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Quote of the Month

*"We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day." — Edith Lovejoy Pierce (a Christian poet and pacifist).*

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## New Year Greetings from IASLIC!

IASLIC wishes its esteemed members, professionals a fabulous New Year with the hope that you will have many blessings in the year to come!



## IASLIC ACTIVITIES

### Donation Received during 2024-2025

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## Announcement

### 358th Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC

The 358th Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC will be held on 9th January, 2025 (Thursday) at 6:00 pm in the meeting room of IASLIC which is situated at P 291, CIT Scheme 6M, Kankurgachhi, Kolkata - 700054. Dr. Swarup Kumar Raj, Superintendent (Library Services), Department of Applied Physics, University of Calcutta, will be the speaker of the above mentioned study circle meeting. Prof. Salil Chandra Khan, Former Associate Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, will be the Chairman of the session. The topic of discussion of the abovementioned study circle meeting will be as follows: - "University of Calcutta Library System : Its Glorious Past and Present with Special Reference to the Digital Archives".

All the librarians, information professionals, students, teachers, research scholars, library lovers and other interested persons are hereby earnestly requested to attend the above mentioned study circle meeting along with their friends, colleagues and other fellow members. All are Welcome.

Dr. Tridib Chattopadhyay.  
Convenor, Study Circle Division,  
IASLIC.

## IASLIC 30th National Seminar –A brief report

**IASLIC 30th National Seminar** was successfully organized by Department of Library and Information Science, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh during **November 21-23, 2024**. The Theme of the Seminar was "**Library and Information Centres in Digital India: Present Scenario and Future Strategies**". The three-day event was inaugurated on 21 November, 2024 at 10.30 AM at the University Polytechnic Auditorium, Aligarh Muslim University. The event commenced with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran by Mr. Waseem Ahmad. The function was graced by the presence of the Chief Guest Prof. Uma Kanjjilal, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, IGNOU, Prof. Naima Khatoon, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, Prof N R Satyanarayana, the Seminar Director & Former Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Lucknow, Prof. Narendra Lahkar, President of IASLIC and Professor at Guwahati University, Mr. Abhijit Kumar, General Secretary of IASLIC and Prof. Shafey Kidwai, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, AMU, and Co-Patron of the Seminar. Prof M Masoom Raza, Organizing Secretary and Chairperson of the Department of Library and Information Science, Aligarh Muslim University, extended a warm welcome to the dignitaries, invited speakers, and esteemed delegates attending the seminar from various parts of the country. He emphasized that information literacy involves evaluating information critically, intellectually, and ethically, and using it in a responsible and decent manner. The abstracts of the

papers selected were released as the Seminar Abstract Volume by the distinguished dignitaries on the dais. Prof N R Satyanarayana, the Seminar Director, in his inaugural address emphasized on skill building, and highlighted the importance of teaching skills to library professionals, as skills are essential for survival in every aspect of life. He mentioned that recognizing the importance of skills, the government of Andhra Pradesh had established a dedicated Skill Development University. Prof. Narendra Lahkar, President of IASLIC, emphasized the role of conferences in fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange. He stressed on the need for organizing various conferences and seminars. He specifically mentioned the efforts made to hold conferences even during the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Abhijit Kumar, General Secretary of IASLIC gave a historical overview of IASLIC and mentioned the activities of IASLIC. Regarding this seminar, he also shared that a total of 82 papers were accepted, out of which 68 were selected for presentation, and 14 of them were accepted for poster presentation. The inaugural function was further elevated by the presentation of the **“A K Mukherjee – IASLIC Lifetime Achievement Award for Retired Librarians”** conferred to Dr A L Murthy, former Director DESIDOC, DRDO and Former Chief Consultant (IS) BrahMos Aerospace, Hyderabad, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the field of librarianship by IASLIC. Prof. Shafey Kidwai, Co-Patron of the Seminar, highlighted three crucial concepts: media literacy, information literacy, and digital literacy. He emphasized on the importance of critical thinking in navigating the overwhelming “tsunami of information” and reiterated the significance of libraries in everyday life of individuals. The keynote address was delivered by Prof Uma Kanjilal, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor of IGNOU on **“Information Literacy Trends: Navigating in the Digital Landscape”**. She emphasized on the need for critical thinking, privacy, and the integrity of works, advocating for libraries to function in transformative ways to fully embrace the era of information literacy. The Presidential Address, was delivered by Prof. Naima Khatoon, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, she remarked that in the present information-driven world, information literacy skills were fundamental for individuals to remain relevant in the modern era. The Vice Chancellor congratulated and welcomed the collaborative effort of the Department of Library and Information Science with the Indian Association of Special Libraries & Information Centres (IASLIC) in conducting the Seminar. Finally, Dr. Keshwar Jahan, Assistant Professor (Contractual) proposed a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all the dignitaries and participants. The event came to an end with the recitation of University Tarana and the National Anthem. The Exhibition Gallery and the Poster Presentations were inaugurated by Prof Naima Khatoon, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, AMU and Chief Guest Prof Uma Kanjilal, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, IGNOU.

