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Quote of the Month

The only thing that you absolutely have to know is the location of the library.

__by Albert Einstein

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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AN APPEAL FOR DONATION

At the outset, myself on my personal behalf and on behalf of IASLIC, convey my sincere gratitude to the esteemed members of IASLIC for their continuous support and patronage. We are also thankful to the members who made a valued contribution in response to our appeal for donation made in 2012 and 2022. The esteemed members of IASLIC are aware of the escalating prices and hardship in carrying out regular functions of IASLIC. Under these circumstances, IASLIC again makes an ardent appeal to all of its honoured life members to please come forward to help IASLIC by donating liberally, at least Rs.1000, by DD / Net banking / Multicity cheque duly drawn in favour of IASLIC payable at Kolkata. The payment can also be made through electronic transfer.

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Announcement

IASLIC AWARD FOR 2025

1. Prof. Prabir Roychoudhury and Smt. Amita Roychodhury –IASLIC Best LIS Teacher Award 2025

IASLIC has instituted a national level Prof. Prabir Roychoudhury and Smt. Amita Roychoudhury – IASLIC Best LIS Teacher Award, since 2008, sponsored by Prof Prabir Roychoudhury and Smt. Amita Roychoudhury Memorial Fund Trust. Three copies of applications in prescribed format may be sent to the Honorary General Secretary, IASLIC, P-291, CIT Scheme No. 6M, Kankurgachi, Kolkata – 700054 and its PDF by e-mail (iaslic.india@gmail.com) on or before 30 June 2025.

For eligibility criteria for the application of Prof. Prabir Roychoudhury and Smt. Amita Roychoudhury" – IASLIC Best LIS Teacher Award – Please visit IASLIC website –https://www.iaslic1955.org.in/Default.aspx?PageId=123

2. Smt. A Satyavathi and Prof. A A N Raju – IASLIC Best Young LIS Teacher Award – 2025

IASLIC has instituted a national level Smt. A Satyavathi and Prof. A A N Raju – IASLIC Best Young LIS Teacher Award since 2008, sponsored by Prof. A A N Raju. Six copies of applications in prescribed format may be sent to the Honorary General Secretary, IASLIC, P-291, CIT Scheme No. 6M, Kankurgachi, Kolkata - 700054 on or before 30 June 2025. A valid IASLIC member can recommend a candidate with written consent of the proposed nominee.

For eligibility criteria for the nominees of Smt. A Satyavathi and Prof. A A N Raju – IASLIC Best Young LIS Teacher Award: – Please visit IASLIC website –https://www.iaslic1955.org.in/Default.aspx?PageId=123

3. S M Ganguly - IASLIC Award for the Librarian of the Year 2025

IASLIC has instituted a national level S M Ganguly – IASLIC Award for the Librarian of the Year, sponsored by Late S M Ganguly, one of the founder members of IASLIC, since 1993. Three copies of applications along with all supporting documents can be sent to the Honorary General Secretary, IASLIC P 291 CIT Scheme No. 6M, Kankurgachi, Kolkata - 700 054 and its PDF.

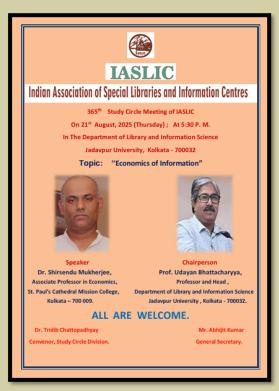
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365th Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC

