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Quote of the Month

"A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life"
Henry Ward Beecher, American social reformer

Appeal to Readers

News from different regions/ states is solicited from library professionals/IASLIC members for inclusion in the newsletter. Send such news to the Editor. Email:**iaslicnl2023@gmail.com**

IASLIC ACTIVITIES

Institutional Members of IASLIC For The Year 2023

Institutions renewed their membership/new members as on Date

Sl. No.	Name	Membership No.
59	Bishop Herber College	0079-I[Z1]
60	Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly	0130-I[Z3]
61	G L Choudhury College	4031-I[Z5]
62	Indian Institute of Management	
63	Indian Statistical Institute	0239-I[Z6]
64	Karnataka University	0285-I[Z1]
65	Mysore University	0325-I[Z1]
66	PSG Institute of Medical Sciences and Research	1911-I[Z1]
67	Regional Institute of Education (NCERT), Mysore	0413-I[Z1]
68	Sukanta Mahavidyalaya	0456-I[Z6]

Announcement

Librarians' Day 2023

India celebrates **August 12** as Librarians Day in the honour of *Dr S.R. Ranganathan (1892-1972),* known as **"Father of Library Science in India"** and the pioneer who recognized the real need of libraries and library science education in our country. Every year Indian Association of Special Libraries and Information Centres **(IASLIC)**, Bengal Library Association **(BLA)** and West Bengal Public Library Employees Association **(WBPLA)** jointly organize Librarians' Day to commemorate and observe the Birth Day of our most respected teacher Dr. S. R. Ranganathan.

This year the Librarians' Day will be celebrated on **Sunday the 13th August 2023** at **Rabindra Bhawan, Chandannagar, Hoogly, West Bengal,** in collaboration with **Chandannagar Pustakagar** with the financial and active support from **Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata.** Further information follows……

340th Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC

The 340th Study Circle meeting of IASLIC will be held on 08th June, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room of IASLIC which is situated at P - 291, CIT Scheme 6M, Kankurgachhi, Kolkata -700054. The speaker of the session will be Dr. Kishor Chandra Satpathy, Chief Librarian, Indian Statistical Institute

(ISI), Kolkata. The Chairman of the session will be Prof. Krishna Pada Majumdar, Former Professor, DLIS, Jadavpur University. The topic of discussion will be 'The Changing and New Role of the Libraries'. All are hereby requested to attend the Study Circle meeting of IASLIC.

Forthcoming Issue of ILSA Volume 45-49 (2011-2015)

Indian Library Science Abstracts (ILSA), being brought out by IASLIC since1967, is the only national abstracting and indexing journal of India in the field of library and information Science. Due to the phenomenal growth of LIS literature in India in English as well as regional languages and the lack of volunteer professionals it has become a herculean task to collect, organize and compile data for the ILSA. The last cumulative volume (Vols. 40-44, 2006-2010) was published in 2018, the print copies as well as e-copies (in CD) of which are available for sale at IASLIC Office.

ILSA Volumes: 45-49 (2011-2015) will be published in June, 2023. The volume consists of 1365 entries from 17 journals and 6 conference proceedings. Complete bibliographical description of the abstracted document as furnished in the source journal has been provided in order to facilitate the users to identify the document. The volume consists of two parts: Main or Classified Part and Index Part. Entries in the main/classified part are primarily arranged according to the classified order by adopting 22nd ed. of DDC.

We humbly acknowledge the patronage of the honourable members of the Editorial Board. We also gratefully acknowledge commercial and academic publishers, LIS schools, research institutes, professional associations, library and information science professionals for their encouragement and support in getting data from various sources distributed in different states of India. The team hopes that with the effective support of the concerned people ILSA will become an authentic and comprehensive surrogate of Indian intellectual output in Library and Information Science. The hard copy and soft copy will be available from IASLIC Office from June. For any query, please mail to: iaslic.india@gmail.com.

