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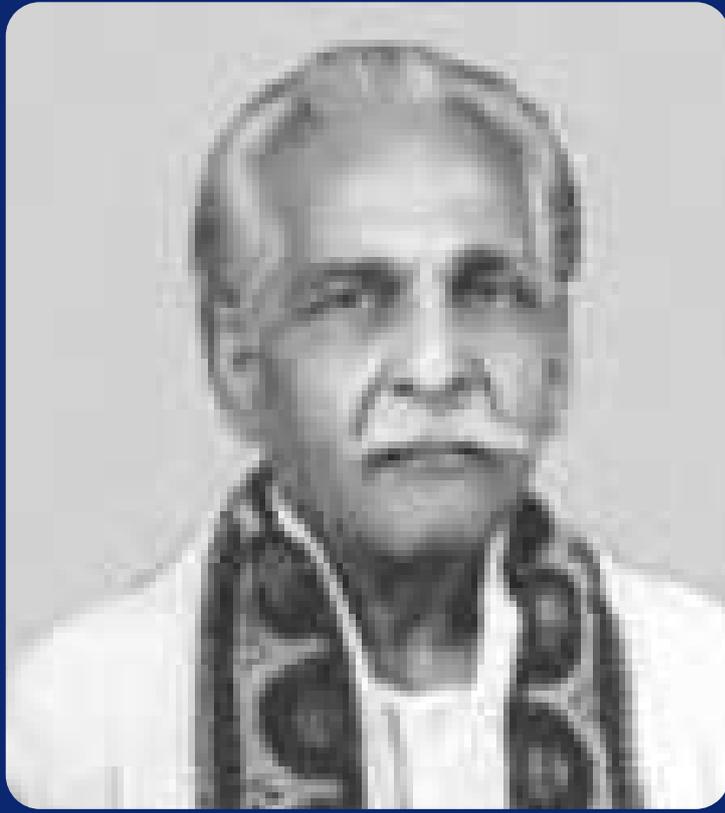
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Dear Professionals,

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 Oct to 25th Nov) 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.



Iyyanki Venkata Ramanaiah

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ILA Notice

Updating/Addition of Personal Details and Corresponding Addresses

This is to inform all concerned members of the Indian Library Association (ILA) that a Google Form has been created for updating members' personal details and addresses. After collecting the information from members, the updated details will be incorporated on the ILA website. Members are requested to kindly fill out the Google Form using the link given below for updating:

Google Form Link: <https://forms.gle/JW4mGUwwTtobcHEq7>

Note: It may be noted that whose email id is registered in ILA database they can update their address themselves in ILA membership database through ILA website i.e. www.ilaindia.net.

Dr. Dharam Kumar

General Secretary, ILA

NOTICE

Dated: 04 December 2025

Subject: Regarding updation/addition of personal details with corresponding addresses

It is notified to all concerned members of ILA that you may send request through your registered email for updating/ addition of personal details and corresponding addresses with self-attested copy of Aadhar card below given format on ilaindiaoffice@gmail.com. It may be noted that in absence of mentioned mandatory document, ILA will not be able to update the same.

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Dr. Dharam Kumar
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Feature Article

Tragic Death of Librarian Highlights Rural Library Crisis

SRI KRISHNADEVARAYA TELUGU BHASHA NILAYAM (Sultan Bazar, Hyderabad), one of the oldest libraries in Telangana, was established on September 1st, 1901 by eminent personalities such as Jagirdar Sri Ravichettu Ranga Rao, Sri Komarraju Venkata Laxmana Rao (Diwan of Munagala Raja), and Sri Adiraju Veerabhadra Rao to protect the Telugu language and culture. It began its operations from Jagirdar Ranga Rao's own bungalow in Ramkoti. As it became very popular with increased number of readers, it was shifted to a rented bungalow in Koti.

Following sudden death of Sri Ranga Rao on July 3rd, 1910, his wife Smt Lakshmi Narasamma, resolved to fulfill her husband's dream of providing its own building to this library. She donated Rs.3000 for the purchase of a old tiled house in Ramkoti (the same place where the present multistoried building stands) to accommodate this library. In 1915, Sri Madapati Hanumantha Rao, who took over as Secretary of this library, collected donations worth Rs.12000 from people, dismantled the old tiled house and completed the present building in 1921. Unfortunately Smt Lakshmi Narasamma passed away on October 25th, 1918 without seeing the new building. It was her contribution of Rs.3000, a big amount in those times, which laid the strong foundation for a great heritage library. It celebrated its 125th anniversary on September 1st this year. It has an invaluable collection of 53776 books in Telugu, English, Urdu, and Hindi.

Recently, a faculty member of English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU) approached this heritage library for the book History of Japan, published in 1906. It is a matter of great delight that this book was retrieved within minutes. The document treasure we see today in this library is the result of selfless service and sacrifice, spanning 125 years, of several individuals such as Sri Boorgula Ramakrishna Rao, Sri Kodati Narayana Rao, Prof. B Rama Raju, Dr. Dasarathi and Sri ML Narasimha Rao.

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Events Organised

“Collage of Business Ideas” Competition



The Library & Learning Group, in collaboration with the Department of Business Administration, organized the “Collage of Business Ideas” competition for 3rd Semester MBA students on 11th and 25th October 2025.

The event, held at the MBA Library, saw enthusiastic participation from 64 students, who showcased their creativity and business acumen through thought-provoking collages. The competition featured diverse themes, including Leadership & Strategy, Marketing & Branding, Finance & Banking, Entrepreneurship & Startups, HR & People Management, and Business Analytics & Technology.

Participants visually represented their innovative business ideas and engaged in insightful discussions with the panel of judges. The sessions highlighted the students' analytical thinking, teamwork, and presentation skills.

The competition served as a platform for MBA students to combine creativity with strategic business thinking, reflecting the department's commitment to experiential learning and holistic development.