The 365th Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC will be held on 21st August, 2025 (Thursday) at 5:30 p.m. in the Department of Library and Information Science, Jadavpur University, Kolkata - 700032. Dr. Shirsendu Mukherjee, Associate Professor in Economics, St. Paul's Cathedral Mission College, Kolkata, will be the speaker of the above mentioned study circle meeting. Prof. Udayan Bhattacharyya, Professor & Head, Department of Library and Information Science, Jadavpur University, Kolkata - 700032, will be the Chairman of the session. The topic of discussion of the abovementioned study circle meeting will be as follows:-"Economics of Information". The Speaker, Dr. Shirsendu Mukherjee is now a member of the Under-Graduate Board of Studies in Economics of the University of Calcutta. He is very much interested regarding the Library, Library Science and Librarianship Profession. We are all well aware about the economic aspects of 'Information'. Information is a commodity in the present day society. Information is power. We are purchasing information as per the availability and we are using it as per our requirement. So we are sure that there is definitely a relationship between the demand and supply of information. All these economic aspects of information will be discussed by the speaker in the abovementioned study circle meeting. 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 Convener, Study Circle Division



IASLIC 34th All India Conference 2025

It gives us immense pleasure to inform you that the Indian Association of Special Libraries and Information Centres (IASLIC) is organizing "IASLIC 34TH ALL INDIA CONFERENCE 2025". Join us on 5th to 7th January 2026, at the Department of Library & Information Science, Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women University, Vijayapura, Karnataka, India.

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Conference Title	IASLIC 34 th All India Conference 2025
Conference Dates	5 th to 7 th of January 2026
Venue	Department of Library & Infomation Science, Karnataka State Akkama- hadevi Women University, Vijaya- pura, Karnataka, India, PIN- 586108.
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CALL for PAPERS"Library Vision 2047"

India aims to debut herself as a developed nation by its centennial anniversary of independence in 2047

encompassing overall growth through sustainable societal advancement with knowledge economy and effective governance. Transformative education with a modern approach has been brought intending to move towards a better knowledge society reforming the future teachinglearning endeavour by implementing NEP2020. It needs transformation of libraries and information systems onto a balanced modern resource management sector enabling marginal poor, youths, women empower. LIS professionals face both tremendous opportunities and challenges to address such transformation. On the one hand, it facilitates global collaboration, improves accessibility, incorporates cutting-edge technologies, and enables customising user experiences. On the other side, issues like digital divide, infrastructure constraints, information overload, data security, and the requirement of specialised skills are major hindrances. LIS professionals must prioritise user education and digital literacy, work with international networks, invest in strong digital infrastructures, and concentrate on ongoing professional development training programs. Libraries must also address issues with intellectual property, digital preservation, and legal compliance. Overcoming these obstacles, libraries would be able to fulfil their role as emerged knowledge centres and contribute in making India a truly developed nation by 2047. Libraries can make a substantial contribution to the goal of bringing out our country a knowledge-driven, digitally inclusive nation. Keeping the above in considerations, IASLIC has selected 'Library Vision 2047' as the main theme of its 34th All India Conference 2025 expecting the LIS professionals to delve upon ongoing important issues of opportunities and challenges that would result with fruitful outcomes and guidelines out of the deliberations and discussions. There will be deliberations on two other Special Interest Groups (SIGs) themes at the meetings of SIG01 (Social Science Information): Community Empowerment and Libraries and SIG02 (Computer Applications in Libraries): Innovative Library Services in Digital Age during the conference. Research Papers are invited on the following areas of the main theme of the Conference and the themes of SIG Meetings for deliberation during the conference.

Main Theme: Library Vision 2047

1 Developing New Age Libraries: operations and services

- 11 Innovative Library Services for Library Vision 2047
- 12 Planning and Designing Future ready libraries
- 13 Managing Resources and Services
- 14 Case Studies of Innovative Library Initiatives

2 Tools and Technologies

- 21 Collection and Digital Content Management Tools
- 22 Sustainable library development, Governance models
- 23 Blockchain Technologies for Digital Rights Management
- 24 Cyber Security and Data Privacy in the New Age

3 Digital library and Smart Library:

- 31 Exploring the Benefits for library professional
- 32 IoT-enabled services in smart libraries
- 33 Capacity building for library professionals
- 34 Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR)

4 Cloud based library systems and AI based service

- 41 Artificial intelligence and machine learning
- 42 Library Search Systems with AI and NLP
- 43 Expert Systems in Knowledge Management
- 44 Ethical considerations in AI based research and applications in libraries