Dr. Nitai Raychoudhury

Honorary Editor, ILSA

An Appeal to the Institutional members to send soft copy of transaction details of electronic transfer of fund immediately to iaslic.India@gmail.com

IASLIC sincerely acknowledges the patronage of all institutional members to run the Association smoothly through their annual subscription. The institutional members receive the copies of IASLIC Bulletin (4 issues in a year – March, June, September and December) through speed post. The electronic transfer of money is very common in the present-day context due to enhanced application of Information Technology. A good number of institutions have remitted their subscription through electronic mode. It has been found that in most of the cases, the Bank statement of electronic transfer does not show the exact name of the sending institute and other details. As a result, we face difficulties in bank reconciliation and unable to identify the names of the institutes. As such, we are unable to send the receipt of payment to those institutes and simultaneously, we will not be able to send IASLIC Bulletin for the year 2023 to such institutes.

It is our humble request to the esteemed institute members who have already paid their subscription for the year 2023 through electronic mode to send the soft copy of their transaction details to official e-mail of IASLIC immediately. The members who are in the process of renewing their membership or making new membership for 2023 through electronic mode are also requested to send the soft copy of their transaction details immediately after successful payment through e-mail. We earnestly solicit your co-operation in this regard.

The mail id: iaslic.india@gmail.com

Sri Abhijit Kumar

Honorary General Secretary

An Appeal to all esteemed members of IASLIC

One of the most important objectives of IASLIC Newsletter is to provide information to all concerned about various achievements of the LIS professionals during the course of their journey. It may be new appointment, promotion, joined to a new post, awarded Ph.D., award received in different areas of LIS domains and various other recognitions both at national as well as international levels. **The honoured members of the Governing Body of IASLIC as well as all other members of IASLIC are requested to kindly intimate us the valued and authenticated information through e-mail.** We will publish their name with the achievements in the Personalia column in the subsequent Newsletter to motivate the achievers as well as other professionals to do their best for the cause of growth and development of library and information science. The e-mail id: **iaslicnl2023@gmail.com.**

Dr. Nitai Raychoudhury

Honorary Editor, IASLIC Newsletter

The 339th Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC: A brief report

The 339th Study Circle Meeting was held on 18th May, 2023 (Thursday) in the meeting room of IASLIC at P- 291, CIT Scheme 6M, Kankurgachhi, Kolkata -700054. The Meeting was attended by 20 participants. At the beginning of the programme, welcome address was delivered by Mr. Abhijit Kumar, General Secretary of IASLIC. Then the introductory address was delivered by Dr. Tridib Chattopadhyay, the Convenor of Study Circle Division of IASLIC. The Speaker of the session was Dr. Narayan Chandra Ghosh, Librarian of IIM - Joka, Kolkata. The Chairman of the session was Dr. Asitabha Das, Former Librarian, the University of Kalyani. The speaker and the Chairman were felicitated by Miss Moumita Ash, the Joint Secretary of IASLIC. Dr Narayan Chandra Ghosh, the Speaker of the session has briefly stated about the traditional library systems and services. After that he has thoroughly discussed about the gradual development of the library systems and services. He has vividly described the modernization of library and information systems and services. Dr. Ghosh has meticulously explained the electronic library, the digital library, the change over from traditional library to the virtual library. The speaker has also described the digitised services available from the library system of IIM, Joka, Kolkata. Institutional repository is a very important point for today's libraries and information centres, and it was also discussed by the Speaker of the session. Dr Ghosh has clearly mentioned the information services through mobile phones, tablet PCs, laptops, desktops, and through all other electronic gadgets. The Speaker has passionately explained the e-books, e-journals, e- newspapers, e-thesis, and all other electronic documents. Dr. Asitabha Das, the Chairman of the session has briefly pointed out all the matters discussed by the Speaker of the session. After that the audience took part in the question - answer session and discussion. The formal vote of thanks was given by Mr. Pradip Sarkar, the Treasurer. The meeting was ended with thanks to the Chair.

CONFERENCE/SEMINAR/ TRAINING/WORKSHOP

American Library Kolkata celebrated National Library Week 2023

"On April 28, The American Library in Kolkata celebrated National Library Week with forty college librarians from different districts of West Bengal at the American Center. First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA, Chicago) and observed in libraries across the United States in the month of April. The theme for this year was: There's More to the Story. Bringing this theme to the forefront, there was a welcome video message from Ms. Kelly Yang, Honorary Chair, National Library Week 2023. American Center Kolkata has established an environment which amplifies the voices of student communities, youth leaders, businesses, job seekers, and entrepreneurs. The librarians who attended the event learned about knowledge resources, services, and interacted with the Public Diplomacy team to understand the core pillars of the U.S.-India partnership. Regional Public Engagement Specialist Kathleen Fox underscored librarians have to be brave and creative with innovative approaches in expanding information and digital access to students and research communities, despite digital divides grow. This was followed by a session with the United States - India Educational Foundation, Kolkata (USIEF), on how they can connect their under-graduate and post-graduate students with higher education opportunities and exchange programs."

