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Quote of the Month

*"Libraries are the backbone
of our education system."*
-Karin Slaughter,
American Crime Fiction Writer

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GOVERNING BODY OF THE IASLIC

The Governing Body of the Association is being elected triennially and consists of:

A) Office Bearers	: 13
B) Individual Governing Body Members (Zone1-6)	: 21
C) Individual Governing Body Members (Open Zone):	20
D) Institutional Governing Body Members	: 06
Total Governing Body Members	: 60

Triennial Election of the Office Bearers and members of the Governing Body of the IASLIC for 2023-2025 was held vide Election Notification dated 03.09.2022 issued by the Election Officer Sri Abhijit Kumar Bhowmick. The result of the Election has been declared by the Election Officer at IASLIC Office on 30.12.2022.

Names of the members of the Governing Body (2023-2025)

A. Office-Bearers (thirteen seats)

Sl. No.	Name	Membership No.	Post
1	Prof. Narendra Lahkar	1269 – L[Z 5]	President
2	Dr. K G Sudhier	1563 – L[Z 1]	Vice-President, Zone 1
3	Dr. Nanaji Shewale	4012 – L[Z 2]	Vice-President, Zone 2
4	Dr. S K Senapati	1806 – L[Z 3]	Vice-President, Zone 3
5	Dr. P R Goswami	2538 – L[Z 4]	Vice-President, Zone 4
6	Prof. Sanjay Kumar Singh	1912 – L[Z 5]	Vice-President, Zone 5
7	Prof. Amitabha Chatterjee	0740 – L[Z 6]	Vice-President, Zone 6
8	Mr. Abhijit Kumar	1235 – L[Z 6]	General Secretary
9	Mr. Jagamohan Das	0825 – L[Z 6]	Joint Secretary
10	Ms. Moumita Ash	2465 – L[Z 6]	Joint Secretary
11	Ms. Banasree Roy	1690 – L[Z 6]	Joint Secretary
12	Mr. Pradip Kumar Sarkar	1759 – L[Z 6]	Treasurer
13	Ms. Sanjukta Roy	3931 – L[Z 6]	Librarian

**B. Individual Governing Body Members (Zone 1 to 6)
(twenty one seats)**

Sl. No.	Name	Membership No.	Zone
1	Mr. Meera Shaik	2487 – L[Z 1]	Zone 1
2	Prof. R Sevukan	1818 – L[Z 1]	Zone 1
3	Dr. Humayoon Kabir	1129 – L[Z 1]	Zone 1
4	Dr. Geeta Girish Gadhavi	3469 – L[Z 2]	Zone 2
5	Dr. Dalbeer Singh	3747 – L[Z 2]	Zone 2
6	Dr. Muttayya Koganuramath	1430 – L[Z 2]	Zone 2
7	Dr. Suparna Sengupta	3447 – L[Z 3]	Zone 3
8	Dr. Aditya Tripathi	2000 – L[Z 3]	Zone 3
9	Dr. Amit Kishore	2120 – L[Z 3]	Zone 3
10	Dr. Jaideep Sharma	1839 – L[Z 4]	Zone 4
11	Dr. Abdul Majid Baba	0545 – L[Z 4]	Zone 4
12	Dr. Harish Chander		Zone 4
13	Dr. Tilak Hazarika	1061 – L[Z 5]	Zone 5
14	Dr. Prasanta Kumar Deka	3726 – L[Z 5]	Zone 5
15	Dr. Nabajyoti Das	3841 – L[Z 5]	Zone 5
16	Prof. Krishnapada Majumder	1300 – L[Z 6]	Zone 6
17	Dr. Jayati Ghosh	0967 – L[Z 6]	Zone 6
18	Prof. Pijushkanti Panigrahi	1510 – L[Z 6]	Zone 6
19	Sk. Nausad Kabir	3866 – L[Z 6]	Zone 6
20	Dr. Tridib Chattopadhyay	0765 – L[Z 6]	Zone 6
21	Mr. Salil Chandra Khan	1190 – L[Z 6]	Zone 6

**C. Individual Governing Body Members from
all zones (twenty seats)**

Sl. No.	Name	Membership No.	Zone
1	Mrs. Monali Mitra Paladhi	3918 – L[Z 6]	Zone 6
2	Dr. Nitai Raychoudhury	1673 – L[Z 6]	Zone 6
3	Dr. Partha Sarathi Das	3080 – L[Z 6]	Zone 6
4	Mr. Biswaranjan Manna	4054 – L[Z 6]	Zone 6
5	Mr. Satyabrata Sahoo	2408 – L[Z 6]	Zone 6
6	Prof. Arun Kumar Chakrabarty	0698 – L[Z 6]	Zone 6
7	Ms. Mayuri Das Biswas	3938 – L[Z 6]	Zone 6
8	Dr. Joydeep Chanda	0726 – L[Z 6]	Zone 6
9	Dr. F R Sumer	3811 – L[Z 5]	Zone 5
10	Dr. Nihar Kanta Patra	2852 – L[Z 5]	Zone 5
11	Prof. R K Mahapatra	1285 – L[Z 5]	Zone 5
12	Dr. Saptarshi Ghosh	2583 – L[Z 6]	Zone 6
13	Dr. Subarna Das	0836 – L[Z 6]	Zone 6
14	Dr. Kishore Chandra Satpathi	1799 – L[Z 6]	Zone 6
15	Dr. Nimai Chand Saha	3181 – L[Z 6]	Zone 6
16	Prof. Udayan Bhattacharya	2513 – L[Z 6]	Zone 6
17	Prof. B Chandra Shekhar	3674 – L[Z 1]	Zone 1
18	Dr. Achala Munigal	3757 – L[Z 1]	Zone 1
19	Dr. Medha Joshi	1124 – L [Z2]	Zone 2
20	Prof. H P S Kalra	1137 – L[Z 4]	Zone 4