5 Library Vision 2047 vis-a-vis NEP 2020

- 51 Reviewing and Recasting of LIS Curricula for communityfocused librarianship
- 52 LIS curriculum, Library ethics and social responsibility
- 53 Digital Literacy Requirements for Library Professionals
- 54 Upskilling and Reskilling of LI Professionals



Special Interest Groups (SIGs) Meetings

SIG 01: Social Science Information Theme: Community Empowerment and Libraries

- A. Libraries as Hubs for lifelong learning in community development
- B. Role of libraries in safeguarding cultural heritage and Indigenous knowledge
- C. Information literacy programs for social empowerment
- D. Enhancing library outreach for community empowerment
- E. One Nation One Library Legislation

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
- V. Ethical considerations in AI applications for libraries

Important Information

Dates of Conference: January 5-7, 2026

Last date of Submission of Full Paper: September 15, 2025

Letter intimating acceptance by: October 15, 2025

Softcopy of the full paper composed in word format (.doc/.docx) should be submitted as an attachment through

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Report about 364th Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC

The 364th Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC was held on 17th July, 2025 (Thursday) at 6.00 pm in the meeting room of IASLIC which is situated at P - 291, CIT Scheme, 6M, Kankurgachhi, and Kolkata- 700054. The speaker of the above-mentioned Study Circle Meeting was Dr. Anasuya Bhar, Dean of Post Graduate Studies in English, St. Paul's Cathedral Mission College, Kolkata -700009. The Chairman of the meeting was Dr. Partha Karmakar, WBES, Deputy Secretary, West Bengal Primary Education Board. The Topic of the discussion at the said meeting was "In Search of A Book " (Ekti Boier Khonje). At 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, the Chairman of the session. The Chairman arrived after a few minutes of the starting of the meeting. During this time the meeting was presided over by Prof. K. P. Majumdar, Former Professor (Prof. Prabir Roychowdhury Chair), Department of Library and Information Science, Jadavpur University, Kolkata - 700032. Afterward, the Chairman, and the Speaker were felicitated. Prof. K. P. Majumdar has given an overview of the issues regarding the searching and use of books and other reading materials in thew libraries. After that the speaker Dr. Anasuay Bhar started the session and delivered her lecture on the particular issue. Dr. Bhar has discussed an overview regarding the searching of books and other reading materials in the libraries in a pinpointed manner. She has also described the issues related to the various aspects of document searching. Dr. Bhar has described the different types of problems she has faced during her student life as well as teaching life. She has also described the prospects of different types of libraries. She has cited some of her experiences during her childhood days. She has clearly explained that the old book market of the college street area in Kolkata is playing an important role regarding the creation of reading habit. After that the Chairman of the session Dr. Partha Karmakar has briefly described the entire discussion. Dr. Partha Karmakar, has also delivered his speech and he stated that he is encouraged by the librarians and he is very much interested about the library, library science and librarianship. Dr. Nitai Roychowdhury, Mr. Shibsankar Maity, Prof. K.P. Majumdar, and others took part in the discussion and question-answer session. The vote of thanks was delivered

by Miss. Moumita Ash, Joint Secretary of IASLIC. Then, Dr Tridib Chattopadhyay, Convenor of the Study Circle Division of IASLIC has thanked all the dignitaries, guests and the audience regarding their active participation and involvement. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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

ASLIP DARPAN

ASLIP which stands for Association of Senior Library and Information Professionals is a registered body which has been established to foster continuous professional growth and serve as a platform for connecting library professionals from India and abroad. The quarterly newsletter of ASLIP is "ASLIP Darpan". It stands out as a cornerstone project of ASLIP—regularly informing, inspiring and connecting library professionals. There is a dedicated and professional editorial board which works under the supervision of Dr. R. P. Kumar as Chief Editor. Dr. Kumar is a former Chief Librarian, AIIMS, New Delhi. The other members of the editorial board are Dr. Rajwant Singh, Canada; Dr. P. K. Gupta, Jaipur; Dr. (Mrs.) Deepti Madaan, Chandigarh; Dr. (Mrs.) Sanjana Sharma, Panipat.

