbai Vice Chancellor Dr. Vijay Khole; looking on is Chief Librarian Prof. Smt. V. Rajhaunse

From left : Vijay Thapa, Jitendra Arya-Skilled Artisans, Mrs. Tilaka Joseph and Mrs. A. Kale-Librarians, Fort Campus, Prof. A. V. Arolkar-Chairman Sarvottam Infotech.

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Fig. II : The University of Mumbai Vice Chancellor Dr. Vijay Khole intently studies a complete bound book being graphically displayed by Dr. Amol Shripad Divkar Director Sarvottam Infotech. looking on are Librarians, Mrs. Tilaka Joseph, Mrs. A. Kale and Prof. Smt. V. Rajhaunse Chief Librarian.