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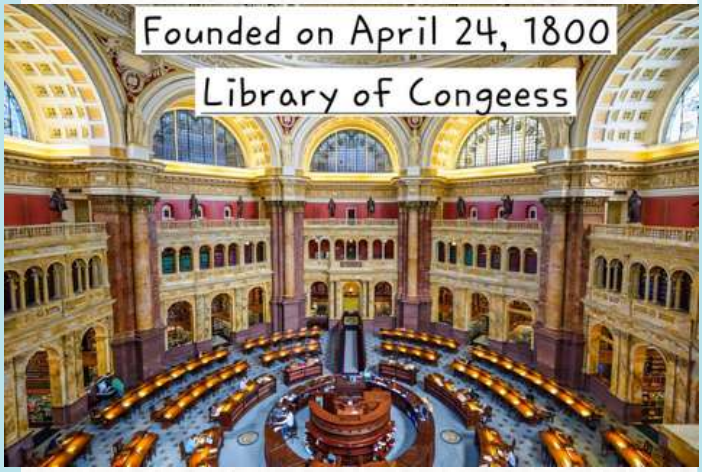

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Dear Professionals

News from different regions/states are solicited from ILA members and other LIS Professionals for inclusion in the newsletter. News from 26th of previous month to 25th of current month (Ex: 26th July to 25th August) with photographs and brief reports may kindly be sent to ilanewslettereditor@gmail.com on or before 26th of current month.

The news includes, success stories, important and significant current affairs, organisation of functions, conferences, seminars, webinars, planned future events, appointments/career advancements, awards, achievements, obituaries, noteworthy readings, forgotten writings, rare pictures, book reviews etc.

Seeking cooperation from all professionals.

Editor

Events organized

70th Annual Conference of the Indian Library Association-2025 International Conference on Libraries and Artificial Intelligence: Empowering Users for Sustainable Knowledge System

The 70th Annual Conference of the Indian Library Association-2025 and the International Conference on Libraries and Artificial Intelligence: Empowering Users for a Sustainable Knowledge System was held from March 20-22, 2025, at JagajyotiBasaveshwara Auditorium, University of Agricultural Sciencesm Raichur, Karnataka. Organized by the University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur, in collaboration with the Central University of Karnataka, Kalaburagi, the event saw over 150 participants from India and abroad. The conference received 120 research papers, of which 103 were accepted and included in the conference proceedings (ISBN: 9788195664337). A total of 55 papers (53.39%) were presented, reflecting the conference's success. The editorial committee, led by Dr. P.S. Kattimani, ensured a rigorous review process to maintain quality.

The conference commenced with an invocation song by a team led by Ms. Vindhya. Dr. Machendranath S., Organizing Secretary and Librarian, UAS Raichur, welcomed the gathering, while Dr. Suresh Jange, Conference Director and University Librarian, Gulburga University, Kalaburagi, provided an overview. He honored the contributions of the late Prof. P.S.G. Kumar and Prof. Harsha Parikh with a moment of silence and emphasized the role of AI in modernizing library services.

The inauguration began with lamp lighting and a tribute to Dr. S. R. Ranganathan. The conference volume and Festschrift in honor of Dr. B.R. Gadgin were released, along with LIS books by Dr. Sathishkumar Sidram, Library Assistant, UAS Raichur. Prof. Battu Satyanarayana, Vice Chancellor, CUK Kalaburagi, delivered the inaugural address, calling librarians the 'Kuberas of Knowledge' and highlighting their role in achieving Vikasit Bharat 2047. Dr. Suyamindra Kulkarni, Vice Chancellor, ASMVU Raichur, discussed the impact of AI and ML on libraries, while Dr. Mohan Kherde, ILA President, spoke on AI-enabled libraries and the evolving role of librarians.

Shri Mallikarjun D., Board Member, UAS Raichur, urged libraries to innovate services to attract students. Dr. H.S. Siddamallaiah, Librarian, RGHU Bangalore, emphasized AI's role in transforming libraries. Dr. O.N. Chaubey, General Secretary, ILA, announced the ILA Awards 2024, recognizing excellence in librarianship:

1. ILA Kaula Best Librarian Award – Dr. Rajesh Singh, University Librarian (Delhi University), Dr. Parashuram S. Kattimani, university Librarian (CUK, Kalaburagi)
2. ILA-Gidwani-Deshpandey Best Academic Librarian Award – Dr. Jogender Singh, Librarian (HIPA, Gurugram), Dr. Rajesh Kumar Singh, Deputy Librarian (BHU)
3. ILA-Dr. L.M. Padhya Best University Library Award – Vivekananda Library, MDU, Rohtak
4. ILA-Dr. S.M. Ganguly Best School Library Award – Govt. Girls Sr. Sec. School, Sultanpuri, Delhi

Prof. M. Hanumanthappa, Vice Chancellor, UAS Raichur, expressed gratitude for hosting the 70th ILA International Conference and encouraged librarians to enhance resources and facilities to support students' academic needs.