For more information:

https://www.facebook.com/Kolkata.usconsulate/posts/pfbid03utHVmVkTnPFF4wDk819rWz783fx-9Q1yepQnKuHC5U5LyTc6ZmpzPbWa9w8wM73Rl

Workshop on 'Emerging Technologies and Innovations in Best Library Practices'

A two-day Library Workshop on **'Emerging Technologies and Innovations in Best Library Practices'** was organized by the Library and Information Center of JSS College of Pharmacy, Ooty, Mysuru on 5th and 6th May 2023. The primary objective of the workshop is to enhance awareness on emerging technologies to manage library and its associated activities with the use of such technologies.

The workshop was inaugurated on 5th May 2023 by invoking the divine blessings of his holiness Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Mahaswamiji and offering our pranams at the lotus feet of his holiness Jagadguru Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji. The workshop was inaugurated by Chief Guest Dr. C. P. Ramasesh, Former Librarian, University of Mysuru, Mysuru, accompanied by Dr. R. Sarangapani, Librarian, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore and Dr. S.P. Dhanabal, Principal, JSS College of Pharmacy, Ooty lighting the lamp The chief guests addressed the participants on the significance of this workshop and appreciated the topics selected. Approximately 50 participants have enrolled from various states of India.

The workshop began with the keynote address from Dr. C.P. Ramasesh. The workshop aims to cover various topics – Academic Integrity, Plagiarism, Prevention of Plagiarism, Tools for Marketing Library Services and Institute's Intel-

lectual Visibility, Approach to Scientific Writing, Augmenting Library Services using Artificial Intelligence, Emerging Tools and Techniques in Library and Information Science, Knowledge Management System, Innovative Library and Information Services for Digital Literates

On the occasion of this workshop, JSS AHER, Mysuru, specially felicitated Mr. Bomman and Mrs. Bellie, the caretaker couple of the Oscar Winning Documentary 'The Elephant Whispers'.

68th ILA International Conference on Re-Engineering of Libraries in the context of Emerging Technologies: Myth or Reality (IC-RLCET 2023): a brief report

68th ILA International Conference on Re-Engineering of Libraries in the context of Emerging Technologies: Myth or Reality (IC-RLCET 2023) was Jointly organized by the Indian Library Association, New Delhi , Jawahar Lal Nehru Medical College, Ajmer and Rajasthan Technical Library Association, Jaipur duration for three days was held at J.L.N. Medical College, Ajmer during19-21 January 2023. The conference received an overwhelming response from across the nation. The event was attended by more than 250 participants from both government organizations and reputed private institutions from all over India who came forwarded to share their thoughts, skills, expertise in these three days conference. The conference was educative mix of keynotes, technical sessions and a panel discussion. The most awaited national event, after the Covid-19 pandemic, the 68th ILA International Conference on "Re-engineering of Libraries in the context of Emerging Technologies: Myth or Reality had a stylish take-off in a glittering but serene inaugural ceremony, witnessed by a large fraternity from LIS domain across the nation. The inaugural ceremony had a promising beginning with the lighting of Lamp and Sarswati Vandana. The dignitaries were invited on the dias and welcomed with flower bouquets. Dr. V. B. Singh, Principal, Jawahar Lal Nehru Medical College welcomed everyone in the conference and enlightened them with his words of wisdom. He was over joyed to see such a large congregate of LIS professionals participating in the conference. In the Presidential address, Dr. Mohan Kherde, President ILA, enumerated upon the various initiatives of the ILA and delve on Information and Communication Technology (ICT) tools and services facilitating easy discovery and location-independent access of library resources, much of which is available in electronic format today. The concept of the library itself is undergoing a paradigm shift and so is the profession. He also acknowledged the contribution of former ILA Presidents in taking the LIS profession to the greater heights. Guest of Honour

