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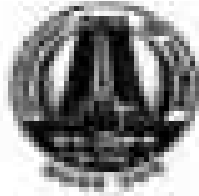
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Event Organised

INFLIBNET Open Day 2026 Inaugurated with Visionary Address



The Open Day 2026 at the INFLIBNET Centre commenced with an inaugural session graced by Prof. V. S. Chauhan, Arturo Falaschi Emeritus Scientist, International Centre for Genetic Engineering & Biotechnology, as the Chief Guest.

In his address, Prof. Chauhan appreciated the impactful initiatives of INFLIBNET and strongly advocated elevating the Centre to the status of a “National Institute,” recognising its significant contribution to academic and research ecosystems.

The inaugural session set a motivating tone for the event, fostering dialogue, collaboration, and future-oriented discussions in the field of library and information services.

Prof. A. K. Baradol Endowment Lecture Delivered at 34th IASLIC National Conference



The Prof. A. K. Baradol Endowment Lecture on “Empowering LIS Profession: A Way Forward to Viksit Bharat 2047” was delivered by Prof. A. Y. Asundi, Former Professor and Head (Retd.) and Former Dean, Department of Library and Information Science, Bangalore University, Bengaluru, on 6 January 2026 during the 34th IASLIC National Conference held at Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women University, Vijayapura.

In his lecture, Prof. Asundi critically examined the current Library and Information Science (LIS) system and highlighted the skills and competencies required to achieve the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. He emphasised the need for LIS professionals to align library services with national development goals and adapt to emerging information needs.

He further stressed the importance of curriculum re-engineering in LIS education and urged institutions to develop appropriate infrastructure in a phased manner to support future-ready library services.

The session was chaired by Prof. Chandrashekhara M, Senior Professor, Department of LIS, University of Mysore, who also highlighted the contributions of Prof. A. K. Baradol. The lecture was coordinated by Dr. Afia (Retd. Librarian).

P. C. Shah Memorial Lecture Delivered at IASLIC National Conference



The P. C. Shah Memorial Lecture on “Charting New Paths: A Reflection on Late Shri P. C. Shah’s Legacy and Contribution” was delivered by Prof. C. R. Karisiddappa, Former UGC Professor Emeritus, Karnatak University, Dharwad, on 6 January 2026 during the 34th National Conference of IASLIC held at Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women University, Vijayapura.

Paying tribute to Late Prof. P. C. Shah, Prof. Karisiddappa recalled his long association with him and highlighted his significant contributions to the field of librarianship. He emphasised that Shah’s ideas continue to remain relevant in the present context and encouraged professionals to contribute towards the advancement of the discipline.

The session was chaired by Prof. Pijushkanthi Panigrahi, Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Calcutta, who also reflected on the enduring legacy and contributions of Shri P. C. Shah.

Three-Day Workshop on Contemporary Trends in LIS Held at Central University of Punjab



The Department of Library and Information Science, Central University of Punjab, successfully organised a three-day workshop on “Contemporary Trends and Transformations in Library and Information Science” from March 18 to 20, 2026.

The inaugural session featured Prof. M. P. Satija as Chief Guest, who emphasised continuous professional development and the transformation of libraries into dynamic knowledge centres. Prof. Kiran Hazarika, Pro-Vice Chancellor, highlighted the importance of digital access and sustainable library practices.

Across three days, the workshop covered key themes such as Artificial Intelligence in research and library services, open-source software, academic social media, research metrics, sentiment analysis, machine learning, and reference management tools like Zotero.

Experts including Prof. Durga S. Rath, Dr. Shiva Kannujia, Dr. Vinod Kumar Mishra, Prof. Pijushkanti Panigrahi, Prof. Manoj Kumar Sinha, Dr. Neeraj Kumar Singh, Dr. Anil Kumar Siwach, Prof. Manoj Kumar Verma, Prof. Parthasarathi Mukhopadhyay, and Dr. Vinit Kumar delivered insightful sessions.

A special session by Prof. Archana Shukla focused on indexing and citation databases, enriching participants’ understanding of research resources.