Post-lunch, an interactive session for publishers and librarians featured distinguished speakers, including Prof. Muttayya M Koganuramath, Director of the Basava International Centre in Bangalore; Shri Satyanarayan, Managing Director and Chairman of Informatics Ltd.; Dr. AppasahebNaikal, Librarian, IIM Kozhikode; and Mr. G.B. Kishore, Regional Sales Manager at Walter Kluwer-OVID. moderated by Dr. H.S. Siddamallaiah, Librarian, RGHU, Bangalore. The session, chaired by Dr. Vineeta Jain, University Librarian, Teerthanker Mahaveer University, Moradabad; co-chaired by Dr. Savitri Krishna, Librarian, GFG and PG College, Afzalpur, Kalaburagi; and rapporteured by Dr. Manjunath Uttarkar, Librarian, Tontadarya College of Engineering, Gadagi. saw active participation and insightful discussions.

Following this, seven technical sessions were held. Technical Session I, chaired by Dr. Rajesh Singh, University Librarian, Delhi University, New Delhi; co-chaired by Dr. Mahabaleshwar Rao, Associate Professor, MAHE, Manipal; and rapportured by DrSambhajiPatil,Librarian,METsInstituteofEngineering, Nashik.focused on "Emerging Technologies and Users' Sustainable Knowledge." The session featured an invited talk by Prof. B. Ramesh Babu, Rtd. Professor, Mahasarakham University, Thailand & Madras University, Chennai on SDGs and their impact on libraries, with 9 papers presented out of 15 submissions.

The first day concluded with a conference dinner, fostering networking and discussions among delegates.

Second day

Second day began with 5th Prof. C.R. Karisiddappa Endowment Lecture by Dr. P.G. Tadasad, Senior Professor and Chairman, DLISc, Karnataka State Akkamahadevi WomenUniversity, Vijayapur on "LIS Education in the AI Era: Sustainability Issues." After this, Technical Session II: AI Tools & Techniques in Libraries Chaired by Dr. Yoginder Singh, Professor,SwamiRamaHimalayanUniversity, Uttarakhand; co-chaired by Dr. Veeresh B Hanchinal, Dy. Librarian, TISS Tulajapur ; and rapporteured by Dr. Suresh Sharanappa, Librarian,GovernmentWomenCollege, Raichur took place. It included an online talk from the USA by Dr. Ravi B. Gaddagimath, Retired University Librarian at Gulbarga University, Kalaburagi and product demonstrations by Aargees Business Solutions, Hubballi, and 2CQR, Chennai. 8 out of 16 papers were presented.

Technical Session III: Information Literacy in LIS Education Chaired by Dr. Rupesh Gaur, Librarian,IndiraGandhiNational College, Kurukshetra; co-chaired by Dr. Milind B. Ansane, Librarian,HVPMSCollegeofEngg.&Tech. Amaravati; and rapporteured by Dr. Krishna Maraddi, Dy.Librarian,UniversityofAgricultural Sciences, Dharawad. the session featured a product demonstration by CABI Publishing. 8 out of 15 papers were presented.

Technical Session IV: Open Access Publishing & Institutional Repositories Chaired by Dr. S.K. Ashok Kumar, UniversityLibrarian,TamilNaduDrAmbedkar Law University, Chennai; co-chaired by Dr. Shakuntala Dahiya, Rtd. Librarian, Sri Aurobindo College, New Delhi and Dr. Rajni Sharma, Librarian, Mahavir Senior Model School Delhi; and rapporteured by Dr. Neelamma G, Asst.Librarian,DavanagereUniversity, Davanagere.

the session included an invited talk by Dr. M. Krishnamurthy, Professor,DRTC,Bangalore on "Research Data Repositories: Opportunities and Challenges" and a product demonstration by Drillbit, Bangalore. 7 out of 10 papers were presented.

Technical Session V: Agricultural Libraries & Information Systems Chaired by Dr. Lakshman Kumar, Librarian, Shimogga; co-chaired by Dr. Shashidhar, Librarian, MSRIT, Bengaluru and rapporteured by Dr. Shashikala, Librarian,KIMS,Bengaluru the session featured an invited talk by Dr. Rajesh Singh, (Delhi University) on "Strategies for Evidence-Based E-Collection Development at Delhi University". 10 out of 16 papers were presented.

Day 2 concluded with the Annual General Body Meeting of the Indian Library Association, New Delhi.

