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Dear Library 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 June to 25th July) 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.



From the Desk of the Chief Editor,



Dear LIS Professionals

American Library Association, the oldest library association in the world celebrated its 150th anniversary. Thousands of library workers convene in the windy city – Chicago for the event, held from June 25 -29, 2026 reflecting on what's happening in the world. The deliberations indicated that shifting demographics, rapid advances in technology and the rise of authoritarianism are all affecting how libraries serve their communities. This made Rachel Maddow Emmy Award winning TV host and podcast who headlined the Opening

General Session of the function to observe that “Libraries give cause for optimism. As third spaces and hubs for storytelling, she observed, libraries have a big role to play in staving off fascism”. This clearly highlights the role of libraries in upholding the democratic values and that of library associations by motivating the citizens to promote such values.

Libraries across India hosted a vibrant array of cultural, literary, and educational activities in July 2026, heavily driven by National Reading Month campaigns and new digital initiatives. Library associations focused on artificial intelligence governance, sustainable development goals (SDGs), and media literacy. Key topics emphasized community integration, digital access, and institutional advocacy. A noteworthy feature in the last few minutes is the growing visibility of state library associations. Karnataka State Library Association has formed District Level Chapters in every district. The District Level Chapters are charting their activities to reach everyone. Uttar Pradesh Library Association has revived Lucknow Librarian – a reputed journal and opened its website. Many other associations like Haryana Library Association, Kalyan Karnataka Library Associations are designing various programs to strengthen the professional relations.

As you are all aware libraries are moving from their traditional book storage function to become dynamic digital hubs, community learning centers, and open-access advocates. The LI professionals have to focus on the following thrust areas to remain contemporary with the professionals on the other side of the globe.

- AI Guidance and Governance: Releasing toolkits and sample policies for public library worker tech integration.
- Sustainable Development: Evaluating library contributions to UN Sustainable Development Goals, equity, and social cohesion.
- Media and News Literacy: Highlighting community access to reliable news and combating disinformation.
- Social Responsibility: Preparing international conferences centered on societal impact and environmental sustainability.

Recently released new IFLA report highlights that library associations around the world have worked with the UN Sustainable Development Goals to define strategies, mobilise members, and engage with governments and partners. It also offers ideas for how future frameworks could represent an even more powerful framework for realising the potential of libraries.

In spite of these developments, I am aware of the fact that our professionals are facing many challenges in their day-to-day library operations which is being evident from the questions posed by them in our ILA whatsapp group. The answers given by fellow experienced professionals will not remain permanently in the group. Hence from this issue an attempt is made to consolidate all the answers given to a question raised by the members under Q&A section.

August marks the birth anniversary of Dr. S.R. Ranganathan, reminding us of his foundational contributions and their modern digital relevance celebrating his birth anniversary as National Librarians' Day. I am sure all of you will be planning one or the other event to commemorate the same. I urge members and library and information science (LIS) professionals to actively share regional updates, success stories, and innovative institutional practices.

With warm regards

Prof P G Tadasad

Chief Editor – ILA Newsletter

Action Initiated by ILA

ILA Submits Representation to JNU on Assistant Librarian Recruitment Advertisement



The Indian Library Association (ILA) has submitted a representation to the Vice-Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, regarding the recruitment advertisement for the post of Assistant Librarian (Advertisement No. 01/RC(NT)/2026).

In its representation, ILA pointed out that the prescribed upper age limit of 40 years is not in conformity with the UGC Regulations, 2018, which govern the appointment of Assistant Librarians under the Academic Cadre. The Association requested the University to withdraw the advertisement or issue a corrigendum removing the upper age limit to ensure compliance with the UGC Regulations and to avoid hardship to eligible candidates.

The representation, dated 3 July 2026, was submitted by Dr. Dharam Kumar, General Secretary, Indian Library Association, along with supporting documents, including the relevant UGC Public Notice and the University of Delhi notification.

Events Organised

LISACON-2026 Curtain Raiser Ceremony Held at Bengaluru City University



The Curtain Raiser Ceremony of LISACON-2026 was successfully organized at Dr. Manmohan Singh Bengaluru City University, Bengaluru, marking the formal commencement of preparations for the 6th LISACON International Conference on the theme "Libraries as Experience Centers."

The Curtain Raiser marked the beginning of the conference activities and reaffirmed the commitment of the organizers to hosting a meaningful and impactful international event for the global LIS community.

LPF Organizes International Online Conference on Intelligent Future for Libraries

The Library Professionals Foundation (LPF) successfully organized an International Online Conference on 9 April 2026 on the theme “Intelligent Future for Libraries and Organizations: Integration of Artificial Intelligence, Data Analytics, and Digital Innovation.” The conference witnessed the participation of more than 100 library professionals, academicians, researchers, and research scholars from India and abroad.

The inaugural address was delivered by Dr. Anil Kumar Jharotia, Founding President, LPF. Dr. Gulshan Sachdeva, Organizing Secretary, informed that 67 research papers were received, of which 43 papers were selected for publication, while more than 30 authors presented their research papers through Microsoft Teams.

The conference featured keynote and expert lectures by Dr. Smiley Mukta Ghoshal (USA), Dr. Anil Dhiman, Dr. Deepak Srivastava, Dr. Dharmendra Harit, and Ms. H. W. Kusala Sajeevani (Sri Lanka). The speakers shared valuable insights on Artificial Intelligence, data analytics, knowledge management, digital innovation, and emerging technologies in libraries and information centres.

The session was efficiently moderated by Ms. Riya Mittal, while the vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Mukesh Sachdeva, Executive Member, LPF. The conference provided an excellent platform for discussing innovative technologies and their transformative role in the future of libraries and organizations.

Suguna College Conducts Library Orientation for First-Year Students



The Department of Library, Suguna College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, organized a Library Orientation Programme as part of the Student Induction Programme for newly admitted first-year students on 7 July 2026. The session aimed to familiarize students with the effective use of library resources and to promote reading habits from the beginning of their academic journey. The programme was conducted under the guidance of Dr. R. Rajkumar, Principal, and Dr. V. Sekar, Director, who emphasized the importance of academic excellence, lifelong learning, and a strong reading culture.

The special address was delivered by Dr. C. Melvin Jebaraj, College Librarian, on the theme of

“Knowledge at Your Fingertips – Library.” He highlighted the library’s role in academic success and encouraged students to develop the habit of regular reading. He also introduced the wide range of resources available in the library, including books, reference materials, magazines, newspapers, e-books, and e-journals, and motivated students to make the library an integral part of their academic life. The interactive session was well received by the students, who expressed enthusiasm for making effective use of the library and cultivating lifelong reading habits. The programme reaffirmed the library’s role as a gateway to knowledge, innovation, and intellectual development.

KLE Society's R. L. Science Institute Organizes Expert Session on Scientific Research Writing



The Library, in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of KLE Society's Raja Lakhamagouda Science Institute, Belagavi, organized a one-day special session on "Write High-Quality Scientific Research Papers Using Online Resources" on 15 July 2026. The programme aimed to enhance research writing skills and promote the effective use of online scholarly resources among faculty members and students.

The resource person, Dr. Praveen Hulloli, Librarian and Head, KLS Gogte College of Commerce, delivered an insightful session on scientific communication, research tools, publication ethics, plagiarism prevention, selecting research topics, and scholarly publishing. Practical demonstrations of research tools and search platforms enabled participants to gain hands-on experience in using digital resources for quality research.