BOOK EXHIBITION-PJTAU-KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT CENTER



Professor Jayashankar Telangana Agricultural University, Rajendra nagar, Hyderabad, Knowledge Management Centre, has Organized Two days Book Exhibition on 24th and 25th October, 2025

The book Exhibition has been organized as a part of open access library week from October 20–26, 2025 on the theme "WHO OWNS KNOWLEDGE". The Book Exhibition was inaugurated by Dr.G.E.Ch. VidyaSagar, Registrar, PJTAU, Coordinated by Dr. J. Vivekavardhan, University Librarian and Dr N.P. Ravi Kumar, Asst.Professor (LIS). All the University Officers, Faculty Members, Scientists, Extension Specialists, Research Scholars, Students and Non-Teaching Staff of the University approximately 1000 visitors visited the Book Exhibition.

Shri.L.K.Khot College of Commerce Hosts Special Session on E-Resources for Research Advancement



Shri L.K. Khot College of Commerce, Sankeshwar organized a one-day Special Session on "Mastering the Art of Research Paper Writing through E-Resources" on 28 October 2025, jointly hosted by the Library Department and IQAC. Dr. Praveen Hulloli, Librarian & HOD, KLS Gogte College of Commerce, served as the Chief Guest and Resource Person.

He delivered an insightful session on effective scientific communication and demonstrated key e-resource and book platforms, which received enthusiastic participation from students and faculty. Principal Dr. Smt. S. I. Madiwalappagol thanked Dr. Hulloli and highlighted the institution's commitment to research excellence. IQAC Coordinator Dr. D. D. Kulkarni explained the objectives of the program. Librarian Lt. Shrikant Chavan proposed the vote of thanks. The program saw active participation from the management, faculty, and a large number of students, reflecting strong institutional support for quality research education.

Convocation Ceremony at University of Patanjali

The University of Patanjali organized its Convocation Ceremony on 2 November 2025, marking an important milestone in the academic year. The ceremony was graced by the presence of distinguished guests. The programme was presided over by the Vice-Chancellor, and the blessings of the Chancellor added significance to the event.



During the ceremony, 10 meritorious students were awarded Gold Medals in recognition of their academic achievements. Additionally, one D.Lit. degree was conferred, bringing pride to the academic fraternity.

The dignitaries highlighted the importance of integrating ancient Vedic knowledge with modern scientific advancements, emphasizing the role of education in nurturing values, culture, research and holistic development. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty members and invited guests. The University Library team also contributed to the smooth execution of the programme

RRRLF-Sponsored National Conference at CUTN



The Department of Library and Information Science, Central University of Tamil Nadu, organized a two-day RRRLF-sponsored National Conference on “Legacy to Legendary: Digital Rebuilding of the Foundations for Future Libraries” on 7–8 November 2025 at the Chozha Central Library.

The event saw the participation of 135 delegates from various states, including library professionals, researchers, faculty, and students.

The conference was inaugurated by distinguished academicians, with Prof. S. Thanuskodi delivering the welcome address.

Across both days, the conference featured multiple technical sessions, invited lectures by eminent professors, and scholarly paper presentations on themes such as AI-driven smart libraries, future research metrics, transformative library spaces, and inclusive library policies.

A panel discussion with experts from academia and government institutions added depth to the deliberations.

The conference concluded successfully with active participation, insightful discussions, and warm hospitality throughout the event.

One Day National Workshop on “One Nation One Subscription for Research Excellence”



Government Degree College, Mulugu, Telangana, organized a One Day National Workshop on One Nation – One Subscription (ONOS) on 7 November 2025, with support from RUSA-PM Usha

The workshop highlighted the Government of India's ONOS initiative, aimed at providing equitable access to global research publications for all academic institutions.

The inaugural session was led by Dr. K. Mallesham, Principal, with Prof. S. Sudarshan Rao, Retired Professor, Osmania University, delivering the keynote address, calling ONOS a transformative step for India's research ecosystem.

Dr. B. Jagadish, Convener and Head, DLIS, emphasized the crucial role of libraries in strengthening research quality. Resource lectures were delivered by Dr. B. Radhika Rani (Kakatiya University) and Dr. I. M. Shettar (NIT Warangal), focusing on equitable access and expanding global knowledge through ONOS.

Over 200 participants from various colleges and universities attended, including faculty, research scholars, and students. Hands-on training sessions on accessing research databases were also conducted.

The event was coordinated by the IQAC team and faculty members, with strong administrative support. The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks, successfully promoting awareness about India's national research access initiative.

AIHLE-2025 Conference at Uttaranchal University



Dehradun, 7–8 Nov 2025: The 3rd International Conference on "Artificial Intelligence and Humanities in Library & Education 4.0" (AIHLE-2025) was successfully held at Uttaranchal University, jointly organized by the Central Library, SLA, and UIT. The event featured keynote addresses, paper presentations, and panel discussions on AI's role in Education 4.0, environmental sustainability, and social inclusion. Over 400 delegates from 20 states and multiple countries participated. Awards presented included: Best Library Leadership & Innovation Award: Prof. (Dr.) K.P. Singh, Lifetime Achievement Award: Padma Shri Prof. (Dr.) H.S. Bedi, Best Teacher Award: Prof. (Dr.) Jaideep Sharma, Academic Excellence Award: Prof. (Dr.) M.P. Singh.

RG Kedia College of Commerce Celebrates National Education Day



The Department of Library & Information Centre and IQAC celebrated National Education Day on 11 November 2025 at R.G. Kedia College of Commerce, Hyderabad, marking the birth anniversary of India's first Education Minister, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad.

Dr. Vandana Samba, Director (Research), delivered the keynote address, highlighting real education, personality development, quality learning, time management, and the impact of social media on students.

The event included talks and competitions on technology in education, skill development, AI and education, and an essay writing contest, encouraging students to understand the future of learning.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Ramsha Khaliq, IQAC Coordinator.



Research Excellence Summit: Advancing Viksit Bharat 2047 through Research Innovation



The Indira Gandhi Memorial (IGM) Library, University of Hyderabad, in collaboration with Taylor & Francis, organised the “Research Excellence Summit: Advancing Viksit Bharat 2047 through Research Innovation” on 13 November 2025 at the Dr. Zakir Husain Auditorium as part of National Library Week celebrations.