Third day

Technical Session VI: Bibliometrics and Scientometrics Chaired by Dr. Abhijit Sinha, Librarian, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College, New Delhi; co-chaired by Dr. Niranjan Singh, Librarian, Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra and rapporteured by Dr. Venkatesh Kattimani, Librarian, Basaveshwar Science College, Bagalkot. the session featured 6 out of 13 papers presented.

Technical Session VII: Community Information Centers& Case Studies/User Studies

Chaired by Prof. D. Chandran, Rtd. Professor, DILS, S. V. University, Tirupati. co-chaired by Dr. Kutty Kumar, Librarian,S.V.VeterinaryUniversity,Tirupati and rapporteured by Dr. Sangeeta Gaikwad, Assistant Librarian, College of Agricultural Bhimarayanagudi; and Dr. Manjula V., Library Asst. College of Agriculture, Kalaburagi. the session had 7 out of 18 papers presented.

MajorFindingsoftheConference

1.Promoting the modalities of access and use of ONOS, librarians should ensure it.

2.AI tools for academic and research need to be identified and implemented forthe benefit of librarians, students, research scholars and faculty members.

3.LISeducationneedstorevampedtoincludeAItoolsinsyllabus.

4.GreenLibrarieshavetobuildwithinthelibraryinfrastructure

Valedictoryaddress

As per the election byelaws of the Indian Library Association (ILA), after the counting, the Returning Officer officially handed over the results to the President, Dr. Mohan Kherde. Following due procedure, Dr. Kherde presented the results before the General Body, General body approved the results. The announcement of the results brought an overwhelming wave of joy among the newly elected members. Enthusiasm and excitement filled the air as they celebrated their victory with cheerful singing and dancing. The atmosphere was vibrant, with fellow members extending their heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for a successful tenure ahead.

"One-Day Workshop on "Enhancing the Research Efficiency with Sci-Space and Typeset"

One day workshop on "Enhancing the Research Efficiency with Sci-Space and Typeset" was organised as part of Women's day Celebration-2025 on 07/03/2025by the University Library in association with the Department of Library and Information Science and the AhilyabaiCenter for Women Studies in Post Graduate Research Extension, Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women University, Vijayapura.

Thesession began with a spiritual invocation led by Anjana and Siddakka, MLIScfinal year students. Prof. Gavisiddappa A, Professor and Librarian at KSAWUV, delivered the welcome address, introducing the chief guest and providing an overview about the workshop.

The formal inauguration of the workshop was marked by a symbolic gesture, where all dignitaries participated in watering a plant, symbolizing the growth and nourishment of knowledge. Shri Raghavendra R, Founder of Techgadi, Bangalore, then delivered the inaugural address, emphasizing the importance of leveraging technology to enhance research efficiency.

The Presidential address was delivered by Prof. P G Tadasad, Senior Professor and Chairman, Dept of Library and Information Science, KSAWU, Vijayapura,

The function concluded with a vote of thanks presented by Prof. Gavisiddappa A, Professor and Librarian, Department of Library and Information Science, KSAWU. Following the inaugural ceremony, the technical session began, with Shri Raghavendra R delivering a special lecture on "Enhancing the Research Efficiency with Sci-Space and Typeset," providing participants with valuable insights into research tools and methodologies.

This successful event set the stage for a productive and informative workshop aimed at improving research practices for students and scholars.

Essay competition To honor the legacy of the Prolific Library Science writer Late Prof. P S G Kumar

It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Prof. P S G Kumar, a renowned author in library science professional who has left an indelible mark on our community. Throughout his career, he wrote more than 70 books that have been read by countless students and professionals alike, inspiring and guiding them in their pursuit of knowledge and wisdom. His contributions to the field of library science are immeasurable, and his loss is a great tragedy for us all. To honor his legacy, Government First Grade College Naubad Bidarorganized an essay competition among our college Post Graduate students, which saw over 60 participants vying for the top prizes. The winners were awarded Rs. 3000 for first prize, Rs. 2000 for second prize, and Rs. 1000 for third prize, along with certificates to commemorate their achievement. Although Prof. Kumar is no longer with us, his work will continue to inspire and educate future generations of library science professionals.

Dr. Parashuram Kattimani

Dr . Parashuram Kattimani , Librarian, Central University of Karnataka, Kalaburagi received a very prestigious national ILA KAULA Best Librarian Award 2024 at 70th ILA International Conference held at UAS, Raichur 20-22 March 2025.