In her concluding remarks, Principal Dr. Jyoti S. Kawalekar emphasized the importance of such initiatives in promoting academic excellence, while IQAC Coordinator Dr. Vinay Kumar M. highlighted the objectives of the programme. Members of the KLE Society Management, faculty members, and students actively participated in the session.

St. Thomas College Successfully Concludes 2026 Research and Publication Ethics Course

The Department of Library and Information Studies, in collaboration with the R&D Cell of St. Thomas College (Autonomous), Thrissur, Kerala, successfully concluded the 2026 edition of its two-credit online Research and Publication Ethics (RPE) Course, with 197 Ph.D. research scholars successfully completing the programme.

The course commenced on 10 June 2026 and concluded with an examination on 27 June 2026. Conducted annually since 2020, the RPE course is designed to fulfil the mandatory coursework requirement for Ph.D. scholars while strengthening awareness of research integrity, publication ethics, and responsible scholarly communication.

Over the past six years, the institution has organized eight batches, benefiting 1,673 research scholars from diverse disciplines. The course covers topics such as research ethics, publication ethics, research misconduct, predatory publishing, indexing and citation databases, open access publishing, research metrics, and reference management tools.

The programme is coordinated by Mr. Sanjo Jose, Librarian and Dr. Joyce Jose, Dean of Research, served as the faculty-in-charge.

KOHA E-Gate System Inaugurated at Ramnath Guljarilal Kedia College of Commerce



Ramnath Guljarilal Kedia College of Commerce, Hyderabad, Telangana, inaugurated its KOHA E-Gate System on 20 July 2026, marking a significant step towards digital transformation in library services. The system was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Vandana Samba, Director, and Mr. Ramachandra Murthy, Joint Director.

The newly implemented system integrates the KOHA Library Management Software with an automated E-Gate, providing a safe, secure, and smart library environment. The system enables digital logging of student entry and streamlines book search, issue, and return processes through KOHA.

The programme was attended by Dr. Rupa Veni, Principal (MBA), Dr. Surya Prakash, Principal (UG College), Dr. Ramsha Khaliq, IQAC Coordinator, librarians Ramakanth and Vikitha, along with faculty members and students. The event concluded with a live demonstration of the KOHA E-Gate and KOHA OPAC Search System.

Lady Doak College Inaugurates 'Friends of Library' for 2026–27



Lady Doak College, Madurai, inaugurated the Friends of Library programme on 14 July 2026, marking the beginning of another year of activities aimed at promoting reading culture, intellectual engagement, and lifelong learning among students. The programme brought together faculty members, students, and distinguished guests in an atmosphere of enthusiasm and academic interaction. Established in 2001, the Friends of Library has been encouraging students to develop reading habits through literary and academic activities. The inaugural session featured Ms. Aishwarya Sundararajan, Programme

Executive Young Leaders Programme, Veranda IAS Learning Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Chennai, and a distinguished alumna of the college. In her address, she motivated students to pursue their aspirations with confidence, cultivate leadership qualities, and embrace lifelong learning.

The programme included a group discussion on real-life situations, enabling students to develop teamwork, communication, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. As part of the annual tradition, the newly elected office bearers of the Friends of Library were formally inducted through a Badge Pinning Ceremony. They will lead activities such as book reviews, quiz competitions, seminars, public speaking events, and literary programmes throughout the academic year.

The afternoon session featured a workshop on Newspaper Reading, conducted by Ms. E. Brindhadevi, Ms. B. Suvetha, and Ms. S. Naga Janani, UPSC aspirants and alumnae of the college. The workshop provided practical guidance on newspaper reading, current affairs analysis, and note-making techniques for competitive examinations.

The inauguration reaffirmed Lady Doak College's commitment to nurturing informed, responsible, and lifelong learners through meaningful library initiatives.

Dnyanprassarak Mandal's College Organizes National Workshop on Research Data Analysis and Visualisation



The Library and Information Centre, Dnyanprassarak Mandal's College and Research Centre, in collaboration with the Department of Higher Education, Government of Goa, successfully organized a two-day National Workshop on "Research Data Analysis and Visualisation" on 26–27 February 2026.

The workshop witnessed the participation of more than 65 faculty members, research scholars, students, and library professionals representing diverse disciplines and institutions from across the country.

The inaugural function was graced by Prof. Sundar N. Dhuri, Registrar, Goa University, as the Chief Guest. Addressing the participants, he emphasized the growing importance of research data analysis, visualization, ethical research practices, and the role of librarians in ensuring academic integrity and enhancing institutional excellence.

The workshop featured expert sessions by Prof. Gavisiddappa Anandhalli, Dr. Gopakumar, Dr. Dundappa Amoji, and Mr. Manju, who provided hands-on training in research data analysis and visualization tools.

The valedictory session was addressed by Dr. Sandesh Dessai, Librarian, Goa University, who encouraged participants to apply the acquired skills in research and academic activities. He highlighted the importance of authentic data, effective visualization, and practical applications of tools such as SPSS and Excel in improving research quality and institutional performance.

The workshop concluded with a renewed commitment to strengthening research competencies, promoting data-driven decision-making, and enhancing academic and research excellence through effective data analysis and visualization.

Forthcoming Events



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CONFERENCE DATES

JANUARY, 07-09, 2027



Venue:
IGM Library
University of Hyderabad



IMPORTANT DATES

Last date for Paper Submission
15th September 2026

Notification of Acceptance of Paper
15th October 2026

Last date for Registration
15th December 2026

THEMES

- Libraries & Sustainability Agenda
- Digital Transformation in Libraries
- Scholarly Communication & Open Science
- Capacity Building & Future-Ready Librarianship
- Assistive Technologies & Inclusive Library Services
- Collaboration, Consortia & Knowledge Ecosystems
- Digital Preservation & Cultural Heritage
- Ethical & Legal Frameworks for Information Access
- Social Media & Digital Engagement in Libraries

REGISTRATION CHARGES

 Students ₹ 2,000 (UG / PG / Research Scholars)	 ILA Members ₹ 2,500 (Valid ILA Membership)
 Professionals ₹ 3,000 (Faculty & Library Professionals)	 International USD 250 (Foreign Delegates)



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ILA to Celebrate National Librarian Day with National Webinar on Dr. S. R. Ranganathan



Indian Library Association
National Webinar
on
Dr. S. R. Ranganathan and Classics of Library Science: An Analysis in the Context of Changing Dynamics of the Society

Eminent Speaker
Prof. B. Ramesh Babu
Former Professor
Dept. of Library and Information Science
University of Madras, Chennai

Wednesday
12 August 2026
Time
03:00PM Onwards

On the occasion of National Librarian Day, observed every year on 12 August to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, the Father of Library Science in India, the Indian Library Association (ILA) will organize a National Webinar on 12 August 2026 at 3:00 PM. The theme of the webinar is "Dr. S. R. Ranganathan and Classics of Library Science: An Analysis in the Context of Changing Dynamics of the Society."

The webinar will feature Prof. B. Ramesh Babu, Former Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Madras, Chennai, as the Eminent Speaker. He will deliver a lecture on the enduring relevance of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan's principles and their significance in addressing the evolving challenges and opportunities in modern library and information services.

The programme will be organized under the leadership of Dr. Pardeep Rai, President, ILA, Dr. Dharam Kumar, General Secretary, ILA, Dr. Vineeta Jain, Chairperson of the Webinar.

