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Quote of the Month

"If you want to be a reference librarian, you must learn to overcome not only your shyness but also the shyness of others"

—S R Ranganathan

(12 August 1892 – 27 September 1972)

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News from different regions/states is solicited from library professionals/IASLIC members for inclusion in the newsletter.

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THE MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The IASLIC's new team (2026-2029) was inaugurated in the month of March 2026 when the first meeting of the Governing Board (GB) was held. Afterwards during an informal discussion, some senior members of the GB told me that the first and foremost task of the IASLIC should be to activate the Education Division. As a follow up, a Training Workshop on AI application was organized on 26 April 2026. The response was overwhelming. A large number of participants (more than eighty) attended the workshop. No doubt AI is the most talked about subject in the library world today.

What about planning for the future programmes. It has been decided to hold a workshop on Green Library. The latest thing in architecture is green buildings - covering walls and roofs with a carpet of plants to insulate, soak up rain and provide a home for wildlife. Growing ivy (*Hedera Helix*) has been suggested for buildings. It is particularly suitable for a cooling effect. What best suits Indian library buildings and how and to what extent the Green Library option with open roof sunlight and indoor plants can be introduced? These probably needs to be discussed in the workshop.

What are the other topics on which training programmes (both in person and online) can be organised? I am humbly inviting suggestions from the esteemed members of the IASLIC. I believe the members who belong to the teaching departments can provide us better options. A senior teacher has suggested that training workshops can be held on a) KOHA b) Dspace c) Job Rediness d) Writing and Presentation Skills e) Research Metrics f) Online classes on basic library skills like Classification and Cataloguing. It has also been suggested to organise a programme on Indian Knowledge System (IKS). Another programme which could be beneficial for the job seekers would be on Employment Opportunities for LIS Professionals in the Private Sector.

I believe we also need to organise programmes to enhance soft skills. For juniors, or say certificate holders, English conversation and basic writing skills will be important. There are a number of areas which come under the umbrella topic Transactional Analysis. It is a psychoanalytic theory and therapy method, introduced for the first time by the psychiatrist Eric Berne in the 1950's. It is based on study of human behaviour. A management degree holder specialising in organisational behaviour (OB) can conduct interactive training workshops on these topics.

Let us join hands together and plan for some meaningful and relevant training workshops for the LIS fraternity.

Date: 01.09.2026

Dr. P R Goswami
President, IASLIC

Newly Joined Life Members

1.	Ms Saheli Pal Dutta	4097 L-[Z-6]
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8.	Mr Gouranga Mondal	4104 L-[Z-6]

Celebration of National Librarians' Day, 2026 at IASLIC Kolkata Office

Indian Association of Special Libraries and Information Centers (IASLIC) has organized an observation programme to commemorate the 134th birth anniversary of the 'Father of Library Science in India', Dr. Shiyali Ramamrita Ranganathan on 12th August 2026 at IASLIC office Kolkata at 6.00 pm. A garlanding ceremony and floral tribute was arranged on the occasion to pay homage to Dr. Ranganathan by the Library Division of IASLIC. The programme was attended by the Executive Committee members (2026-28) of IASLIC, Library Professionals, LIS students and office staff. Honorary Librarian of IASLIC (2026-28), Mrs Sanjukta Roy welcomed the august gathering on behalf of the Library Division. The programme was presided over by Prof. Krishnapada Majumdar, Editor, ILSA. The ceremony commenced with lightening of the lamp by distinguished personalities present like the eminent teachers and senior librarians from the LIS field. This was followed by garlanding the portrait of Dr Ranganathan and floral tribute by all present. Prof. Krishnapada Majumdar addressed the gathering by remembering Dr. Ranganathan's contribution in the field specially his role in library movement in India. The Editor, ILSA, Prof. K.P. Majumder announced that the printed volume of ILSA, V.50 and V.51 for the year 2022-2023 is ready for publication and presented two copies of ILSA, V.50 and V.51 for the year 2022-2023 at this august gathering. The General Secretary, Dr. Banasree Roy extended her heartfelt wishes to the attendees and paid homage to the National Research Professor in LIS. Prof. Pijushkanti Panigrahi shared the historical perspective of observing the National Librarian's Day on 12th August and his knowledge on the illustrious life and contributions of Dr. Ranganathan which he learned as a student in DRTC, Bangalore. Dr. Nitai Ray Choudhury, Editor IASLIC Newsletter reiterated the achievements and contributions of Dr. Ranganathan. Shri Abhijit Kumar paid his tribute to Dr. Ranganathan. Dr. Jaydip Chanda, General Secretary BLA and Joint Secretary IASLIC enlightened the gathering by highlighting Dr. Ranganathan's role in Library Movement in India; his foundational role in library legislation by drafting India's first model library

bills and driving the legal framework for the public library systems. The LIS students who participated in the programme expressed their views and expectations one by one. Vote of thanks was delivered by the Convener, Library Division of IASLIC. Overall, the programme was a grand success.