There were 9 technical sessions where 56 papers were presented. The **first technical session** was conducted in the University Polytechnic Auditorium at 12:50 pm on 21 November, 2024. This session was chaired by **Prof M T M Khan**, Former Professor, DLISc, Bundelkhand University, Jhansi, with **Prof. Jamal Ahmad Siddique**, University Librarian, Ch. Charan Singh University, Meerut, as the Co-Chair. The session was coordinated by **Dr Muzamil Mushtaq**, DLISc, AMU, **Dr. Jamil Ahmed**, from Jamia Millia Islamia, served as the session rapporteur. The session began with the **7th IASLIC--P C Shah Memorial Lecture**, delivered

by **Dr A Lakshman Moorthy**, Former Director of DESIDOC, New Delhi. His insightful presentation titled **“Managing Change in Librarianship and Publishing”** provided a comprehensive overview of the historical evolution of library automation and the modernization initiatives undertaken at DESIDOC. There were 8 papers listed in this technical session out of which 6 papers are presented by the respective authors.

The **second technical session** having the theme Raising Library Service Quality through Application of AI, began with an invited talk by **Mr Mohit Sharma**, CEO and Founder of Refread Solutions, New Delhi. This session was chaired by **Prof M P Singh**, Dean, School of Information Science & Technology, and Head, DLISc, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow, where Co-Chairpersons were **Dr Akhtar Hussain**, Librarian, Institute of Management Technology(IMT), Ghaziabad and **Dr Navkiran Kaur**, Punjabi University, Patiala. **Dr Muzamil Mushtaq**, DLISc, AMU, served as the session coordinator, while **Mr. Nikhil Anand Srivastava**, from Banaras Hindu University, acted as the session rapporteur. In this session 6 papers were presented out of 7 papers.

The **third technical session** commenced with an invited talk by **Prof Dinesh K Gupta**, DLISc, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra. His presentation, titled **“AI-Powered Tools for Promoting Digital and Information Literacy Skills: Exploring Innovations for Lifelong Learning”** emphasized the need for intelligent use of AI. This session was chaired by **Dr N K Bar**, Former Director of Library & Information, Archaeological Survey of India, New Delhi with Co-Chairs **Mr Abhijit Kumar**, General Secretary of IASLIC, Kolkata, and **Dr Shams Khan**, Deputy Librarian, Galgotias University, Greater Noida. The session was coordinated by Dr. Muzamil Mushtaq, and Mr. Mohd. Haris, acted as session rapporteur. 8 papers were presented in this session.

The **fourth technical session** was held on 22 November 2024 at 9.30 am, chaired by **Professor Naushad Ali P M**, DLISc, AMU with session Co chairs **Dr Mohammad Nazim**, DLISc, AMU and **Dr Banashree Roy**, Librarian Charu Chandra College, Kolkata, West Bengal. **Mr Naseem Iqbal** was the session rapporteur and **Dr Keshwar Jahan** was the coordinator of the the session. This session was started with an invited talk by **Prof Piyush Kanti Panigrahi**, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Calcutta on the topic “Information Literacy Standards and Models”. This session had 8 listed presentations out of which 6 papers were presented.