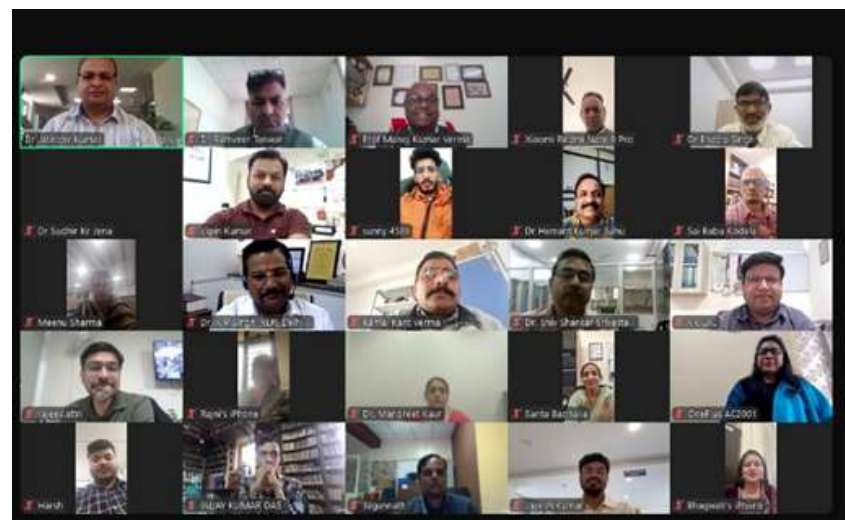
BML Munjal University Organises Online Workshop on AI for Academic Libraries

The Library Department of BML Munjal University successfully organised an online workshop on “AI for Academic Libraries” on 27 March 2026.

The workshop featured expert sessions by Prof. Gang Shao (Purdue University, USA) and Dr. Nabi Hasan (IIT Delhi) as keynote speakers, along with Prof. Manoj Kumar Verma (Mizoram University) as the resource person.

The sessions focused on emerging applications of Artificial Intelligence in academic libraries, including AI-enabled research support, reference services, and the responsible use of AI in library environments.

The programme witnessed active participation from librarians, researchers, and academicians from various institutions. The workshop was coordinated by Dr. Jatinder Kumar.



Open Day 2026 Concludes with Valedictory Session

The valedictory session of Open Day 2026 was held with Dr. Pankaj Goswami, Director, Directorate of Libraries, Gujarat, as the Chief Guest. In his address, he highlighted the transformative potential of the Namu Central Library, recognised as one of India’s largest digital library initiatives, and acknowledged the significant role of the INFLIBNET Centre in its development.

The session concluded with inspiring remarks by Prof. Devika P. Madalli, Director, who emphasised innovation, digital transformation, and the evolving role of libraries in the knowledge ecosystem.



Two-Day National Workshop on KOHA Held at Osmania University

The Department of Library and Information Science, Osmania University, organised a Two-Day National Workshop on KOHA Open Source Integrated Library Management System (ILMS) on February 6–7, 2026, with support from RUSA 2.0.

The workshop was inaugurated by Chief Guest Prof. Kumar Moulugaram, who highlighted the importance of information access, the evolving role of librarians, and the need for technology-oriented teaching. Prof. C. Kaseem,



Workshop Director and Principal, emphasised the importance of reading habits and the role of librarians in meeting user needs.

Dr. J. Vivekavardhan, Convener, spoke on departmental activities, digital transformation of libraries, and AI challenges. Prof. N. Laxman Rao, Guest of Honour, discussed open access resources, open source software, and copyright issues.

Technical sessions were conducted by Dr. O. Sheshaiah and Dr. K. Lakapathi, who demonstrated KOHA installation and its applications. Dr. Vijaya Kumar M., Assistant Professor, presided over the programme and also served as a resource person.

The workshop witnessed active participation from librarians and students, providing practical exposure to KOHA and modern library automation practices.

BLDEA CET Organises Workshop on Open-Source Library Management Software



The Central Library of BLDEA's Vachana Pitamaha Dr. P.G. Halakatti College of Engineering and Technology, Vijayapura, successfully organised a three-day workshop on "Exploring Open-Source Software Library Management" from March 25–27, 2026.

The workshop was conducted in collaboration with the Indian Society for Technical Education (Karnataka Section) and Visvesvaraya Technological University Consortium.

During the inaugural session, Dr. Suresh D. S., Chairman, ISTE (Karnataka), emphasised the transformation of libraries into digital knowledge centres and highlighted the importance of open-source tools such as Koha and DSpace.

Principal Dr. Manjunatha P encouraged effective utilisation of print and digital resources, while Vice Principals Dr. Leena Ragha and Dr. Pradeep V. Malaji also addressed the gathering.

