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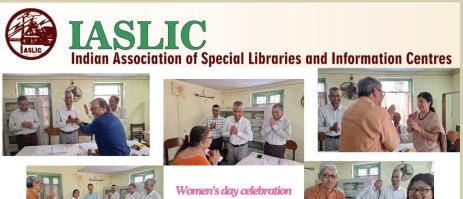
Quote of the Month

"A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies...... The man who never reads lives only one." — George R.R. Martin, an American author, television writer, and television producer

Appeal to Readers

News from different regions/ states is solicited from library professionals/IASLIC members for inclusion in the newsletter. Send such news to the Editor.

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before the Governing Body meeting on 8th March 2025



Announcement

IASLIC 34th All India Conference 2025

The 34th All India IASLIC Conference will be held at the University of Kashmir, Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir during September 16 - 18, 2025

Main Theme: Library Vision 2047

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SIG 02: Computer Applications in Libraries

Theme: Innovative Library Services in Digital Age

- I Future of libraries: evolving in the digital landscape
- II Innovative technologies and services in libraries
- III Next-Generation Integrated Library Systems (ILS)
- IV Leveraging cloud computing for enhanced library services

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IASLIC ACTIVITIES

Institutional Members of IASLIC for the Year 2025

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1	Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu	0079–I[Z 1]
2	Central Glass and Ceramic Research Institute, Kolkata, West Bengal	
3	Central Leather Research Institute, Chennai, Tamil Nadu	0102–I[Z 1]
4	Dhemaji College, Dhemaji, Assam	4029- I[Z 5]
5	Heritage Institute of Technology, Kolkata, West Bengal	2877 – I[Z 6]
6	Highways Research Station, Chennai	0194-I[Z 1]
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8	Institute of Development Studies Kolkata, West Bengal	0172 – I[Z 6]
9	Karnataka State Open University, Mysuru, Karnataka	4057 – I[Z 1]
10	Karnataka University Library, Dharwad, Karnataka	0285 – I[Z 1]
11	Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur, Kerala	0286 – I[Z 1]
12	Kerala University Library, Thiruvananthapuram	0479 – I[Z 1]
13	Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie	0293 – I[Z 3]
14	Maharaja Ganga Singh University, Bikaner, Rajasthan	3821 – I[Z 2]
15	Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak, Haryana	
16	North Gujarat University, Patan, Gujarat	0376 – L[Z 2]
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18	Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur, Chhattisgarh	0411 – I[Z 3]
19	Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata, West Bengal	0407 – [Z 6]
20	Ramkrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Kolkata, west Bengal	2793 – I[Z 6]
21	Regional Institute of Education, Mysore, Karnataka	0413 – I[Z 1]
22	Reserve Bank of India Library, Mumbai, Maharashtra	3832 – I[Z 2]
23	S R University, Hanumakonda, Telangana	
24	Shimurali Sachinandan College of Education, Shimurali, West Bengal	
25	Space Applications Centre, ISRO, Ahmedabad, Gujarat	0443 – I[Z 2]

360th Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC

The 360th Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC was held on 20th March 2025 (Thursday) at 6.00 pm in the meeting room of IASLIC which is situated at P291, CIT Scheme, 6M, Kankurgachhi, Kolkata- 700054. The speaker of the above-mentioned Study Circle Meeting was Dr Abhijit Chatterjee, Librarian at Seth Anandram Jaipuria College. The Chairman of the meeting was Prof. Biplab Chakrabarti, Former Professor, of the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Calcutta, Kolkata, West Bengal. The Topic of the discussion of the said meeting was "Managing Security in Academic Libraries: The Truth and Realities". In the beginning, Mr. Abhijit Kumar, General Secretary of IASLIC welcomed all the dignitaries, guests and audience. Thereafter Dr Tridib Chattopadhyay, Convenor of the Study Circle Division, IASLIC, introduced the Speaker and the Chairman of the session. Afterwards, the Chairman and the Speaker were felicitated with flower bouquets by Miss Moumita Ash, Joint Secretary of IASLIC. Then Prof. Chakrabarti gave an overview of the issues of security threats in academic libraries highlighted the prime issues and invited Dr Abhijit Chatterjee and present his lecture on the issue. Dr. Chatterjee in his lecture shows how academic libraries face significant security challenges in safeguarding both physical and digital resources while maintaining accessibility. He mentioned that key threats include theft, vandalism, data breaches, and unauthorized access, impacting the integrity of collections and user safety. Libraries must balance security with user convenience, ensuring a welcoming environment while protecting valuable resources. The categories of physical and digital threats are vulnerable to academic libraries. Research findings on this issue of security showed the least security measures in most of the university libraries of West Bengal. The speaker also presented several Myths about library security which have been properly justified through the explanation. A proactive, multi-layered security approach through a policy framework was also presented in the lecture. It is expected that it is crucial to maintain academic libraries as safe, trusted spaces for learning and research. Prof. Biplab Chakrabarti has briefly described the entire discussion. Shri Abhijit Kumar, Miss Moumita Ash and others took part in the discussion and question-answer session. The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr Banasree Roy, Joint Secretary of IASLIC. Dr Tridib Chattopadhyay, Convenor of the Study Circle Division of IASLIC thanked all the dignitaries, guests and the audience regarding their active participation and involvement. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