Celebration of Librarians' Day jointly organized by IASLIC, BLA AND WBPLEA on 16th August, 2026 at Panagarh Gram Prathamik Vidyalaya: A brief Report

Like every year, this year also IASLIC, BLA and WBPLEA celebrated 37th Librarians' Day on 16th August, 2026 at Panagarh Gram Prathamik Vidyalaya from 09.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. The topic of the discussion was "Evolution of Book Publishing – from printed books to e-books". The West Burdwan District Committee of BLA successfully organized the celebration with the participation of more than 300 delegates from different districts of West Bengal. The program was organized to celebrate the 134th birth day of Prof. S. R. Ranganathan, the father of Library Science of India. At the beginning of the program, Dr. Joydeep Chanda, General Secretary, BLA, spoke about the importance of the Librarians' Day and described the role of the three organizations to organize the Librarians' Day program. The program was inaugurated by Dr. Jayati Ghosh, former Librarian, Commercial Library, Kolkata. The President of the Inaugural Session was Sri Jagamanhon Das, Vice-President, IASLIC. The Presidents of BLA and WBPLEA, The General Secretaries of IASLIC, BLA and WBPLEA were present on the Dias. The speakers of the program were Dr. Manabendra Nath Saha, Professor, Department of Bengali, Visva-Bharati, Sri Subrata Das, Proprietor of Setu Prakashani and Sri Abhijit Kumar Bhowmick, former Librarian, State Central Library, Kolkata, West Bengal. The coordinator of the program was Sri Goutam Goswami, Vice-Present, BLA. Indian Library and Information Science Abstracts (ILSA) – volume 50 and 51 for the year 2022 and 2023 was unveiled by the dignitaries present on the Dias. On the eve of Librarians' Day 2026 a "Souvenir 2026" was published. Vote of Thanks was given by Smt. Moumita Ash, Joint Secretary, IASLIC.



National Librarians Day 2026 jointly organized by the Central University of Tamil Nadu & IASLIC, Kolkata, Zone One: A brief Report

The Central University of Tamil Nadu (CUTN), in association with the Indian Association of Special Libraries and Information Centres (IASLIC), Kolkata (Zone 1), organized a national webinar to commemorate National Librarians Day 2026 on 15 August 2026 at 4.00 PM through Google Meet. The webinar was conducted on the theme "Library and Information Science Education in India at Cross Roads." The programme was presided over by Prof. S. Thanuskodi, Head, Department of Library and Information Science, CUTN, and coordinated by Dr. K. G. Sudhier, Vice President, IASLIC.

The eminent speaker, Prof. N. Laxman Rao, UGC Emeritus Fellow and Former Head, Department of Library and Information Science, Osmania University, Hyderabad, delivered the keynote address. He discussed the major issues and emerging needs in Library and Information Science education, particularly curriculum reform, digital integration, faculty development, industry collaboration, open access, professional development, employability, and research orientation. Following the keynote address, Prof. P G Tadasad, Department of Library and Information Science, Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women's University, Vijayapura; Dr. K. P. Vijayakumar, Former Head, DLIS, University of Kerala and Dr. S. Ravi Kumar, Associate Professor, DLIS, CUTN have shared their opinions and suggestions on the theme.

The webinar concluded with the concluding remarks of Prof. Akhandanand Shukla, DLIS, CUTN. Dr. S. Ravi Kumar, Associate Professor, DLIS, CUTN proposed the formal vote of thanks and expressed gratitude to the speaker, dignitaries, organizers, and participants.