National Workshop on AI Driven Tools, Plagiarism and Ethics

National Workshop on AI Driven Tools, Plagiarism and Ethics: Balancing Innovation and Integrity in Research organised by the Department of Library and Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) N.V.K.S.D. College of Education jointly with Kerala Library Association (KLA) and Society for Advancement of Library and Information Science (SALIS) Tirunelveli Chapter on March 1- 2025 (Saturday)

The workshop was formally inaugurated in the College Auditorium. It commenced with the lighting of lamp. Dr. Prasobh Madhavan, IQAC Co Ordinator and Assistant Professor of English N.V.K.S.D ,College of Education welcomed the august body. Dr R.Mukundan,Vice President,N.V.K.S.Educational Society presided over the session and delivered the presidential address .DrS.Sreelatha ,Principal,N.V.K.S.D. College of Education gave the introductory speech and in her speech she highlighted the importance of AI integration that is revolutionizing the way we work, live, and innovate. Dr. A.Muthukrishnan expounded the role of SALIS in enhancing the quality of learning. Dr K.Elavazhagan,librarian and Chief Knowledge Officer, Indian Institute of Management ,Thirichirappalli, inagurated the workshop and in his inaugural address he explored the criticalissues of how AI can be used ethically while preventing plagiarism.The esteemed resource persons were accorded with honours for their contributions and expertise during the inaugural session .DrK.GireeshKumar,,delivered the vote of thanks for the inaugural session

The first technical session began at 10.15 am on 'Charting the Path of Integrity :A Prelude to Research Ethics. Dr. K.P. Vijaya Kumar, Former Head, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala was the resource person. Dr. K.P. Vijaya Kumar reflected on the principles that safeguard the authenticity of research, ensuring that innovation and integrity go hand in hand and stressed that it is a responsibility that defines the credibility and impact of any research work . Dr. R.P.Deepa , Assistant Professor, , N.V.K.S.D College of Education welcomed and introduced the resource person.MsV.S.Vidhya , Assistant Professor, , N.V.K.S.D College of Education delivered the vote of thanks

The second technical session started at11.45 am .The theme for the session is'AI and plagiarism detection tool :A focus on drillbit,ithenticate and other leading solutions. Dr.P.K.Suresh Kumar, Deputy Librarian and Head IT Division (Rtd), University of Kerala was the resource person. Dr.P.K.Suresh Kumar engaged in a meaning discussionson the leading technologies of today especially ,drillbit,ithenticate and how they can be effectively integrated into the academic and professional settings. And how these solutions support integrity while embracing the advancements in AI-driven content generation Dr. V.P.BinduGouri , Assistant Professor, N.V.K.S.D College of Education welcomed and introduced the resource person and M Pradeepa.M, Assistant Professor N.V.K.S.D College of Education delivered the vote of thanks.

The third technical session on Reference Management tools commenced after the lunch break. Dr.K.Ramasamy, Librarian ,M.V.Muthiah Government College for Women, Dindigal was the resource person. He provided valuable insights into the reference management tools and how these tools can streamline the research process, improve collaboration, and maintain academic integrity. He also highlighted the scope of these research tools in empoweringaresearcher to focus on the quality of the work while ensuring proper attribution of ideas. Dr.NSelvaganapathy ,Librarian, Pioneer Kumaraswami College Nagercoil welcomed the resource person and Dr S.Praveenkumar ,AssistantProfessor ,N.V.K.S.D. College of Education delivered the vote of thanks.

Prof Dr.Gladson Raj S, Professor of Computer Science, Govt.CollegeKariavattom, Trivandrum gave the valedictory address followed by the distribution of certificate to the participants. The event was ended with a vote of thanks by Dr.P.Sheela, Organizing Secretary and Librarian of the college.

The workshop was attended 128 delegates from the states like Pondicherry, Tamilnadu and Kerala,. Dr P.Sheela,Librarian, and Dr. D.S Prasobh Madhavan ,Assistant Professor of N.V.K.S.D College of Education were the organising Secretaries of the workshop.

Mr. Sameer Laxmeshwar

Mr. Sameer Laxmeshwar, Assistant Librarian, MAHE Bengaluru has been awarded best paper for his paper" Role of academic library in QS ranking institution framework: A study" during National Conference on Modern Library Technologies and Services (NCMLTS 2025) held at MAHE Bengaluru on 29th March 2025

Extension Lectures in Department of Library and Information Science, Central University of Punjab