D. Institutional Governing Body Members (six seats)

Sl. No.	Name	Member-ship No.
1	National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli	412 – L[Z 1]
2	Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai	3832 – L[Z 2]
3	Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun	207 – L[Z 3]
4	Nehru Memorial Museum Library, New Delhi	368 – L[Z 4]
5	North Eastern Council, Shillong	371 – I[Z 5]
6	S N Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences, Kolkata	2794 – L[Z 6]

Institutional Members for the year 2023
**Institutions renewed their membership/
new members as on date**

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS 2023		
Sl. No.	Name of the Institute	Member-ship No.
1	Anna Centenary Library, Chennai, Tamil Nadu	2884-I[Z1]
2	Atomic Minerals Directorate For Exploration And Research, Begumpet, Hyderabad, Telangana	0050-I[Z4]
3	Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, Uttarpradesh	0055-I[Z3]
4	Banasthali Vidyapith, Banasthali, Rajasthan	0056-I[Z2]
5	Bidhan Chandra College, Asansol, West Bengal	4027 – I[Z 6]
6	Central Glass & Ceramic Research Institute, Kolkata, West Bengal	0092-I[Z6]
7	Dravidian University, Kuppam, Andhra Pradesh	4019-I[Z1]
8	Heritage Institute of Technology, Kolkata, West Bengal	2877-I[Z6]
9	Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Koramangala, Bangalore	0216-I[Z1]
10	Institute of Management Studies, Ahemednagar, Maharashtra	0330-I[Z2]
11	Maharaja Ganga Singh University, Bikaner, Rajasthan	3821-I[Z2]
12	Maynaguri College, Maynaguri, Jalpaiguri, West Bengal	
13	National Institute For Empowerment of Persons With Multiple Disabilities, Muttukadu, Chennai, Tamil Nadu	4021 – I[Z 1]
14	North Gujrat University, Patan, Gujarat	0376-I[Z2]
15	Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, West Bengal	0404-I[Z6]
16	Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala, Punjab	2798-I[Z4]
17	The Ramkrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Kolkata, West Bengal	2793-I[Z6]
18	Rani Channamma University, Belgavi, Karnataka	3672-I[Z1]
19	Researve Bank of India Library, Mumbai, Maharashtra	3832-I[Z2]
20	S N Bose National Centre For Basic Sciences, Kolkata, West Bengal	2794-I[Z6]
21	Shri Shikshayatan College, Kolkata, West Bengal	3141-I[Z6]
22	St. Berchmans College, Changanassery, Kerala	0449-I[Z1]
23	Vasant Dada Sugar Institute, Pune, Maharashtra	0489-I[Z2]
24	Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Trivandram, Kerala	0493-I[Z1]
25	Women's College, Kolkata, West Bengal	4037 – I[Z 6]
26	University of Delhi, New Delhi, Delhi	0147-I[Z4]
27	Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata, West Bengal	3390 – I[Z 6]
28	State Bank Staff College, Hyderabad, Telangana	0450-I[Z1]
29	Raja Peary Mohan College, Uttarpara, West Bengal	
30	Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata, West Bengal	0407-I[Z6]

Sl. No.	Name of the Institute	Membership No.
31	Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery, Kerala	2791-I[Z1]
32	National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirapalli, Tamilnadu	0412-I[Z1]
33	Central Leather Research Institute, Chennai, Tamilnadu	0102-I[Z1]
34	Dhemaji College, Dhemaji, Assam	4029 - I[Z 5]
35	Govt. of Tamilnadu, Chennai, Tamilnadu	
36	Serampore College, Hooghly, West Bengal	2452-I[Z6]
37	Institute of Advance Study in Science and Technology, Guwahati, Assam	0252-I[Z5]
38	Central Manufacturing Technology, Bengaluru, Karnataka	0109-I[Z1]
39	Visva Bharati, Shantiniketan, West Bengal	0105-I[Z6]
40	National Institute of Technology, Surathkal, Karnataka	0208-I[Z1]
41	Karnataka State Open University, Mysuru, Karnataka	

IASLIC 29th National Seminar 2022

29th National Seminar of IASLIC 2022 was organized by **Central Library, North-Eastern Hill University**, Shillong, Meghalaya during **March 15-17, 2023**. The Theme of the Seminar was **“Library and Information Centres in Digital India: Present Scenario and Future Strategies”**

The Seminar started at the Multiuse-Convention Hall in the picturesque campus of NEHU on 10:30 am on March 15, 2023. The inaugural session was chaired by the Honourable Vice-Chancellor NEHU Prof. Prabha Shankar Shukla, while the event was graced by Dr. WR Kharluki, MP Rajya Sabha Meghalay as the Chief Guest. IASLIC Vice-President Zone 5 Prof. Sanjay Kumar Singh and General Secretary IASLIC Sri. Abhijit Kumar shared the dais. Dr. FR Sumer welcomed all as the organizing secretary of the National Seminar. The Souvenir and the Abstract of the Seminar Papers was released in the session. Audience was enthralled by a melodious song Million Dreams presented by the students of the DLIS, NEHU. The session ended with the Vote of Thanks offered by the Dr. JJ Thabab, Faculty member DLIS NEHU. Soon after the inaugural session, the 5th IASLIC PC Shah Lecture was delivered by Dr (Mrs) Icylda Majaw, Retired University Librarian, Central Library NEHU on the theme: Challenges, Achievements the Readers’ Service Perspectives. Drawing reference to the Five Laws of Library Science, Madam Majaw narrated the treacherous journey the NEHU Central Library has passed through during last few decades. The transition of the library from a system dominated by manual nature of work environment to a modern library, that has now become the hub of the scholarly resource and information for the University community. Madam recalled the challenges and the changes witnessed in the spheres of resources mobilization, services orientation towards optimizing the expectations of the users in the University library. Parallel to the ventures for adopting modern technologies, she urged upon the library and information professionals of the present general to focus on the “human touch” which would act as a mantra to build the right attitude and generate trust on the library system from the part of the users which would facilitate providing quality services.