One-Day National Awareness Programme on IPR organised by Government Degree College, Mulugu - brief report

Government Degree College, Mulugu, Department of Library and information Science and IQAC, successfully

organizedaOne-DayNationalAwarenessProgramme onIPRto discuss innovation,challenges, and strategicsolutions. The event served as



an informative platform for knowledge dissemination on Intellectual Property Rights and their implications in the digital world. **Dr. B. Jagadish, Librarian, and Convener,** welcomed attendees and outlined the event's objectives. **Dr. Shankar Rao Munjam,** Director & Scientist, Patent IPR Innovation Solution, Hyderabad, delivered the keynote on global patent trends and digital tools for securing IPR.

Mr. S. Anil Kumar, Librarian, CKM Government Arts & Science College, Warangal, led a technical session on

patent filing, laws, and challenges. An interactive session addressed career opportunities and patent-related queries. The programme was a grand success, with **50 participants**



attending offline and 170 joining online. The insights provided by the speakers encouraged participants to explore innovative research, seek patent protections, and contribute to

the nation's technological advancement.

Workshop on Redefining Libraries in the Era of AI – A brief Report

The Learning Resource Centre at IMT Nagpur successfully conducted a two-day workshop titled *"Redefining Libraries in the Era of AI"* on March 21-22, 2025. The workshop aimed to provide librarians with knowledge and practical exposure to AI-driven innovations in library management. The event witnessed active participation from 50 librarians across Maharashtra and various other states of India.

The primary objectives of the workshop were to familiarize librarians with AI tools and their applications in library operations, explore innovative solutions for digital transformation, provide hands-on experience with AI-powered research and content management tools, and facilitate discussions on the future of AI in libraries.

The workshop featured distinguished speakers and experts from various institutions, including Dr. Banka Bihari Chand (Head NACLIN, Librarian, IIM Ahmedabad), Dr. Abhishek Singh (Assistant Professor, Systems & Management, IMT Nagpur), Mr. Gautam Raval (Account Manager, Turnitin), Dr. Vrushali Dandawate (Librarian, AISSMS COE, DOAJ Ambassador, India), Dr. Sunil Kumar MV (Faculty - Systems and General Management, SDMIMD, Mysore), Dr. Bhojaraju Gunjal (Chief Library Officer, IIT Hyderabad), Mrs. Shubhashree Nag (Strategic Customer Consultant, Clarivate), Mr. K.S. Rao (AI Solutions Specialist), and Dr. Yamini Meduri (Founder & Lead Designer, Y-Mindset). These resource persons shared their expertise through insightful lectures and hands-on sessions, helping participants explore ways to integrate AI into library operations effectively.

The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. Mangala Hirwade, Head, Department of Library & Information Science, RTM Nagpur University. The Valedictory Session was graced by Dr. Rajnandan Patnaik, Senior Dean - Academics, and Dr. Janaki Ramudu, Dean - Research, who appreciated the participants' engagement and emphasized the need continuous learning in AI adoption for libraries. Key highlights of the workshop included an introduction to AI applications in library science, hands-on training on AI tools for content management and research support, interactive discussions on AI ethics, challenges, and future implications, case studies on successful AI adoption in library settings, and networking opportunities for librarians and AI experts.

The workshop was conceptualized and efficiently managed by Dr. Mantha Raghu, Head-Librarian, IMT Nagpur, along with his dedicated team: Amarjeet Kaur, Vilas Yemde, Jagdish Pande, Suresh Thakre, and Kiran Chatap.