The Department of Library and Information Sciences, School of Information and Communication Studies, Central University of Punjab, Bathinda organized Two Extension Lectures on "DDC at (Almost) 150: Developments, Trends and Challenges" on 20th March, 2025 in hybrid mode. The invited speaker of the first session was Mr Alex Kyrios, Senior Editor, Dewey Decimal Classification, Online Computer Library Centre, USA. He told the historical factors in the development of DDC and the future aspects of its development. He has discussed that Literature on Indian Knowledge System be included in DDC next version and has planned to includes Aayush Bharat related literature for generation of DDC number.The second session was by Prof. M. P. Satija, UGC Emeritus Fellow, Honorary Professor, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar. In this International Extension Lecture total two hundred eighty six (286) participants attended the Lectures online from India and abroad also. The Extension lectures were organized under the patronage of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Raghvendra P. Tiwari. The Dean, School of Information and Communication Studies and Head, Department of Library and Information Sciences Dr. Bhaw Nath Pandey led the event. The faculty members of the department Dr. Sukhdev Singh, Mr. Somesh Rai, Dr. Florence Guite, and Dr. Rishabh Shrivastava ensured the successful organisation of the Event. All research scholars helped in the orgainsation of the event.

Capacity Building Workshop on Information Literacy for teachers

On March 11, 2025, Bal Bharati Public School, Kudgi, Vijayapura ignited a spark of knowledge among its teachers with a one-day workshop on 'Information Literacy Skills'. The BBPS Library, under Librarian Dr. Rajashri Joshi's guidance, played host to this enlightening event.Prof. P.G. Tadasad Senior Professor and Chairman, DLISc, Karnataka State Akkamahadevi WomenUniversity Vijayapura led the session, navigating the realms of digital resources, literacy integration, and online tools. The workshop empowered educators to harness the power of information, fostering a community of informed and inspired learners.As the curtains drew on this illuminating experience, BBPS Kudgi's teachers left with minds aglow, ready to kindle a love of learning in their students.

One-Day National Level Awareness Programme on"IPR - Patents for a New Digital Era: Innovation, Challenges, and Strategic Solutions"

The One-Day National Level Awareness Programme on"IPR - Patents for a New Digital Era: Innovation, Challenges, and Strategic Solutions"was successfully organized on24th March 2025atGovernment Degree College, Mulugu in both online and offline modes. The event aimed to provide insights into the significance of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) and patents in the evolving digital landscape, the challenges faced, and strategic solutions for fostering innovation. A total of171 participants attended online, while50 participants attended offline, making it a well-received and impactful event.

The programme commenced with the invitation of guests onto the dais by B. Shirisha. This was followed by the lighting of the lamp and a prayer song led by Dr. P. Nagamani.Dr. K. Mallesham, Principal, Government Degree College, Mulugu, who attended as the Chief Guest, delivered a motivational address emphasizing the importance of IPR in fostering research and innovation.Dr. B. Jagadish, Convener, provided a briefing on the objectives and significance of the One-Day National Level Awareness Programme. The Co-Convener & IQAC Coordinator, Dr. B. Balaiah, also addressed the gathering with a message highlighting the need for increased awareness about patents in the digital era.

The keynote address was delivered byDr. Shankar Rao Munjam, Director & Scientist, Patent IPR Innovation Solution, Hyderabad. Dr. S. Kavitha introduced the keynote speaker, who elaborated on theimportance of patents in the digital era, discussingemerging challengesandstrategic solutionsfor protecting intellectual property in the rapidly evolving technological landscape. His address highlighted global trends in patenting, the role of digital tools in securing patents, and the need for increased awareness among academia and industry professionals.

The technical session was led byMr. S. Anil Kumar, Librarian, CKM Government Arts & Science College, Desaipet, Warangal, who served as theResource Person. D. Radhika introduced the Resource Person, who provided a detailed presentation onpatent filing procedures, intellectual property laws, and digital innovations. His session focused on:Fundamentals of Intellectual Property Rights, types of patents and their importance, challenges in securing patents in the digital eraand strategic solutions for patent protection and commercialization.

An engaging interactive session followed, where participants raised queries related to patent filing, the role of digital advancements in securing IPR, and the potential career opportunities in the field. The experts provided valuable insights and practical guidanceon how institutions can promote a culture of innovation and protect intellectual assets.

The valedictory session was presided over byDr. B. Balaiah, Co-Convener & IQAC Coordinator, andDr. S. Kavitha, Organizing Secretary. Dr. K. Saritha delivered the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the esteemed speakers, faculty members, research scholars, and students for their enthusiastic participation. Certificates of participation were distributed to attendees.

Virtual National Webinar on "Empowerment of Women"

To commemorate International Women's Day, the Library Association of Bihar (LAB) organized a virtualNational Webinar on "Empowerment of Women" on 28th March 2024, hosted on the Google Meet platform.The programme was initiated with the Welcome Address by Professor Manoj Kumar Sinha, the Hon,blePresident, Library Association of Bihar, following the address by Dr. DD. Lal, General Secretary, (LAB),highlighting its activities and introducing briefly about the National Webinar.Two esteemed resource persons, i.e., Dr. Prof. Sonal Singh (Retd Professor & Head, Department of Libraryand Information Science, Vikram University, Ujjain) and Ms. Poonam Bharti Gola (Librarian, AIMA, NewDelhi & PhD Scholar, Gujarat University).The session was moderated and anchored by Ms. Prameeta Sharma, Treasurer of LAB, along with the formalVote of thanks.