The event brought together researchers, faculty, and academic leaders to discuss India’s research future aligned with Viksit Bharat 2047.

Registrar Dr. Devesh Nigam highlighted the University’s publication landscape and future academic initiatives, while Dr. O. Sivasankar Prasad, University Librarian (I/c), outlined the library’s growing research support services.

Senior representatives from Taylor & Francis shared insights on open access publishing, research integrity, AI-driven innovation, and the role of research in national development and SDGs.

The Summit focused on research excellence, global publishing visibility, ethical research practices, and AI-enabled innovation. It concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Prasad, reaffirming a collective commitment to strengthening India’s research ecosystem for Viksit Bharat 2047.

Library Week Celebrations Promote Reading Culture at Government City College, Hyderabad



Hyderabad, Nov 14–20: The Library Science Department of Government City College celebrated Library Week with a series of activities aimed at encouraging reading habits among students. Principal Acharya Padmavati, the chief guest, urged students to make full use of library resources and announced the complete digitization of the library for better accessibility.

Faculty members and students participated enthusiastically, sharing insights on the importance of reading and library usage. The program was coordinated by Library Officer Dr. Ravi Kumar Chegoni, with support from the library staff.

GIITS Celebrates National Library Week 2025 with Enthusiasm and Student Engagement



Gonna Institute of Information Technology and Sciences (GIITS), Anakapalli celebrated National Library Week 2025 from 14–20 November with great enthusiasm and active participation from students and faculty.

The celebrations were inaugurated by Sri G. Hemchand Naidu, Correspondent, who highlighted the importance of libraries in academic and cultural development.

Librarian Mr. A. Syamala Rao coordinated the week-long events, which included quiz competitions, essay writing, elocution, reading activities, and library awareness sessions.

Students from all departments participated enthusiastically, showcasing their talent and strengthening their connection with library resources. Mr. Rao expressed his appreciation for the strong student response and emphasized the role of such activities in promoting creativity, critical thinking, and a love for reading.

The week concluded on a positive note, reaffirming GIITS's commitment to strengthening library culture and holistic student development.

Saturday Mirror Special Lecture Series



Dr. Lalitha Aswath, Professor (Rtd.), Department of Library and Information Science, Bangalore University delivered a lecture on the topic "Paradigm Shift from Physical Library Structure to Virtual Environment" in the Saturday Mirror Special Lecture Series organized by Department of Library and Information Science, Tumkur University, Karnataka on November 15, 2025.

Library Week Celebrations at MVSR Engineering College



MVSR Engineering College, Nadargul, Hyderabad celebrated Library Week 2025 from 14–20 November with great enthusiasm. As part of the celebrations, a Free Books Distribution Programme was held in the college library, where around 4,000 books were distributed to students and staff.

The event was inaugurated by Hon'ble Chairman Sri P. V. R. Kashyap, Joint Secretary Sri M. S. Prabhakar, Treasurer Sri Sudhakar Jupudi, Principal Dr. Kameshwar Rao, Dr. Venkata Subbaiah (HOD, Mechanical), and Dr. Syed Tabassum Sultana (HOD, MBA), who appreciated the initiative and emphasized the role of libraries in academic enrichment and reading culture.

The programme was coordinated by Librarian Dr. Sakilam Rajesh, along with library staff members Venu Madhav, Veena Joshi, Rajkumar, and Manga. The Book Exhibition and Free Book Distribution activities received an excellent response from the student community.

Smt. Veeramma Gangasiri Mahila Mahavidyalaya is celebrating National Library Week

Smt. Veeramma Gangasiri Mahila Mahavidyalaya is celebrating National Library Week from 14–20 November. As part of the celebrations, a special solidarity program was held on campus.



Dr. Parameshwar, Deputy Director, District Central Library, Kalaburagi, attended as the chief guest and spoke about the importance of reading, good study habits for competitive exams, and the effective use of public libraries. Presiding over the event, Principal Dr. Rajendra Konda encouraged students to read newspapers daily.

The program began with a prayer song by Kumari Asha. Librarian Sharanappa delivered the welcome address, and Dr. Jyothiprakash Deshmukh presented the programme and offered the vote of thanks. Faculty members, library staff, non-teaching staff, and a large number of students were present.

VIT-AP University, Amaravathi, Andhra Pradesh: University Library organized 58th National Library Week Celebrations



VIT-AP University celebrated National Library Week on 19 November 2024 with a lamp lighting ceremony followed by a prayer song. Chief Guest Dr. Ravindra Dule, University Research Dean, highlighted the importance of developing strong reading habits, using textbooks effectively, and benefiting from the STAR programme launched by Chancellor Sri Visvanathan. Library Director Dr. Deepak explained the library's resources and urged students to use them fully.

A representative from the Alumni Association motivated students by sharing personal experiences and stressing the library's role in personality development. Teachers from ZP High School shared suggestions on improving reading culture.

University Librarian Dr. Ch. Veeranjanyulu emphasized the value of library resources for academic and professional growth. He spoke about the historical library movement in India, the contributions of Padmasri Ayyanki Venkata Ramanaih, Gadicherla Harisarvothama Rao, and Vavila Gopala Krishnaiah, and the legacy of ancient universities like Nalanda and Takshashila. He encouraged students and faculty to use the library regularly and highlighted emerging technologies that support research.

As part of Library Week, awareness programmes on "Impact of Mobile Phones on Reading Habits Among Children" were held on 15 and 18 November at ZP High School, Inavolu, along with essay writing and elocution competitions.

During the concluding ceremony, prizes were awarded to winners from VIT-AP University and ZP High School. The event ended with a vote of thanks and the National Anthem.

Maitreyi College Celebrated National Library Week 14th -20th November: 2025

The Maitreyi College Library, in collaboration with Indian Library Association (ILA), celebrated National Library Week from 14-20 November 2025 with great zeal and active participation. The celebrations were formally inaugurated by Prof. Jyoti Singh (Vice Principal, Maitreyi College) and Prof. Pardeep Rai (Librarian: Maitreyi College and President, ILA), in the presence of faculty, students, and non-teaching staff.