A panel discussion was held on the theme **“Information Literacy in digital age: Challenges and Opportunities”**. The discussion featured an esteemed panel comprising **Prof Narendra Lahkar**, Former Head of the Department of Library and Information Science, Gauhati University, Guwahati and President of IASLIC; **Dr Akhtar Parvez**, Librarian, Jamia Hamdard University, New Delhi; Dr B Mini Devi, Honorary Director, Centre for Information Literacy Studies, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala, Trivandrum and **Dr Fayaz Ahmad Lone**, Librarian, University of Kashmir. The session was moderated by **Prof. Gayas Makhdumi**, Former University Librarian, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.

The **fifth technical session** featured an invited talk by **Dr Akhtar Parvez**, Librarian at Jamia Hamdard University, New Delhi. Dr. Parvez delivered an engaging presentation on the topic **“Spotting Lies in the Age of Information:**



**Why Information Literacy Matters in Identifying Questionable Publishing & Fake News**". There were 10 papers listed in this technical session out of which 9 papers were presented by the respective authors. The session was chaired by **Prof Gayas Makhdumi**, Former University Librarian, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, and co-chaired by **Prof Babita Jaiswal**, DLISc, University of Lucknow and **Dr Rajesh Kumar**, Librarian at MRIIRS, Faridabad.

The **sixth technical session** was chaired by **Prof Narendra Lahkar**, Former Head, DLISc, Gauhati University and President of IASLIC. The session was co-chaired by **Dr Asif Fareed Siddiqui**, Deputy Librarian, Maulana Azad Library, Aligarh Muslim University, and **Dr Sufian Ahmad**, Deputy Librarian at Dr Zakir Husain Library, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. The session was coordinated by **Dr Mohd Nazim and Mr Imteyazul Haque**, research scholar of DLISc, AMU was the session rapporteur. In this session 5 papers were presented out of 6 papers.

The **seventh technical session** featured an invited talk by **Prof Sanjay Kumar Singh**, Head, DLISc, Gauhati University, Guwahati, Assam. Prof Singh delivered a talk on **"Information Literacy for Lifelong Learning"**. There were total 6 papers listed in the technical session, out of which 5 papers were presented. The session was Chaired by **Prof. Nishat Fatima**, Department of Library and Information Science, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, with **Dr. Habibur Rahman Khan**, Deputy Librarian at Maulana Azad Library, AMU, Aligarh, and **Dr Fayaz Ahmad Lone**, Librarian, University of Kashmir, served as the co-chair. The session was coordinated by **Dr. Mohd Nazim**, and the session rapporteur was **Dr Abdul Moid**, DLISc, Aligarh Muslim University.

The **eighth technical session** featured two invited talks. Dr. Tariq Ashraf, Former University Librarian at Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. **Dr. Ashraf** presented his talk on **"The Changing Information Landscape: Need for Repositioning Academic Libraries"**. Another invited talk was delivered by **Dr Rumman Gul**, Librarian, Higher Education Department Jammu & Kashmir delivered an invited talk on "Smart Librarian: Bridging the Gap".

The **ninth technical session** featured two invited talks where the first talk was delivered by **Dr Shantanu Ganguly**, Director of Library Services at HDFC Library, Ashoka University. Dr. Ganguly in his engaging talk highlighted **"Research Analytics and Visualization,"** where he focused on three main components: content, context, and technology. The second invited talk was given by **Dr Nabi Hasan**, Librarian, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi on the topic titled "Emerging Trends & Technologies in Library & Information Services". The session was chaired by **Dr. Prasanta Kumar Deka**, Librarian at Gauhati University, Guwahati, and co-chaired by **Dr Monawwer Eqbal**, Deputy Librarian, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh. The session was coordinated by **Dr Syed Shaz Husain**, Assistant Librarian at Maulana Azad Library, AMU, Aligarh, with **Dr Masood Raza**, Assistant Librarian at HMS Central Library, Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi, serving as the session rapporteur.