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EMINENT SPEAKER

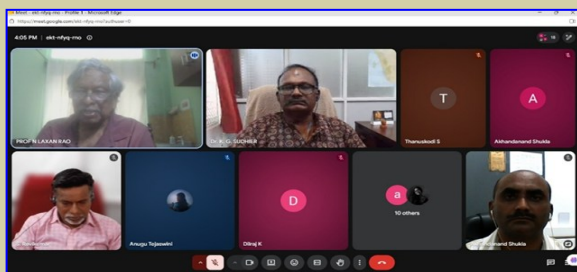
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UGC Emeritus Fellow & Former Head
Department of Library and Information Science
Osmania University, Hyderabad

NATIONAL WEBINAR ON
**Library and Information Science
Education in India at Cross Roads**

15 August 2026
Saturday 4.00 PM

Google Meet Link: <https://meet.google.com/ekt-nfyg-mo>

PRESIDED BY: **PROF. S. THANUSKODI**, HEAD, DLIS, CUTN
COORDINATOR: **DR. K. G. SUDHIER**, VICE PRESIDENT, IASLIC



Overall, the webinar was an informative and meaningful academic programme that provided an opportunity to discuss the present challenges and future directions of Library and Information Science education in India. The programme emphasized the importance of adapting LIS education to technological advancements, professional needs, employability, and the changing information environment.

Celebrations of National Librarian's Day-2026 IASLIC (South Zone) & St. Thomas College, Thrissur, Kerala: A brief Report

IASLIC, South zone in association with St Thomas College Thrissur (Autonomous), Kerala has organised a National Level Webinar on "Librarians of the World, Unite! Let's Democratize Knowledge" on the National Librarians' Day (12 August) of 2026 at 7.00 pm through Google Meet. The session was chaired by the Vice President of IASLIC, Dr K. G. Sudhier, who is Assistant Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvavur. Dr Syamili C., Assistant Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Calicut, Kerala, delivered the keynote session of the Webinar. The session provided new insights into open access and the role of librarians in it. The Webinar was organised in association with the Department of Library and Information Studies, St Thomas College Thrissur (Autonomous). Mr Sanjo Jose, College Librarian, St Thomas College, proposed the vote of thanks. 46 professionals participated in the webinar. The majority of them opined that the session was fruitful and informative. Former Librarian of ICAST, CSIR - National Aerospace



Laboratories, Bengaluru Dr IRN Goudar., Prof. P M Naushadali, AMU, Aligarh., Dr. M Natarajan, formerly with CSIR-NISIR., Dr Abdul Razak, Kerala Agricultural University among others participated in the session.



Knowledge Beyond Classroom Lecture Series on Green Libraries organized by DLIS, University of Delhi: A Report

The Department of Library and Information Science, University of Delhi organized a special talk on Green Libraries and interacted with the research scholars, PG students and faculty members of the Department of Library & Information Science, University of Delhi on 31 st July 2026. It was organized by DULSA under the kind direction of Prof. K.P. Singh, Head of the Department. It was a proud moment for me where I have studied from this department and taught me by the legendary teachers viz. Prof. Mangla, Prof. Sardana, Prof. Krishan Kumar, Prof. (Mrs) Sundaram, Prof. D.S. Agarwal, Prof. K.N. Gupta, Prof. Vasishtha, Prof. Kashyap, Prof. (Mrs) S.P. Singh and Prof. S. R. Gupta. Very happy to see the growth and development of the department in respect of infrastructure, hi-tech/smart class rooms, Dr. Ranganathan's seminar hall etc. The department is continuing the contribution of growth of literature output, journal publication and production of library professionals with updated curriculum under the umbrella of galaxy of eminent teachers presently consists of one Sr. Professor, seven number of Professors, one Associate Professors and one Assistant professor. Dr. Susanta Kumar Senapati, Convener, Education Division, IASLIC and ex-Principal Technical Officer, CSIR-CBRI and formerly Associate Professor in ACSIR has delivered a special lecture on Green Library at the said Lecture Series program. It was a good interactive session with the research scholars, PG students and faculty members of the Dept. It is worth to mention that Dr. Senapati is an alumnus of the Dept.





Announcement

Workshop of Green Library at IASLIC Office, Kolkata on 19th September, Saturday

Indian Association of Special Libraries and Information Centres (IASLIC) will organize a Workshop on Green Library through hybrid mode (offline and online) on 19th September, 2026, Saturday from 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. The Resource Person of the workshop is Dr. Susanta Kumar Senapati, Former Principal Technical Officer & Head, KRC, CSIR-Central Building Research Institute, Roorkee and Ex-Associate Professor, AcSIR. The esteemed professionals are requested to join at the workshop. The interested library professionals who wish to join offline mode should reach the IASLIC office at Kankurgachi, Kolkata 15 minutes before the workshop start. e-Certificates will be issued to all registered participants after completion of the workshop. All are welcome.