Throughout the week, the library campus came alive with a series of thoughtful and engaging activities. A book exhibition was organized to introduce students to a wide selection of literature across genres. A quiz competition added excitement to the event, encouraging students to test and expand their knowledge. One of the highlights of the celebration was a storytelling session conducted by Mrs. Shobha Narayan, Retired Associate Professor and acclaimed author, who mesmerized the audience with excerpts from her novel "Zubeda".

The week-long celebration successfully fostered a culture of reading, promoted the use of library resources, and strengthened student-community interaction. The event concluded on a highly positive note, made successful by the coordinated efforts of the library staff, the Student Union, and ILA.

Reader's Realm - Book Exhibition at KIM Library, Harihar



KIM Library, Harihar, celebrated National Library Week 2025 with a vibrant "Readers' Realm" Book Exhibition on 18 November 2025 at the Kirloskar Institute of Management, Karnataka. The exhibition showcased a wide range of books across disciplines to promote reading, research, and lifelong learning.

The event was inaugurated by Director Dr. Sridhar Vaithianathan, whose presence inspired students and staff. The programme saw active participation from students, faculty, and staff, with the library team Dr. Danappa Pattar, Mr. Prakash Surakod, and Mr. Anandanayaka S. G. playing a key role in its successful organization. The celebration emphasized the vital role of libraries in nurturing knowledge, creativity, and a strong reading culture on campus.

UoH IGM Library Hosts Workshop on Research Writing & Dissemination

Hyderabad, 19 Nov 2025: The Indira Gandhi Memorial (IGM) Library, University of Hyderabad, in collaboration with iGroup India, organised a half-day workshop on "Empowering Researchers: Writing, Managing, and Sharing Your Work" at the CV Raman Auditorium.

Faculty, research scholars, and library professionals attended sessions on academic writing, manuscript preparation, and research dissemination.



Chief Guest Prof. Ghanashyam Krishna M. highlighted the importance of clarity, originality, and ethics. Dr. Carsten Borchert of SciFlow demonstrated advanced tools for collaborative writing and citation management.

A panel discussion with experts from UoH, CESS, IIT Hyderabad, and SciFlow focused on research writing and data management. The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks and High Tea, inspiring participants to adopt modern tools for enhancing the quality and visibility of their research.

National Library week Celebrations at RG Kedia College of Commerce

Ramnath Guljarilal Kedia College of Commerce celebrated the 58th National Library Week with a Book Fair on 14 November 2025. The fair was inaugurated by Joint Secretary Sri C.A. S. B. Kabra and Director (Research) Prof. Dr. Vandana Samba. Nearly 900 latest titles from leading publishers such as Pearson, Kalyani, BSP, Wiley, TMH, S Publishers, and Vedasree Publishers were displayed. Quiz competitions and poster presentations added to the event's vibrancy, drawing enthusiastic participation from students.

The Central Library also organized Library Orientation Day for first-year MBA, MCA, and Law students. Librarian Mr. H. Ramakanth highlighted the library's rich resources, including e-resources, journals, and automation through Koha and Delplus, noting the collection of 42,000 volumes, 8,492 titles, and 520 back volumes.

During the valedictory session, Sri C.A. S. B. Kabra encouraged students to develop strong reading habits, while Prof. Dr. Vandana Samba emphasized skill development and motivation through reading. Prizes were distributed to the winners of various competitions.

The event was successfully coordinated by MBA Librarian H. Ramakanth, MCA Librarian Ms. S. Vikitha, Intermediate Librarian Mrs. Swathi, and Law Librarian Mr. Venkateswarlu.



National Library Week celebrated by Vikrama Simhapuri University, Nellore



Vikrama Simhapuri University, Nellore marked National Library Week with a Book Exhibition organized by the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Central Library. The exhibition was inaugurated by Vice-Chancellor Prof. Allam Srinivasa Rao, who urged students to spend at least an hour daily in the library and emphasized that reading books is healthier for the eyes than mobile reading.

Registrar Dr. K. Sunitha, College Principal Prof. Ch. Vijaya, and DOA Director Dr. M. Hanuma Reddy also participated in the programme. The exhibition showcased encyclopedias, dictionaries, language and subject-specific books, and resources for competitive exams.

Dr. Y. Sudha Rani, Incharge, Central Library, encouraged students to make regular use of the library's resources.

National Seminar on Telangana Libraries Held at Government City College



Hyderabad, Nov 18, 2025: The Department of Library Science, Government City College, in collaboration with the Telangana Library Association, organized a one-day national seminar on "Telangana Libraries: Past and Present – Developmental Activity." The event brought together experts and students to discuss the evolution of Telangana's libraries, cultural heritage, modernization, and future development. Chief Guest Dr. Riaz emphasized reading culture and knowledge dissemination, while speakers highlighted digital transformation, preservation of rare works, and strengthening library infrastructure.

Vice Principal Dr. Viplava Datt Shukla stressed Smart Libraries and AI-enabled services for wider access. Coordinated by Dr. Ravikumar Chegoni, the seminar concluded with a collective resolve to advance Telangana's library ecosystem by integrating tradition with technology.

58th National Library Week celebrations at P.R.R. & V.S. Government Degree College, Vidavaluru, SPSR NELLORE DT, AP



The 58th National Library Week celebrations at P.R.R. & V.S. Government Degree College, Vidavaluru, concluded successfully with enthusiastic participation from students and staff.

College Principal Dr. B. Sujatha addressed the gathering and highlighted the vital role of libraries in education and the lifelong value of reading. Librarian Dr. E. Kiran Kumar noted that National Library Week has been celebrated nationwide since 1968 and shared details of the awareness programs organized from November 14 to 20 to promote library usage and reading habits among students.

As part of the celebrations, the college conducted essay writing, elocution, and quiz competitions, and prizes were awarded to the winners. Faculty members also explained the significance of libraries during the freedom movement and the history of the library movement in India.

Active participation from teaching staff, non-teaching staff, and students made the week-long celebrations a grand success.

