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Quote of the Month

*"Nothing is pleasanter than  
exploring a library." -*

*Walter Savage Landor - English  
writer and poet (1775-1864).*

Appeal to Readers

News from different regions/  
states is solicited from library  
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### Institutional Members of IASLIC for the Year 2024

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5	Charuchandra College, Kolkata, West Bengal	2902 - I[Z 6]
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21	Nehru Memorial Museum & Library, New Delhi	0368 - I[Z 4]
22	PSG Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, Coimbatore	1911 - I[Z 1]
23	Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata, West Bengal	0407 - [Z 6]
24	Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala, Punjab	2798 - I[Z 4]
25	Ramkrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Kolkata, West Bengal	2793 - I[Z 6]
26	Reserve Bank of India Library, Mumbai, Maharashtra	3832 - I[Z 2]
27	Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery, Kerala	2791 - I[Z 1]
28	Shivaji University, Kolhapur, Maharashtra	
29	Central Manufacturing Technology Institute, Bangalore	0109 - I[Z 1]
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32	Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta	0219 - I[Z 6]
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34	Kannur University, Kannur	4020 - I[Z 1]

35	Karnataka University Library, Dharwad	0285 – I[Z 1]
36	Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur	0286 – I[Z 1]
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38	Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie	0293 – I[Z 3]
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43	Rani Channamma University, Bhutaramanahatti, Belagavi	3672 – IZ 1]
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### An appeal to the esteemed Institutional Members

*IASLIC extends heartfelt gratitude for the unwavering support and trust and conveys deep appreciation for being an integral part of the team by joining with us as an institutional member. All the*



*Institutional members are earnestly requested to share their contact details (e-mail id and mobile number) to the mail id of IASLIC (iaslic.india@gmail.com) with a copy to the e-mail of the Treasurer Sri Pradip Kumar Sarkar at Spradipk101@yahoo.com*

*The Institutional Members, those who have already paid their subscription for 2024 via online mode are requested to send the transaction details/screenshot to the official mail id of IASLIC with a copy of the email to the Treasurer Sri Pradip Kumar Sarkar at Spradipk101@yahoo.com. In some on-line transactions, we are facing difficulties in identifying the name of the institute in absence of transaction details at our end. As a result, we are unable to send the money receipt as well as copy of the IASLIC BULLETIN to these institutions.*

*Your continued support is highly solicited.*

## Announcement

### The forthcoming 30th IASLIC National Seminar

Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh – 202002. 21 - 23 November 2024

#### Main Theme of the Seminar :

Information Literacy for Developing Enlightened Library/Information User Community in New Age

#### 1. Concept and Scope of Information Literacy (IL)

- 1.1 Aims and Objectives of Information Literacy
- 1.2 Types of Abilities Expected to be possessed by an Information Literate Person
- 1.3 Related Concepts and their Relation/Difference with IL: Library Literacy, Visual Literacy, Media Literacy, Computer/Digital Literacy, Network Literacy
- 1.4 Different Components of Information Literacy

#### 2. Need and Importance of IL of Library/Information Users

- 2.1 Information Explosion/Overload vis-a-vis Dwindling Number of Personnel in Libraries/Information Centres
- 2.2 IL Skills Required in Modern Libraries/Information Centres
- 2.3 Advantages of IL
- 2.4 IL for lifelong Learning

#### 3. Information Literacy Competency Development

- 3.1 IL Programmes and their contents
- 3.2 Methods Employed in IL Development
- 3.3 Organizations Involved in IL development
- 3.4 Information Literacy Models

#### 4. Information Literacy Standards

- 4.1 IL Standards for Different Types of Libraries –Public Libraries, Academic Libraries, Special Libraries
- 4.2 IL Standards for Various Subject Fields
- 4.3 IL Standards in Different Countries
- 4.4 Assessment of IL Level Achieved Based on Standards

## 5. Information Literacy Initiatives

- 5.1 International IL Initiatives
- 5.2 National/Regional IL Initiatives
- 5.3 IL Initiatives in India
- 5.4 Best Practices in IL Development – Case Studies