The workshop, convened by Dr. M. M. Bachalapur, focused on hands-on training in installation and use of open-source library software including KOHA–ILMS and DSpace. Resource persons Shri Niranjana K and Dr. Basavaraj Kumbar conducted practical sessions on software implementation and customisation.

NITK Surathkal Conducts Workshop on AI-Driven Research Discovery



The Central Library of National Institute of Technology Karnataka organised an author workshop on "Literature to Lab: AI-Driven Discovery in SCOPUS/LeapSpace" on 27 March 2026 at the Digital Learning Centre, e-Library Complex.

The session was led by Dr. Shubhra Dutta, Senior Customer Success Manager at Elsevier, who highlighted the use of AI technologies in research discovery tools for effective scholarly work using Scopus and LeapSpace.

Nearly 50 research scholars along with faculty members participated in the workshop. The programme provided valuable insights into leveraging AI-powered platforms for enhancing research efficiency and academic productivity.

Awards

Abinash Panda Honoured with Brahmavak Research Award – 2026



Abinash Panda, Librarian at ICONIC OAV, Bhubaneswar, has been conferred the Brahmavak Research Award – 2026 in recognition of his outstanding contributions to Library and Information Science research.

The award was presented by Swami Sibachidananda Saraswati, Chief Guest of the programme, in the presence of distinguished dignitaries including Prof. Arun Ranjan Mishra, Prof. Subash Chandra Dash, Shri Narendra Kumar Mishra, and Shri Nihar Ranjan Dash.

The honour was conferred during a one-day national seminar organised by the Brahmavak Educational & Charitable Trust, Bhubaneswar, held at Buddha Mandira Hall, Unit-4, Bhubaneswar, on 15 March 2026.

Dr. C. R. Karisiddappa Conferred Lifetime Achievement Award by KALA



On 25 March 2026, the Karnataka Library Association conferred the Lifetime Achievement Award on Dr. C. R. Karisiddappa, former Professor of Library and Information Science and former President of the Indian Library Association.

The award was presented at Karnatak University, Dharwad, during a समारोह held at the Department of DLIS. The event took place in the presence of the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Khan, along with academicians and library professionals.

The award recognises Dr. Karisiddappa's outstanding contributions and lifelong dedication to the field of Library and Information Science.

Dr. Arumugam Pitchai Receives SATKAL National Best Librarian Award 2025



Dr. Arumugam Pitchai, Librarian at the Indian Institute of Astrophysics, has been honoured with the SATKAL National Best Librarian Award 2025.

The award was presented during the READ India Summit 2026 held in Gurugram, recognising his outstanding contributions to library and information services.

The honour acknowledges Dr. Pitchai's dedication, professional excellence, and significant impact in advancing modern library practices.

Article

Study on Controlled Lending in Public Libraries Under Indian Law Released

A research paper titled “Controlled Lending by Public Libraries Under Indian Law” authored by Lawrence Liang and Carl Malamud presents a comprehensive analysis of library lending practices within the legal framework of India.

The study examines the concept of controlled lending and explores its legal basis through Indian copyright law, constitutional provisions, and international practices. It focuses on public and publicly supported libraries, including academic institutions, and discusses how libraries manage circulation, access, and inter-library cooperation while remaining legally compliant.

The paper also emphasises the importance of controlled lending in ensuring equitable access to knowledge and serves as a valuable resource for librarians, policymakers, and researchers.

Full Article Link:

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[The publication serves as an important resource for librarians, policymakers, and researchers interested in copyright, access rights, and the legal dimensions of library services in India.](#)

University Rankings in India Criticised for Failing to Deliver Expected Outcomes

An article by Muthu Madhan examines the growing dependence on university rankings in India and questions their effectiveness as a measure of academic success.

The study highlights that rankings have gained significant importance at institutional and policy levels. However, it argues that ranking systems have led to distortions in research practices, with institutions increasingly focusing on improving metrics rather than enhancing the quality and impact of research.

Based on available data, the article concludes that the current “ranking-driven approach” has not fulfilled its intended objectives and calls for more balanced and context-sensitive evaluation frameworks in higher education.