The Indian Library Association invites librarians, academicians, researchers, students, and library professionals to participate in the webinar and join the celebration of National Librarian Day by paying tribute to the enduring legacy and invaluable contributions of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan to the field of Library and Information Science.

ICTLDF 2026 International Online Conference

Library and Information Science professionals, academicians, librarians, faculty members, and research scholars are invited to submit research papers for the International Conference on Transformative Libraries and the Digital Future (ICTLDF 2026), which will be held in online mode on 20–21 August 2026.

Accepted papers will be published in the conference proceedings with an ISBN, and Best Paper Awards will be presented for each sub-theme. Selected papers will also be considered for publication in the Asian Journal of Information Science and Technology and the Journal of Information Science, Technology, and Innovation, subject to editorial and peer-review policies.

Important Dates

- Abstract Submission: 25 July 2026
- Acceptance Notification: 30 July 2026
- Full Paper Submission: 5 August 2026
- Registration Deadline: 10 August 2026
- Conference Dates: 20–21 August 2026

For details and paper submission:

- Conference Website: <https://frie.ai/ictldf>
- Call for Papers: <https://frie.ai/call-for-papers/>
- Paper Submission: <https://tinyurl.com/ictldf-2026>

LISACON-2026 Invites Research Papers on “Libraries as Experience Centers”

LIS Academy, in collaboration with Dr. Manmohan Singh Bengaluru City University (MSBCU), the Department of Public Libraries, Government of Karnataka, and the Forum of Former Vice-Chancellors of Karnataka (FVCK), has announced LISACON-2026, an International Conference on the theme “Libraries as Experience Centers.” The conference will be held from 12–14 November 2026 at Jnana Jyothi Auditorium, Dr. Manmohan Singh Bengaluru City University, Bengaluru.

For conference details and paper submission, visit: <https://lisacon.org>

IASLIC 31st National Seminar 2026

The Indian Association of Special Libraries and Information Centres (IASLIC), in collaboration with the Central Library, Siksha 'O' Anusandhan (SOA) University, Bhubaneswar, has announced the 31st IASLIC National Seminar 2026 on the theme "Adaptive Libraries: Resilience and Innovation." The seminar will be held from 28–30 December 2026 at SOA University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

The seminar invites original research papers on topics related to adaptive libraries, resilience, innovation, digital integration, ethical use of Artificial Intelligence, Indian Knowledge Systems, research data management, and AI applications in library services. Special Interest Group (SIG) sessions will focus on Research Data Management for Social Sciences and Emergence of Artificial Intelligence in Library Services: Innovations, Opportunities and Challenges.

The last date for submission of full papers is 15 September 2026, and the acceptance notification will be issued by 15 October 2026.

For detailed guidelines and submission information, visit: www.iaslic1955.org.in

Leadership Institute for Library Innovation (LILI) Programme Announced

Singapore Management University (SMU) Libraries, in collaboration with the CHRIST Higher Education Leadership Institute, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru, has announced the Leadership Institute for Library Innovation (LILI) programme, to be held from 29 September to 3 October 2026 at the CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Kengeri Campus, Bengaluru.

The programme fee is ₹100,000 (including taxes), with an early bird discount of 20% available until 10 September 2026.

KALA to Organize State-Level Protest Demanding Librarian Recruitment

The Karnataka State Library Association (KALA), Bengaluru, in association with various library professional associations across Karnataka, has announced a state-level protest on the occasion of National Librarians' Day to demand the immediate recruitment of librarians in Government and Government-aided institutions.

The protest will be held on 9 August 2026, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at Freedom Park, Bengaluru. The initiative aims to highlight the long-pending issue of librarian vacancies and the challenges faced by qualified Library and Information Science professionals, including those holding M.L.I.Sc., NET, SET, and Ph.D. qualifications.

KALA has appealed to librarians, unemployed LIS graduates, research scholars, students, retired professionals, and well-wishers to participate in large numbers and collectively urge the Government to expedite librarian recruitment, strengthen library services, and support quality education across the state.

LIS Academy Announces 6th LISACON International Conference 2026

LIS Academy, in collaboration with Dr. Manmohan Singh Bengaluru City University (MSBCU), the Department of Public Libraries, Government of Karnataka, and the Forum of Former Vice-Chancellors of Karnataka (FVCK), has announced the 6th LISACON International Conference 2026 on the theme “Libraries as Experience Centers” with the tagline “Explore | Engage | Evolve.” The conference will be held from 12–14 November 2026 at the Jnana Jyothi Auditorium, Dr. Manmohan Singh Bengaluru City University, Bengaluru.

Original and unpublished research papers, case studies, and best practice reports are invited. Accepted papers will be published in an edited volume with ISBN. The last date for full paper submission is 31 August 2026, while the early bird registration deadline is 15 September 2026.

For details, visit <https://lisacon.org>.

Mythic Society Library to Organize Symposium on Cybrarianship

The Mythic Society Library, Bengaluru, will organize “Jnana Setu – A Symposium on Cybrarianship: Empowering Libraries in the Digital and AI Era” on 12 August 2026 to commemorate National Librarian’s Day and the 134th Birth Anniversary of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan.

The symposium will focus on the integration of Artificial Intelligence in library services, highlighting innovative approaches to organizing, searching, and sharing information in the digital age. Participation in the symposium is free of cost, and the last date for registration is 5 August 2026. Library professionals, academicians, researchers, and students are encouraged to register and participate in this enriching event.

Registration: <https://forms.gle/YYyxsuNiRvzhE9y29>

IFLA to Host Webinar on Open Science Across the Research Cycle

The IFLA Science and Technology Libraries Section, in collaboration with the Advisory Committee on Open Science and Scholarship, will organize an international webinar titled “Beyond Open Access: Open Science Across the Entire Research Cycle” on 6 October 2026.

The webinar will explore full-cycle Open Science, covering the entire research lifecycle from research design and pre-registration to open data, reproducible workflows, open methods, and open publication. The session aims to promote transparency, reproducibility, collaboration, and responsible open research practices.

The keynote speaker will be Prof. Robin Wilkening, Open Science Foundation and Monash University, Australia, who will share insights into the role of Open Science in improving research quality, reproducibility, and societal impact.

Library professionals, researchers, academicians, and students are invited to participate.

Date: 6 October 2026 Time: 14:00 CEST (12:00 UTC)

Registration: <https://bit.ly/OSCycle2026>

St. Xavier's University, Kolkata to Organize National Conference

The Fr. Arrupe Central Library, St. Xavier's University, Kolkata, will organize a Two-Day National Conference on “Bridging Knowledge, Technology, and Society through Libraries” on 25–26 September 2026 in hybrid mode. The conference aims to bring together library professionals, academicians, researchers, and students to discuss the evolving role of libraries in connecting knowledge, technology, and society.

Researchers and professionals are invited to submit original research papers related to the conference theme. The last date for full paper submission is 5 September 2026, while the last date for registration is 10 September 2026. The registration fee is ₹1,500 for professionals, ₹1,200 for research scholars, and ₹1,000 for students.

Interested participants may submit papers through the conference Google Form or via email to the Organizing Secretary. For conference details, paper submission guidelines, and registration, visit: <https://sxuklibrary.wixsite.com/bktsl-26>

NILIS International Research Conference (NIReC) 2026

The National Institute of Library and Information Sciences (NILIS), University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, has invited abstracts for the NILIS International Research Conference (NIReC) 2026, which will be held on 22 October 2026.