### SIG 01: Bridging the Information Gap of Differently-Abled Library Users

- a. Information Gap of Differently-Abled Library Users; Identifying Causes and Factors
- b. Bridging the Information Gap through Customized Library /Information Services
- c. Facilitating and Enhancing Information Access with the help of Assistive Technologies
- d. Bridging Digital Divide affecting Differently-Abled Users
- e. Organizing Information Literacy/User Education Programmes for Differently-Abled Users

### SIG 02: Raising Library Service Quality through Application of AI

- a. Concept of AI and Advantages of its use in Human Activities
- b. Exploring Possibilities for Applying AI in Libraries / Information Centres for Providing Improved Library / Information Services
- c. Developing Augmented Intelligence for Libraries
- d. Case Studies of AI Application in Libraries
- e. Portraying the Library Scene of Post-AI Application Era

## 353<sup>rd</sup> Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC

The 353<sup>rd</sup> Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC will be held on **11th July, 2024** (Thursday) at 6:00 pm in the meeting room of IASLIC which is situated at P 291, CIT Scheme 6M, Kankurgachhi, Kolkata - 700054. The speaker of the above mentioned study circle meeting will be **Dr. Sanjukta Mitra**, Librarian, Rani Birla Girls' College, Kolkata. **Prof. Swapna Banerjee**, Professor of Library and Information Science, University of Calcutta, has kindly consented to act as the Chairperson in the aforesaid study circle meeting of IASLIC. The topic of discussion of the said study circle meeting is "Information Dissemination through the Archives of Kolkata". All the Librarians, Informa-

tion Professionals, Teachers, Students, Research Scholars and Library Lovers are hereby earnestly requested to be present in the said study circle meeting of IASLIC to make it a grand success. All are welcome.

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

## Indian Library Science Abstracts [ILSA] -Volume 45-49 (2011-2015)

Indian Library Science Abstracts (ILSA), being brought out by IASLIC since 1967, 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) published in July, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 ILSA will be an authentic and comprehensive surrogate of Indian intellectual output in Library and Information Science.

Snapshots of some pages of the ILSA Volume 45-49 (2011-2015) are available in the IASLIC web-

site. The hard copy and soft copy will be available from IASLIC Office. The Price of Print version is Rs. 2500/- and e-version is Rs. 500/-. For any query, please mail to: [iaslic.india@gmail.com](mailto:iaslic.india@gmail.com).

## CONFERENCE/SEMINAR/ TRAINING/WORKSHOP

### The 352<sup>nd</sup> Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC: A brief report

The 352<sup>nd</sup> Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC was held on 13th June 2024 (Thursday) 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 abovementioned Study Circle Meeting was Dr. Debabrata Bhattacharyya, Senior Library Assistant, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya, Mohanpur, Nadia, W.B. The meeting was presided by Prof. Udayan Bhattacharyya, Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Jadavpur University, Kolkata.

The topic of discussion was "Agricultural Research in India: Role of Krishikosh, CAB Abstracts and CeRA". At the beginning, Mr. Abhijit Kumar, General Secretary, IASLIC welcomed all the dignitaries, guests and audience. Thereafter Dr. Tridib Chattopadhyay, Convenor, Study Circle Division, IASLIC introduced the Speaker and the Chairman of the Session. The Speaker and the Chairman both were felicitated with the flower bouquet. Dr. Debabrata Bhattacharyya stated that the agricultural research is being coordinated by the active supervision of the apex body 'Indian Council of Agricultural Research'. ICAR has its 'Agricultural Research & Information Network' (ARIS) with its nodal points as 'State Agricultural Universities (SAUs), National Agricultural Research Centres (NARCs), National Agricultural Research Projects (NARPs), Deemed Agricultural Universities (DAUs), All India Coordinated Research Projects (AICRPs), All India Coordinated Networked Projects (AINPs), Agricultural Technology Information Centres (ATICs); Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs). Dr. Bhattacharyya stated that the R&D activities are going on in academic as well as in commercial level. Research tools are

