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Quote of the Month

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” - Dr. Seuss –an American children’s author, political cartoonist, illustrator, poet, animator, and filmmaker.

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

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 by e-mail (iaslic.india@gmail.com) on or before 30 June 2025.

For eligibility criteria for the application of S M Ganguly – IASLIC Librarian of the Year Award: Please visit IASLIC website–<https://www.iaslic1955.org.in/Default.aspx?PageId=123>

IASLIC 34th All India Conference 2025

Important Announcement

This is to inform all concerned that as resolved in the Meeting of the Executive Council of IASLIC held on 16.06.2025, **“IASLIC 34th All India Conference 2025” scheduled to be held at the University of Kashmir, Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir during September 16 - 18, 2025 has been changed due to unavoidable circumstances of the present situation. The venue and date of “IASLIC 34th All India Conference 2025” will be announced shortly.**

The Theme and Sub-Theme of IASLIC 34th All India Conference 2025 – “Library Vision 2047” will remain unchanged. The topics of two SIG will also remain unchanged. The learned professionals and esteemed members of IASLIC are requested to continue their valuable contribution by sending research articles to the 34th All India Conference 2025.

The well-wishers, patrons and esteemed members of IASLIC are earnestly requested to please bear with us and extend your hands for the success of the forthcoming “IASLIC 34th All India Conference 2025”.

The members of the Executive Council of IASLIC deeply regretted the inconveniences caused to all of you.

Hony. General Secretary
IASLIC, Kolkata

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 teaching-learning 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

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- 14 Case Studies of Innovative Library Initiatives

2 Tools and Technologies

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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 : **September 16-18, 2025**

Last date of submission of Full Paper: **June 07, 2025**

Letter intimating acceptance by: **July 07, 2025**

For more details please visit: <https://www.iaslic1955.org/in/>

364th Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC

The 364th Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC will be 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, Kolkata - 700054. **Dr. Anasuya Bhar, Dean of Post Graduate Studies in English, St. Paul's Cathedral Mission College, Kolkata**, will be the speaker of the above-mentioned study circle meeting. **Dr. Partha Karmakar, WBES, Deputy Secretary, West Bengal Primary Education Board**, will be the Chairman of the session. The Speaker and the Chairman, both of them are very much interested regarding the Library, Library Science and Librarianship. The topic of discussion of the abovementioned study circle meeting will be as follows:- **"In Search of A Book (Ekti Boier Khonje)"**. 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
Study Circle Division, IASLIC

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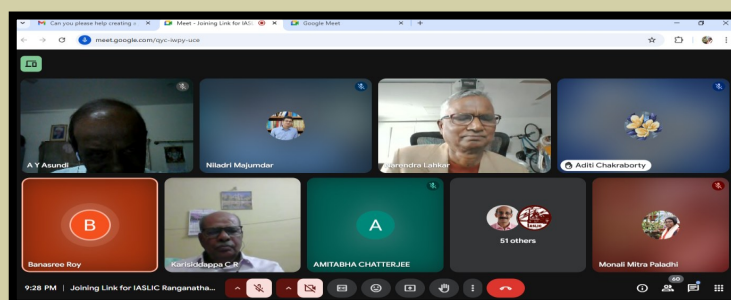
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35.	Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata, West Bengal	0407 – [Z 6]
36.	Ramananda College, Bishnupur, West Bengal	4034 – I[Z 6]
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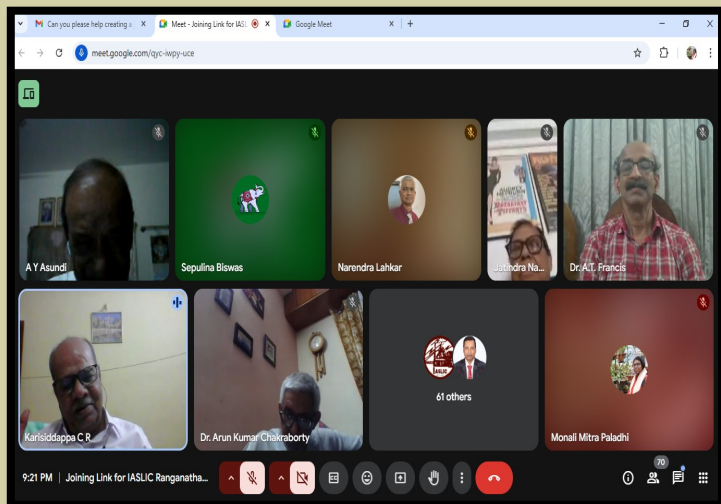
41.	Seth R C S Arts & Commerce College, Durg, Chhattisgarh	2787 – I[Z 3]
42.	Shimurali Sachinandan College of Education, Shimurali, West Bengal	
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44.	Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai, Maharashtra	0463 – I[Z 2]
45.	Tuljaram Chaturchand College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Baramati	0473 – I[Z 2]
46.	Sukanta Mahavidyalaya, Dhupguri, West Bengal	0456 – I[Z 6]
47.	United Theological College, Bangalore, Karnataka	0476 – I[Z 1]
48.	University of North Bengal, Raja Rammohanpur, West Bengal	0481 – I[Z 6]
49.	Women's College, Calcutta	4037 – I[Z 6]