## The 356th Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC: A brief report

The 356th Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC was held on 28th November, 2024 (Thursday) at 6:00 pm in the meeting

room of IASLIC which is situated at P 291, CIT Scheme 6M, Kankurgachhi, Kolkata - 700054. Dr. Sanku Bilas Roy, Librarian, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, was the speaker of the above - mentioned study circle meeting. Dr. Arun Kumar Chakraborty, Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Netaji Subhas Open University (NSOU), Kolkata, was the Chairman of the session. The topic of discussion of the abovementioned study circle meeting was as follows: - "Resource Optimization in Academic Libraries: A Case Study". The librarians, students, teachers, research scholars, library lovers and other interested persons have attended the above mentioned study circle meeting along with their friends, colleagues and other fellow members. At the outset, Mr. Abhijit Kumar, General Secretary, IASLIC, welcomed the delegates. Dr. Tridib Chhappadhay, Convenor of the Study Circle Division of IASLIC, has introduced the Speaker and the Chairman of the session. Then Miss. Moumita Ash, Joint Secretary, IASLIC, has felicitated with a flower bouquet both the Chairman and the Speaker of the session. The speaker Dr. Sanku Bilas Roy mainly highlighted the following issues elaborately: - General notion about Resource optimization and its necessity; A brief description of Jadavpur University Library system along with its E-resources; acquisition policy of the e-resources; budgetary provision and optimization scenario of e-resources. Dr. Roy has also emphasized on the reasons for low utilization of e-resources as well as some recommendations for betterment of utilization of e-resources in anticipating the future in a pinpointed manner. After that, Dr. Arun Kumar Chakraborty, the Chairman of the session, has discussed the entire lecture vividly. He has also briefly stated the activities of different libraries regarding the optimization of resources. It was an interactive and interesting session. Dr. Banasree Roy, Joint Secretary, IASLIC, has delivered the address of Vote of Thanks. At the end of the session, the certificates are distributed among the participants and the dignitaries present in the meeting. Dr. Tridib Chattopadhyay, Convenor, Study Circle Division IASLIC, has thanked all the dignitaries present in the meeting in spite of their busy schedule. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

## The 357th Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC: A brief report

The 357th Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC was held on 12th December, 2024 (Thursday) at 6:00 pm in the meeting room of IASLIC which is situated at P 291, CIT Scheme 6M, Kankurgachhi, Kolkata - 700054. Dr. Siva Balaraman, Assistant Librarian, Presidency University, Kolkata, was the speaker of the above- mentioned study circle meeting. Prof. Sabuj Dasgupta, Former Associate Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kalyani, Nadia, was the Chairman of the session. The topic of discussion of the abovementioned study circle meeting was as follows: - "Marketing of Academic Library Resources and Services in the Digital Era". The librarians, students, teachers, research scholars, library lovers and other interested persons have attended the above mentioned study circle meeting along with their friends, colleagues and other fellow members. Miss. Moumita Ash, Joint Secretary, IASLIC, has introduced and felicitated both the Chairman and the Speaker of the session. The speaker Dr. Siva Balaraman has elaborately discussed the following issues vividly: - In the fast-changing

digital landscape, libraries are facing the increasing pressure to remain relevant and attract the users. To achieve this, they must implement effective marketing strategies that promote their resources, services, and products, ensuring they meet the diverse needs of their communities. The importance of promoting library offerings, aligning marketing with library philosophy, and addressing the challenges which libraries are facing in the digital era. Libraries must use strategic marketing approaches to showcase both traditional resources (like books and journals) and digital tools (such as e-books and online databases). Identifying target audiences and tailoring marketing efforts are crucial for communicating the value of these services. However, libraries are also facing challenges, including the growing dominance of digital information, limited budgets, competition from alternative sources (e.g., search engines and social media), and the constant need for technological updates. Librarians must adapt to these shifts by adopting new technologies and approaches to keep users engaged while balancing traditional and modern services.