being used to collect, organize, synthesize data and to interpret the result. among the mostly used databases, CABI abstracts are the most used one in agricultural institutions as an abstracting database. It has also an in-built thesaurus to support the precise search. ICAR maintains a no. of central repositories to support its academic and R&D activities. Krishikosh is one such repository which contains the full text P.G. and Ph.D. theses along with other documents of all the member institutions of ICAR. It contains open access and downloadable documents which can be accessed from anywhere. It is administered by ICAR. All the search options are there to make the search specific so that all the contextual records can be retrieved. As e-journals and e-books are concerned, CeRA (Consortium of Electronic Resources in Agriculture), a consortium of e-journal and e-books available to every member institution under ICAR through ARIS gateway. It is being maintained by Informatics India Ltd. on J-Gate Next platform. DDR (Document Delivery Request) is the most effective feature of this Consortium. The sub-component of 'CeRA' which is the most useful one is the 'IndiaAgriStat' provide access to the production database of the crops along with other agricultural and horticultural products. He has also stated that Agriculture R&D outputs should be communicated properly at the field level so that the production will get accelerated to fulfill the food requirement of the people of our country. He observed that all the people of our country are hopeful for a 'Hunger free India'.

Prof. Udayan Bhattacharyya has briefly described the entire discussion. Then the discussion and question / answer session took place. Dr. Tridib Chattopadhyay, Convenor, Study Circle Division, IASLIC, thanked the audience for their gracious presence. Mr. Abhijit Kumar, General Secretary, IASLIC, has delivered the address of formal vote of thanks. Overall it was a very fruitful discussion. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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

## FORTH COMING CONFERENCE/SEMINAR/ TRAINING/WORKSHOP/CELEBRATION

### PLANNER: A National Convention for North Eastern Region

12th Convention PLANNER 2024 is being organized by INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar at Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh from September 19-21, 2024.

#### About the Conference

Promotion of Library Automation and Networking in North-Eastern Region (PLANNER) is a bi-annual convention with a special focus to uplift academic libraries in the North-Eastern region, India in the aspect of library automation and networking. The event is organized by INFLIBNET Centre along with the universities located in the respective North-Eastern States. PLANNER 2024 is being organized by INFLIBNET Centre in collaboration with Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh during September 19-21, 2024 at Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh.

The objective of the convention is to address the modern tools and techniques that have manifested in the form of ICT applications which had made an impact in today's library management and services. It is evident that these disruptive innovations relentlessly moves up the preferred to-do list for librarians in view of their inherent characteristics of being readily adopted, adapted and evolving into new scenarios eventually displacing established procedures and techniques. In the entire process, while issues and challenges are visible, solutions too are expected as an outcome of the deliberations. It is also envisaged that the convention will not only further promote library automation and networking in North-Eastern states of India but will be an opportunity for the LIS professionals of North-Eastern states of India along with other participants to address the aforesaid issues and acquire new skills and techniques, in the process.

**Theme: Libraries in AI Era: Applications and Perspectives**

**Sub-Theme:**

- AI and Libraries
  - Open Science and AI
  - Generative AI
  - Ethical use of AI in Scholarly Communication
  - Machine Learning and Knowledge Discovery
  - Data Analytic and Text Mining
- Role of Libraries for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
  - Community Engagement and Outreach
  - Automated / Assisted Data Management
  - Training, Innovation, and Infrastructure
  - Best Practices and Case Studies
- Indigenous Knowledge and Libraries
  - Knowledge / Data Repositories
  - Persistent Identifiers for Repositories

#### Paper Submission

The full-text paper must be submitted electronically, as a .DOCX or .ODT file, and uploaded on <http://planner.inflibnet.ac.in/submission/>. The submission should be typed in Times New Roman Font size 12 and single-spaced in A4 size. The length of the Full-text Paper should not be more than 3500 words. **The research data generated while conducting research and used to derive results have to be supplied mandatorily at the time of submission. Accompanying material such as study description, data description, questionnaire and other supporting documents may be uploaded under 'Upload Dataset' in a single zip file.** A paper should contain an abstract, keywords, and references properly cited within the text of the article as per APA 7th Edition referencing style. The submission will be sent for blind review and therefore, **the manuscript should not contain the author's full name, and affiliations along with an email of author(s), author biography or any other identification of the author/institute.** The paper submitted should be an unpublished document in any media and of any format. While the copyright for the paper would belong to the author, PLANNER 2024 organisers reserve the right to host a copy of the papers in its institutional repository in open access. The authors of the accepted Papers will have to register for the Convention and present their

papers during technical sessions.