58th National Library Week celebrations at P.R.R. & V.S. Government Degree College, Vidavaluru, SPSR NELLORE DT, AP

mLAC Library, in collaboration with the Rotaract Club, Project DEFY, and Affectionate Hands NGO, launched a campaign to help set up a Community Library at the NOOK Centre, Melkote. An MoU was signed in the presence of Principal Dr. Sharmistha Dutta, Mr. Vadiraj, Dr. Annadanesh, and Librarian Ms. Sowmya Sastry, along with the release of a short video on the NGO's activities.

About 1,500 books were collected by students from St. Joseph's and Christ University and catalogued under the guidance of Ms. Sowmya Sastry. Internship certificates were given to participating students. A week-long campaign (1–10 August 2025) encouraged students to donate storybooks, fiction, audio books, dictionaries, and encyclopedias for school children. The Library Team and NGO representatives visited classrooms to promote the initiative.



St. Ann's College for Women Hosts Book Exhibition for 58th National Library Week



St. Ann's College for Women, Mehdiapatnam, Hyderabad, successfully organized a Grand Book Exhibition on 20 November 2025 as part of the 58th National Library Week Celebrations. The Department of Library & Information Science (UG/PG) conducted the event in collaboration with MR Book Centre, Shah Book House, Kalyani Publishers, and SS Publishers, showcasing a wide range of books across disciplines to promote reading and access to quality resources.

The event was graced by Principal Dr. Vijaya Rani, College Management, Sisters Sarith and Rosine, and senior faculty members including Dr. Sirkala, Dr. France, Dr. Anuradha, Dr. Bharadwaj, Dr. Martha, Dr. Venugopal, Dr. Sireesha, Dr. E. Suneetha, and Dr. Bharathi. Librarians A. D. Suneetha and D. Rajalakshmi coordinated the programme.

With the participation of 130 staff members and nearly 2000 students, the exhibition offered a special 50% discount on a broad selection of books from Literature, Science, Technology, Arts, Management, and General Knowledge. The event enabled students and faculty to explore new titles, compare editions, and discover valuable academic and personal reading material.

The Management appreciated the Library Team for their excellent planning and dedicated efforts in making the exhibition a success. St. Ann's College continues to promote a strong reading culture and support lifelong learning among its academic community.

National Library Week - TGTWRDC, Medak



Telangana Tribal Welfare Residential Degree College for Women, Medak, Telangana, celebrated the 58th National Library Week with great enthusiasm. As part of the celebrations, the college organized various student competitions and a Book Exhibition, highlighting the importance of reading and library usage. Principal Dr. Uma Devi, Vice Principal Ms. B. Vijaylaxmi, faculty members, and students actively participated in the events, making the celebration meaningful and successful. The initiative aimed to promote reading habits, enhance learning resources, and engage students in literary activities.

Mahavir Senior Model School, Ashok Vihar, Delhi, celebrated the 58th National Library Week



Mahavir Senior Model School, Ashok Vihar, Delhi, celebrated the 58th National Library Week from 14 to 20 November 2025 with great enthusiasm. This annual celebration brought together library professionals, teachers, and students to promote literacy, strengthen access to information, and encourage knowledge sharing.

The theme for this year was "Read to Rise – Libraries for a Brighter Tomorrow." To mark the occasion, the MSMS Library Department organized a series of engaging, class-wise activities aimed at enhancing reading skills and nurturing a lifelong love for books. These activities included a Reading Pledge, Reading Challenge, Storytelling Sessions, a Book Exhibition, a Book Donation Drive, and Book Review Presentations.

Through these thoughtfully designed initiatives, the school successfully celebrated the joy of reading and emphasized the pivotal role libraries play in shaping informed, confident, and responsible future citizens.

Free Book Distribution Programme Held at GDC Razole for 58th National Library Week



Government Degree College, Razole, in collaboration with the Andhra Pradesh Library Association (APLA), organized a Free Book Distribution Programme on 14 November 2025, marking the beginning of the 58th National Library Week Celebrations.

The event aimed to promote reading habits among students in the rural region of Razole and enhance access to quality educational resources. Guests of Honour Sri K. Saibabu (APLA) and Sri Kadali Satyanarayana (Retd. CBCID Officer & 1968 Alumni) delivered inspiring messages on the importance of libraries and reading culture.

A total of 534 books were displayed in the Library Reading Hall, from which 209 students and 47 staff members selected two books each based on their interests. The newly prepared Library Reading Hall was also inaugurated on this occasion.

The programme significantly contributed to strengthening academic resources, encouraging reading habits, and promoting community engagement. The college expressed gratitude to APLA, the Principal Dr. P. Saibabu, staff members, and all contributors for making the event successful.

58th NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK CELEBRATIONS HELD AT CENTRAL LIBRARY, KITSW, WARANGAL, TELANGANA



Kakatiya Institute of Technology & Science, Warangal (KITSW) celebrated the 58th National Library Week on 14 November 2025, inaugurated by Prof. M. Komal Reddy, Registrar, who encouraged students to make effective use of library resources. A Library Information Brochure was also released.

As part of the celebrations, a Book Exhibition was held on 19 November 2025, inaugurated by Prof. Vedantam Krishnamacharya from Kakatiya University. Nearly 1000 latest titles from reputed publishers were displayed. The chief guest highlighted the importance of reading habits and appreciated the advanced facilities of the KITSW Central Library.

Various competitions, including essay writing, debate, and elocution, were conducted, and winners received certificates. Best Reader Awards were also presented to faculty and students.

Librarian Dr. K. Indrasena Reddy shared that the library has grown significantly, offering extensive print and digital resources. The event witnessed active participation from faculty, staff, and students, making the National Library Week a grand success.

Quiz Competition & Book Exhibition Held at Central State Library, Prayagraj for National Library Week



The Central State Library, U.P. Prayagraj, in collaboration with the Allahabad Library Forum, organized a Quiz Competition and Book Exhibition on 15 November 2025 as part of National Library Week (14–20 November). The programme aimed to promote reading habits, information literacy, and the significance of libraries.