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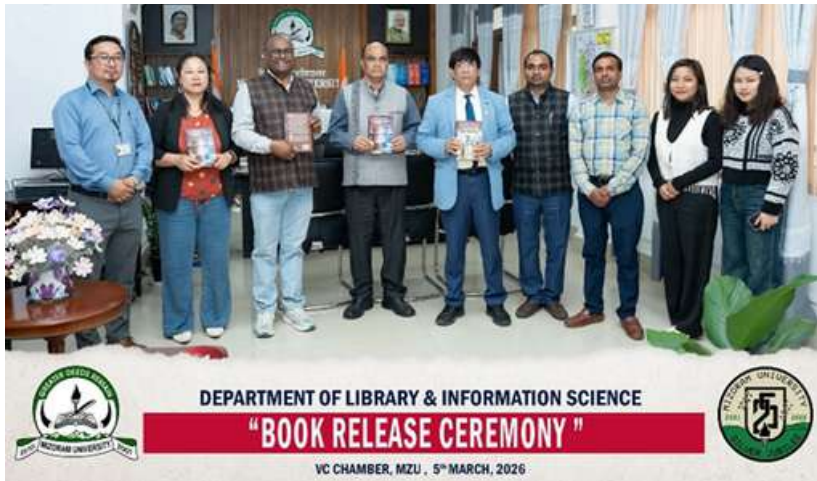
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Book Released

Post-Conference Proceedings Unveiled at Mizoram University



The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Mizoram University, Prof. Dibakar Chandra Deka, along with Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof. Pravakar Rath, unveiled two significant post-conference proceedings of the International Conference Reimagining Libraries in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: Empowering Knowledge, Culture and Sustainability for Viksit Bharat@2047 (ReLAAI@2047). The conference was held on 6–7 November 2025 and organised by the Department of Library and Information Science, Mizoram University.

The first volume, *From Tradition to Transformation: AI-Powered Vision for Libraries and Future Knowledge*, includes 20 chapters covering themes such as digital library services, MOOCs, NEP 2020, bibliometrics, open educational resources, green libraries, cultural heritage preservation, and AI ethics. The event symbolised a strong academic commitment to innovation, sustainability, and ethical integration of artificial intelligence in libraries. The Vice Chancellor congratulated Prof. Manoj Kumar Verma, Head of the Department, for his leadership and the department's valuable contribution to the LIS field.

News You can Use

Wikipedia Bans AI-Generated Articles to Protect Content Integrity

Wikipedia has officially banned the use of AI-generated content for writing or rewriting articles as of March 2026. The decision was taken after concerns that AI-generated text often violates core content policies related to accuracy, reliability, and verifiability.

The policy prohibits the use of large language models to create or modify article content. However, limited use of AI is permitted for copy-editing (such as correcting grammar or formatting) and translation, as these do not generate new information.

The move aims to reduce the burden on volunteer editors who must verify and correct AI-generated content, and to maintain Wikipedia's credibility as a trusted knowledge source. The policy will rely on human editors for enforcement and reflects growing concerns about the unchecked use of AI in information platforms.

Leadership Change in Karnataka Public Libraries Department

The Government of Karnataka has announced a key administrative change in the Department of Public Libraries, Bengaluru.

Sri Basavarajendra H., IAS, Commissioner of the Department of Public Libraries, has been transferred and appointed as Director, Government Flying Training School (GFTS), Jakkur, Bengaluru, with immediate effect.

Following this, Sri Jagadeesha G., IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru Urban District, has been given concurrent charge as Commissioner, Department of Public Libraries, Bengaluru, until further orders.

The notification reflects an important leadership transition in the public library administration of Karnataka, which may influence ongoing and future library development initiatives in the state.

‘Lucknow Librarian’ Journal Revived After 27 Years



The Lucknow Branch of UPLA released the journal “Lucknow Librarian, Vol. 57, Nos. 1–4 (January–December 2025)” on 27 March 2026 at Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow.

The publication marks a significant milestone as the journal has been revived after a gap of 27 years. The initiative reflects the continued efforts of the UPLA Lucknow Branch to promote scholarly communication and professional development in the field of Library and Information Science.

The release of the journal was appreciated by the academic and library community, acknowledging the dedicated efforts of the UPLA team.

Educational Visit to Ravindra Kaushik Smart e-Library by KLS Gogte College Students



Students of the BCA Section, Department of Library, KLS Gogte College of Commerce, Belagavi, visited the Ravindra Kaushik Smart e-Library, Shahapur on 30 October 2025 as part of an educational tour. The visit was led by Dr. Praveen Hulloli, Librarian, and Mr. Siddesh Revankar, Lecturer, along with more than 35 final-year BCA students. During the visit, library staff including Mrs. Manisha P. Hulloli, Mrs. Ashwini Dhudum, and Mr. N. Y. Patil provided a guided tour of the library’s modern facilities.