### Important Dates:

Convention Date: Sept 19-21, 2024

Paper Submission: April 30, 2024

Paper Acceptance: June 15, 2024

Convention Registration: August 31, 2024

More details are available at: <https://planner.inflibnet.ac.in/index.php>

### UNESCO Guidelines for the Governance of Digital Platforms

UNESCO has released its Guidelines for the Governance of Digital Platforms, the result of a year's work involving a wide variety of stakeholders, including the Internet4Trust conference in February which attracted over 4000 participants. The final version of UNESCO's guidelines on how digital platforms – and in particular social media – should work offers helpful affirmation of the importance of access to information, skills, and libraries. It also provides a framework for us to engage in wider debates about information regulation. At the heart of the Guidelines there are a set of five principles. These are:

1. Platforms should conduct human rights due diligence – this should take place in general and before any major changes, and incorporate a full variety of perspectives.
2. Platforms should adhere to international human rights standards, including in platform design, content moderation and content curation – this should involve non-discrimination by design, moderation in local languages (as well as support for moderators, who otherwise can have a terrible job), a variety of responses to harmful content, auditing processes, avoiding promoting content that would generally be seen as illegal.
3. Platforms should be transparent – crucial to achieving the above is transparency, both in terms of setting out terms of service, and showing clearly how platforms comply with them. This covers everything from moderation, advertising, complaints and appeals, safeguards for freedom of expression, and ensuring access to data for researchers, civil

society and media.

4. Platforms should make information and tools available for users – this refers to ensuring that users understand processes and their rights, in particular in their own language.
5. Platforms should be accountable to relevant stakeholders – there should be effective complaints mechanisms that take account of local needs.

To know more please visit: <https://www.ifla.org/news/unesco-guidelines-for-the-governance-of-digital-platforms/>

### JSTOR, MIT Press Illustrate the Positive Impact of Open Access in Recent Reports

JSTOR's Path to Open pilot project and MIT Press's Direct to Open (D2O) program are both demonstrating that open access (OA) monographs are receiving significantly more use and are cited more often than non-open counterparts, according to a recent JSTOR webcast and an impact report released last week by MIT Press. JSTOR reports that ebooks that have been converted to OA via the Path to Open pilot have seen usage surge by an average of 5,500 percent on JSTOR.

Rebecca Seger, VP institutional participation and strategic partnership for JSTOR, noted during the webcast, "Continuing the Journey on a Path to Open: An Innovative Model for Open Access Monograph Publishing," that JSTOR has more than 125,000 licensed ebooks on its platform, but its 11,000 OA ebooks account for 45 percent of total ebook usage. Similarly, non-OA monographs sell to an average of 14 countries, while JSTOR's OA monographs are used in 134 countries. "It is phenomenal reach," she said.

Launched in January 2023, the Path to Open pilot model is funded by annual subscription fees from participating institutions. These fees are then redistributed to more than 40 participating university presses at \$5,000 per OA title. Currently, titles for the pilot are selected using criteria established based on titles in JSTOR disciplines that have the highest-licensed open and converted-to-open usage, and 71 percent of all titles in the

project match the top 26 recommended JSTOR disciplines, according to the webcast.

During a three-year embargo period, participating institutions have exclusive OA access to these titles, while non-participating institutions can continue to pay for the monographs. At the end of the three-year embargo, converted titles become OA for everyone, and can be published on any platform in addition to JSTOR. One hundred Path to Open titles were published in 2023, and JSTOR plans to have at least 1,000 frontlist titles published over the course of the pilot, which will conclude in 2026.

Separately, MIT Press reports that, on average, its OA humanities and social sciences (HSS) titles are accessed 3.75 times more often and receive 21 percent more citations than their paywalled counterparts, while OA titles in science, technology, engineering, art/design, and mathematics (STEAM) are used 2.67 times more often and receive 15 percent more citations than paywalled counterparts.

Launched in 2021 following two years of development, MIT's D2O program each year makes 80 to 90 MIT Press scholarly monographs and edited collections open access. In its first three years, the program has funded 240 books, including 159 HSS titles and 81 STEAM titles. Funding for the program is provided by recurring fees from participating institutions. Participating libraries also receive term access to about 2,500 backlist/archive titles that would otherwise be paywalled, and substantial discounts on MIT Press's trade books collection. Participation fees are scaled to a library's size, type, and collections budget.