The conference is themed “Bridging Knowledge, Technology, and Society through Information Literacy and Digital Transformation.” Researchers, academicians, professionals, and students are invited to submit abstracts on topics related to information literacy, digital transformation, scientific communication, information governance, libraries, sustainability, intellectual property, data protection, and other areas of Library and Information Science.

The last date for abstract submission is 31 July 2026 (11:59 p.m.). Authors are required to submit a structured abstract (up to 300 words), an extended abstract (1,000–1,500 words), and a signed declaration form through the Microsoft CMT platform.

For submission guidelines and registration details, visit: <https://nilis.cmb.ac.lk/home/nirec26/>

BOSLA to Organize National Seminar on “Libraries 5.0: Intelligent Knowledge Ecosystems”

The Bombay Science Librarians' Association (BOSLA), in collaboration with the BITS Pilani Mumbai Campus Library, will organize a National Level Seminar on “Libraries 5.0: Intelligent Knowledge Ecosystems” on 22 August 2026 at the BITS Pilani Mumbai Campus, Kalyan.

The seminar is being organized to commemorate National Librarians' Day and the Birth Anniversary of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan. It will provide a platform for Library and Information Science professionals, academicians, researchers, faculty members, and MLIS students to explore the role of Artificial Intelligence, emerging technologies, and intelligent knowledge ecosystems in shaping the future of libraries.

Interested participants are requested to register online at: <https://forms.gle/GewXV6qN9dH4pqySA>

Researcher to Reader (R2R) Conference 2027

The Researcher to Reader (R2R) Conference 2027 has invited proposals for its international conference, which will be held on 23–24 February 2027 in London, United Kingdom. The conference provides a unique platform for professionals engaged in scholarly communication, research management, publishing, libraries, and research support to exchange practical experiences and innovative ideas.

The conference welcomes proposals for keynotes, presentations, panel discussions, workshops, debates, interviews, discussions, and lightning talks, with a focus on international scholarly communication and research management.

The early submission deadline is 31 July 2026.

For proposal guidelines and submission details, visit: <https://r2rconf.com/r2r-call-for-papers/>

LIDA 2027 Conference

Researchers, librarians, information professionals, educators, students, and practitioners are invited to submit papers for the LIDA 2027 – Libraries and Information Institutions in the Digital Age Conference, to be held from 19–21 May 2027 in Šibenik, Croatia.

The LIDA 2027 conference will focus on two major themes: Artificial Intelligence and Ethical Institutional Response and Emotion and Creativity

Contributions are invited in the form of research papers, posters, panel sessions, and workshops. The last date for submission of extended abstracts is 10 October 2026. For submission guidelines and further details, visit: <https://lida.ffos.hr/>

RLUK27 Conference

The RLUK27 Conference will be held from 10–12 March 2027 in Belfast, Northern Ireland, on the theme “The Living Library, Shaped by People.”

The conference will explore the evolving role of research libraries through five broad themes: The Stories We Tell, The Bridges We Build, The Futures We Create, The Technology We Shape, and The Meaning We Bring. Discussions will focus on topics such as AI and emerging technologies, research library infrastructure, community engagement, knowledge management, heritage collections, sustainable funding, and the civic role of libraries.

The deadline for submission of proposals is 26 October 2026 (5:00 PM GMT).

For submission guidelines and further details, visit: <https://rlukconference.com/>

National Conference on Bharatiya Knowledge System (BKS-2026)

The Library of Govind Ballabh Pant Social Science Institute (A Constituent Institute of the University of Allahabad), Prayagraj, in collaboration with the Association of Indian Law Libraries, will organize a National Conference on “Bharatiya Knowledge System: Bridging Traditional Wisdom and Modern Challenges for Viksit Bharat” on 10 October 2026 at Govind Ballabh Pant Social Science Institute, Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh.

The last date for paper submission is 15 August 2026, while the last date for registration is 5 October 2026. The conference will also feature Best Paper and Best Paper Presentation Awards.

For further details, visit: www.bks2026.weebly.com

ILA, HLA and Elite Library Technologies to Organize National Online Workshop on Koha ILMS

The Indian Library Association (ILA), in collaboration with the Haryana Library Association (HLA) and Elite Library Technologies, will organize a 6-Day National Online Workshop on Library Automation using Koha ILMS from 1–6 August 2026. The workshop will be conducted online through Google Meet from 6:00 p.m. onwards.

The resource person for the workshop will be Dr. Mahipal Dutt, Librarian, Khalsa College for Women, Sidhwan Khurd, Ludhiana. Participants will receive live practical training, workshop recordings, a certificate of participation, expert guidance, and post-workshop support. The registration fee is ₹300, and the last date for registration is 31 July 2026.

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/o2nxhNghAtg6sNHR9>

Success Stories

KALA Launches Reading Initiative for School Children in Mangaluru



The Dakshina Kannada Chapter of the Karnataka State Library Association (KALA), in collaboration with the St. Agnes College (Autonomous) Library, launched a student-centric reading initiative titled "Odonu, Beliyona: Indina Odu - Naalina Yashassu" (Read Today, Win Tomorrow: Today's Reading - Tomorrow's Success) at St. Agnes Higher Primary School, Bendoor, Mangaluru.

The initiative aims to foster a lifelong reading habit among school children, particularly those studying in Kannada-medium schools, and to cultivate a culture of reading from an early age. Speaking on the occasion, Vishala B. K., President of the Dakshina Kannada Chapter of KALA, described the programme as a long-term community engagement initiative designed to inspire young learners to develop curiosity, knowledge, and a love for books.

Inaugurating the programme, M. Venissa, Principal of St. Agnes College, emphasized that reading dispels ignorance, knowledge empowers individuals, and books

help shape informed and responsible citizens. She appreciated KALA's efforts to promote reading culture among children and encourage librarians to reach young minds through meaningful outreach activities.

The programme also featured interactive sessions on developing reading habits, led by Rajatha P. Shetty, Chief Librarian, SDM Institute of Technology, Ujire, and Vice-President of KALA's Dakshina Kannada Chapter, along with Vishala B. K. To encourage reading among children, books were distributed to the students during the programme.

Uttar Pradesh Library Association Launches Official Website



The Uttar Pradesh Library Association (U.P.L.A.) launched its official website on 12 July 2026 at the Madhu Limaye Library, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia National Law University, Lucknow. The website will serve as a digital platform for sharing information on the Association's activities, events, publications, and professional initiatives.

Website: www.upla.in

KALA Dakshina Kannada District Chapter Installation Ceremony Held in Mangaluru



The installation ceremony of the Dakshina Kannada District Chapter of the Karnataka State Library Association (KALA) was held on 6 July 2026 at Father Muller Medical College, Mangaluru. The programme was inaugurated by Rev. Michel Ligori Santu Mahol, while Mr. Raghavendra, Deputy Director, Department of Public Libraries, Mangaluru, attended as the Chief Guest. On the occasion, Prof. V. G. Talwar, Former Vice-Chancellor, was honoured with the KALA Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the Library and Information Science profession.

Prof. Talwar appreciated the efforts and initiatives of the present KALA team in promoting the profession.