An informative session was conducted highlighting various e-resources, digital services, and advanced library management practices, followed by an interactive discussion.

The visit proved to be a valuable learning experience, offering students practical exposure to digital resources, research tools, and contemporary library services, which will support their academic growth and future professional development.

The Library of Pergamum: An Icon of Ancient Knowledge



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The Library of Pergamum, one of the most significant libraries of the ancient world, was constructed in the 3rd century B.C. by the Attalid dynasty in present-day Turkey. It was renowned for housing nearly 200,000 scrolls, making it a major centre of learning and scholarship in antiquity.

The library was part of a temple complex dedicated to Athena, the Greek goddess of wisdom, and is believed to have included four rooms—three for storing manuscripts and one for scholarly meetings and academic discussions.

The Library of Pergamum stands as a symbol of the rich intellectual heritage of ancient civilizations and highlights the long-standing role of libraries as centres of knowledge, research, and academic exchange.

NotebookLM Introduces Support for EPUB Files

NotebookLM has introduced support for EPUB files, allowing users to upload e-books and study materials directly without converting them into PDFs.

This update enhances user convenience by enabling seamless integration of reflowable digital content. Unlike static PDFs, EPUB files adapt to different screen sizes and reading preferences, making them more suitable for flexible and interactive learning.

The new feature is particularly beneficial for students, researchers, and library users who frequently work with digital books and study guides. By supporting EPUB format, NotebookLM improves the overall experience of note-taking, content analysis, and knowledge organisation.

This development reflects the growing emphasis on user-friendly digital tools that support modern reading and research practices.

Hindi Video Tutorial on DSpace 9.2 Installation Released

A comprehensive Hindi video tutorial on DSpace 9.2 installation on Linux Mint has been released to support library professionals and IT practitioners working on institutional repositories.

The tutorial provides a step-by-step guide covering essential components such as Java 17, Maven, Ant, PostgreSQL 16, Solr 9.x, and Tomcat 10, along with backend deployment using Spring Boot and frontend setup using Angular. It also addresses common installation challenges including CORS issues, YAML configuration errors, PostgreSQL authentication, memory crashes, and port configuration problems.

Designed for library and information science professionals, system administrators, and students, the tutorial explains each command clearly in Hindi, making it especially useful for beginners and practitioners in academic and research environments.

Watch the tutorial: [Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women University, Vijayapura has announced important academic and administrative appointments in the Department of Library and Information Science.](#)

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The initiative aims to simplify DSpace installation and help users avoid common errors while setting up digital repository systems.

AI-Generated Misinformation Surges During US-Israel-Iran Conflict

A significant rise in AI-generated misinformation has been observed during the ongoing US-Israel-Iran conflict, marking a new challenge in the digital information landscape. Experts report that online creators are increasingly using generative AI tools to produce and circulate misleading content across social media platforms.

According to verified reports, creators are not only generating fake videos, manipulated images, and fabricated satellite visuals but are also monetizing such content through views and engagement. This trend highlights the growing misuse of artificial intelligence for profit-driven disinformation.

The situation is being described as one of the first major global conflicts where AI-generated misinformation is surpassing traditional misinformation in both scale and impact. The widespread circulation of such content is contributing to confusion, distorting public perception, and complicating efforts to verify authentic information.

The rise of AI-driven disinformation underscores the urgent need for digital literacy, fact-checking mechanisms, and responsible use of emerging technologies to safeguard information integrity during critical global events.

Publisher Retracts Entire Conference Proceedings: Editor Banned

A major academic publisher has decided to retract an entire set of conference proceedings after serious concerns were raised about authorship and research integrity. According to reports, the editor of the proceedings was found to have authored a significant portion of the papers, violating accepted academic publishing norms.

The publisher has also imposed a ban on the editor from future publishing activities. The case has drawn attention to issues of ethical misconduct, peer review integrity, and transparency in academic publishing. The incident highlights the growing need for strict editorial standards, robust peer review mechanisms, and ethical accountability in scholarly communication. It serves as an important reminder for researchers, editors, and institutions to uphold integrity in academic publishing practices.

MiniMax M2.7: Next-Generation AI Model Introduced

MiniMax has released its advanced large language model MiniMax M2.7 on March 18, 2026, marking a significant development in artificial intelligence technologies.