Dr. Shashi Morolia discussed about relevance of libraries. Lt. Gen. S P S Katewa, PVSM. AVSM, the chief guest of the the inaugural ceremony described the origin and evolution of library and the crucial role played by LIS professionals in the growth of the society and nation. Retd. Professor Muttaiah Kognurmath, Guest of Honour emphasized upon the LIS Profession , Dr. Shashi Morolia, Executive Director (R&D), SKD University, Guest of Honour emphasized upon the the crux of teaching learning process i.e., reading of books as ultimate means to comprehend knowledge, which is an independent of mode of accessing the content. Dr. Raj Kumar BhakarPatron-RTLA discussed about RTLA. Dr. Ramakant Dixit & Mr. Jasraj Meghwal gave best wishes for successful conference then Prof. Shabahat Husain, one of the national icons of library fraternity & Conference Director Addressed about the theme of conference. Dr. O.N. Chaubey, the General Secretary-ILA presented an overview of the programme stating its twin objectives and announces the different award, the awards are mention below: i. ILA DR PSG KUMAR LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2022:- Prof. Shabahat Hussain , Former Professor , DLIS, AMU ii. ILA - KAULA BEST LIBRARIAN AWARD 2022:1. Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Director, National Resource Center, NIFT 2. Dr. Rishi Tiwari, Librarian, MNIT Jaipur iii. ILA-DR. L M PADHYA BEST UNIVERSITY LIBRARY AWARD 2022:Sayaji Rao Gaekwad Library, BHU iv. ILA-GIDWANI-DESHPANDEY BEST ACADEMIC LIBRARIAN AWARD 2022: Dr. Promod Kumar Singh, University Librarian, Cntral University of South Vihar v. ILA SM GANGULY BEST SCHOOL LIBRARY AWARD 2022: Bal Bharti , Sector-31, Noida Govt. SorvodayaViadyala, Sec-22, Dwarka Mr. Qumar Abbas, Organizing Secretary of this Conference concluded the inauguration ceremony with giving vote of thanks. The conference was one of the finest platforms to understand the excellence in the areas of smart Re-engineering of Libraries, Emergence of Digital Libraries including IRs and ETDs, Emerging Technologies and their impact on Resources and Services, Digital Transformation, Digital Archiving and Preservation and their impact, Social media and Social networks and their use in Re-Engineering, Re-engineering of Libraries and its impact on LIS Education, Professional skills of LIS professionals in the context of Re-engineering and Digital Open Data- Open Science- Big Data- Data Mining reflecting superior and practical research work. There was Ten Technical sessions in three days & 90 papers were presented on various themes of present day need.

The Valedictory Ceremony held on 21.1.2023. The valedictory function has graced by the Chief guest Mr. Neeraj Jain, Deputy Mayor-Ajmer, Additional Principal Dr. Sanjeev Maheshwari, J.L.N. Medical College, Ajmer , Hospital Superintendent Dr. Neeraj Gupta, Dr Mohan Kherde, President-

ILA, Dr. O. N. Chaubey -General Secretary-ILA, Dr. Rajkumar Bhakar-Patron-RTLA & Dr. Ramakant Dixit-MOIC, J.L.N. Medical College Ajmer, Mr. Jasraj Meghwal-Coordinator gave enlightened words about Conference. Dr. Shabahat Husain Conference Director discussed about Conference. Dr. Projes Roy Rapporteur General gave detail report about Conference. Dr. O.N. Chaubey-General Secretary-ILA & Dr. Mohan Kherde-President-ILA gave mementoes to all Organizing Committee and special honor to Mr. Qumar Abbas-Organizing Secretary, Dr. Rajkumar Bhakar-Patron-RTLA & Mr. S.K.A.Kazmi, Retd. Librarian from Govt. College, Ajmer. Mr. Qumar Abbas gave vote of thanks to the all participants, dignitaries, guest, invited speakers, volunteers & sponsors & Participants. Program ended with National Anthem. Dr. Shabahat Husain was Conference Director; Dr. Projes Roy was Rapporteur General & Mr. Qumar Abbas was Organizing Secretary of this event. The Conference was indeed a great success and will definitely help in the evolution of modern libraries.