After that, Prof. Sabuj Dasgupta, the Chairman of the session, has discussed the entire lecture in a pinpointed manner. He has also briefly stated the activities of different libraries regarding the marketing of information resources and services. It was an interactive and interesting session. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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- Knowledge Representation Organisation, and application of modern techniques (IPR, KOHA, RFID)
- Document and Data World (MARC, RDA)
- Data Resource World
- Assessment process

MCQ test

Seminar/Group Discussion

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Course Fees: RS 1000/—per candidate. Candidates are responsible for covering the cost of the field visit themselves.

## 6th NACML -2025

SEARCH - The KMC Health Sciences Library & Department of Library and Information Science, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal is organizing “6th National Conference on Management of Modern Libraries (NACML) – 2025” during February 21-22, 2025. Theme of the conference is “Shaping the Future of Academic Libraries: Trends and Prospects”.

Venue: Dr. TMA Pai Hall, KMC Administrative Building, Manipal, Karnataka

**Important Dates:**

Last date for submission of full papers: 01.02.2025

Last date for Registration: 17.02.2025

Online Registration <https://tinyurl.com/mtb588nh>

**Key Focus Areas**

- New Library Spaces
- Technology-Driven Solutions
- Collaboration/Partnership and Inclusivity
- User-Centered Library Resources

**Main Theme**

Shaping the Future of Academic Libraries: Trends and Prospects

**Call for Papers**

**Track – I: Re-Thinking Library Spaces**

Flexible Layouts and Outdoor Spaces  
Digital Spaces, Renaissance and Curation  
Flexible Community Spaces  
Maker Spaces, Creative Labs and Innovation Labs  
Virtual and Augmented Reality Integration/Experiences  
Flexible Social and Co-working Spaces  
Space for Concentration and Conversation  
Collaborative Spaces and Virtual Meetings

**Track II: Promoting Community Engagement and Collaboration**

International Collaboration  
Engagement and Sustainability Initiatives/Practices  
Advocacy/Outreach Programs/Community Led Programming  
Data Management and Digital Literacy  
Digital Skills for Library Professionals  
Promoting Digital Literacy and Lifelong Learning  
Data Literacy and Information Literacy Programmes  
Information Retrieval Skills

### Track III: Enriching Academic Library Resources

Evolving Needs and Expectations of Users  
 Infrastructure Investment  
 Library Standards  
 Smart Budgeting  
 Collection Development, Weeding Out Policies  
 Acquisition Model – Physical and Digital Collection  
 Read and Publish/Transformative Agreements to Open Access Publishing  
 Access and Effective Use of Print and Electronic Resources  
 Website Creation and Resource management  
 Research Support Tools  
 Feedback Mechanisms  
 Digital library Policies/Collaborative Policy Making  
 Sustainability Policies

### Track IV: Technological Innovation, Adaptability, and User-Centered Service Delivery

Knowledge Creation, Curation, and Preservation  
 Access, Discovery, and Dissemination  
 Emerging Technologies/Accessibility Technologies  
 Library Security Systems  
 Cyber Security and Libraries  
 Innovative Service Models  
 User Interfaces and Digital Tools  
 Mobile Apps and Chatbots  
 Digital Libraries, Online Resources, Research Support tools and services  
 Authentication, Access Control, and Remote Access  
 Social Media Presence/Engagement  
 Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Data Analytics  
 AI Tools and AI-Powered Services  
 Personalized Learning and AI Integration  
 Analytics and Usage Statistics  
 Data Mining and Analysis  
 Digital Rights Management (DRM)

### Paper Submission Guidelines

Submissions of papers should be based on research or practical experience  
 Authors can submit their full papers through an e-mail attachment to [lisconference@manipal.edu](mailto:lisconference@manipal.edu).  
 The paper should not exceed 3000 words and contain an abstract of 100-200 words.  
 The main title should be followed by the name, affiliation, and address of the author(s) with e-mail.  
 The paper should be in MS Word format, with a Times New Roman font size of 12, space of 1.5 lines, A4, keyword of 2-5 words, and paper length of 3-8 pages.  
 All references should be presented according to the APA Style  
 The paper should be sent with the declaration letter stating that the work is original and not presented/published anywhere else.  
 Papers approved by the conference review committee will be accepted for the oral presentation.