The programme was organized under the leadership of Dr. Vishala B. K., President, KALA Dakshina Kannada District Chapter, with the active support of chapter members. Around 75 library professionals, including senior retired librarians, academicians, and distinguished members of the LIS community, participated in the event. The organizers also acknowledged the support extended by the management of Father Muller Medical College and Dr. Janet D. Lobo, Chief Librarian, for hosting the programme.

INFLIBNET Centre Signs MoU with Aligarh Muslim University

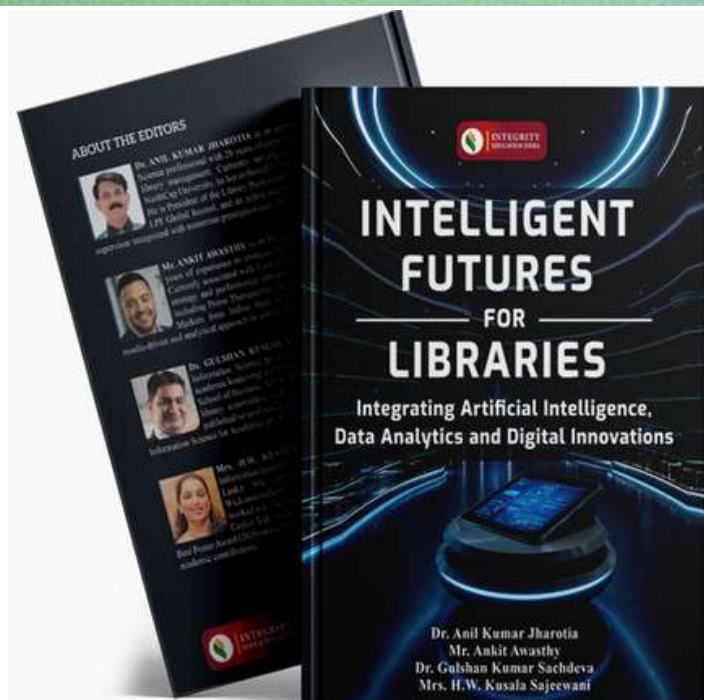


The INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh, on 17 July 2026 to strengthen digital library services, research support, and scholarly communication within the University.

Following the MoU signing, an awareness programme on INFLIBNET services was organized to familiarize faculty members, researchers, librarians, and students with the Centre's various digital initiatives and services. The collaboration is expected to facilitate the effective implementation and utilization of INFLIBNET services, enhancing access to scholarly resources and supporting research and academic excellence at AMU.

Book Release

Library Professionals Foundation Releases Edited Book on AI and Digital Innovations in Libraries



The Library Professionals Foundation has released an edited book titled *Intelligent Futures for Libraries: Integrating Artificial Intelligence, Data Analytics and Digital Innovations*.

Published with ISBN: 978-81-69130-00-4, the book explores the transformative role of Artificial Intelligence, data analytics, and digital technologies in shaping the future of libraries and information services. It presents contemporary perspectives on emerging technologies, digital transformation, and innovative practices that are redefining library operations and user services.

The book is available on Amazon: <https://amzn.in/d/O9sVYCBM>

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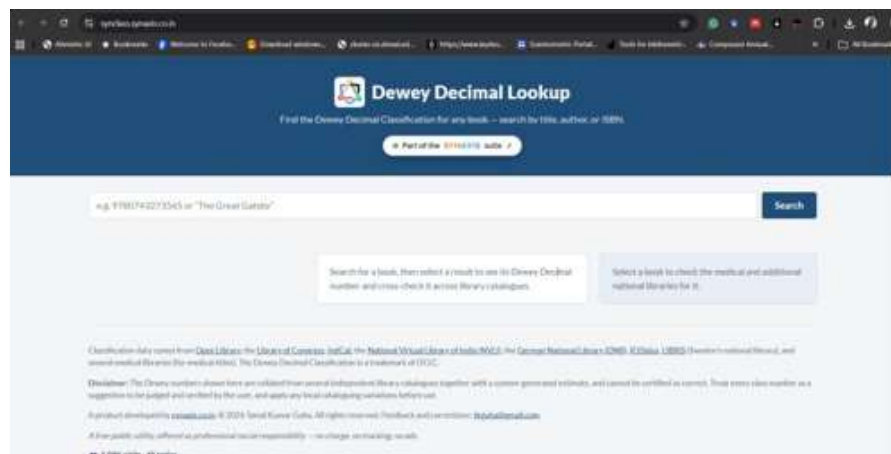
Ration Shop in Tamil Nadu Transformed into a Community Library



A fair price (ration) shop in Kolapakkam, Chengalpattu, Tamil Nadu, has been transformed into a vibrant community library, demonstrating how local initiatives can promote reading and lifelong learning. The initiative was led by Velu Chinnasamy, who envisioned the ration shop as a place where people could leave with "more than just their ration." The space was renovated with community support by adding a roof, chairs, fans, drinking water facilities, and a reading corner. A community library, Thiruvalluvar Noolagam, was established within the premises to provide easy access to books for people of all ages. Residents enthusiastically contributed books, furniture, and voluntary services to develop the library. The collection now includes school textbooks, Tamil and English literature, self-development books, and examination preparation materials, all systematically catalogued for users. The initiative also received support from local well-wishers and the Panchayat, helping create a welcoming learning environment.

Today, the library has become a popular community hub where schoolchildren visit after classes, senior citizens enjoy reading, and women have emerged as some of its most active users. The initiative highlights the transformative power of community participation in promoting literacy, knowledge sharing, and a sustainable reading culture.

IIT Guwahati Librarian Develops Free DDC Lookup Tool for Library Professionals



Dr. Tamal Kumar Guha, Librarian at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati, has developed an online tool, DDC Lookup, to assist library professionals in identifying appropriate Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) numbers using a book's title, author, or ISBN. The tool enables users to cross-verify the suggested DDC class number across several leading library catalogues, including K10plus,

the Library of Congress, the German National Library (DNB), IndCat, and the National Virtual Library of India. This feature helps cataloguers compare classification practices followed by different institutions and supports informed decision-making during cataloguing.

Developed as a professional contribution to the library community, the DDC Lookup tool is completely free to use, requiring no registration, displaying no advertisements, and not tracking user activity. While the suggested class numbers serve as useful guidance, users are advised to verify them using professional judgement and applicable cataloguing standards.

The tool is available at: <https://lnkd.in/dgPuMcn2>

Open-Source Platforms Opentheso and Skosmos Strengthen Taxonomy Management

Two leading open-source taxonomy management platforms, Opentheso and Skosmos, are gaining attention for their ability to support the creation and management of multilingual, hierarchical vocabularies and multiple concept schemes within a single deployment.

Opentheso, first released in 2006 and maintained by the Web Sémantique & Thésauri (WST) team at the Maison de l'Orient et de la Méditerranée (MOM/CNRS), France, provides a comprehensive taxonomy management environment with an administrative console, REST APIs, and integration with systems such as Koha, WordPress, and Nuxeo. Built using Java and PostgreSQL, it is released under an open-source GPL-compatible licence and is well suited for collaborative taxonomy creation and governance.

Skosmos, maintained by the National Library of Finland, is based on the W3C Simple Knowledge Organization System (SKOS) standard. Instead of storing taxonomy data internally, it retrieves RDF vocabularies from an RDF triplestore. One of its most prominent implementations is the FAO AGROVOC vocabulary, widely used for agricultural information management worldwide.