(Courtsey: Dr. Qumar Abbas, Organizing Secretary, 68th ILA Conference-2023)

FORTH COMING CONFERENCE/SEMINAR/ TRAINING/WORKSHOP

One Week National Workshop on Advanced Library Automation and Management

Central Library, Assam University, Diphu Campus, Silchar will organize One Week National Workshop on Advanced Library Automation and Management (Open-Source Software-Koha) during 12-16 June, 2023.

This workshop will make the participants skilled with the popular Open Source Software for Library Automation. Moreover, this workshop will enhance the quality of Non-LIS educated employees working in different libraries of the country. Target Participants: Library Professionals of Schools, Colleges, Universities, Library Science Faculty Members, Research Scholars, and LIS Students.

The workshop is an online event using Google Meet.

Click to Register: https://forms.gle/b36ozrMgK4khjddM6

Online National Workshop on Library Management using OSS 12-16th June 2023 - IIT(ISM) Dhanbad

The Central Library, IIT (ISM), Dhanbad, Jharkand, India will organize Online National Workshop on 12-16 June, 2023. The main aim of the workshop is to promote aware-

ness about best practices with open-source software in library automation and management. The participants will get hands-on training using open-source software like Koha, DSpace etc. to develop an automated modern library. The Convenor of the Workshop: Dr. Satish Kumar, Deputy Librarian.

For any query, please contact: alib@iitism.ac.in. For details visit https://library.iitism.ac.in/

Short-Term Course on Open-Source Software For Library Management (OSSLM-2023)

The Short-term Course will be jointly organized by Central Library, IIT, Kharagpur and National Digital Library of India (NDLI), Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur during 10-15 July, 2023 at the Central Library of IIT, Kharagpur.

Work-shop brochure: https://erp.iitkgp.ac.in/CEP/getbrochure.htm?course_code=3905

Website: https://library.iitkgp.ac.in

How to Apply

Step 1: Interested participants may click on the link and search using OSSLM to get the desired programme: https://erp.iitkgp.ac.in/CEP/courses.htm

Step 2: Please create your login ID and password after registering in the site. Once you get the login ID and password, you may register for the short-term course.

Step-3: Please follow the instruction "How to Apply? and How to Pay?" and kindly do the needful. Visit link: https://library.iitkgp.ac.in/howto.pdf

Step 4: After successfully applied to OSSLM-2023, please send an email to us: workshop@library.iitkgp.ac.in

Step 5: Accommodation will be arranged on first-cum-first serve on payment basis. Kindly apply for accommodation in the given link: https://library.iitkgp.ac.in/ghouse.html

MANLIBNET 2023: International Conference on "Empowering Libraries, Connecting Communities: Innovation, Collaboration, and Entrepreneurship"

IMT GHAZIABAD LIBRARY is pleased to announce the 21st MANLIBNET International Conference on "Empowering Libraries, Connecting Communities: Innovation, Collaboration, and Entrepreneurship." During Oct 5-7, 2023 at IMT Ghaziabad. The conference is jointly organized by the Institute of Management Technology, Ghaziabad and Management Libraries Network. The conference seeks to inspire

attendees to think creatively, collaborate effectively, and embrace entrepreneurship in order to empower libraries and connect communities.

Venue: Institute of Management Technology, Raj Nagar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, India

MANLIBNET 2023 Conference Portal: https://www.imt.edu/manlibnet2023

MANLIBNET 2023 Conf. Brochure: http://web.imt.edu/downloadfiles/manlibnet2023-brochure.pdf

MANLIBNET 2023 Abstract Submission: manlibnet2023@gmail.com

MANLIBNET 2023 Full Paper Submission Form: https://forms.gle/PchaGzx5ijJ7LWuK9

TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Evaluating the Effectiveness of Library Management System Based on Usage Statistics

Libraries today rely on data-driven decisions to improve how well their Library Management System serves users. They need real-time access to important library management statistics in order to accomplish this. To plan, develop, and evaluate their services, libraries gather a variety of statistics. Budgeting, collection development, deselection and cancellation decisions, as well as discussions with vendors, are all aided by the statistics. According to **Marshall Breeding (2014)** "Analytics help libraries adjust the way they perform their work, improve efficiency, and make better use of their financial and human resources to maximize the impact of their collection and services."