Launch Date: The inaugural issue of **ASLIP Darpan** debuted on **26 January 2024**, marking a landmark moment for the Association of Senior Library and Information Professionals (ASLIP). The team ensures that every quarterly issue of ASLIP Darpan is released on 15th of the due month.

Purpose & Content:

- To serve as a vital communication bridge among senior and serving library professionals.
- Tracks emerging trends at the intersection of librarianship and technology.
- Highlights ASLIP's key activities and accomplishments.
- Showcases member achievements across professional fronts.
- Welcomes and profiles new members.
- Honors and commemorates the contributions of early stalwarts in the library profession.

The editorial board sincerely wishes library community achieve new heights and their achievements mark every issue of ASLIP Darpan. May more library professionals become a part of ASLIP family and contribute to its growth and development.

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3 days Leadership Development Program (LDP) organized by Goa Institute of Management, Goa, and LIS Academy, Bangalore, during 4 to 6 June, 2025

- A brief report -

The Leadership Development Program (LDP) 2025, held from 4 to 6 June at the Goa Institute of Management (GIM), marked a milestone in advancing librarianship in India by redefining the librarian's role from a passive custodian of books to an active strategic knowledge leader. The program is jointly organized by GIM, established in 1993, a premier autonomous business school approved by AICTE, dedicated to transforming and advancing management education in India and the LIS Academy (Library & Information Science Academy), Bangalore, a professional charitable established to work for the development of the Profession and to assist Libraries with the state-of the-art technology. The three-day residential program brought together senior library professionals from across the country, offering a unique blend of management sciences and library science to address the challenges posed by rap iddigital transformation and evolving academic ecosystems. The program commenced with inaugural remarks by Dr. Takappa R and Prof. P. V. Konnur, who emphasized the need for strategic collaboration among librarians, administrators, and technology experts. The keynote speaker, Mr. Bhushan Savaikar, Director of Higher Education, Goa inspired participants by highlighting the importance of maintaining a balance between embracing digital access and preserving the irreplaceable value of human interaction in library services. The opening sessions set the tone for the program by underscoring libraries' potential as critical hubs for academic engagement and innovation. Core technical sessions delved into key themes such as strategic leadership, emotional intelligence, human resource development, technology integration, knowledge management, and library space innovation. Renowned faculty members, including Prof. Rahul Sukumaran on strategy, Prof. Rathish Bhatt on managing change, Prof. Karman Khanna on communication, and Prof. V. Padmanabhan on conflict resolution, enriched the learning experience with their insights. These sessions helped participants explore practical approaches to lead libraries with vision, empathy, and readiness for continuous change. Interactive elements such as role plays, design challenges, group presentations, and gamified exercises fostered collaborative learning and creative problem-solving. Participants worked in teams to address contemporary topics like sustainable technology adoption, knowledge-centric library development, and user -centered service innovation, encouraging experimentation and hands-on application of concepts. Highlights of the program included sharing innovative practices from leading institutions, such as AI-powered chatbots for user

assistance at IIM Kozhikode, user experience scorecards developed at Ashoka University, emotionally intelligent HR design strategies pioneered at GIM, technology-integrated library infrastructure at NAL and Parul, and unique team-building rituals adapted from corporate environments like TCS. These examples demonstrated how libraries can effectively integrate technology and human-centered design to enhance services and user engagement.

The valedictory function featured closing reflections by Dr. Sandesh Dessai, Mr. Jelani, Dr. Takappa R, and Prof. Konnur, who lauded participants' enthusiasm and commitment to transformative librarianship. Certificates were distributed, and speakers reinforced the urgency of positioning librarians as strategic enablers of institutional knowledge equity, innovation, and academic excellence. Key takeaways from LDP 2025 highlighted the need for visionary leadership, empathetic HR practices, continuous adaptability, strategic technology integration, and inspiring library spaces designed around user needs. The program recommended expanding future LDPs by incorporating global perspectives, establishing structured post-event mentorship opportunities, creating a digital repository of resources, publishing a detailed proceedings report, and forming an active alumni network to sustain professional growth and collaboration.