Day 1: Technical Session 1: Sub theme 1: Digital India Initiative (DII) and Libraries & Information Centres. Chairperson: Dr.(Mrs) Icylda Majaw. Rapporteur : Gautam Gogoi. Total number of papers: 5. No. of papers presented: 3. First paper in the session was **Digital India Initiatives: An Overview** by Akramul Islam, Jiarlimon Khongtim, presented by

the first author. The presenter gave a glimpse of Digital India as a flagship program of Govt. of India. The technical challenges and opportunities of a developing country like India. were highlighted in the paper. The nine pillars of digital India initiatives were highlighted with a narrative of the benefits of e-governance for the Indian citizens. Second presentation in the session was by Lallaisangzuali and Rohlupui Pachuau on the paper titled **Application of Emerging Digital Technologies to Enhance Services and Learning by Central University Libraries of North East India**. The presenter highlighted the EDT (Emerging Digital Technologies) and its applications on the Library services in the context of the 10 Central University Libraries of the North Eastern region of the country. Third paper in the session was presented by Yumlebam Ashakanan Devi titled **Libraries under Nursing and Paramedical Institutions in Digital Era : A Survey in Manipur**. Other co-authors are Ch Ibohah Singh and H Ngaihoihching. The presenter focused on the challenges faced by select nursing and paramedical institutions in Manipur in while delivering e-resources through various means and technological platforms. The presenter emphasizes the implementation of the National Digital Library Policy of Paramedic libraries in Manipur. The session also had a presentation by Ms. Aisaya Nayal from Elseiver on the different tools and services developed by Elseiver, a global publishing company and also one of the sponsors of the IASLIC National Seminar at NEHU. She gave a picture of SciVal data and quality metrics of NEHU publications from 2017-2022. She mentioned exclusive services for Librarians like “Library Connect”.

Technical Session 2: Sub theme 2: National Digital Library for Libraries. Chairperson Prof. P Hansing. Rapporteur: Dr. Badan Barman. Total number of papers: 5. No of papers presented: 5. The first paper in the session was on **Model Social Media Policy for University Libraries** jointly presented by Bidyut Bikash Boruah and Fullstar Lamin Gayang. It is observed in the paper that universities in the country are yet to implement the social media policy in the libraries except a few, hence it would be helpful if such a model policy is developed in the light of the National Information Policy 2020 for the libraries to address the challenges in this regard. 2nd paper was also jointly presented by Evangelyne Wanniang and Olivia Kharlukhi under title **Collection Building of Indigenous Knowledge: Policies, Guidelines and Best Practices**. A survey was conducted on the policies and best practices in documenting indigenous knowledge in the country and cited the example of TKDL (Traditional Knowledge Digital Library). 3rd paper was on **Digital Presence of Library Associations in India: An Evaluative Study** was resented by Mr. Chimanjit Reang. A survey report on presence of different library professional associations in the digital platform is presented in the paper. The 4th paper presented under title **Role of National Mission for Manuscripts in Preserving the Documentary Heritage of Bihar** by Amit Uraon, co-authored with Manoj Kumar Sinha. The activities of nine NMM centres in Bihar have been reported in the paper with a critical insight into the preservation of the documentary heritage. The last paper in the session **Role of ICT Cell of ACLA for Supporting the Teaching Learning Process in the Colleges of Assam: A Study based on Pandemic Activities** was presented by Birender Pal, the other co-authored by Sanjay Kumar Singh and Prasanta Kumar Deka. Activities of the ICT cell of the Assam College Librarians’ Association, particularly during the Covid- 19 pandemic period have been reported in the paper. It is observed in the paper that presence of LIS professional associations in the country is very scanty and

hence advocated for extending the horizons of the associations in promoting LIS activities and services in the digital sphere.

Technical Session 3: Sub-theme 4: Collection Building and Access in Digital Era. Chairperson: Prof Bikika Laloo. Rapporteur: Dr. Nabajyoti Das. Total Number of Papers: 5. Number of papers presented: 5. First paper in the session was on ***Reading habit in the open access environment among the PG students of Tripura University under study*** authored by Rajesh Kumar Mog, Mithu Anjali Gayan presented by the first author. Research findings in the paper is that open access resources are becoming popular among PG students in the University and urged the library authorities to gear up to design their library service policies accordingly. The title of the **2nd paper is *Collection development policy in the digital library space of NEHU central library*** by Harriet Dzidzom Acquah and Jiarlimon Khongtim presented by the first author. The authors suggested that the library should have a specific collection development policy for resources to make the system convenient and the policy should be revised periodically depending on its necessity. The third paper was ***A study on the uses pattern of creative common license by the YouTube content creators for the tutorial video made on Zotero reference management system*** authored by Indranil Chakraborty and Abhijit Thakuria. The authors observed that most of the video creators preferred standard license then the creative common license. They have also brought to light the reasons behind it, that non applicability of YouTube monetization policy in creative common license restricts the video creators to upload their products. The 4th paper was under title ***Research productivity analysis of faculties access from e-contents of Manipuri University website*** presented by G. Kachamgaillu and Dr Keisam Sangeeta Devi. Researchers collected their data from Web of Science and annual report of Manipur University. They identified the weaker sides of visibility issues of the publications of the faculties and suggested the role the library professional may play to remove the weakness. Manas Jyoti Deka has presented the last paper in the session under title ***Sentiment analysis of open educational resources videos available on YouTube*** authored by his co-author Amit Kumar. The paper has analyzed the OER videos by duration of the videos and their views, comments and like, etc. The comments were also critically categorized on the basis of positive, neutral, and negative comment using Mozdeh software for further analysis.