Both platforms support standards-based taxonomy management and are suitable for digital libraries, repositories, and knowledge organization systems. Skosmos is particularly appropriate for publishing stable vocabularies with infrequent updates, while Opentheso offers stronger capabilities for collaborative taxonomy development and ongoing vocabulary management through its web-based interface.

These open-source solutions provide valuable options for libraries, archives, museums, and research institutions seeking to strengthen knowledge organization and semantic information management.

KALA Karwar District Chapter Installation Ceremony Held

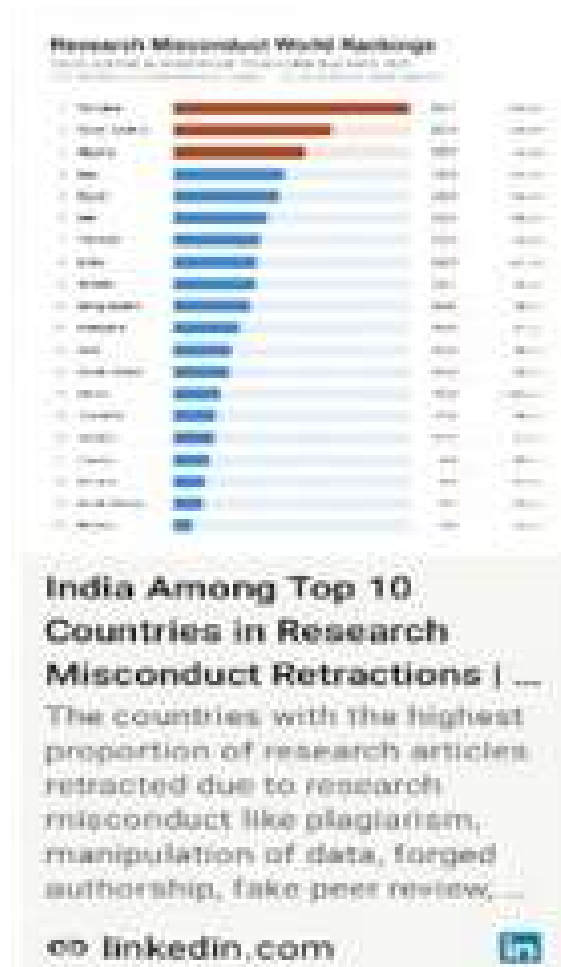


The installation ceremony of the Karwar District Chapter of the Karnataka State Library Association (KALA) was held at Divekar College, Karwar. The programme was inaugurated by Ms. Gayathri, Deputy Director, Department of Public Libraries.

The event was organized under the leadership of Dr. Shivanand Bulla, President, KALA Karwar District Chapter, with active support from the district chapter members. Despite heavy rainfall, the programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from library professionals across the district, reflecting their commitment to the profession.

The organizers expressed their appreciation to the management of Divekar College, the College Librarian, and the Master of Ceremonies for their valuable support in making the event a memorable success.

India Among Top 10 Countries in Research Misconduct Retractions



According to the Research Misconduct World Rankings 2025, based on data from the Retraction Watch Database, India ranks eighth among the top 20 countries with the highest proportion of research article retractions due to research misconduct. The ranking considers retractions resulting from issues such as plagiarism, data manipulation, fabricated authorship, fake peer review, and other forms of research misconduct.

The report underscores the growing need to strengthen research integrity, publication ethics, responsible authorship, and quality assurance in scholarly communication. It also highlights the importance of institutional policies, researcher training, and effective plagiarism detection mechanisms to uphold the credibility and trustworthiness of academic research.

The findings serve as a reminder for researchers, academic institutions, publishers, and libraries to promote ethical research practices and foster a culture of integrity in scholarly publishing.

US Man Sentenced for Theft of Rare Chinese Manuscript from UCLA Library

A California man has been sentenced for stealing a 17th-century Chinese manuscript from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Library in an elaborate scheme involving forged library cards and counterfeit copies of rare books. Jeffrey Ying (39) pleaded guilty to the theft of a valuable Qing Dynasty manuscript and was sentenced to time served (approximately one month in jail), one year of home confinement, and three years of supervised release.

According to prosecutors, Ying used false identities to obtain library cards, borrowed rare Chinese manuscripts from UCLA's special collections, and returned carefully crafted fake replicas in place of the originals. During a search of his hotel room, investigators recovered blank manuscripts, counterfeit materials, forged identification documents, and library cards used in the scheme.

Authorities estimate that between December 2024 and July 2025, rare Chinese manuscripts valued at approximately \$216,000 were stolen from the UCLA Library. The case has highlighted the importance of strengthening security measures, identity verification, and preservation practices for rare and special collections in libraries worldwide.

Delhi High Court Declines Interim Relief in ANI Copyright Case Against OpenAI

The Delhi High Court has declined to grant interim relief to Asian News International (ANI) in its copyright infringement suit against OpenAI, holding that the use of ANI's publicly available news content for training ChatGPT's Large Language Model (LLM) falls within the ambit of fair dealing under Section 52(1)(a) of the Copyright Act, 1957.

In an interim order, Justice Amit Bansal observed that the use of copyrighted material for training the AI model does not amount to copyright infringement under Section 51 of the Act. The Court further noted that responses generated by ChatGPT through Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) were not substantially similar to ANI's original news reports and that ANI had failed to establish any evidence of memorization or verbatim reproduction of its copyrighted content.

IFLA Releases Annual Report 2025 Highlighting Strategic Growth and Global Impact

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) has released its Annual Report 2025, highlighting the Federation's achievements during the first full year of implementing its 2024–2029 Strategy. The report reflects IFLA's continued commitment to strengthening the global library community through advocacy, professional collaboration, capacity building, sustainability, and organizational development.

Organized around the Strategy's three impact areas, the report showcases significant progress in connecting library professionals worldwide, enhancing the recognition of libraries as essential partners in society, and empowering libraries to deliver meaningful change at local, national, and international levels. It also outlines initiatives aimed at future-proofing the Federation through effective governance, innovation, and strategic partnerships.

The IFLA Annual Report 2025 provides a comprehensive overview of the Federation's activities, achievements, and future priorities, reaffirming its vision of building sustainable futures through knowledge and information.

Annual Report: <https://www.ifla.org/news/out-now-ifla-annual-report-2025-2/?utm>

Technology

Understanding the Evolution of Artificial Intelligence: From ANI to AGI and ASI

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is rapidly transforming the way we live, work, and access information. The evolution of AI is commonly described through three stages: Artificial Narrow Intelligence (ANI), Artificial General Intelligence (AGI), and Artificial Superintelligence (ASI). Understanding these stages helps us appreciate both the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

Artificial Narrow Intelligence (ANI), also known as Weak AI, represents the current generation of AI systems. ANI is designed to perform specific tasks with remarkable efficiency but lacks human-like understanding or consciousness. Examples include virtual assistants such as Siri and Alexa, recommendation systems, spam filters, self-driving technologies, and AI-powered search engines. While ANI has significantly improved productivity and decision-making across sectors, it remains limited to the tasks for which it has been trained.

Artificial General Intelligence (AGI) refers to a future form of AI capable of learning, reasoning, and performing any intellectual task that a human can undertake. Unlike ANI, AGI would possess the ability to transfer knowledge across different domains, solve unfamiliar problems, and demonstrate common-sense reasoning. Although recent advances in large language models have accelerated AI development, experts agree that true AGI has not yet been achieved.