Prof. Sonal Singh's lecture focused on the 'Viksit Bharat Movement', emphasizing the significant roles playedby women from various sectors in shaping India's progress. Her session highlighted the transformative powerof women's participation in nation-building efforts.Ms. Poonam Bharti Gola shared her expertise on the 'Art of Presentation', providing valuable insights intocreating impactful and engaging presentations. She discussed the key elements to make presentations moreinteractive, thus enhancing communication effectiveness.A good number of participants, Office Bearers, and Executive Committee Members have attended theWebinar. The interactive sessions sparked discussions and received positive feedback for their relevance andclarity.

One Week Professional Development Programme at Gulbarga University Library

Gulbarga University Library, Kalaburagi, Karnataka, successfully organized a One Week Professional Development Programme on "Research Methodology, Scopus Publishing & AI Tools for Information Searching Skills" from March 25-29, 2025, at Manthana Hall. The event aimed to enhance research skills among students, research scholars, and faculty members.The workshop covered a range of topics, including Research Design, Sampling Tools, Literature Review, AI Tools in Research, Data Analysis, Scopus/WoS Publishing, Anti-Plagiarism Tools, and E-Resources for Information Searching.
Distinguished resource persons from Gulbarga University, University of Hyderabad, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi University, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, and the Central University of Karnataka shared their expertise with participants.The initiative was led by Dr. Suresh Jange, University Librarian & NAAC Coordinator. The event was coordinated by Dr. Praveenkumar K (Workshop Coordinator & Head, VLRC & DL) and technical support by Mr. Sharangouda (Library Assistant, Maintenance), alongside workshop co-coordinators Dr. Khemanna Aldi, Dr. Mamata Mestri, and Mr. Shankaragouda S. G.
With 80 participants benefiting from this intensive program, the workshop successfully fostered a research-oriented mindset, equipping attendees with essential methodologies and digital tools for scholarly publishing and academic growth.

Forthcoming events

PUBMET2025: The 12th Conference on Scholarly Communication in the Context of Open Science11-12 September 2025, Zagrebhttps://pubmet2025.unizd.hr/

The 12th PUBMET2025 Conference on Scholarly Communication in the Context of Open Science will be held at the University of Zagreb Faculty of Food Technology and Biotechnology from 11 to 12 September 2025.Mikael Laakso, Tampere University, Finland, Livia Puljak, Catholic University of Croatia and Ana Lazarova, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria will be the main speakers.
The organisers of the PUBMET2025 conference invite LIS professionals to submit an abstract that describes the main idea of your work, its scholarly or practical relevance, and innovative scientific and/or societal impact on the following topics:
Please send submissions written in English via EasyChair:
https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=pubmet2025 (free account required).
IMPORTANT DATES

- Short talk and poster abstract submission deadline: 15 April (acceptance notification: 15 May 2025)
- Registration deadline for author(s) of accepted submissions: 1 July 2025
- Presentation and/or poster upload deadline: 1 September 2025
- Full paper submission deadline: 1 December 2025

For more details, visit the PUBMET2025 website or contact us at pubmet@unizd.hr

Call for Papers and Presentations: "Uniting Knowledge, Building the Future: Libraries Serving Multicultural Communities through Local History and Genealogy"

The Local History and Genealogy Section and Library Services to MulticulturalPopulations Section of IFLA extended the deadline for accepting submissions ofthe satellite meetingat National Academic Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan in Astana,Kazakhstan, on 15 August 2025.

"Uniting Knowledge, Building the Future: Libraries Serving MulticulturalCommunities through Local History and Genealogy" will explore best practicesand how libraries can partner with local community groups to document andcelebrate indigenous culture and heritage.

To learn more about the call for papers or to submit a proposal, https://www.ifla.org/news/call-for-papers-and-presentations-uniting-knowledge-building-the-future-libraries-serving-multicultural-communities-through-local-history-and-genealogy/

Timeline: All proposals must be submitted by 30 April 2025.

Prof . T D Kemparaju

In appreciation of his unparalleled dedication, visionary leadership, and lifelong commitment to the field of Library and Information Science, IATLIS confers upon Prof. T.D. KemparajuRetd. Professor, DLISc Bangalore University, Bengaluru and former Vice Chancellor. Bangalore North University the Prof. Jaginder Singh Ramdev Lifetime Achievement Award. during the national conference held at TISS on 29th March 2025 by considering his life time achievements.