Usage Statistics: It means collecting, analyzing and presenting the usage data to evaluate the true relevancy and value of a service. For the purposes of creating, analyzing, and planning their services, libraries gather a variety of statistics. Circulation, visits, collection, acquisitions, use of electronic resources, reference/chat interactions, and library education sessions are a few examples.

Online Search Statistics: It is a very important usage statistic for library professionals to better know the educational needs of users. This involves the online catalogue search report that gives the amount of searching done within a system. This information assists the librarian in determining whether improvements to cataloguing practices or the search interface are required. Search metrics are extracted on the basis of searching the library catalogue based on types of items (e-Books, print books, e-journals, audios, videos, etc.) and also on the basis of categories of

users (faculty, UG, and PG) or students and researchers, etc

Circulation Statistics: This gives an idea of what types of items are in demand. Which category of users (faculty, students, or researchers) requires which type of document more? This allows librarians to determine which types of media (physical vs. electronic, or book vs. e-book) are in demand and react proactively to user behavior. The renewal statistics can tell you what kinds of titles are in high demand, and the number of times holds are placed on specific items can tell you how popular they are.

Acquisition statistics: This gives the budget spent on a particular type of item and lets us decide to reshuffle the budget classification based on the popularity of items.

E-Resources Usage Statistics: The growing popularity of e-resources in libraries presents the need for useful, consistent, and timely usage data for assessment and decision-making.

Baker & Read (2008) defined e-resources usage statistics as a "specified set of data elements to help libraries measure the use of their electronic resources" to evaluate subscriptions and to determine value and return on investment (ROI) for libraries.

Few examples of Usage Statistics aggregators:

Here are few products that Easily gather and manage usage data for all your subscriptions regardless of vendor and, alows you to collect, consolidate, and report on the usage of your library's online resources.

- 360 Counter
- CC-PLUS
- CORAL
- EBSCO Usage Consolidation
- EZProxy Analytics
- Intota Assessment
- Open Access Data & Analytics Tool (Delta Think)
- PlumX
- R5 Counter Harvester
- Springshare LibInsights

Libraries must pay special attention to the relative capabilities of different systems for harnessing data and analytics to generate useful results as they examine their upcoming expenditures in automation infrastructure. Proxy Server Logs, Link resolvers and, Google analytics are the metrics that libraries can collect to measure the usage of their online resources. Few Examples of Library Management Systems having Analyitcs Software are: Ex Libris: Alma Ana-

lytics and Primo Analytics, FOLIO Project, OCLC. Based on the above statistics, we can decide which LMS (Library Management System) will be most suitable for us to cater to our needs at the optimum level. To manage both types of resources (print and electronic), we need an integrated LMS that has the capacity to effectively manage both types of resources.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

Observation of Important Day and Dates with regard to Libraries

Important Day/Week	Date
Public Domain Day	January 1
International Data Privacy Day	January 18
International Mother Language Day	February 21
International Children's Book Day (ICBD)	April 2
World Book and Copyright Day	April 23
World Intellectual Property Day	April 26
International Archives Day	June 9
International Archives Week	June 8 – 14
Librarians' Day	August 12
International E-book Day	September 18
International Day for Universal Access to Information	September 28
Banned Books Week	September 26 – October 02
International Open Access Week	October 25 – 31
World Digital Preservation Day	November 1
National Book Week (India)	November 14 – 20

PERSONALIA

Shri Arup Bijoli, Librarian, Bidhan Chandra College, Rishra, West Bengal, has been awarded Ph.D. degree in Library and Information Science by Rabindra Bharati University for his thesis entitled "Local History Collection of the District of South 24 Parganas: A Model. Dr Bijoli pursued his research work under the guidance of Shri Salil Chandra Khan, Associate Professor (Retd.), Department of Library and Information Science, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata.

Shri Swarup Kumar Raj, Superintendent (Library Service), University of Calcutta, Kolkata has been awarded Ph. D. degree in Library and Information Science by Rabindra Bharati University for his thesis entitled "UGC-Infonet Digital Library Consortium Programmes in the Universities of West Bengal: An Alternative Study from Users' Perspective". Dr Raj pursued his research work under the supervision of Prof Pinaki Nath Mukhopadhyay, Professor (Retd.), Department of Library and Information Science, Rabindra Bharati

University, Kolkata.