Technical Session 4: Sub Theme 3: Building Digital Infrastructure under DII. Sub Theme 5: Content Creation and Management Sub Theme 9: Public Libraries (PL) in Digital India. Chairperson : Prof. Sanjay Kr. Singh. Rapporteur: Dr. Prasanta Deka. Total number of papers: 5 No of papers presented: 4. First paper in this session was ***Access to Health Information and Services: Exploring the E-Health Initiatives of the Government of Kerala***, Hasbi Alikunju and Anila Sulochana presented by the first author. The paper discusses about the different e-health service initiatives of the govt. of Kerala with a focus on the E-Health portal of the Govt. of India. 2nd paper was ***Digital Infrastructure in Special Libraries in Manipur: An Assessment*** presented by H Ngaihoihching. Other co-authors are Ch Ibohal Singh, Yumlembam Ashakanan Devi. Digital infrastructure and the services available in the special libraries in Manipur have been reported in this paper. Authors observed that special libraries in Manipur are at the initial stage of their preparedness to respond to the changes in the digital information space. **3rd paper was *Public Libraries in Digi-***

tal Environment: A Proposal Model for Public Library Network in Mizoram authored by Rohlupui Pachuau and Lallaisangzuali, presented by the first author. State of the Art public library system in Manipur is documented in the paper and lamented that public library infrastructure and services are yet to gear up in the state and advocated for timely attention from the part of the concerned authorities and the LIS fraternity in the state in general. The last paper in the session was ***E-Marketing of Public Libraries: A close look at the Literature*** by Caroline I Buam Jiarlimon Khongtim, presented by Caroline. The paper is a literature survey on the concept and dimensions of e-marketing and its application in the public libraries.

Technical Session 5: Sub Theme 6: Digitization and Digital Archiving. Chairperson: Dr. alaisangzuali. Rapporteur: Dr. Tapan Barui. Total number of papers: 7. No of papers presented: 4. ***Documentation of Indigenous Knowledge in Libraries: A Case Study of Risha of Reang Community of Tripura*** by Jharna Reang, Augustine Zimik, R K Mahapatra was the first paper in the session presented by the first author. The has revealed the craftsmanship of Risha of tribal indigenous community Reang. Collection of raw materials dying the thread equipments used for various operations, step by step manufacturing process of Risha has been reported in the paper. The 2nd paper was ***Preservation of Endangered Language of Tarao Tribe of Manipur : A Study*** by Sungnem Shimla Lamkang, and Th Purnima Devi. The findings of the paper emphasized the importance of preservation of endangered languages in the urbanized and globalised world. The 3rd paper in the session was ***Documentation of Khasis' traditional Knowledge on using Herbal Medicinal Plants in Meghalaya*** by Sweet Angelirie Kharumnuid. Traditional use of herbal plants by the Khasi people to treat rheumatoid arthritis has been reported and observed that the no significant initiative was in place to get the knowledge well documented. Thus, the study was undertaken as an effort to lay down the foundation to preserve the rich traditional medicinal knowledge of the Khasis for posterity. ***Documentation of Traditional Loom Equipments : A Survey*** on two Vaiphei Village of Manipur by Niengneimawi P Hangsing was the last paper in the session. Various weaving equipments and raw materials used in weaving of traditional loom called Puan-bu by the weavers in the Vaiphei village in Manipur has been reported in the paper. It is observed that only a few household owned and maintain the traditional looms, while the younger generations are unaware of the traditional know-how of the loom.

2nd IASLIC General Body Meeting was held side by the conference venue as per scheduled time. However, due to dearth of the quorum, the meeting was deferred for the next day.

Day 2. Technical Session 6. Sub Theme 7: Digital Libraries/Repositories and Library Network in India. Chairperson : Dr. Dr. S Ravikumar. Rapporteur: Dr. Manoj Rana. Total number of papers: 6. No of papers presented: 3. ***Traditional Knowledge Digital Library: An Indian approach to fight against Biopiracy*** by Ellora Barman, S Ravikumar was the first paper in the session presented by the first author. This paper highlights on the role of TKDL in fighting against biopiracy. The 2nd paper was presented by Mejuri Shisha Dopri under title ***Review of a Theory-Driven approach to the Development of DigiQUAL for Service Quality Evaluation of Digital Libraries***, co-author is Jacqueline J Thabab. This paper focuses on the service quality of digital libraries on the basis of the various theoretical models. The review structure is underlined based on the concept such as Ser-

vice Quality, User Satisfaction, Traditional Library Service Quality model and their constructs to design the DigiQUAL model for evaluating digital library contents and services. **3rd paper was Use of E-Shodhsindhu Digital Libraries Consortium** by P G Students in School of SEMIS, Mizoram University: A Study by Bhaigyashree Boro, Lalduhzuali, F Chanchinmawia, presented by the first author. Finding of a survey among PG students belonging to School of Economics Management and Information Science, Mizoram University to visualize the use of the E-Shodhsindhu Digital Libraries Consortium have been reported in the paper.