The workshop received highly positive feedback from participants, who expressed their appreciation for the well-structured sessions, practical exposure, and insightful discussions. Participants highlighted the significance of AI-driven solutions in enhancing library services and requested similar initiatives in the future. The workshop successfully met its objectives, providing librarians with valuable knowledge and practical insights into AI's role in modern library management.

It is recommended that IMT Nagpur continue organizing

We extend our sincere gratitude to IMT Nagpur's management, resource persons, participants, and the organizing team for their contributions in making this event a success.

Report Submitted by Dr. Mantha Raghu, Head-Librarian, Learning Resource Centre, IMT Nagpur

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FORTH COMING CONFERENCE/SEMINAR/ TRAINING/WORKSHOP/CELEBRATION

CALIBER 2025

CALIBER 2025, 22nd in the series and 14th International CALIBER is being organised by the INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujrat in collaboration with Sri Venkateswara University (SVU), Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, India during November 17-19, 2025.

The theme of the 14th International CALIBER is "Library 2047: Democratizing Knowledge Towards Viksit Bharat".



For more details visit: https://caliber.inflibnet.ac.in/index.php

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

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

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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 countrywide 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

Dr Rajesh Singh, University Librarian, Delhi University Library System (DULS), University of Delhi has been awarded the prestigious ILA - Kaula Best Librarian Award 2024 for his outstanding contributions to the Library and Information Science profession.

OBITUARY

Prof Harsha Shantilal Parekh, Former Head of SHPT School of Library Science and Former University Librarian, SNDT Women's University, Mumbai passed away on 17 March 2025 at the age of 81. Born on 1 August 1943, Prof Parekh had her higher education all through from University of Bombay. An M A, M Lib Sc with Diploma in Russian Language, Prof Parekh started her professional career as Research Assistant in 1966 at the Department of Civics and Politics, University of Bombay, Mumbai. In 1970 she joined SHPT School of Library Science, SNDT Women's University, Mumbai as Lecturer. She became Deputy Librarian of SNDT Women's University in October 1984. In February 1993 she became University Librarian of SNDT Women's University, Head of SHPT School of Library Science and served till her superannuation in August 2003. She contributed immensely for the growth of academic librarianship and LIS education throughout the country. Prof Parekh wrote a good number of research articles and published in professional journals. In addition, she wrote a book titled "The Study Centre: It's Role in the Community". She also compiled and edited some publications viz. "Women's Study Index", "Guide to Women's Studies", "Catalogue, Theses and Dissertations, SNDT Women's University, Bombay". She was a life member of ILA, IASLIC, IATLIS, Library Association (London). Besides these professional bodies, she was also associated with the Social Service League, the Bombay Community Public Trust and Centre for Women and Development Studies. Prof Parekh's death is a tremendous loss to the LIS community which creates a void in the library fraternity. IASLIC deeply mourns her death and extends heartfelt condolences to her family.

Dr Brahmanda Pratap Barua, Former Director, Raja Rammohan Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF) breathed his last on 25 February 2025. Born on 15 October 1935 at a village in Chittagong district (now in Bangladesh), Dr Barua did his primary education in his village and passed Matriculation Examination in 1951. After passing IA and BA, he obtained MA degree in History from the University of Calcutta in 1957. He also obtained B Lib Sc in 1973 and Ph D in 1985 from University of Calcutta. Dr Barua joined the RRRLF as Field Officer in 1975 and became Member Secretary of RRRLF in 1977. He became the First Director of RRRLF in 1984 and served till his superannuation in 1995. With a broad national vision, he extended activities of RRRLF throughout all states and union territories where more than 22000 libraries were brought under the assistance program of RRRLF. Dr Barua was the Member Secretary of the Committee on National Policy on Library and Information System (NAPLIS) appointed by the Ministry of Human Resource Department, Government of India under the Chairmanship of Dr D P Chattopadhyay in 1985. The RRRLF organized several conferences and seminars under his guidance in collaboration with the National Library of India, Asiatic Society, NCERT, ILA and other national institutions. Dr B P Barua was a life member of ILA, IASLIC and BLA. He was a member of the Standing Committee of the IFLA on Public Libraries for the period 1981 - 1995. He was the President of All India Federation of Bengali Buddhists, Kolkata. Dr Barua was honoured by his friends, colleagues and well wishers by publishing a Festschrift volume entitled "Public Libraries in Developing Countries: Status and Trends" edited by Dr PK Mahapatra and Dr VK Thomas and published by Vikas Publishing House, New Delhi in 1996. He was felicitated by the University of Calcutta in 2007 on the occassion of its 150th Anniversary. Dr Barua's passing away is a loss to the library fraternity. IASLIC deeply mourns his death and extends heartfelt condolences to his bereaved family.