Ranganathan Memorial Lecture – A Brief Report

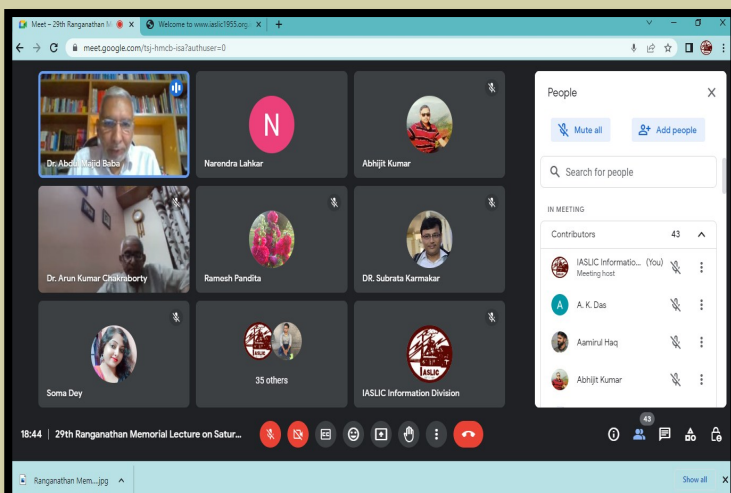
The 31st Ranganathan Memorial Lecture was held on 3 May, 2025 at 8 PM through online mode (Google Meet). Prof Ashok Y Asundi, Former Professor and Chairman, Department of Library and Information Science, Bangalore University, Bangalore delivered the prestigious lecture on the topic “Implicit Knowledge : Concepts in Ranganathan’s Contributions”. The online programme was chaired by Prof. Narendra Lahkar, President of IASLIC. Extending hearty welcome to the Speaker, Chairperson and all participants linked with the programme through Google Meet, Shri Abhijit Kumar, General Secretary, IASLIC, traced the origin of IASLIC – Ranganathan Memorial Lecture in 1993 following a decision of IASLIC Council Meeting held at Annamalai Nagar in 1992. Shri Kumar also introduced the Speaker. Prof Narendra Lahkar, Chairperson, expressed sincere gratitude to Prof Ashok Y Asundi for agreeing to deliver the Ranganathan Memorial Lecture. Prof Ashok Y Asundi commenced his lecture by paying homage to Dr S R Ranganathan, the Father of Library Science in India. He expressed his gratitude and felt honoured to deliver the prestigious lecture of IASLIC. Prof Asundi identified ten areas of Ranganathan’s contributions and expressed each area in the light of implicit knowledge. Prof Asundi classified knowledge as tacit, explicit, potential and implicit, where implicit knowledge is the derivation of tacit knowledge not directly expressed and inherent in nature. While discussing “Five Laws of Library Science” he began with the concept “Normative Principle” where the term normative pertains to giving directive dealing with norms. Ranganathan’s ‘Five Laws’ have captured worldwide attention of the library profession and OCLC sponsored research has redefined the five laws in the context of new generation users, he added. According to Prof Asundi, ‘Documentation’, introduced by Ranganathan, extended the horizon of library science with new professional opportunities. Ranganathan defined the term document as a graphic record of some idea or some phenomenon, made in words or in pictures and ‘document’ consists of three parts - ‘soul’, ‘thought content’ and ‘subtle body’.