Technical Session 7. Sub Theme 7: Digital age library & information services. Chairperson : Dr. Bina Medhi Lahkar. Rapporteur: Dr. Nirmal Ranjan Majumdar. Total number of papers: 6. No of papers presented: 4. Nilanjana Purkayastha presented the first paper titled **Engagement of University libraries and LIS professionals in design, development and implementation of MOOCs in India: a critical study.** The co-author is Manoj Kumar Sinha. MOOCs specially designed and developed by the University libraries and LIS professionals available in SWAYAM platform have been analyzed in the paper. The second paper presenter was Lianhmingthangi Hnamte under title **Webometric study of Libsys software on YouTube.** Other co-authors are Lianhmingthangi Hnamte, Esther Lalruatpuii and R K Ngurtinkhuma. Videos on Libsys available on the YouTube platform have been surveyed in the study. Only 20 videos have been reported, which are uploaded during 2013 to 2022, maximum of which was in the year 2021. The third paper was **Exploring E-Learning Tools and Programs: A Study on Skills, and Satisfaction Level of LIS Professionals of Meghalaya** presented by Brandon Lyttan. Other co-authors of the paper are Chanlang Ki Bareh, and Deity Kharakor. This study is based on the data collected from 57 LIS professionals of Meghalaya. The last paper in this session was presented by Sanjukta Roy under title **Ubiquitous learning environment in digital India: LIS curricula Perspectives.** Co-author of the paper is P K Panigrahi. LIS courses at post graduation level in the Indian universities in the public sector selected based on NIRF Ranking - 2022 have been studied in the paper and highlighted the presence of e-Learning components. Non uniformly of the e-Learning contents across universities is reported and suggested for addressing the issue by the LIS schools.

Technical Session 8: SIG 01: Social Science Information. Theme: Skill development for modern libraries. Technical Session 9: SIG 02: Computer Application in Libraries. Theme: Research Data Management. The two SIG sessions were held in one venue due to certain technical issues Chairperson: Prof. Narendra Lahkar. Rapporteur: Dr. Batskhem Sten. Total number of papers: 12 (9+3). No of papers presented: 8+1. SIG 01: Social Science Information Theme: Skill development for modern libraries First paper was under title **Leadership skills for conflict management in academic libraries of West Bengal: a study and approach for development** presented by Tumpa Saha and Tapan Barui. Various leadership skill improvement programmes conducted by different institutions for LIS professionals and presence of leadership and competency development components in the LIS syllabi in the universities in West Bengal have been reported in the paper. Likert theory of leadership has also been highlighted in the paper. Deepshika Sen presented the 2nd paper titled **The efficiency of bridging the gap with blended library services: a futuristic approach** co-authored with Sur Chandra Singha. The paper has focused on the potentials of the Blended Library Service which is a

relatively newly coined term in LIS education and profession and emphasised that it may significantly help bridging the gap between LIS education and profession. Bikika Laloo Tariang presented the paper **Role of Library Professionals for visibility in the internet age** The paper stressed on the need to show, speak-up and keep-up with the changes in the library profession from traditional to digital. The 4th paper was **Digital literacy skills among users of K K Handique Library, Gauhati University** by Manoj Dahal and Rajashree Bordoloi. The paper reported the digital literacy skill among the users of the KKH Library Gauhati University and stressed on imparting orientation and training programme or the library users in a regular manner. The paper **Digital divide among rural and urban areas of Mizoram: a study on Govt. Kolasib ollege, Kolasib and Govt. T. Romana College, Aizawl** by R. Laltlanzova, Bhaigyashree Boro and F. Chanchinmawia is about a comparative study on the digital divide among rural and urban students of the two college of Aizawl and observed that there is a huge disparity in terms of access to Internet among the two categories of respondents. **Role of information literacy skills on the use of information resources** by higher secondary students by Evangela L Peinlang, Jacqueline J Thabah and Mejuri Shisha Dopri. The paper insisted on the inculcation of information literacy skills among the higher secondary students by understanding the information needs of the students. Jadavjyoti Saikia presented the paper **Role of skill enhancement course of library and information science for satisfying the information needs of the UG students in Dibrugarh University** co-authored by Dipika Das. The paper talks about the importance of Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) in LIS among undergraduate students. The last paper in the technical session was **Information seeking trends and digital literacy skills of undergraduate students: a study in Ananda Chandra College, Jalpaiguri, West Bengal** by Sayantoni Barsha, Shamim Aktar Munshi and Anamika Das. In order to meet the information need of the undergraduate students it was suggested that the authority should frame and implement appropriate policy to impart digital literacy skill.

Technical Session: 9: The single paper presented in the session was **A perspective on research ethics and the related policies in India** by Poonam Singh Deo and P. Hangsing. Explaining the meaning of the term research ethics along with its different connotations, a set of suggestions have been forwarded to inculcate and elevate the moral standard of the academia. Need of a robust Governance framework is stressed to bring better transparency in research.

Altogether **51 papers** were enlisted for presentation in the seminar distributed **under 9 (nine)** sub-themes including two SIG (Special Interest Group) sessions. Total **36 papers** were presented, being 71% paper presented.

Poster Presentation. Side by the technical sessions, necessary arrangement was made to display the poster presentations selected for this purpose. Five presentations were made out of six selected in this category. Team of experts evaluated the presentations and adjusted the ranks as follows: 1st rank: PrLanhiamliu. Reviewing the Digital Library Policies Recommended by the Library Associations 2nd rank: Abhishek Rai and Manendra Kumar Singh. **Prison Library Services in Digital India: A Perspective of Rehabilitation of Inmates** 3rd rank: TiplutWann, Rudolf Carey Chyne, JiarlimonKhongtim. **A Bibliometric and Research Trend Analysis on Information Literacy from 1977-2021.**

Special Session: Open Discussion. Topic: Professional

issues and challenges. Special session on **Professional issues and Challenges** Chaired by Prof. Narendra Lahkar, Dr. S Ravikumar opined that the core contents of LIS should not be underweighted at the cost of adapting to the digital tools and technologies. Dr. Badan Barman encouraged the audience, particularly the students by narrating his journey in entrepreneurship in LIS. Dr. Bikika Laloo stressed on quality research in LIS having applicability. Prof. Lahkar delivered his comment pointing out the challenges the LIS community have to face in near future and accordingly prepare in the advent of fast changing information environment being brought forward by the digital world.