AWARD

Ms Deepika Lakshman, has been awarded Ph D degree in Library and Information Science by University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram for her thesis "Research Collaboration Among Scientific Communities in the Universities of Kerala: A Study Based on Web of Science (WoS) Using Social Network Analysis". Dr Deepika Lakshman pursued her research under the supervision and guidance of Dr B Mini Devi, Associate Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram. IASLIC congratulates Dr Deepika Lakshman

Book Post

Ms Kavitha J R has been awarded Ph D degree in Library and Information Science by University of Kerala, Palayam, Thiruvananthapuram for her thesis "Job Performance and Satisfaction Among Library Professionals of Special Libraries in South India". Dr Kavitha J R pursued her research under the supervision and guidance of Dr B Mini Devi, Associate Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram. IASLIC congratulates Dr Kavitha J R.

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SOME OF THE PUBLICATIONS of IASLIC

Conference / Seminar Proceedings

1.	Library and Information Centres in Digital India : Present Scenario and Future Strategies.	7	40
2.	IASLIC 29th National Seminar 2022, NEHU Shillong. Future of Library and Information (LI) Profession in India	₹₹	49 49
	IASLIC 32nd All India Conference 2019, CUSAT, Kochi		
3.	LIS Education in India : Current Scenario and Future Strategies; IASLIC 28th National Seminar 2018, Viswa Bharati, West Bengal	₹	49
4.	Public Libraries in India in 21st Century; IASLIC 31st All India Conference 2017, Varanasi, Uttarpradesh	₹	49
5.	Social Networking and Libraries; IASLIC 27th National Seminar 2016, Raipur, Chhattisgarh	₹	49
5.	Library Legislation and Community Information Services; IASLIC 30th All India Conference 2015, Ahmedabad	₹	49
7.	Roadmap to Usher in Knowledge Society; IASLIC 26th National Seminar 2014, Guwahati, Assam	₹	49
8.	Role of Library Associations in India; IASLIC 29th All India Conference 2013, Pune, Maharastra	₹	49
9.	Intellectual Property Rights: Problems & Prospects with Special Reference to Library & Information Services, IASLIC 25th National Seminar 2012, Puducherry	₹	49
10.	Library Vision 2020; IASLIC 28th All India Conference, 2011, Srinagar	₹	49
11.	Reading Habits in Changing Scenario & LIS Education : Emerging Paradigm, Challenges and Vision; IASLIC 24th National Seminar 2010, Gorakhpur	₹	49
12.	Library / Information users in Digital Era; IASLIC XXVII All India Conference 2009, Bhubaneswar	₹	80
13.	Library / Profession in Search of a new Paradigm; IASLIC XXIII National Seminar 2008, Kolkata	₹	120
14.	Digital Media and Library Information Services; IASLIC XXVI All India Conference 2007, New Delhi	₹	120
15.	Open Source Movement-Asian Perspective; IASLIC XXII National Seminar 2006, Roorkee	₹	100
16.	LIS Profession in India : Vision for 2010; IASLIC 25th All India Conference 2005, Chennai	₹	100
17.	Information Support for Rural Development; IASLIC 21st National Seminar 2004, Kolkata	₹	100
18.	Knowledge Management in Special Libraries in Digital Environment; IASLIC 24th All India Conference 2003, Dehradun	₹	80
	BOOKS		
1.	Indian Library Science Abstracts (ILSA), 2011-2015, Edited by Dr. Nitai Ray Choudhury	₹	250
2.	Sixty One Years of 'IASLIC Bulletin' : A cumulative Index. Edited by Prof Arjun Das Gupta	₹	28
3.	Dynamics of Planning & Marketing of Modern Libraries and Information Centres in an Information Technology-based Environment by S Seetharama	₹	48
4.	Indian National Library : Yesterday-Today-Tomorrow by J N Satpathi and P N Venkatachary	₹	30
5.	LIS Profession in the Changing Environment: Prof Prabir Roychowdhury Memorial Volume. Edited by Prof. Arjun Dasgupta	₹	40