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Quote of the Month

"To ask why we need libraries at all, when there is so much information available elsewhere, is about as sensible as asking if roadmaps are necessary now that there are so very many roads." - Jon Bing was a Norwegian writer and law professor.

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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Announcement

The 34th All India IASLIC Conference – Library Vision 2040

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

Main theme: Library Vision 2040

- SIG 01: Social Science Information
Topic: Community Empowerment and Libraries
- SIG 02: Computer Application in Libraries
Topic: Innovative Library Services in Digital Age

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Glimpses of IASLIC Conference: "Library Vision – 2020" at University of Kashmir in 2011



Institutional Members of IASLIC for the Year 2024

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4	Central Leather Research Institute, Chennai, Tamil Nadu	0102 - I[Z 1]
5	Charuchandra College, Kolkata, West Bengal	2902 - I[Z 6]
6	Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly	0130 - I[[Z 3]
7	Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore, Karnataka	2797 - I[Z 1]
8	Dhemaji College, Dhemaji, Assam	4029 - I[Z 5]
9	Duliajan College, Duliajan, Assam	4051 - I [Z 5]
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11	Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune, Maharashtra	
12	Heritage Institute of Technology, Kolkata, West Bengal	2877 - I[Z 6]
13	Highways Research Station, Chennai, Tamil Nadu	
14	Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata, West Bengal	0172 - I[Z 6]
15	India International Centre, New Delhi	
16	Karnataka State Open University, Mysore, Karnataka	4057 - I[Z 1]
17	Konkan Gyanpeeth Karjat College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Raigad, Maharashtra	3102 - I[Z 2]
18	Maharaja Ganga Singh University, Bikaner, Rajasthan	3821 - I[Z 2]
19	North Gujrat University, Patan, Gujarat	0376 - I[Z 2]
20	Nabajyoti College, Kalgachia, Assam	4030 - I[Z 5]
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]
30	Dravidian University, Kuppam	4019 - I[Z 1]
31	Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar	0062 - I[Z 4]
32	Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta	0219 - I[Z 6]
33	International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai	0261 - I[Z 2]
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]
37	Kuvempu University Library, Shankaraghatta	0291 - I[Z 1]
38	Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie	0293 - I[Z 3]
39	Malviya National Institute of Technology, Jaipur	3433 - I[Z 2]
40	Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata	4055 - I[Z 6]
41	Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur	0411 - I[Z 3]
42	Pravabati College, Mayang Imphal, Manipur	4025 - I[Z 5]
43	Rani Channamma University, Bhutaramanahatti, Belagavi	3672 - IZ 1]
44	Regional Institute of Education, Mysore	0413 - I[Z 1]
45	Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati	0448 - I[Z 1]

46	Vasant Dada Sugar Institute, Pune	0489 – I[Z 2]
47	Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune	0109 – I[Z 2]
48	Institute of Management Studies, Career Development & Research, Ahmednagar	0330 – I[Z 2]
49	Maynaguri College, Jalpaiguri, WB	4040 – I[Z 6]
50	Moolji Jaitha College, Jalgaon, Maharashtra	4041 – I[Z 2]
51	Pramathesh Barua College, Assam	4045 – I[Z 5]
52	Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata	0404 – I[Z 6]
53	Sukanta Mahavidyalaya, Dhupguri, WB	0456 – I[Z 6]
54	Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Kolkata	0127 – I[Z 6]
55	Giri Institute of Development Studies, Lucknow	0172 – I[Z 3]
56	Kerala University Library, Thiruvananthapuram	0479 – I[Z 1]
57	National Institute of Technology Karnataka, Surathkal	0343 – I[Z 1]
58	National Institute of Technology, Silchar, Assam	0358 – I[Z 5]
59	Raja Peary Mohan College, Uttarpara, West Bengal	4046 – I[Z 6]
60	Ramananda College, Bishnupur, West Bengal	4034 – I[Z 6]
61	Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bangalore	0216 – I[Z 1]
62	Seth R C S Arts & Commerce College, Durg	2787 – I[Z 3]
63	Serampore College, Theology Library, Serampore, WB	2452 – I[Z 6]
64	Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai	0463 – I[Z 2]
65	Women's College, Kolkata	4037 – I[Z 6]
66	St Berchmans College, Changanassery, Kerala	0449 – I[Z 1]
67	University of Calicut, Calicut, Kerala	0086 – I[Z 1]
68	University of Mumbai, Mumbai	0480 – I[Z 2]
69	University of Mysore, Mysuru	0325 – I[Z 1]
70	University of North Bengal, Raja Rammohanpur, Siliguri, WB	