Again Ranganathan categorized four kinds of documents – macro, micro, neo and meta document, Dr Asundi added. In his speech Dr Asundi explained different types of books, viz. ‘books with message’, ‘books with flair’, ‘orientation books’, ‘seminal books’ as categorized by Dr S R Ranganathan. Again Ranganathan demonstrated various types of readers (difficult reader, reader with inferiority complex, reader with superiority complex, reader with traumatic complex, mere ignorant reader, self reader, wasters of time, fraud) coming to the library and the manner they are dealt in the library through case studies, he added. Dr Asundi briefly narrated Ranganathan’s contributions to the theory of library classification. Influenced by Henry Evelyn Bliss and W C Berwick Sayers, Ranganathan developed a very comprehensive and dynamic theory and demonstrated it practically in his Colon Classification. According to him, the complementary contributions to the theory of library classification are the creation of an exclusive terminology to Library Classification in particular and Library Science as a whole. He mentioned Ranganathan’s modes of formation and schemes of subjects and isolates that are profiles of a classification scheme. In his speech, Dr Asundi highlighted Ranganathan’s Chain Indexing which has potentiality to derive subject headings mechanically without consideration of the ‘Citation Order’. Also he mentioned how the concept of “Prenatal Cataloguing or Cataloguing in Publication” is applied by Library of Congress in preparing catalogue data that appears on verso of the title page of every book. Prof Asundi highlighted on ‘Seminal Mnemonics and Unitary Theory’ of Ranganathan which helps synthesize a class number without recollecting Classification Schedule. He explained the term ‘Librametry’, coined by S R Ranganathan in 1948 which focuses on the quantitative study of various aspects of library.





organization of library systems. Librametry will help determine library staff strength, disposition of staff for circulation and reference services as well as design of library building and furniture. At the end of his speech, Prof Asundi focussed on LIS education and Ranganathan's contribution to LIS education. Ranganathan pioneered LIS education in India by establishing a Certificate Course in Library Science at the Madras Library Association in 1929 and was also responsible for starting Master's and Doctoral programs in Library Science at Delhi University. He also founded Documentation Research and Training Centre (DRTC) in Bangalore, a dedicated research and training institution for documentation and information science. Ranganathan advocated always for 'Library Centred Education' and the report of UGC Review Committee (formed in 1965 under Chairmanship of Dr S R Ranganathan) was influential in guiding library education programs in Indian universities for many years, Dr Asundi concluded. Prof Lahkar, Chairperson of the program then invited comments, observations from listeners and participants.



A few participants shared their observations on the thought provoking lecture and also requested the speaker to share the PDF slides. Finally, the online lecture program ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr Banasree Ray, Joint Secretary, IASLIC. Around 90 library professionals attended the program. Ms Monali Mitra Paladhi, Convenor, Information Science Division, IASLIC and Mr Sujan Saha, Librarian, Sarat Centenary College, Dhaniakhali, West Bengal extended technical support to complete the program successfully.

Report about the 363rd Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC

The 363rd Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC was held on 12th June, 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. Arup Ratan Das, Librarian, Ichhapur Bibhukinkar High School, Ichhapur, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal. The Chairman of the meeting was Mr. Sibsankar Maity, Former Librarian, Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Institution, Phoolbagan, Kolkata. The Topic of the discussion at the said meeting was "Crisis in School Library : West Bengal ". Dr. Partha Karmakar, WBES, Deputy Secretary, West Bengal Primary Education Board, was present there as the Chief Guest. 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 and the Chief Guest of the session. Afterward, the Chairman , the Chief Guest and the Speaker were felicitated. Then, Mr. Sibsankar Maity, the Chairman of the session gave an overview of the issues regarding the present situations and conditions of the school libraries of West Bengal. After that the speaker Dr. Arup Ratan Das started the session and delivered his lecture on the particular issue. Dr. Arup Ratan Das has discussed an overview of the present situations and conditions of the school libraries in West Bengal in a pinpointed manner. He has also described the issues related to the various aspects of School Librarianship. Dr. Das has described the different types of problems of school libraries and the problems of school librarians of West Bengal. Dr. Das has also described the prospects of school libraries and school librarianship of West Bengal.