The model stands out for its self-evolving capability, enabling it to refine and improve its own processes over time. It also demonstrates strong agentic abilities, allowing it to perform complex, multi-step tasks autonomously and manage workflows efficiently.

MiniMax M2.7 offers high performance in coding and reasoning tasks, with improved speed and efficiency. It is also expected to support open weights, making it accessible for developers and researchers to customise and experiment with the model.

With a reported high skill adherence rate and potential multimodal capabilities, the model is particularly suited for software development, research applications, and advanced productivity tasks.

The release highlights the rapid evolution of AI systems toward more autonomous, intelligent, and adaptable tools for real-world applications.

Success Story

Key Academic Appointments at Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women University

Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women University, Vijayapura has announced important academic and administrative appointments in the Department of Library and Information Science.

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Dr. M. P. Satija Joins Rajiv Gandhi University as LIS Faculty

Renowned academician Dr. M. P. Satija, former Professor of Library and Information Science at Guru Nanak Dev University, has joined the Department of Library and Information Science at Rajiv Gandhi University.

He was warmly welcomed by the department, where faculty members expressed confidence that his vast academic experience and scholarly contributions would greatly benefit students and strengthen the department.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Satija emphasised the importance of innovative pedagogy, research-oriented learning, and professional ethics.

He encouraged students to actively engage in studies, develop critical thinking, and strive for academic excellence.

Dr. Vineeta Jain Joins MJPRU, Bareilly as Deputy Librarian



Dr. Vineeta Jain, ILA Council Member (Open), has joined Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Rohilkhand University (MJPRU), Bareilly, as Deputy Librarian, marking an important step in her professional journey in Library and Information Science.

Prior to this, she served as University Librarian at Teerthanker Mahaveer University (TMU), Moradabad, where she played a key role in strengthening academic library services, enhancing digital resources, and supporting research and learning activities.

With rich experience in academic librarianship, Dr. Jain has contributed significantly to library management, digitization initiatives, and user-centric services. Her appointment is expected to further strengthen library services, promote innovation in knowledge management, and enhance research support at MJPRU.

Mrs. Pallavi Jambhulkar Awarded Ph.D. in Library and Information Science



Mrs. Pallavi Shrikant Jambhulkar of Tirpude College of Social Work, Nagpur, has been awarded the Ph.D. degree in Library and Information Science by Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University.

Her research titled "Research Productivity of Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) in India: A Scientometric Study" presents a comprehensive analysis of the quality, scope, and global impact of research output from IITs using international databases such as Web of Science.

The research was carried out under the guidance of Dr. Mahendra Mete, Librarian, Shri Shivaji Arts and Commerce College, Amravati. Her work is expected to be valuable for policymakers and academic institutions in improving research quality.

Forthcoming Event

Seventh International Conference on Science & Technology Metrics (STMet 2026) Announced

The Seventh International Conference on Science & Technology Metrics (STMet 2026) will be held from October 02–04, 2026 in Bali, Indonesia, in both physical and virtual modes. The conference is organised by Universitas Islam Negeri Sunan Kalijaga, Indonesia, in collaboration with Digital Information Research Labs, India.

The conference will focus on emerging trends in science and technology evaluation, including AI-based metrics, bibliometrics, altmetrics, open data, research evaluation systems, and digital repositories. It will include invited talks, paper presentations, workshops, tutorials, and a doctoral symposium.

Researchers are invited to submit papers by July 20, 2026, with acceptance notifications on August 15, 2026. The conference will follow a double-blind peer review process.

Selected papers will be published in reputed journals such as Journal of Digital Information Management, Performance Measurement and Metrics, and Open Information Science, without additional publication charges.

The conference aims to provide a global platform for discussing innovative approaches to measuring and evaluating scientific and technological progress.

International Online Conference on Intelligent Futures for Libraries Announced



The Library Professionals Foundation has announced an International Online Conference on “Intelligent Futures for Libraries and Organizations: Integrating Artificial Intelligence, Data Analytics, and Digital Innovations”, scheduled to be held on May 09, 2026.

The conference invites research paper submissions on contemporary themes related to artificial intelligence, data analytics, and digital transformation in libraries and organizations. The last date for submission is April 20, 2026.

The event is open to academicians, researchers, library and IT professionals, as well as students and scholars. Participants will receive e-certificates, and selected papers will be published in a printed book with ISBN.