The deferred **2nd IASLIC General Body Meeting** was held side by the conference venue and members deliberated on a host of issues as per the agenda.

The IASLIC Annual General Body Meeting was held in the main conference venue in the late afternoon, where all the members of IASLIC and other Non-Member LIS professionals, delegates and student participants in the national seminar participated. A range of vital issues have been discussed and deliberated at length in the meeting with a vision to add momentum to the activities of the national leading association. The proceedings and recommendations of the GB Meeting and the AGM Meeting have been compiled separately and submitted to the concerned authorities.

Day 3: Panel Discussion. Topic: *New Education Policy and the Libraries.* Panellists: Prof. Pravakar Rath, Professor Department of Library & Information Science and VC (i/c) Mizoram University. Prof. Narandra Lahkar, Former Professor Department of Library & Information Science, Gauhati University and President IASLIC. Prof. S.M. Sungoh, Professor, Department of Education, NEHU, Shillong. Prof. S.R. Joshi, Department of Biotechnology, NEHU, Shillong. Prof. Sanjay Kumar Singh Professor Department of Library & Information Science, Gauhati University. (moderator): Dr. F.R Sumer, Librarian, Central Library NEHU, Shillong, initiating the discussion on the topic. Prof. Sungoh highlighted the key objectives of the NEP 2020 and the mechanism underlined in the policy document to realize the objectives. Focusing on the objectives that envisioned creating a skilled India, organization and dissemination of knowledge is going to play the pivotal role in this regard. In the same tune he laid stress on expediting the services of the library and information centres to meet the expectations of the users with a renewed venture. Prof. Rath explained the Indian Knowledge System and the Indigenous Knowledge System and how these two important areas has been given due importance in the policy document. Pointing out to the removal of hard compartments of the different disciplines of knowledge in the NEP 2020, he narrated the new role the schools and the universities have to shoulder to negotiate the challenges in guiding the students and designing research to generate the desired knowledge. Readiness to accept the demands of time must be part of the work culture for the library and information professionals, as demanded by the NEP 2020, he observed. Prof. Joshi elaborated the key changes the policy is going to bring in the education system in the country, particularly in the spectrum of higher education and research and the expected outcome thereof. He categorically stressed the role the library and information centres must have to play, which would certainly demand some amount of critical and innovative thinking from the part of the library and knowledge centres. He observed that digital technologies are going to play a significant role in knowledge management tomorrow and urged the students and the researchers in the domain of LIS to get themselves adapted accord-

ingly so that they may successfully negotiate the challenges. Gautom Gogoi, Phulasmitha Nath and Birender Pal (first two are research scholars in the Dept of LIS, NEHU, while the last one is a working librarian and convener IT Cell, Assam College Librarians' Association) shared their views with the experts in certain issues within the ambit of the topic under discussion. Dr. FR Sumer invited to attention of the LIS schools to re-organize their syllabi to produce to pool of professionals with required skill to take the jobs the new millennium librarianship is in demand. He also urged the authorities of the universities to come forward to fill the gap of the manpower in the library and information centres. Professor Lahkar pointed out that the philosophical foundation in knowledge management is there in the core of librarianship. Fortunately, librarianship have shows its acumen to rightly choosing and accommodating the changes that have come time to time, be it changed perceptions of the information users, or the developments in the digital technologies. He expressed his full confidence in the present generation of the LIS professionals, LIS schools and the professional bodies to respond successfully to the demands of time including the NEP 2020 and beyond. Professor Sanjay Kr Singh expressed his gratitude to all the esteemed panellist for the insightful deliberations and discussion on the vital topic, and the house for active participation in the discussion.

Recommendations: Following recommendations have been jotted down from the discussion and deliberations on the theme of the seminar, deliberations made in the professional discussion as well as the panel discussion. **1. Gap in the expectations out of the Digital Initiatives and the preparedness of the Library and Information Centres:** There is a significant gap in the digital information space and the preparedness in the part of the Library and Information Centres and hence need to address the issue with due urgency. Schools of LIS, professional associations in LIS have to play their respective roles in right perspectives towards addressing the gap. **2. Social Media Policy:** Universities in the country are yet to implement the social media policy in the libraries except a few, hence it would be helpful if such a model policy is developed in the light of the National Information Policy 2020 for the libraries to address the challenges in this regard. **3. Preparedness of the Library and Information Centres to meet the expectations of NEP 2020:** Majority of the library schools have accepted the recommendations of NEP 2020 and are at different levels of their implementations. Since the requirements and expectations of the NEP 2020 are multidimensional, LIS schools have to take a lead to realize the expectations of the policy in the domain of LIS. Professional bodies in LIS must also come forward to supplement certain gaps in this regard. **4. Role of LIS Professional Associations:** It is observed that presence of LIS professional associations in the country in the digital domain is very scanty and hence it is advocated that associations extend their activities and services in the horizon of digital space.