Students from Government Inter Colleges participated enthusiastically in the quiz, while the book exhibition displayed a wide range of academic and research materials. The event was coordinated by Mrs. Roshi Srivastava. Dr. Vishnu Srivastava, Convenor of the Forum, welcomed the guests, and the quiz was conducted by Mr. Rajesh Kumar Gupta.

A unique gesture was introduced when Mr. Ram Babu Shukla, Librarian, welcomed guests with a book instead of a bouquet.

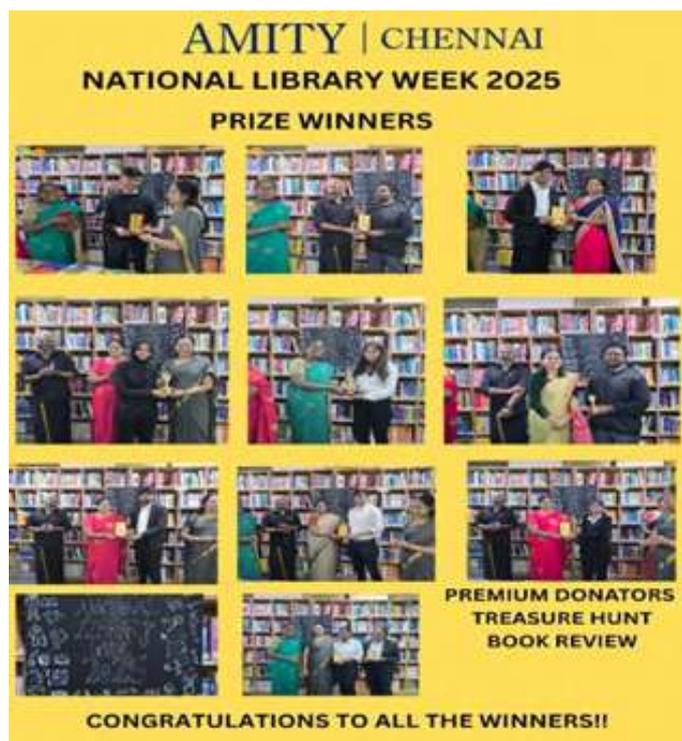
Quiz winners:

- 1st Prize: Ashutosh Mishra
- 2nd Prize: Aviral Khare
- 3rd Prize: Yuvaraj Upadhyay

More than 50 library professionals from Prayagraj participated. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Ram Babu Shukla.

The Forum also conducted an Online National Library Week Quiz on 19–20 November 2025, with over 200 participants from various cities. Digital certificates were awarded to all participants

Amity Global Business School Chennai Celebrates National Library Week 2025



Amity Global Business School, Chennai, celebrated National Library Week 2025 from 14th to 20th November, promoting reading, creativity, and community engagement under the leadership of Sr. Director Dr. CA Vengadamani and Assistant Dean Prof. V. Vinoth Kumar.

The celebrations began with a volunteering initiative on 3rd November, where 20 students assisted Government Middle School students through activity-based reading sessions. A Library Treasure Hunt was conducted through a two-round qualifying quiz on 17–18 November, followed by a Book Review Competition on 19 November with 10 finalists showcasing critical thinking and communication skills.

A total of 225 books were donated by students, faculty, and staff across genres such as fiction, non-fiction, competitive exam materials, mythology, and short stories. Premium donors and event winners were honoured with saplings and awards.

On the occasion of National Librarians Day, Amity Chennai donated 50 books to the Library of Govt. Madrasa-I-Azam Higher Secondary School, Chennai. The week-long activities were successfully coordinated by Ms. J. Vasanthi, Senior Librarian.

Workshop on Myths and Facts of Artificial Intelligence Applications to Library Services On 16 November 2025



The Learning Resource Centre (LRC) at JAIN (Deemed-to-be University), Bengaluru, in collaboration with the Karnataka State Library Association (KALA), hosted a special lecture to celebrate National Library Week 2025. Themed “Libraries as Beacons of Knowledge: Empowering Minds and Enriching the Nation,” the event brought together faculty, library professionals, and students.

Dr. Madheswaran, Advisor, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, delivered the keynote, emphasizing the evolving role of libraries in fostering academic excellence, research, and community engagement. Dr. S. L. Kadadevaramath, President of KALA, highlighted the contemporary significance of library ecosystems, while Dr. M. K. Sridhar, Mentor and Head, Department of Languages, presided over the event.

The celebration included the presentation of the Best Library User Award to faculty members for their exemplary use of library resources. Organised by Dr. Meeramani N, Librarian, JAIN University, and Treasurer, KALA, the event reinforced the transformative role of libraries in nurturing knowledge, critical thinking, and social empowerment.

KBN University Celebrates National Library Week & FCM’s Second Management Fest 2025

KBN University successfully organized its first National Library Week in collaboration with the Faculty of Commerce & Management (FCM) from November 14–20, 2025, at the Central Library. The week-long celebration aimed to promote reading habits, library usage, digital literacy, and academic engagement among students.

The celebrations began with a grand inauguration on November 14, 2025, graced by Dr. P. S. Kattimani, Chief Guest and Librarian, Central University of Karnataka, and Prof. Syed Ashfaq Ahmed, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor. The events included a Library-Based Treasure Hunt, Essay Writing Competition, Quiz Competition, and DELNET Awareness Program, engaging students across faculties in both online and offline modes.

The Treasure Hunt encouraged students to explore library resources and DELNET services, while the Essay Writing Competition and Quiz enhanced critical thinking, general knowledge, and awareness of offline and digital library services. The DELNET Awareness Program strengthened digital literacy among participants.

The week concluded with a Valedictory & Prize Distribution Ceremony on November 20, 2025, where winners of all events were felicitated, and the contribution of faculty, library staff, and students was acknowledged. Feedback highlighted strong participation, motivation, and appreciation for library-centric learning.

The event successfully reinforced the role of the library in academic excellence, research, and lifelong learning, fostering a culture of reading, teamwork, and digital competency among KBN University students.