Manuscript Digitization Project

On going project

Under the patronage of the Honourable Chancellor, Janab Hammad Ahmad Sahab, Jamia Hamdard launched an ambitious Manuscript Digitization Project aimed at preserving and providing global access to its invaluable collection of manuscripts. The university plans to digitize its entire archive of 3,800 rare manuscripts, housed in the Central Library, in technical collaboration with the Juma Al Majid Center for Culture and Heritage, Dubai, UAE.

During the launch, Professor M. Afshar Alam, Vice-Chancellor of Jamia Hamdard, emphasized the critical role of digitization in preserving India's rich cultural and scholarly heritage for future generations. This strategic initiative marks a significant step in Jamia Hamdard's ongoing mission to promote research, preserve heritage, and foster international collaboration in the academic domain.

Dr. AzzeddineBenzeghiba, from the Juma Al Majid Center for Culture & Heritage, expressed satisfaction over the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Jamia Hamdard. He noted that the collaboration extends beyond digitization to include knowledge sharing—encompassing books, periodicals, pamphlets, training programs, conferences, and other academic initiatives. Dr. Benzeghiba also assured full technical support and training required to successfully implement the project.

The Manuscript Digitization Cell of Jamia Hamdard is fully equipped and staffed to ensure the smooth execution of the project. We expect to complete the digitization process by 2026, after which the manuscript details will be made digitally accessible to researchers around the globe.

Technology

Excel Is Dead; Don't waste time on formulas, functions, and complex calculations.

Here are few AI tools that make Excel seem like a toy:

1. SheetAI App
 - Type your request in plain English.
 - Automates complex tasks in minutes.
 - Perfect for large-scale analysis.
 https://www.sheetai.app
2. Arcwise
 - Integrates AI customized to your business.
 - Models built directly into spreadsheets.
 - Boosts efficiency and personalization.
 https://arcwise.app
3. ChatCSV (acquired by Flatfile)
 - Ask questions directly to your CSV files.
 - Acts like a personal data analyst.
 - Simplifies complex queries effortlessly.
 https://www.chatcsv.co
4. Numerous AI
 - Integrates ChatGPT into Google Sheets.
 - Simplifies data management and manipulation.
 - Cost-effective and powerful.
 https://numerous.ai
5. Rows
 - AI-driven data analysis, summaries, and transformations.
 - Accelerates spreadsheet creation.
 - Ideal for quick decision-making.
 https://rows.com/ai
6. Genius Sheets
 - Connects to internal data using natural language.
 - Runs instant analysis like never before.
 - Perfect for real-time insights.
 https://lnkd.in/dVtyX7xb
7. Equals
 - Start with a blank sheet and gain instant insights.
 - Ideal for quick, AI-powered analytics.
 - Reduces manual effort drastically.
 https://equals.com/ai
8. ChartPixel
 - Creates AI-assisted charts and slides.
 - Turns raw data into actionable insights.
 - Saves hours of presentation preparation.
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Digital Preservation Tools

Digital preservation involves a range of tools and techniques to ensure the long-term accessibility and usability of digital materials, addressing the challenges of media failure, technological change, and data obsolescence. These approaches range from basic practices like backing up data and using checksums to more advanced methods like migration, emulation, and technology preservation.

Tools and Techniques:

Backup and Replication:
Creating multiple copies of data and storing them in different locations is a fundamental practice. Tools like bagit can help automate the process of creating checksums (digital fingerprints) to detect corruption.

Checksums and File Fixity:
Using checksums (e.g., MD5, SHA-256) to verify the integrity of digital files over time is crucial.

Migration:
Migrating data from older, obsolete formats to newer, more stable formats is a common preservation strategy. Tools like DROID and PRONOM (from The National Archives) help identify file formats and determine their compatibility.

Emulation:
Recreating the software and hardware environments in which digital objects were originally created and run can preserve functionality even if the original hardware is no longer available.

Institutional Repositories (IRs):
Rs can serve as a central repository for digital materials, facilitating long-term preservation and access, often using software like DSpace and Eprints.

Analog Backups:
Converting digital content to analog media (like microfilm) can provide a long-term archival solution.

Examples of Digital Preservation Tools:
Droid and PRONOM: From The National Archives, used for file format identification and registry.
COPTR (Community Owned Digital Preservation Tool Registry): A registry of tools used for digital preservation.
SPRUCE (Strategic Programme for Research and Understanding **the Context of Digital Preservation):** A project providing tools and resources for digital preservation.
Digital Preservation Coalition: A non-profit organization supporting digital preservation efforts.
Federal Agencies Digital Guidelines Initiative (FADGI): A collaborative effort to establish standards for digital preservation.
By combining these tools and techniques, digital preservation can ensure the long-term availability and usability of valuable digital information for future generations.