The final stage, Artificial Superintelligence (ASI), envisions AI systems surpassing human intelligence in every field, including scientific research, creativity, strategic thinking, and social understanding. ASI could potentially solve some of humanity's greatest challenges, such as disease, climate change, and energy sustainability. At the same time, it raises important ethical concerns, particularly the challenge of ensuring that highly intelligent systems remain aligned with human values and societal interests.

The journey from ANI to AGI and ultimately ASI represents not only a technological transformation but also a profound philosophical and societal shift. As AI continues to evolve, responsible development, ethical governance, and human-centered innovation will play a crucial role in ensuring that artificial intelligence benefits society while minimizing potential risks.

Appointments and Promotions

Mr. M. K. Biradar Takes Charge as Principal of Shri Sangameshwara Degree College



Mr. M. K. Biradar, Librarian of Shri Sangameshwara Arts, Commerce and Science Degree College, Chadachan, Vijayapura District, Karnataka, has assumed charge as the Principal of the institution.

Mr. Biradar has made significant contributions to library development, academic services, and the promotion of Library and Information Science during his tenure as Librarian. His appointment as Principal reflects recognition of his academic leadership, administrative capabilities, and commitment to higher education.

Question & Answer

(Based on the questions raised by members and consolidated answers provided by the members)

Q1: I am searching for UGC directive on the use of AI in universities.

Answer: No such guideline issued yet. The AICTE released guidelines in September last year on the permissible limits of use of AI in research writings such as theses and dissertations.

Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MEITY) has launched an umbrella program "India AI" to drive convergence across multiple national level initiatives to catalyze the Artificial Intelligence innovation ecosystem in India. To achieve this vision of "India AI", MEITY has undertaken implementation of the National Program on Artificial Intelligence (NPAI). As part of this program, MEITY has requested Ministry of Skills Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) to create a plan for skill development for AI in India.

For more see: https://www.ugc.gov.in/pdfnews/5732498_Report-on-NPAI-Skilling-Framework.pdf

Q2: Is there any *UGC regulation* regarding the loss of a library book by a user? Kindly let me know if there is any applicable UGC rule, or whether the matter is governed solely by the institution's library policy.

Answer: 1 There is no UGC Regulation regarding the loss of a library book by a user. It's an organization specific issue. Every organization/institution practice differently. Usually 3 times or 5 times the cost of the book is recovered from the user or the user is asked to replace the book

2. In Assam Central University it is in 3 categories

1. Purchased within the last 5 years 2 times of the current price
2. More than 5 years 3 times
3. Books out of print 4 times
4. For rare book, the committee will be set up.
5. In case of multi volume book and a particular volume is lost, replace full volume
6. Since it is a part of library rules, it needs to be approved by Library Advisory Committee and EC (Syndicate/BOG).

4. A model rule can be found at: <https://vblibrarynetwork.in/index.php/2-uncategorised/208-sop-stock-verification>

Q3: UGC must clarify this regarding Date of CAS (stage 1 to 2)

Answer:

1. Joined with PhD only. No NET/SLET: 4 years
2. Joined with NET and did PhD within 4 years: 4 years
3. Joined with NET and did a PhD after 4 years but before 6 years: 6 years

B. Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) for Colleges teachers

I. Assistant Professor (Academic Level 10) to Assistant Professor (Senior Scale/Academic Level 11)

Eligibility: Assistant Professors who have completed four years of service and having a Ph.D. degree or five years of service and having a M.Phil. / PG Degree in Professional Courses, such as LLM, M.Tech., M.V.Sc., M.D., or six years of service for those without Ph.D./M.Phil./ PG Degree in Professional courses.

- i. Attended one Orientation course of 21 days' duration on teaching methodology; and
 - ii. Any one of the following: Completed one Refresher / Research Methodology Course
- OR

Any two of the following: Workshop, Syllabus Up-gradation Workshop, Training Teaching-Learning Evaluation, Technology Programmes and Faculty Development Programmes of at least one week (5 days) duration,

OR

Completed one MOOCs course (with e-certification) or development of e-contents in four-quadrants / MOOC's course during the assessment period.

CAS Promotion Criteria: A teacher shall be promoted if;

- i. He/she gets 'satisfactory' or 'good' grade in the annual performance assessment reports of at least three/four/five of the last four/five/six years of the assessment period as the case may be, as specified in Appendix II, Table 1, and;
- ii. The promotion is recommended by the screening-cum-evaluation committee.

C. Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) for University teachers

I. Assistant Professor (Academic Level 10) to Assistant Professor (Senior Scale/Academic Level 11)
Eligibility:

- i) An Assistant Professor who has completed four years of service with a Ph.D. degree or five years of service with a M.Phil. / PG Degree in Professional Courses, such as LLM, M.Tech, M.V.Sc. and M.D., or six years of service in case of those without a Ph.D./M.Phil./ PG Degree in a Professional course and satisfies the following conditions:
- ii) Attended one Orientation course of 21 days duration on teaching methodology;
- iii) Any one of the following: Completed Refresher/ Research Methodology Course/ Workshop/ Syllabus Up-gradation Workshop/ Training Teaching-Learning-Evaluation, Technology Programmes/ Faculty Development Programmes of at least one week (5 days) duration, or taken one MOOCs course (with e certification) or development of e-contents in four-quadrants / MOOC's course during the assessment period; and
- iv) Published one research publication in the peer-reviewed journals or UGC-listed journals during assessment period.

CAS Promotion Criteria : A teacher shall be promoted if;

- i) He/she gets a 'satisfactory' or 'good' grade in the annual performance assessment reports of at least three/four/five of the last four/five/six years of the assessment period as the case may be (as provided in Appendix II, Table 1), and;
- ii) The promotion is recommended by the screening-cum evaluation committee.

D. Career Advancement scheme for Librarians

I. From University Assistant Librarian (Academic level 10)/College Librarian (Academic level 10) to University Assistant Librarian (Senior Scale/Academic level 11)/ College Librarian (Senior Scale/Academic level

Eligibility:

An Assistant Librarian/ College Librarian who is in Academic Level 10 and has completed four years of service having a Ph.D. degree in Library Science/ Information Science/ Documentation Science or an equivalent degree or five years' of experience, having at least a M.Phil. degree, or six years of service for those without a M.Phil or a Ph.D. degree.

- (i) He/she has attended at least one Orientation course of 21 days' duration; and
- (ii) Training, Seminar or Workshop on automation and digitalisation, maintenance and related activities, of at least 5 days, as per Appendix II, Table

CAS Promotion Criteria: An Assistant Librarian/College Librarian may be promoted if:

- i) He/she gets a 'satisfactory' or 'good' grade in the annual performance assessment reports of at least three/four/five out of the last four/five/six years of the assessment period as the case may be as specified in Appendix II, Table 4, and
- ii) The promotion is recommended by a screening-cum-evaluation committee.

For more pls see: UGC Regulations on Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education, 2018

Q4: If we check the income tax rules. Every year the book is depreciated at 60%. So what's the value of that book after 5 years? and how can we charge the value 2-3 times? When the cost price of that book is reduced - experts can give their guidance on this matter. Then Why do we care about Rare Books? Do income tax rules speak about Books? That too depreciation rate of 60%?

Kindly share the rule.