He has clearly explained that there is a need for specific policy for the school libraries of West Bengal and he told that the anomalies regarding the pay scale and status of the school librarians should be resolved immediately. After that the Chairman of the session Mr. Sibsankar Maity has briefly described the entire discussion. Dr. Partha Karmakar, the Chief Guest of the session 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. Mr. Baidyanath Dutta, the Secretary, All Bengal School Librarians' Association (ABSLA) has also delivered his speech. Prof. K.P. Majumdar, the President, Bengal Library Association (BLA) has also took part in the discussion. Shri Abhijit Kumar, Mr. Sujan Saha, Mr. Pradip Sarkar and others took part in the discussion and question-answer session. The vote of thanks was delivered by Mr. Pradip Sarkar, Treasurer 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.

Information Literacy Awareness Program with Focus on Drug Eradication

“A Life in Intoxication is a Ruined Life.”

The Library Department, in collaboration with the NSS Unit of GIET School of Pharmacy, organized an Information Literacy Awareness Program, integrating the theme of drug eradication as part of its holistic approach to student empowerment on 26.06.2025 at the GIET Library. The event was conducted to sensitize students to the harmful effects of drug usage and inspire a commitment to building a drug-free society. The program commenced with an insightful address by Dr. M.D. Dhana-
raju, the principal, remarked, A life under the influence is a life destroyed. Let us all strive to build a drug-free society. A significant highlight of the event was the anti-drug pledge taken by the students, symbolizing their collective resolve to reject drugs and embrace a healthy lifestyle. To further engage the student community, a series of competitions, including elocution, essay writing, and drawing, were held under the theme “Say No to Drugs, Yes to Life.” These competitions showcased the creativity of the students and served as a platform for expression against drug abuse. Winners were felicitated with prizes by the principal.

The program was actively supervised by Shaik Meera, Librarian & NSS Program Officer, and Dr. K. Manohar, Professor, who also served as a judge for the competitions while explaining the mission and vision of the Eagle Club.



CLSTL 2025 – IIT Gandhinagar

3rd International Conference on the Changing Landscape of Science & Technology Libraries (CLSTL 2025) will be held during 25–27 September 2025 at IIT Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India.

Theme: Enhancing Library Experiences with Artificial Intelligence

This enriching conference will bring together library professionals, researchers, and information specialists to discuss the evolving role of libraries in the digital era, especially how AI is transforming our work and services.

Pre-Conference Workshops: Hands-on workshops by experts follow the link to know more: <https://events.iitgn.ac.in/2025/clstl/workshops/>

Important Dates:

Abstract Submission: by 20 May 2025

Acceptance Notification: 30 May 2025

Final Submission: 31 July 2025

Registration Deadline: 31 August 2025

E-mail : clstl@iitgn.ac.in

<https://events.iitgn.ac.in/2025/clstl>

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".

Important Dates

30 th May 2025	Last Date for Submission
30 th August 2025	Intimation to Author
15 th September 2025	Last date for Registration

SUB-THEMES

DIGITAL KNOWLEDGE CREATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- Designing Policies to Strengthen Library Systems Across India
- The Role of Cloud Computing, AI, and Blockchain in Library Systems
- Strengthening the Open Access Movement for Research and Education
- Open Educational Resources (OERs) for Equitable Learning Opportunities
- The Role of Government, Private Sector, and NGOs in Democratizing Access & Funding Strategies for Scaling and Modernizing Library Infrastructures.