### Proceedings

After the 6th NACML-2025, the Organizing Committee proposes to bring out proceedings in e-book format with ISBN, which will include only the selected papers presented in the conference after plagiarism check using Turnitin similarity index software.

**For further details, please visit:** <https://conference.manipal.edu/NACML/>

## MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

### International workshop on Disaster Risk Management for Libraries, Museums, archives and Galleries: A brief report

The five-day international workshop on Disaster Risk Management for Libraries, Museums, archives and Galleries was organized from 18-22 November 2024 by the Government Public Library, Chandrashekhar Azad Park, Prayagraj in collaboration with UNESCO: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and IGNC: Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, Ministry of Culture, Government of India. Haider Brown, Senior librarian from Australia, Shanira Beevi, Senior Conservation of National Archives, Singapore, Widiatmoko Adi Putranto, Senior Conservation Specialist of Indonesia, Prof. P. Jha, Director, Cultural Informatics, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi, Prof. Achal Pandya, Head of Conservation Department, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, Prof. Sanjay Jain, former Chairman of Museum Science, Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Dr. B.K. Singh, Librarian, Allahabad University were mainly present during the workshop. Various technical sessions, presentations and mock drills were organized during the workshop to train and make aware the participants during disastrous situations. All important elements related to disaster risk management like prevention, preparedness, response and recovery were discussed in detail. The preparation and techniques of before, during and after the disasters deeply discussed. An exhibition of important equipment used during the disaster was also organized. Participants from New Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Ladakh etc. participated in the workshop. The participants appreciated the initiative taken in this direction by Dr. Gopal Mohan Shukla, Librarian of Government Public Library, Prayagraj. At the end of the workshop, Dr. Shukla expressed his gratitude to all the Indian and foreign delegates.

### ASLIP Conclave 2024: Book Release “Technological Breakthrough and Libraries: Present and Beyond”

ASLIP Conclave 2024, the second national conclave of Association of Senior Library and Information Professionals (ASLIP) was organised on November 7-8, 2024 in CSIR-IMTech, Chandigarh. The theme of the Conclave was on Technological Breakthrough and Libraries: Present and Beyond. The library professionals spanning India participated in this two days Conclave. Dr. R. P. Kumar, President ASLIP accorded a hearty welcome to the chief guest Dr. Ravinder Kumar Kohli, Vice Chancellor, Amity University, Mohali (Punjab) who inaugurated the event. Other dignitaries present during the inauguration ceremony were Dr. Karthikeyan Subramanian, officiating Director of CSIR-IMTech, Chandigarh, Prof. H. R. Chopra, former professor, DLIS, Chandigarh as keynote speaker, Dr. R. P. Kumar, President ASLIP and Dr. Raj Kumar, Secretary ASLIP. Dr. K. P. S. Sengar, Head, Knowledge Resource Centre, CSIR- IMTech, Chandigarh was the organising secretary of ASLIP Conclave. Dr. Kohli released a book entitled “Technological Breakthrough and Libraries: Present and Beyond”. The book was edited by Dr. R. P. Kumar,





former Chief Librarian, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, Dr. Deepti Madaan, librarian, DAV College, sector-10, Chandigarh and Dr. K. P. S. Sengar, Head, Knowledge

Resource Centre, CSIR-IMTech, Chandigarh. The book comprised insightful 38 articles on diverse topics of library and information science. The topics ranged from Artificial Intelligence in Libraries, Online Trsources/Services/ Informetrics, Libraries Outreach Activities to Library Automation, Digitisation, Innovation, Academic Integrity and history of libraries and librarianship around the globe. All the selected research papers had gone through peer review and plagiarism check. The book has its own ISBN number. Apart from this the conclave witnessed interactive activities like panel discussion, technical sessions, invited lectures, award ceremony, ASLIP Quiz, ASLIP talent contest, Fire chat with ASLIP Executive, Kal, Aaj aur Kal. For detailed report of ASLIP Conclave 2024, please refer IASLIC Newsletter, December, 2024