Overall, LDP 2025 empowered participants to reimagine their roles and libraries as agile, inclusive, and future-ready centers of learning, positioning them to better support India's academic and research communities in a rapidly changing world. By fostering leadership capabilities, encouraging innovation, and building a community of forward-thinking library professionals, the program set a new benchmark for professional development in Indian librarianship.



EK PAD MA KA NAAM (KNOWLEDGE SESSION) Drawing Competition on "Save Trees, Save Environment"

GIET School of Pharmacy in collaboration with My Bharat (Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, East Godavari District), organized the "Ek Ped Maa Ka Naam" (A Tree in Mother's Name) program at GIET School of Pharmacy on 18th July 2025. The event was aimed to promote environmental awareness and emotional connection through a unique initiative encouraging students to plant saplings in honor of their mothers. Addressing the gathering, Vice Principal, GIET School of Pharmacy Dr. S. Ramachandran highlighted the significance of planting and nurturing trees, stressing the vital role they play in environmental conservation. He urged students to take personal responsibility for sustaining the saplings they planted and to carry forward the spirit of green consciousness. As part of the event, a drawing competition entitled "Save Trees, Save Environment" was conducted at the library, with nearly 40 students showcasing their creativity and environmental concern through art. Dr. C. Gopi, Professor, GIET School of Pharmacy judged the competition, and the winners were announced as follows:

K. Vaishnavi secured the First Prize, T. Lavanya won the Second Prize, and T. Veda Vagdevi received the Third Prize. Vice Principal Dr. S. Ramachandran presented the awards to the winners. The program also included a sapling drive in the college's medicinal garden, with active participation from faculties and students, who also took a pledge to commit themselves to environmental protection, faculty member Dr. K. Manohar, and My Bharat representatives G. Sattibabu and Sindhu were also present, lending their support to the initiative and reinforcing the message of sustainability and community involvement. In this event the programe organizer Mr Shaik Meera was felicitated by the My Bharat East Godavari team and Vice principal Dr S Ramachandran with a shawl and Momento.





PERSONALIA

Prof. Uma Kanjilal, Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has been appointed as Vice Chancellor of IGNOU. The first woman Vice Chancellor Prof Kanjilal has previously served as Pro Vice Chancellor of the university. She is currently the National Coordinator for SWAYAM and SWAYAM PRABHA, the flagship digital education initiatives of the Ministry of Education, Government of India. IASLIC family congratulates Prof. Kanjilal.



Or. Debal Chandra Kar, University Librarian, Galgotias University, Greater Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh has been elected as Convenor of the Special Interest Group on Digital Humanities - Digital Scholarship, IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations, Netherlands) for the term 2025 - 2027. IASLIC congratulates Dr. Kar.

AWARDED

Mr Rajib Roy, Assistant University Librarian, University of Calcutta has been awarded Ph D degree in Library and Information Science by University of Calcutta for his thesis "Information Needs of Tea Garden Workers of Kalchini Block in the District of Alipurduar, West Bengal: A Study". Dr Rajib Roy pursued his research under the supervision and guidance of Dr Susmita Chakraborty and Dr Biplab Chakrabarti, both are professors of DLISc, University of Calcutta. IASLIC congratulates Dr Roy.

Mr Vijesh P V, Librarian, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous), Kochi has been awarded Ph D in Library and Information Science by Alagappa University, Karaikudi, Tamil Nadu for his thesis "Skills and Competency Level Among the Librarians in Business Schools of Kerala". Dr Vijesh pursued his research under the guidance of Dr P Ganesan, Librarian, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, Tamil Nadu. IASLIC congratulates Dr. Vijesh.

Glimpses of 364th Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC—17th July, 2025

























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- * Speaker: Dr. Anasuya Bhar, Dean of Post Graduate Studies in English, St. Paul's Cathedral Mission College, Kolkata

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