Answer: Yes, the Indian Income Tax rules explicitly speak about books, and a historically 60% depreciation rate did apply to certain professional books. Under the Income Tax Department depreciation tables (Appendix I, New Appendix I), books used for a business or profession are categorized under specific rules:

But book depreciation value is generally not deducted when writing off or recovering the cost of lost library books. GFR 2017 (as amended upto 2024) treat books as unique knowledge assets rather than standard commercial inventory like goods, meaning write-offs and recoveries are based on actual or current acquisition cost. While income tax laws permit depreciation on books for business/lending calculations, audit and institutional rules for public or academic libraries do not apply tax depreciation to reduce the recovery price charged for a lost book. Hence Income tax rules don't apply to library books.

Books can be considered by the library as Rare books based on a policy developed considering the parameters like age and Scarcity (Early printings, first editions, or low-count production runs), Provenance (Unique signatures, personal annotations, or historical ownership history) and Physical State: Special hand-painted bindings, original dust jackets, or unique illustrations.

For more: <https://www.incometaxindia.gov.in/w/depreciation-rates>

Under the standardized accounting guidelines for central educational institutions approved by the Ministry of Education (formerly MHRD), a flat depreciation rate of 10% is provided for library books, journals, and e-resources in the annual financial statements.

For more visit:

[https://www.iiitdmj.ac.in/downloads/Annual%20Account/Annual%20Account%202011-12%20\(English\).pdf](https://www.iiitdmj.ac.in/downloads/Annual%20Account/Annual%20Account%202011-12%20(English).pdf)

Q5: What are standard suggested methods for calculating stock verification outcomes

Answer: 1. loss to use/consultation, 2. loss to stock (in value), and 3. loss per user per year.

Q6: In Goa one of the Librarians promotion was held up by DHE because he has not done the stock verification as per UGC regulations 2018. Can experts offer their suggestions

Answer: See the Good/ Satisfactory/ Unsatisfactory ratio in regulations. It is one of the five factors in Table IV for CAS promotion.

Q7: Is stock verification mandatory and if yes whether it is to be done every year?

Answer: Yes, it is mandatory as per the provisions of GFR 2017 (Amended upto 2024) Rule 215 Physical verification of Library books. P53

1. Complete physical verification of books should be done every year in case of libraries having not more than twenty thousand volumes. For libraries having more than twenty thousand volumes and up to fifty thousand volumes, such verification should be done at least once in three years. Sample physical verification at intervals of not more than three years should be done in case of libraries having more than fifty thousand volumes. In case such verification reveals unusual or unreasonable shortages, complete verification shall be done.
2. Loss of five volumes per one thousand volumes of books issued/consulted in a year may be taken as reasonable provided such losses are not attributable to dishonesty or negligence. However, loss of a book of a value exceeding Rs. 1,000/- (Rupees One thousand only) and rare books irrespective of value shall invariably be investigated and appropriate action taken.

Awards

Dr. Rajkumar Bhakar Honoured with 'Token of Gratitude' on Kargil Vijay Diwas

कारगिल विजय दिवस पर जयपुर के डॉ. राजकुमार भाकर को मिला 'टोकन ऑफ ग्रेटिट्यूड'

शहीदों को जमान के बीच जीवित राष्ट्र-निर्माता का हुआ अभिनंदन

राजस्थान विकास दर्पण



प्रतीक बना कि सीमा पर रक्षा करने वाले जवानों के साथ-साथ, कक्षा और पुस्तकालय में राष्ट्र का भविष्य गढ़ने वाले शिक्षक भी समान रूप से वंदनीय हैं। सम्मान की घोषणा होते ही RTLA परिवार में हर्ष की लहर दौड़ गई। पदाधिकारियों ने कहा कि यह केवल डॉ. भाकर का व्यक्तिगत सम्मान नहीं है, बल्कि यह पूरे पुस्तकालय, सूचना विज्ञान और तकनीकी शिक्षा समुदाय के लिए गौरव का क्षण है। उन्होंने भरोसा जताया कि डॉ. भाकर के नेतृत्व में आने वाले समय में शिक्षा और समाज सेवा के क्षेत्र में नए मानक स्थापित होंगे। समारोह का समापन राष्ट्रभक्ति के नारों और शहीदों के ब्रह्मजलि के साथ हुआ, जहाँ एक ओर कारगिल के अमर बलिदानियों को नमन किया गया, वहीं दूसरी ओर जीवित राष्ट्र-निर्माता डॉ. राजकुमार भाकर के कार्यों को सलाम किया गया।

Dr. Rajkumar Bhakar, Patron of the Rajasthan Technical Library Association (RTLA) and senior educationist from Jaipur, was honoured with the "Token of Gratitude" on the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas in recognition of his outstanding contributions to Library and Information Science, education, social service, and nation-building.

The honour was conferred during a ceremony held at Singhania University, Jhunjhunu, where the newly developed sports ground was inaugurated. The award was presented by Lt. Gen. S. P. Kochhar (Retd.), PVSM, AVSM, and Dr. Manoj Kumar (Retd. IPS), Vice-Chancellor of Singhania University.

The speakers appreciated Dr. Bhakar's significant role in promoting Library and Information Science beyond traditional library services by strengthening

knowledge dissemination, mentoring youth, supporting educational initiatives, and contributing to social development. They noted that his visionary leadership and dedication have inspired the academic and library community.

Members of the Rajasthan Technical Library Association (RTLA) described the recognition as a matter of pride for the entire library and information science fraternity, emphasizing that the honour reflects the growing recognition of librarians and educators as nation-builders. The programme concluded with tributes to the brave soldiers of the Kargil War and a reaffirmation of the important role of education and libraries in shaping an informed and progressive society.

Obituary

In Memory of Prof. P. Sadashiva Murthy



The Library and Information Science fraternity deeply mourns the passing of Prof. P. Sadashiva Murthy, an eminent librarian, distinguished academician, visionary educator, and mentor, who passed away on 27 July 2026 at the age of 93.

Born on 16 April 1934 in Purigali village, Mandya district, Karnataka, Prof. Murthy completed his M.A. in Political Science from the University of Mysore and later earned his Library Science degree from Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda. He completed his doctoral research under the guidance of Prof. S. R. Gunjal.

Prof. Murthy made remarkable contributions to the field of Library and Information Science through his distinguished career as a librarian, teacher, researcher, administrator, and mentor. As Professor and Head of the Department of Library and Information Science, Bangalore University, he played a pivotal role in strengthening LIS education and the University Library. Following his retirement, he joined Tumkur University, where he established the Department of Library and Information Science, making another significant contribution to the profession.

Throughout his illustrious career, he authored numerous research publications and books, contributed to curriculum development, participated in national and international conferences, and served on several academic and professional committees. His scholarly work and professional leadership greatly advanced library education, research, and information services in India.

Beyond his academic achievements, Prof. Murthy was widely respected for his humility, integrity, and dedication to mentoring students and young professionals. His guidance and encouragement inspired generations of librarians, educators, and researchers.

He is survived by his son, Mr. Nagaraju, family members, colleagues, students, and countless admirers. His passing marks the end of a remarkable chapter in the history of Library and Information Science in Karnataka, but his legacy will continue to inspire future generations.

The Library and Information Science community pays heartfelt tribute to Prof. P. Sadashiva Murthy and extends its deepest condolences to his bereaved family.

May his noble soul rest in eternal peace.



INDIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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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 incorporatized 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:

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