359th Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC

The 359th Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC will be held on 13th February, 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. Anup Kumar Routh, Librarian, Sovarani Memorial College, Jagatballabhpur, Howrah, West Bengal will be the speaker of the above mentioned study circle meeting. Dr. Sib Sankar Jana, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kalyani, Nadia, WB. will be the Chairman of the session. The topic of discussion of the above mentioned study circle

meeting will be as follows:- “Books, Libraries and Book Reading In the Light of Pandit Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar “ 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.



ReLAITE 2025

Raja Rammohan Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF) sponsored National Conference on “Redefining Librarianship in the AI Technological Era: Innovations, Challenges and Opportunities” (ReLAITE 2025) will be held at Department of Library and Information Science, School of Communication, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvavur (Neelakudi Campus), Tamil Nadu during 20 - 21 March, 2025.

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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 Kanjilal, 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 358th Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC: A brief report

The 358 th Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC was held on 9 th January, 2025 (Thursday) at 6.00 pm in the meeting room of IASLIC which is situated at P291, CIT Scheme, 6M, Kankurgachhi, and Kolkata- 700054. The speaker of the above-mentioned Study Circle Meeting was Dr Swarup Kumar Raj, Superintendent (Library Services), Department of Applied Physics, University of Calcutta. The Chairman of the meeting was Prof. Salil Chandra Khan, Former Associate Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, West Bengal. The Topic of the discussion of the said meeting was "University of Calcutta Library System –its glorious past and present with special reference to the Digital Archives". 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, has introduced the Speaker and the Chairman of the session. Then the Chairman and the Speaker were felicitated with flower bouquets by Miss Moumita Ash, Joint Secretary of IASLIC. After that the meeting was started. Dr Swarup Kumar Raj stated that the University of Calcutta Library System spread over eight campuses and analysed the University Library System in a Nutshell. He also briefly discussed the activities of the University of Calcutta Library before 2000 and after 2000. The main focus was on how the digitisation of resources is carried out in the digital Library of the University of Calcutta. It gives innovative thoughts into which technological transformation has been implemented in the University Library for digitising the documents. E-resources are the most useful source for the library users. The University Library has built up digital libraries in all the campuses so that students can mostly use the digitised resources from any campus. Theses have been digitised and full text is available. Through the implementation of the Digital Library System in the University library, it would enhance the University's education and research value. Both rare and valuable printed as well as digital resources are available and highly used physically and also virtually.

Prof. Salil Chandra Khan has briefly described the entire discussion. Prof. K.P. Mazumdar, Dr Siva Balaraman 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. 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.

Archives in Action: Stakeholders' Meeting – A Brief Report

P C Mahalanobis Memorial Museum & Archives (PCMMM&A) of the Indian Statistical Institute in collaboration with the National Archives of India, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of



Kolkata.

India organised a two-day stakeholders' meeting on "Archives in Action" from 27th-28th January, 2025 at the Platinum Jubilee Auditorium, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata. The meeting was attended by 50 archivists from 15 states, representing prominent institutions such as the National Archives of India (NAI), Tripura State Archives, Odisha State Archives, West Bengal State Archives, Punjab State Archives, DS Group's Corporate Archives & Museum, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (New Delhi), Aditya Birla Centre for Archival Research (Mumbai), Sir J.C. Bose Trust, Indian Institute of Astrophysics (Bangalore), SCTR-Jadavpur University, India Foundation for the Arts, Indian Museum (Kolkata), Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Bose Institute, School of Vedic Studies (RBU), CEPT Archives (Ahmedabad), Nanda Talukdar Foundation (Assam), Kolkata Centre for Creativity, SBI Museum & Archives, Asiatic Society (Kolkata), Lalbhai Dalpatbhai Museum (Ahmedabad), French Institute of Pondicherry, Cooch Behar Archive, Victoria Memorial Hall, Calcutta University, CARC-Nalanda University, CBSL Group, and many more.