Valedictory Session: The Valedictory Session of the National Seminar was held at the Multi-Use Convention Hall, NEHU chaired by Prof. Pravakar Rat, Vice-Chancellor (i/c) Mizoram University. Prof. Narendra Lahkar, President IASLIC; Prof. Sanjay Kumar Singh, Vice-President IASLIC Zone 5; Dr. JJ Thabah, Faculty Member, Department of Library & Information Science, NEHU; Dr. FR Sumer, University Librarian, NEHU and Organizing Secretary; and Dr. Tilak Hazarika, Rapporteur General, IASLIC 29th National Seminar shared the dais. An excerpt of the report of the seminar

was presented by the Rapporteur General in the session. Prof. Rath addressed the gathering with an appeal to get adapted with the changing need and challenges in all fronts of LIS and reposed his trust on the LIS professionals, more particularly the younger generations to excel in this regard. Dr. Sumer delivered his Vote-of Thanks. Guidance Cooperation and Support received from different persons, associations, organizations and the magnanimous contributions of the esteemed sponsors viz. the North Eastern Council, Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), corporate sponsors Elsevier and MyLOFT have been duly acknowledged by Dr. Sumer. The three day National Seminar ended with a sheer happy note from all present in the venue. Prof. Tilak Hazarika, Rapporteur General expressed his sincere gratefulness to Prof. Moses M Naga, Seminar Director; Prof. Narendra Lahkar, President IASLIC; Dr. FR Sumer Organizing Secretary, all the faculty members and research scholars of the Department of Library and Information Science NEHU, esteemed chairpersons and rapporteurs of different technical session for making the seminar a grand success.

(Tilak Hazarika)

Rapporteur General

State Level One Day National Seminar

Promoting Reading Habits and the Role of the Use of E-Resources. The Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata with the benevolent set up, sponsored the one-day state level seminar on "Promoting reading habits and the role of using e-resources" was held at the Central Library of Kongu Arts and Science College (Autonomous) in Erode on February 14th 2023. The registration for the seminar opened at 9 A.M and the programme began at 10 A.M. with an invocation and the lighting of lamp by the dignitaries. The gathering was welcomed by Dr. K. PRABHA, Assistant Professor of English, who gave the overview of the Library's development and its various services Mr. P. D. THANGAVEL, Correspondent Kongu Arts and Science College, Erode delivered the keynote address at the seminar. He emphasized the value of academic Libraries and their role in encouraging reading habits in higher education. Dr. S. DHANAVNADAN, Deputy Librarian at the Central University of Tamil Nadu, gave a special address during which he emphasized the importance of Libraries in fostering a love of reading. Dr. V. SENTHUR VELMURUGAN, Librarian introduced the chief guest. The keynote address was given by Dr. K.ELAVAZHAGAN, Librarian and Chief Knowledge Officer, Indian Institute of Management, Tiruchirapalli. Mrs. V.KANCHANA, Assistant Professor of English, proposed the vote of thanks. He emphasized the value of reading habits and discussed how to use a variety of online tools to do so. Dr. S. DHANAVANDAN, Deputy Librarian at the central University of Tamil Nadu spoke during the second session. The post lunch session was chaired by Dr. K.RAMASAMY, College Librarian M.V. Muthiah Government Arts College for women, Dindigul. He focused on free online resources and open Educational Resources. The last session was chaired by Dr. V.P. RAMESH BABU, Assistant Professor and Head of the Library and information Science department at Rev. Jacob Memorial Christian College in Dindigul. He focused on the study on reading habits and leisure use of public Libraries. Dr. D. SARAVANAN, Assistant Professor and Head Department of Biotechnology gave the seminar report. Dr. V.SENTHUR VELMURUGAN, Head and Librarian, Central Library, Kongu Arts and Science College proposed the vote of thanks.

54th Bengal Library Conference

The 54th Bengal Library Conference was organized by the Bengal Library Association in collaboration with Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata at Lokosamskriti Bhavan, Panihati, Sodepur, 24 Paraganas(N), WB. during February 24-26, 2023. The Theme of the Conference was a) WB Public Libraries Act, 1979 and its' amendments; b) Library Services in Pandemic and after Pandemic Period; and c) Problems of different types of Libraries and Library Personnel. Total 353 participants from 21 districts of West Bengal attended the conference out of which 16 delegates participated from Bangladesh.

There was a colourful procession with group dances participated by students of local schools, scouts, guides in the nearby locality with posters and placards to aware people about the library and its' services. The Conference was inaugurated on 24th February at 5.00 pm. by Prof. Sougata Roy, Honourable Member of the Parliament. Other dignitaries on the Dias were Prof. Dr. Mahua Das, Vice-Chancellor, West Bengal State University; Sri Maloy Roy, Chairman, Panihati Municipality; Sri Sagar Sinha, Director of Library Services, West Bengal; Sri Sadhan Chattopadhyay, Eminent Writer and Sri Somnath Dey, Chairman-in-Council, Panihati Municipality as Guest of Honour. Prof. Amitava Chatterjee, former Professor and Head, DLIS, Jadavpur University was present in the inaugural function as Conference President. Sri Arun Roy, President, Bengal Library Association and Dr. Joydeep Chanda, General Secretary, Bengal Library Association were on the Dias. Just after the inauguration one minute silence was observed to pay homage to all departed soul during the pandemic and post pandemic period.

The Director of different technical sessions were Dr. Swapna Roy, former Deputy Director of Library Services, Govt. of WB.; Dr. Asitava Das, former Librarian, University of Kalyani; Prof. Dr. Sariful Islam, DLIS, Rajshahi Viswavidyalaya, Bangladesh and Prof. Dr. Subarna Kumar Das, DLIS, Jadavpur University. Out of 33 papers accepted for presentation, 27 participants presented their papers on 25th and 26th February. On the 2nd day, 54 candles were lighted in the open space to rejoice 54th Bengal Library Conference. In the evening of 24th and 25th various cultural programs were performed including folk songs.

The President of the Valedictory session was Prof. K P Majumdar, Vice President, Bengal Library Association and Professor and former Head, DLIS, Jadavpur University. Prof. Amitava Chatterjee, President of the Conference shared his views and opinions. Prof. K P Majumdar briefed the conference. Dr. Joydeep Chanda, General Secretary, Bengal Library Association, delivered Vote of Thanks. The three day 54th Bengal Library Conference ended with a pleasant and joyful memory.