Technology Preservation:
Preserving the specific technologies (software, hardware, operating systems) required to access and use digital content can be a long-term preservation strategy.
Durable/Persistent Media:
Using durable media like gold CDs or microfilm can extend the lifespan of digital materials.

Metadata:
Developing comprehensive metadata (information about the data) is crucial for long-term access and usability. Tools like CyberChef and Metadata++ can help with metadata management.

Encapsulation:
Encapsulating digital objects in a standardized format (like PDF/A) can help preserve their structure and content.

Digital Curation:
Selecting, collecting, organizing, and sharing digital assets is a key aspect of digital preservation, often involving tools like Adobe Photoshop Elements and Geosetter

Appointment

Dr. Shankar Reddy Kolle

Dr. Shankar Reddy Kolle joined Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh as a University Librarian on 01.03.2025. Before this, he served as a University Librarian at Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh.

Awards

Kundan Jha

Kundan Jha has been conferred with CGLA Young Researcher Award -2024 for his outstanding contribution in the filed of LIS by Chattisgarh Library Association on March 24 2025

News you can use

Creative Librarians' Club translated the latest issue of its activity sheets

Creative Librarians' Club, a division of the Association of Library and Information Professionals of the Czech Republic, has translated the latest issue of its activity sheets entitled Maly tvorivec (Little Craftkid) both to Ukrainian and English, so that they can be used as widely as possible.
The activity sheets in Ukrainian:
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They consist of quizzes, colouring pictures and other activities sparking creativity in preschool children and younger primary school children and can be used in libraries, schools and other organizations focusing on leisure activities for children, helping Ukrainian refugees etc.
This issue consists of fifteen pages. All you have to do to successfully use it in practice is to print it out (no colour except for black is required) and then hand it out to children

Department of Library and Information Science, University of Delhi

Department of Library and Information Science, University of Delhi, established and nurtured by Padma Shri Dr. S R Ranganathan (Father of Library Science in India), has been honored with the Best LIS School Award in the country. This prestigious award was conferred at Sir Dorabji Tata Memorial Library, TISS, Mumbai, during IATLIS national conference from March 28-29, 2025.Prof R K Bhatt, Head of the Department received the honour. The department has set benchmarks in academic rigor, professional ethics, and transformative pedagogy. Through innovative teaching, impactful research, and unwavering commitment to librarianship, it has nurtured professionals who have significantly contributed to global knowledge and society.

School of Library and Information Science Bharathidasan University

School of Library and Information Science Bharathidasan University was conferred Best LIS School award by TATA Institute of Social Sciences by Indian Association of Teachers of Teachers of LIS at TISS MUMBAI on 29th March 2025 along with reputedLong standing LIS Schools of University of Delhi and SNDT Women's University of Mumbai. The award is a recognition of sincere, hard work, knowledge dissemination and tireless service rendered to the students, the university and the LIS community. Prof.S.Srinivasa RagavanSenior Professor and Chair received the honour.

Superannuation

Dr. Shailesh Yagnik

Dr. Shailesh Yagnik: A Legacy of knowledge & inspiration: The MICA community bid a heartfelt farewell to Dr. Shailesh Yagnik, a guiding force in the world of Library & Information Science with an incredible 33 years of experience. His contributions to knowledge management, research, and education have left an indelible mark, not just at MICA but across institutions and industries.

From Sarabhai Research Centre to EDII, from compiling 400+ product information reports to shaping the MICA Indian Marketing Intelligence (MIMI) research project, Dr. Yagnik has been a powerhouse of insight and dedication. At MICA, he played a pivotal role in spearheading the Knowledge Exchange and Information Centre and fostering a culture of continuous learning.

His attention to detail, mentorship, and commitment to putting the institution before self have inspired generations of MICA community members to aim higher, many of whom he encouraged to pursue higher education, leading by example when he earned his Ph.D. at the age of 50.

Obituary

Dr. B P Shrivatsav

Dr. Harisinh Gaur University Sagar former librarian Dr. B. P. Shrivastav ji passed away on 12-03-2025 in Pune Maharashtra.

SHPT School of LIS, SNDT Women's University, Mumbai

SHPT School of Library and Information Science, SNDT Women's University Mumbai, has been honored with the Best LIS School Award in the country. This prestigious award was conferred at Sir Dorabji Tata Memorial Library, TISS, Mumbai, during IATLIS national conference from March 28-29, 2025. Dr Subhash Chavan Head of the Department received the honour.

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