LIBRARIES AS ENABLERS OF SOCIAL EQUITY AND SDGs

- Expanding Library Services for Underserved and Marginalized Communities
- Libraries Empowering Women, Children, and Differently-abled Individuals
- Inclusive Library Programs to Bridge the Urban-Rural Knowledge Gap
- Libraries as Advocates for Environmental Awareness and Education
- The Role of Libraries in Achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

LIBRARIES AS E-RESOURCE GATEWAYS AND INNOVATION HUBS

- Federated Search and Discovery Services to access e-resources
- Strengthening Library Networks for Global Information Access
- Fostering Start-Up Ecosystems through Knowledge Access and Mentorship
- Strengthening Research and Innovation through Smart Libraries, Makerspaces and Digital Labs
- Benchmarking and Performance Metrics for Academic Libraries

For more details visit: <https://caliber.inflibnet.ac.in>

Library Association of Bihar (LAB) organised 2 National Webinars - 18th May 2025 and One Week Workshop on 19th May 2025 to 24th May 2025.

1. National Webinar on "How to Face Interview: Some Tips to Crack Interviews" The Library Association of Bihar (LAB) organized a National Webinar titled "How to Face Interview: Some Tips to Crack Interviews" on 18th May 2025. This career-oriented event focused on preparing LIS professionals and students to confidently approach interviews in the academic and professional sectors. The programme began with a Welcome Address by Prof. Manoj Kumar Sinha, President, LAB, highlighting LAB's role in professional development. Ms. Parmita Sharma, Treasurer, LAB, introduced the invited speakers and later proposed a warm Vote of Thanks to all participants and guests. The webinar concluded on an inspiring note, with participants expressing appreciation for the valuable guidance offered.

2. One-Week National Workshop on "UGC-NET Examination Preparation for Library and Information Science" Fol-

lowing the webinar, LAB conducted a One-Week National Workshop on "UGC-NET Examination Preparation for Library and Information Science" from 19th to 24th May 2025, aimed at equipping NET aspirants with subject knowledge, strategies, and confidence. The Inaugural Session on 19th May 2025 was graced by Prof. Sonal Singh, Senior LIS Professional from Vikram University, Ujjain, as the Chief Guest, who delivered the Inaugural Address emphasizing disciplined preparation, consistency, and clarity of concepts.

The Valedictory Session on 24th May 2025 was graced by Dr. Kaushal Kishor Chaudhary, University Librarian, BRA Bihar University, as Chief Guest. He applauded LAB's efforts and encouraged participants to remain focused and goal-oriented. Ms. Parmita Sharma, Treasurer, LAB, moderated all sessions of the week-long workshop and concluded the event with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks.

AWARD

Prof Devika Madalli, Director, Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat has been awarded the prestigious SALIS - LIS Best Professional Award 2024 by the Society for the Advancement of Library and Information Science (SALIS), Chennai for her outstanding contributions, visionary leadership and lifelong dedication to the advancement of Library and Information Science in India. IASLIC extends congratulations to Prof Madalli.

OBITUARY

Mrs Ballari Bandyopadhyay, former Assistant Library and Information Officer of The National Library of India, passed away on 14 June, 2025. Born on 5 September 1946, Mrs Bandyopadhyay achieved M A in Ancient History and Culture from Calcutta University, M Lib Sc from Jadavpur University and Diploma in German and Russian languages. Mrs Bandyopadhyay joined The National Library of India as Junior Technical Assistant on 1 November 1971 and was promoted to Technical Assistant on 14 December 1983. She worked in many sections of National Library with efficiency till her retirement on 30 September 2006 as Assistant Library and Information Officer. Mrs Ballari Bandyopadhyay attached with 'Asutosh Collection' of the National Library for 22 years. Mrs Bandyopadhyay was associated with National Library Employees Association (NLEA) and served as President of NLEA for many years. She was Council Member of the Bengal Library Association and served as teacher of Training Course of Certificate in Library Science. She was life member of The Asiatic Society and IASLIC. IASLIC deeply mourns her death and extends heartfelt condolences to her family, friends and well wishers during this difficult time.

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