Alumni Meet of Lib & Inf. Sc, Gauhati University, Assam

The Dept of Lib & Inf. Science, Gauhati University was established in 1966 and the first Alumni Meet of the Dept took place on March 3, 2023 with a day long programme. Around 300 alumni participated in the meet which was very lively and touching. A talk on "Role of Alumni in Institution Building" was delivered by Dr Mukulesh Barua, Member Secretary, SLET Commission for NE India which was inaugurated by Prof Alaka Buragohain, Retd. HoD, LIS, GU. The main attraction of the meet was the "Antaranga Alap" anchored by Dr. Utpal Sarma and Dr. Nabajyoti Das where a number of alumni from the first batch onward echoed their reminis-

cence of university life then and became nostalgic. They expressed their sincere thanks to the organizer for arranging such a wonderful meet giving scopes to meet their classmates of yesteryears. Sri Mahendra Bora who happened to be an alumnus of first batch ie of 1966 has called upon the young generation to take up the challenges with confidence and to develop the skills as per need of the hour. The GUDLIS Alumni Association's Constitution is accepted in the meet and a committee is formed for the next three years with Prof. Narendra Lahkar and Dr. Nabajyoti Das as the President and Secretary respectively.

Forthcoming 338th Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC

The 338th Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC will be held on 6th April 2023 (Thursday) at 6.00 P.M. at the Meeting Hall of IASLIC, P-291 CIT, Scheme 6M, Kankurgachi, Kolkata – 700 054.

Topic: Information Seeking in Everyday Life: A Phenomenological Approach

Speaker: Dr. Avik Roy, Librarian, Derozio Memorial College, Rajarhat, Kolkata

Chairperson: Prof. Udayan Bhattacharyya, Dept. of Library and Information Science, Jadavpur University, Kolkata – 700 042.

Dr. Tridib Chattopadhyay **Sri Abhijit Kumar**
Convener, Study Circle Division Hony. General Secretary

Awards

ALA Lifetime Achievement Award 2023

The Academic Library Association (ALA), India has instituted "Lifetime Achievement Award" and "Best Young Librarian Award" to recognize contributions to the profession. Mr. N. Narayanan Kutty, Former Scientist "G" & Head, Library,

Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), Thiruvananthapuram has been conferred ALA Lifetime Achievement Award 2023. VSSC, ISRO, Thiruvananthapuram is an Institutional Member of IASLIC.

ALA Best Young Librarian Award 2023

Mr. S. L. Faisal, Librarian, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram has been conferred ALA Best Young Librarian Award 2023. Mr. S. L. Faisal is a life member of IASLIC.

Tagore National Fellowship for Cultural Research

Tagore National Fellowship is an initiative of the Ministry of Culture, Government of India. This program is specially designed to encourage scholars/academicians to affiliate themselves with the institutes to work on projects of mutual interest.

Dr. S Sudarshan Rao, a former professor of Library and Information Science, and Principal of the University College of Arts & Social Sciences, Osmania University, Hyderabad has been awarded the prestigious Tagore National Fellowship for Cultural Research.

Prof. Rao will work on the research project titled "Cultural Memory Institutions in Fostering Indian Nationalism: An Assessment of the Contribution Made by Telangana Libraries in the Indian Freedom Movement" under affiliation with the Telangana State Archives & Research Institution. The basic objective of the project is to examine the role of Telan-

gana libraries in the Indian freedom movement and whether a symbiotic relationship exists between the Telangana Library Movement and the Indian Independence Movement. The project tenure will be for two years commencing from March 2023.

Prof. Rao is the third recipient of the Tagore National Fellowship in Library & Information Science since its inception on the hundred-fiftieth birth anniversary of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore. The first two recipients of the award are Prof P B Mangla of Delhi University (2010-11), and Dr. R K Chadha, Additional Secretary of Parliament Library, New Delhi (2018-19).

Prof Sudarshan Rao was awarded earlier the ICSSR Senior Research Fellowship (2013-15), and UGC Emeritus Fellowship (2015-17). He was awarded the Meritorious Teacher Award in 2012 by the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

Certificate of Merit for meritorious Infopreneur Idea

Mr. Meera Shaik, Librarian, GIET School of Pharmacy, Rajamundry, Andhra Pradesh received 'Certificate of Merit for meritorious Infopreneur Idea' from Institute of Public Enterprise, Hyderabad, on 24th March 2023 during workshop on 'Entrepreneurship in Library and Information' organized by IPE in collaboration with ICSSR. Mr. Shaik is the GB member, Zone-1.

Obituary

Prof. M N Ramakrishnan Nayar, former Professor and Head, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala breathed his last on 3rd December, 2022. Born on 12th December, 1929 in a village of Kottayam district, M N Ramakrishnan Nayar passed his Intermediate Examination in 1950 and achieved BA (Hons) degree in Malayalam Language and Literature in 1954 from Madras University. He joined the Government Oriental Manuscripts Library and worked as Assistant Librarian from 1954 to 1958. Later he joined Certificate in Librarianship Course of the Madras University and continued for the Diploma in Librarianship Course. After completion of Diploma course in 1959, Ramakrishnan Nayar worked in the Labour Commissioner's Office, Madras as Librarian. In May 1961, he joined the Kerala University Library as Assistant Librarian and within two months he was selected and appointed as Lecturer in Library Science of the same University. In July 1975 he was appointed Reader and in April 1986 he was offered the post of Professor. Prof. Nayar taught in the Department of Library and Information Science till his retirement on 31.12.1989. He was one of the founder members of the Academy of Library and Information Services, Trivandrum. Prof. Nayar was the editor of ALIS Bulletin from 1976 - 1980. IASLIC deeply mourns his death.

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