The meeting commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, symbolizing the collaborative spirit of the gathering. Prof. Dhurjati Prasad Sengupta, Chair of the PCMMM&A Committee, delivered the opening remarks, emphasizing the vital role of stakeholder participation in preserving institutional history and advancing future archival efforts. Dr. Kishor Chandra Satpathy, In-charge of PCMMM&A and Organizing Secretary, provided an insightful overview of the meeting's objectives, stressing the significance of archives in nation-building and the importance of collaborative dialogue in strengthening archival practices.

The event was inaugurated by Shri Arun Singhal, Director General, NAI, who was the Chief Guest. Dr. Debanjan Chakrabarti, Director of the British Council, East & North East India, attended as the Special Guest and highlighted the crucial role of archives in preserving and disseminating knowledge. He emphasized the need for innovative approaches to make archives more accessible and engaging for the public.

In her presidential address, Prof. Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay, Director of the Indian Statistical Institute

(ISI), highlighted the institution's ongoing commitment to innovation, collaboration, and excellence. She emphasized the crucial role of preserving documents in safeguarding our collective history and cultural heritage. Prof. Bandyopadhyay also extended her heartfelt gratitude to all stakeholders for their enthusiastic participation and steadfast support, acknowledging their vital contributions to the success of the event.

The sessions on the first day focused on the challenges faced by archives in the digital age, strategies for effective



preservation, and the importance of community engagement. Participants shared best practices and explored potential solutions to common issues, fostering a sense of unity and shared purpose among attendees.

On the second day, discussions revolved around collaborative initiatives and the development of a unified strategy to enhance archival practices across the country. Attendees delivered presentations on topics such as digital archiving, metadata standards, and the integration of technology in archival processes. These sessions provided participants with practical insights and essential tools for implementing modern archival techniques.

A significant outcome of the meeting was the consensus on the need for a centralized digital repository to facilitate easier access to archival materials for researchers and the public. Discussions also emphasized the importance of training programs to build capacity among archivists, ensuring the sustainability and growth of archival institutions.

The "Archives in Action" stakeholders' meeting concluded successfully, marking a significant step forward in the collaborative efforts to preserve and promote India's rich archival heritage. The event not only provided a platform for knowledge exchange but also strengthened the network among archival institutions, paving the way for future collaborations and advancements in the field.

Participants expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to engage in meaningful discussions and looked forward to implementing the insights gained during the meeting in their respective institutions. The collective commitment to enhancing archival practices underscored the shared dedication to preserving the nation's history for future generations.

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Date: 2ND December 2024- 28th February, 2025 (Tentative)

Course content

- Growth and Development of Library and Information Science
- Knowledge World [Universe of Subjects]
- Knowledge Organizing Theories (Dewey, Brown, Hulme, Bliss, Rangamathan)
- 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

Project Report submission based on fieldwork planned at 7 Study corners of NSOU (State Central Library, Metropolitan Library, Joy Krishna Pathagar, Barasat Dist. Library, Basirhat District Library, Uttar Dinajpur District Library, North Bengal State Library) o Field Visit (Any national-level Library/Archive/Museum)

Faculty- Internal Faculty including 25% External faculties (Payment of rupees 1000/- including TA may be initiated from course fees) Mode of conduct: In-person

Place I Location: Kalyani Regional Campus

Selection of the learners:

Minimum qualification of the participants: Should be Certificate in Library science or BLIS from any recognised institution.(Maximum 25% of the total seats of a batch will be reserved for only Certificate passed candidates).Selection will be on first-cum-first-serve basis.

s/ Certificate: A certificate signed by the convenor, joint convenor, HOD-DI-IS, and Deputy librarian will be circulated to the each candidate based on his/her satisfactory performances complying with the feedback analysis process.

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

Track II: Promoting Community Engagement and Collaboration

Track III: Enriching Academic Library Resources

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

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.

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

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.

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