The conference aims to provide a global platform for knowledge sharing, innovation, and discussion on the future of libraries in the digital and AI-driven era.

One-Day National Seminar on Intelligent Knowledge Ecosystems Announced at Kuvempu University



Kuvempu University has announced a One-Day National Seminar on “Intelligent Knowledge Ecosystems in Library and Information Science”, scheduled to be held on 29 May 2026.

The seminar is being organised by the Department of PG Studies and Research in Library and Information Science, in collaboration with the Kuvempu University Library and Information Science Alumni Association (KULISAA).

The event will take place at Prof. S. P. Hiremath Hall, Kuvempu University, Jnana Sahyadri, Shankaraghatta. It aims to bring together academicians, researchers, and library professionals to discuss emerging trends in intelligent systems, knowledge ecosystems, and innovations in Library and Information Science.

The seminar will provide a platform for scholarly exchange and discussions on advancing library services in the digital and AI-driven environment.

Workshop on New Trends in Library Automation and EasyLib Cloud Version to Be Held in Hyderabad

A one-day workshop on “New Trends in Library Automation and EasyLib 6.4a Cloud Version” will be organised on April 2, 2026 at the Smart Classroom, JBREC, Hyderabad, in association with EasyLib Software Pvt. Ltd.

The workshop is designed for librarians and library professionals to explore advancements in library automation, cloud-based systems, and modern library practices. The session will be conducted by Dr. Vasudev Deshpande, Co-founder of EasyLib Software Pvt. Ltd.

The programme offers free registration, lunch, and participation certificates. Interested participants can register through the official link provided by the organisers.

The workshop aims to enhance professional skills and awareness of emerging technologies in library automation and digital services.

AI Email Writers: Enhancing Professional Communication Through Artificial Intelligence



An International Conference on “Transformative Role of Libraries in Education, Innovation and Research: Marching towards a Developed Nation” is scheduled to be held from May 7–9, 2026 at Bharathidasan University, Tamil Nadu.

The conference is jointly organised by the School of Library and Information Science, Bharathidasan University, and IATLIS.

The event aims to bring together academicians, researchers, and library professionals to discuss the evolving role of libraries in education, innovation, and national development. It will serve as a platform for knowledge exchange, research presentations, and discussions on future-oriented library services.

The conference is expected to witness wide participation from the LIS community across the country and beyond.

Librarian Development Program 2026 Announced at Goa Institute of Management

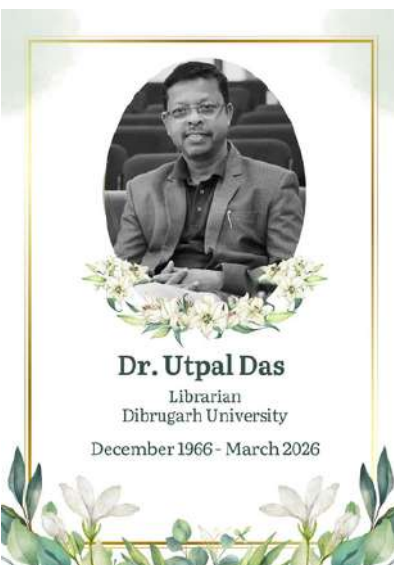
Goa Institute of Management has announced the upcoming Librarian Development Program 2026, aimed at enhancing the skills and competencies of library professionals.

The programme is designed to equip participants with modern approaches, innovative practices, and insights into knowledge management and digital transformation. It will also provide opportunities for professional networking and collaborative learning in an academic environment.

The last date for registration is 15 April 2026. The programme is expected to offer an enriching experience for librarians seeking to upgrade their professional expertise and adapt to evolving technological trends in libraries.

Obituary

Dr. Utpal Das Passes Away: A Great Loss to the LIS Community



The Library and Information Science community mourns the sad demise of Dr. Utpal Das, Librarian at Dibrugarh University, who passed away in March 2026.

Dr. Das was a distinguished professional with over 21 years of experience. He served in key roles at NIT Silchar, Gurucharan College, and Dibrugarh University, and contributed significantly to INFLIBNET Centre initiatives such as Shodhganga and anti-plagiarism. He was also actively involved in manuscript conservation and national initiatives under IGNC.

A scholar with over 40 publications and several invited lectures, including internationally, his contributions to LIS will be remembered with respect and admiration.

May his soul rest in peace.



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