Shri Mohitosh Das, Librarian, Serampore College, Serampore, West Bengal has been awarded Ph. D. degree in Library and Information Science by Rabindra Bharati University for his thesis entitled "Designing a Bibliographic Information System for Scholarly Communication on Ganga River in West Bengal : A Model Based Approach". Dr Das pursued his research work under the supervision of Dr Sudip Ranjan Hatua, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Library and Information Science, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata.

Shri Abhijit Chakrabarti, Library Professional at Mahadevananda Mahavidyalaya, Monirampore, Barrackpore, West Bengal has been awarded Ph. D. degree in Library and Information Science by Rabindra Bharati University for his thesis entitled "Designing a Model of Information System for Inland Fisheries" under the supervision of Shri Salil Chandra Khan, Associate Professor (Retd.), Department of Library and Information Science, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata.

Smt Falguni Pal, Librarian, Indian Institute of Engineers, Kolkata has been awarded Ph D degree in Library and Information Science by Rabindra Bharati University for her thesis entitled "Professional Need of Non-academic Libraries vis-a-vis Contemporary Library and Information Science Education in India : A Case Study". Dr Pal pursued her research work under the supervision of Dr Sudip Ranjan Hatua, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Library and Information Science, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata.

OBITUARAY

Dr. Pushpa Dhyani, Former Head & Associate Professor, Department of Library & Information Science, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur (11.08.1938 – 27.04.2023)

Dr. Pushpa Dhyani, M.A., M. Lib. Sc., Ph. D., was Associate Professor in the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur. She served the University as Head, Dean and other positions in the University of Rajasthan from 11th October 1965 to 31st August 1998. She was a scholar of international repute in her discipline. She had the distinction of being the first Indian woman Ph.D. in Library and Information Science on the topic "Use of library classification schemes in India libraries with special reference to Delhi" in 1979 under Prof. S. N. Srivastava from the University of Rajasthan, Jaipur. Dr. Dhyani had marked her impact in the academic field as a scholar, teacher and research guide. To the world of library and Information Science, Dr. Dhyani is a well-known scholar. She

was the life member of IASLIC, ILA and IATLIS. Her contribution in the area of Classification and Documentation in national and international journals is of great academic value. Dr. Pushpa Dhyani guided 8 Ph.D. Research Scholars. Her students and Research Scholars obtained top positions in Library and Information Science. Dr. Dinesh Kumar Gupta, Professor, Central University of Haryana and Prof. Purnima Kaushik, Former Head, Department of Library & Information Science, University of Rajasthan, were her research scholars. Her first monumental work was published as "Classification Schemes and Indian Libraries (1983)". The works of Dr. Dhyani were based on the demands and needs of the discipline in general and of the academic community in particular. The innumerable articles of Dr. Dhyani published in national and international journals are also an ample testimony of her innovative and original ideas. The other major works of Dr. Dhyani are - Dhyani's Guide to Dewey Decimal Classification (Ed. 18 and 19) (1985), Information Science and. Libraries (1990), Working With Dewey Decimal Classification (Ed. 19 and 20) (1994), Directory of Information Services and computer Application - Indian Libraries (1994), Library Classification Theory and Principles (1998) and Dhyani's Glossarium of Library and Information Science Terms (English - Hindi) (2001). Dr. Dhyani had devised her own characteristic style and method for presenting and analysing the cobwebs of library and information

science. On the sad demise of Dr. Pushpa Dhyani Madam on 27th April 2023, the Department of Library & Information Science conducted a condolence meeting in the Department on 1 st May 2023. Many LIS professionals like his colleagues Dr. S P Sood, Dr. Pawan Kumar Gupta, her research scholars Prof. Dinesh Kumar Gupta, Dr. Purnima Kaushik, HoD Prof. Arvind Vikram Singh, all the faculty members Dr. Santosh Gupta, Dr. Vishnu Kumar Gupta, Dr. Mahendra Singh Rao, Dr. Vijendra Kumar and students of the department attended the condolence meeting to pay their sincere thanks, gratitude and homage to Dr. Pushpa Dyani. Prof. Dalbeer Singh expressed his feelings towards his Madam and shared many reminiscences and sweet memories.

IASLIC deeply mourns the death of Dr. Pushpa Dhyani and conveys condolences to the bereaved family members.