Rani Channamma University Celebrates National Library Week 2025



Rani Channamma University, Belagavi marked National Library Week 2025 from 14–20 November with a series of academic, creative, and outreach activities organized by the Department of Library and Information Science and the University Library under the leadership of Dr. Kiran P. Savanur.

The inauguration on 17 November at Kuvempu Auditorium featured an address by Prof. P. G. Tadasad, who highlighted the importance of deeper reading habits, and a special lecture by Dr. Shivaram B. S. on the evolving role of academic libraries in the age of artificial intelligence.

Throughout the week, students actively participated in competitions such as essay writing, short stories, wall magazines, photography, video creation, quizzes, and stick-note activities, creating a vibrant academic environment on campus.

A key highlight was an outreach programme at Government Kannada Higher Primary School, Bhutaramanahatti, where essay and speech competitions were conducted to encourage reading habits among schoolchildren.

The valedictory programme on 20 November included a report presentation, prize distribution, and remarks by Prof. Vishwanath B. Awati and VC (I/c) Prof. C. M. Thyagaraja, who emphasized the continued relevance of libraries as knowledge centres.

The celebration successfully promoted reading culture, information literacy, and community engagement, strengthening the university's commitment to lifelong learning and social responsibility.

Rani Channamma University, Belagavi Celebrates National Library Week 2025 with Vibrant Academic & Outreach Activities



Rani Channamma University, Belagavi observed National Library Week 2025 from 14–20 November, organized by the Department of Library and Information Science and the University Library under the guidance of Dr. Kiran P. Savanur, Dr. Bhavanishankar B., and Dr. Ramesh B. Kuri.

The inaugural programme on 17 November featured addresses by Prof. P. G. Tadasad, Dr. Shivaram B. S., and Dr. Ashok D'Souza, highlighting the value of lifelong reading and the evolving role of academic libraries.

Students participated enthusiastically in various competitions including wall magazine, essay, short story, photography, video, quiz, and stick-notes activities. An outreach programme at Government Kannada Higher Primary School, Bhutaramanahatti encouraged reading habits among schoolchildren.

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The week-long celebration successfully promoted reading culture, information literacy, and community engagement, reinforcing the university library as a vibrant centre of learning.

Awards

MCET Hyderabad Receives NDLI Club Excellence Award 2025

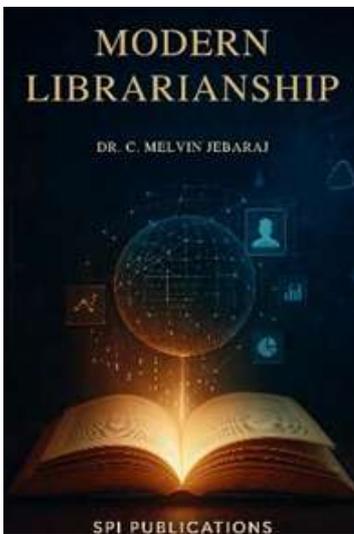


Methodist College of Engineering and Technology (MCET), Hyderabad has been honoured with the NDLI Club Excellence Award 2025 by the National Digital Library of India during the 4th International Symposium on KEDLD-2025 held at IIT Kharagpur.

The award recognizes MCET's significant contribution to fostering knowledge-driven, activity-based learning through the NDLI platform. Congratulations to Mr. Ramakrishna Rao Pulletikurty, Librarian, and the library team for their dedicated leadership in strengthening digital learning and information literacy at the institution.

This achievement reaffirms MCET's commitment to innovation, technology integration, and academic excellence in higher education.

New Book Release: Modern Librarianship by Dr. C. Melvin Jebaraj



Dr. C. Melvin Jebaraj, Librarian at Suguna College of Arts and Science, has published a significant new book titled Modern Librarianship. Now available on major platforms such as Amazon and Flipkart, the book provides accessible and comprehensive insights into contemporary library practices and emerging trends in the digital age.

Designed to benefit LIS students, researchers, and working professionals, the book combines practical guidance with current theoretical perspectives. It serves as a valuable resource for academic learning, professional development, and institutional training, helping readers understand the modern challenges and opportunities in the library profession.

Dr. Anil Jharotia and Team Secure Patent for Portable Digital Library Book Management Device



Dr. Anil Jharotia and his team have been awarded a patent for their innovative Portable Digital Library Book Management Device, marking a significant advancement in library technology. The patented device is designed to streamline book handling, enhance portability, and improve efficiency in library management processes.

News you can use

APC Support Under the ONOS Scheme

Under the ONOS scheme, Article Publishing Charges (APC) for selected high-quality open access journals will be centrally funded by the executing agency. As per the Core Committee's decision, fully open access journals ranked in the top 1% in any one of the SCOPUS indicators—CiteScore, SNIP, or SJR are eligible for APC support. These journals may belong to the 30 ONOS partner publishers or any other publisher, provided they meet the criteria. This initiative aims to encourage high-quality open access publishing and reduce APC burden for researchers.

Scholar Lab: AI-Powered Research Search Tool

Scholar Lab is a new AI-enhanced search platform integrated with Google Scholar. The tool analyzes the user's query to identify key topics and concepts, searches Google Scholar for the most relevant research papers, and provides brief explanations of how each identified paper contributes to answering the query. Lab is designed to support efficient literature discovery and enhance the research workflow.

xAI Launches Grok 4.1 with Major Leap in Accuracy and Emotional Intelligence

Elon Musk's xAI has released Grok 4.1, an upgraded AI model that significantly reduces hallucinations—cutting factual errors to one-third of previous levels. Launched on 17 November 2025, the model brings major improvements in quality, speed, empathy, and creativity, and now leads the LMArena Text Leaderboard.

Grok 4.1 is three times less likely to fabricate information and demonstrates high emotional intelligence, enabling more natural and human-like conversations. Designed for real-world usability, it delivers better storytelling, enhanced accuracy, and more productive long-form interactions while retaining strong reasoning and tool-use capacity.

Karnataka Unveils KEO: India's First AI-Ready Affordable PC

Karnataka has introduced KEO (Knowledge-driven, Economical, Open-source)—India's first AI-ready, low-cost personal computer, developed by KEONICS. Built on RISC-V open-source architecture and powered by a Linux-based OS, KEO aims to bridge India's digital divide by offering affordable, intelligent computing for households and students.