## One Nation One Subscription –ONOS

The Prime Minister of India in his address to the Nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort on 15th August, 2022, had pointed out the importance of Research and Development in our country in the Amrit Kaal. He had given the clarion call of “**Jai Anusandhan**” on the occasion. The National Education Policy, 2020 (NEP 2020) has also identified research as a corequisite for outstanding education and development in our country.

In response to the vision of making India Atmanirbhar and Viksitbharat@2047, the Government of India approved One Nation One Subscription scheme to provide country-wide access to international high impact scholarly research articles and journal publications to students, faculty and researchers of all Higher Education Institutions managed by the central government and state governments and Research & Development Institutions of the central government.

The One Nation One Subscription (ONOS) intends to acquire national licenses for e-journal/database subscriptions from most of the prominent journal publishers. A total of 30 major international journal publishers have been included in ONOS. All the journals published by these publishers will be accessible to the students, faculty members and researchers of the participating institutions.

The initiative will open a goldmine of knowledge available in top quality scholarly journals to nearly 1.8 crore students, faculty members, researchers and scientists of all disciplines, including those in tier 2 and tier 3 cities, thereby encouraging core as well as interdisciplinary research in the country. The ONOS is starting its operation from 1st January 2025. ONOS phase-I has been approved for the calendar years 2025, 2026 and 2027. Access to journals are being provided through national subscription coordinated by the Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) Centre, an autonomous inter-university centre of the University Grants Commission (UGC), Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

The Department of Higher Education, Government of India will have a unified portal “One Nation One Subscription” (<https://www.onos.gov.in/>) through which the institutions will be able to access the journals. The ANRF will periodically

review the usage of One Nation One Subscription and publications of Indian authors of these institutions. One Nation One Subscription is a timely step towards establishing India in the global research ecosystem by bringing ease of doing research to the doorstep of all students, faculty members and researchers in the government institutions. (Reference: <https://www.onos.gov.in/about>)

## IFLA Strategy 2024-2029

IFLA has designed a document to take IFLA through its centenary in 2027 and almost up to the end of the United Nations’ 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It is strongly rooted in the input provided by the global library field. Through a series of surveys and workshops, it was learnt about how to use their Strategies, which issues mattered most for the people, and what IFLA all wanted to see in 2029.

These led the Governing Board towards a document that:

- Makes a clearer connection between what we do and the results we want to see
- Is more easily adaptable and adoptable by library and information workers, libraries and library associations globally
- Underlines the role of libraries as development actors, working to enable their communities

The Strategy has a new and clearer **vision**: Sustainable futures for all through knowledge and information. It also focuses on three **impact areas**:

- **Impact area 1:** Libraries are connected and energised through vibrant, global professional communities
- **Impact area 2:** Libraries are recognised, represented and valued as partners
- **Impact area 3:** Libraries are enabled to deliver meaningful change at all levels

This work is underpinned by the **enabler**:

**Future-Proofing IFLA:** Ensuring IFLA’s governance, projects, and partnerships are effective, transparent, and innovative. The Strategy is available at <https://repository.ifla.org/handle/20.500.14598/3497> one can find a set of indicators that will help us and you track progress.

## PERSONALIA

**Gyanajeet Yumnam**, Research Scholar, Department of Library and Information Science, Manipur University, Imphal, Manipur has been awarded Ph D degree by Manipur University for his thesis entitled “Cancer Research Productivity of Top 15 Counties of the World: A Scientometric Analysis”. Dr Gyanajeet Yumnam has pursued his research work under the supervision Prof Charoibam Ibohal Singh, Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Manipur University, Imphal, Manipur. IASLIC congratulates Dr Gyanajeet Yumnam.

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