"Open access is very important in my field of anthropology," Elizabeth Carpenter-Song, research associate professor in the department of anthropology at Dartmouth College and author of *Families on the Edge: Experiences of Homelessness and Care in Rural New England*, said in MIT's impact report. "Our work often speaks to issues that are relevant to non-specialists and open access helps to build bridges to other fields and audiences. The D2O version of my book has enabled me to reach colleagues in anthropology, as well as clinical and social services and community stakeholders who

have used the book to inform their understanding of regional housing issues. I firmly believe that the open access option has allowed the book to be much more broadly disseminated and used."

JSTOR's one-hour Path to Open webcast, hosted by LJ, is free and available on demand. In addition to an overview of the program from Seger and JSTOR VP of Published Content John Lenahan, it includes presentations by Jennie Collinson, director of sales and marketing, Liverpool University Press; Mary Dougherty, director, University of Massachusetts Press; Kate McCready, visiting program officer for academy-owned scholarly publishing, Big Ten Academic Alliance; Sarah McKee, project manager, amplifying humanistic scholarship, American Council of Learned Societies; and Tony Sanfilippo, director, Ohio State University Press.

"We see [Path to Open] as the road to creating a sustainable model for open monographs," Seger said. "It is really more of a marathon than a sprint, and we're still at the beginning of the race."

[Source: <https://www.libraryjournal.com/story/news/jstor-mit-press-illustrate-the-positive-impact-of-open-access-in-recent-reports>.] By Matthew Enis, Senior Editor, *Technology for Library Journal*.

## MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

**The UGC's INFLIBNET Centre launched SheRNI to Connect Indian Women Scientists, promote collaboration, and recognize their contributions.**

SheRNI, the She Research Network in India, is a platform dedicated to connecting and harnessing the knowledge, skills, and expertise of women across different sectors in India. It focuses on empowering women by facilitating collaboration, mentorship, and knowledge-sharing opportunities.

She Research Network in India (SheRNI) is the expert profile network system that connects and leverages the knowledge, skills, and expertise of women across various fields in India. This system aims to empower women by providing opportunities for collaboration, mentorship, and

knowledge-sharing. The objectives of this project are to create a national-level expert profile system for women faculty members and facilitate the exchange of expertise, insights, and experiences among women experts in diverse fields.

The system supports the women scientists/faculty members to build a strong professional network that fosters collaboration, mentorship, and career advancement opportunities. The SheRNI expert network system serves as a dynamic platform for women professionals to connect, collaborate, and empower each other, ultimately contributing to the advancement of women in various fields.

CALL FOR PAPERS

## IASLIC 30<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL SEMINAR 2024

**Call for Papers**  
Information Literacy for Developing Enlightened  
Library/Information User Community in New Age

**November 21-23, 2024**

**Venue**  
Department of Library & Information Science,  
Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh

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Important Information	
Dates of Conference Last Date of Submission of	November 21-23, 2024
Full Paper Letter Intimating	August 07, 2024
Acceptance by	September 07, 2024

Director of Thematic Session: **Prof N R Satyanarayana**, Former Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Lucknow University, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Rapporteur General: **Prof Sudharma Haridasan**, Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh, PIN 202002

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Convener, SIG Division: **Dr Joydeep Chanda**, Librarian, Gurudas College, Kolkata, West Bengal

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12. There will be a provision for the Best Poster Presentation Award which is likely to be included in the post-Seminar volume. Other Poster papers will not be published in the post-Seminar volume.
13. Accepted papers which are presented in the Seminar, will only be considered for publishing in the Post-Seminar IASLIC Special Publication (ISSN 0972-3668) Volume 61 subject to its merit of publication. IASLIC Special Publication 2024 is likely to be published within three months after the Seminar.
14. All registered participants will receive Post-Seminar IASLIC Special Publication (ISSN 0972-3668) Volume 61 free of cost from IASLIC Office.
15. Those who wish to purchase the volume through post, an amount of Rs.150/- will be charged for packaging and postage in addition to its cost price.
16. The decision of the Editorial Committee will be final and no pursuance regarding the acceptance of papers for presentation in the Seminar or otherwise will be entertained.
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