Featuring an inbuilt educational AI agent BUDDH, KEO supports on-device AI, open-source learning, and accessible digital tools. With computer ownership below 10% nationally, the initiative marks a major step toward democratizing technology access.

The device will be formally launched at the Bengaluru Tech Summit 2025 by CM Siddaramaiah.

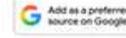
Dravidian University Signs MoU with National Library of India for Academic Cooperation

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The National Library of India, Kolkata, and Dravidian University, Kuppam, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Friday to broaden academic cooperation in Library and Information Science (LIS). According to a press release, the partnership will allow Dravidian University students and researchers to access the National Library's collections and take part in structured internship and training programmes. The agreement also provides for joint initiatives in research, development, and capacity-building for university staff. The MoU was signed by Siva Prasad Senapathi, Principal Library and Information Officer, on behalf of the Director General of the National Library, and V. Kiran Kumar, Registrar of Dravidian University, representing Vice-Chancellor M. Doraswamy. Dr. Senapathi said that while the National Library has similar collaborations with foreign universities, this is its first internship-focused MoU with an Indian institution.

Dravidian University Signs MoU with National Library of India
 Dravidian University, Kuppam has signed an MoU with the National Library of India, Kolkata to enhance academic cooperation in Library and Information Science. The partnership will provide students and researchers access to the National Library's collections along with structured internship and training opportunities.

75% Schools in the State Function Without Librarians

अलमारी में बंद लाखों पुस्तकों को चाट रही दीमक, सार-संभाल करने वाला कोई नहीं

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A recent survey has revealed a serious gap in school library services: 75% of the state's schools do not have sanctioned librarian posts. Out of 16,862 secondary schools, 12,652 schools are operating without librarians, leaving lakhs of books unused, unmaintained, and at risk of damage. The state has approved 4,210 librarian posts, but 1,876 of these remain vacant, worsening the shortage. In many schools, teachers or non-teaching staff manage library work informally, despite lacking professional training. Schools with less than 201 students are not approved for librarian posts, further widening the gap in rural and smaller institutions.

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The Indian Library Association (ILA) has announced the 71st ILA International Conference 2026, to be held from 5th–7th February 2026 at the Atal Bihari Vajpayee International Auditorium, Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra (Uttar Pradesh).

The conference theme is “Transforming Library Services in the AI Era: Library Services, User Engagement and Community Impact.”

The conference aims to bring together LIS professionals, researchers, educators, and policymakers to discuss innovations in AI-driven library services and their impact on users and communities.

Participants can access the brochure and registration links through the QR codes provided in the announcement.

ASLIP Conclave-2025 Announced

Nehru Library, CCS Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar, in collaboration with the Association of Senior Library and Information Professionals (ASLIP), is organizing the National ASLIP Conclave-2025 on the theme “Collaborative Intelligence: Building Smarter Libraries Together” from January 8–9, 2026.

Library professionals, researchers, and academicians are invited to register, attend, and participate in the deliberations.

For details and registration, visit: <https://www.aslip.in/>

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1.	70th Annual ILA- Conference on Proceedings- International Conference on Libraries and Artificial Intelligence: Empowering Users for Sustainable Knowledge Systems, Chief Editor Dr. Parashuram S. Kattimani, Editors Dr. O.N. Chaubey, Dr. Machendranath S, Dr. Veeresh Hanchinal, Dr. Abhijeet Sinha, Dr. Iranna M. Shettar & Dr. Rupesh Gaur during 20-22 March 2025. Rs. 3500, US \$ 175 (ISBN: 978-81-956643-3-7)
2	69th Annual ILA-Conference Proceedings-International Conference on Building the Future: Transforming Libraries for Sustainability through Capacity Building, Chief Editors Dr. O. N. Chaubey & Dr. Pardeep Rai, Editors Dr. Dharam Kumar, Dr. Abhijeet Sinha & Mr. Sanjay Kumar Singh during 1-3 February 2024 Rs. 3500, US \$ 175 (ISBN: 978-81-956643-9-9)
3	68th. Annual ILA Conference Proceedings-International Conference on 'Re-Engineering of Libraries in the Context of Emerging Technologies: Myth or Reality, Chief Editors, Dr. O.N. Chaubey & Dr. Pardeep Rai, Editors Dr. Dharam Kumar, Dr. Abhijeet Sinha and Mr. Qumar Abbas during 19-21 January 2023. Rs. 3500, US \$ 175 (ISBN: 978-81-956643-1-3)
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5	65th ILA Conference Proceedings- International Conference on 'Digital Landscape: Re-invention and reengineering of Libraries: Issues and Challenges', Chief Editor Dr. O.N. Chaubey, Editors Dr. Dharam Kumar, Dr. Pradeep Rai, Dr. Mohan R, Kherde, Dr. Rishi K Tiwari and Dr. Gururaj S Hadagali, at Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati (Maharashtra) during 26th – 28th February. 2021. Rs. 3500, US\$ 175 (ISBN: 978-81-85216-52-5)
6	64th ILA Conference Proceedings-International Conference on 'Transforming Libraries and Information Centres in Digital Era', Chief Editors Dr. Pradeep Rai and Dr. Dharam Kumar, Editors Dr. N. S. Shokeen, Dr. O.N. Chaubey, Dr. Rishi K Tiwari, Dr. Pravin K. Choudhary and Dr. G.H.S. Naidu at Shri Vaishnav Vidyapeeth Vishwavidyalaya, Indore (MP) during 14- 16 March 2019. Rs. 3500, US\$ 175 (ISBN: 978-81-934120-1-5)
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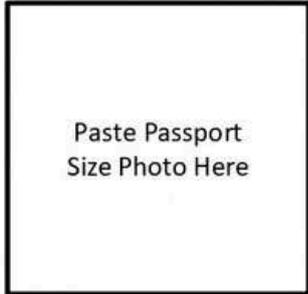
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