Dr. Joydeep Chanda
Member, Education Division &
Jt. Secretary, IASLIC

Dr. Banasree Roy,
General Secretary



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WORKSHOP ON
GREEN LIBRARY

Date:
19th September 2026,
Saturday

Time:
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

IASLIC is going to organize a workshop on Green Library

OBJECTIVES

- To understand the components of green library and materials
- To know green building features and availability of standards and codes
- To know the application of few green building features in existing libraries
- To know IFLA's contribution on green library

TARGET AUDIENCE

Students of BLISc & MLISc, Research Scholars, working library professionals and young faculties of LIS

RESOURCE PERSON



Dr. Susanta Kumar Senapati
Former Principal Technical Officer & Head,
KRC, CSIR-Central Building Research
Institute, Roorkee and Ex-Associate
Professor, AcSIR

REGISTRATION FEES

For Online mode:

- For IASLIC Members: Rupees 200/- only
- For non-IASLIC Members: Rupees 300/- only

For Offline/Physical mode:

- For Offline/physical mode (mode to be added) Rupees 300/-

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UPI ID: indianassociationlibraries167@sbi



MODE OF WORKSHOP

Online cum Offline (Hybrid mode)

Link will be provided one day before to all registered participants. They will connect and access on smart/mobile phone/laptop/PC on their respective place. Participants may ask to join before 15 minutes of the workshop schedule.

Interested to join OFFLINE mode should reach the IASLIC office at Kankurgachi, Kolkata 15 minutes before the workshop start.

CERTIFICATE: e-Certificates will be issued to all registered participants after completion of the workshop.

ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK

<https://forms.gle/Y4BXbtbCFbDKHnAu8>

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IASLIC 31st National Seminar 2026 – 28-30 December, at the Institute of Technical Education and Research, Sikha “O” Anushandhan, Bhubaneswar, Odisha

The second Circular of IASLIC 31st National Seminar 2026 is published and available at the IASLIC website. The library and information science professionals are requested to go to the IASLIC portal and download the brochure for detailed information about the National Seminar and other details. All are welcome.

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Dr. Banasree Roy,
General Secretary

Report of Seminar / Workshop/ Program/ Activities

A report on National Librarians' Day 2026

The Central Library, Alliance University, organized the Librarians' Day Celebration on 12 August 2026, commemorating the 134th birth anniversary of Padma Shri Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, the Father of Library Science in India. The programme aimed to honour his enduring contributions to Library and Information Science and highlight the evolving role of libraries in education, research, and knowledge dissemination. The event was graced by Dr. K. A. Venkatesh, Registrar (Examination and Evaluation), Alliance University, as the Chief Guest, and Mr. Giridhar Kunkur, Former Librarian of LNMIIT, Jaipur, and University Librarian, BITS Pilani, as the Guest of Honour. Dr. Prakash I. N., Librarian, Central Library, presided over the programme.

The celebration commenced with an invocation, ceremonial lighting of the lamp, and floral tributes to Dr. Ranganathan. Mr. Giridhar Kunkur was formally felicitated in recognition of his distinguished contributions to the Library and Information Science profession. In his address, he shared insights from his professional journey, highlighted Dr. Ranganathan's legacy, and emphasised professional ethics, continuous learning, technological adaptation, innovation, and user-centric library services. The programme also included recognition and appreciation of Central Library staff for their dedicated service. The Central Library expresses its sincere gratitude to the University Leadership Team, faculty members, staff, research scholars, and students for their valuable presence, support, and participation in making the celebration meaningful and memorable.



Allahabad Library Forum Celebrated National Librarians' Day, recalls enduring legacy of Dr. Ranganathan

PRAYAGRAJ – The Allahabad Library Forum, in collaboration with the College of Teachers Education (CTE), Uttar Pradesh, observed National Librarians' Day on Wednesday, 12 August 2026. The event marked the 134th birth anniversary of Dr. S.R. Ranganathan, widely regarded as the Father of Library Science in India. The programme highlighted the vital role of libraries and librarians in promoting knowledge and research, focusing heavily on the continuing relevance of Ranganathan's ideas in the digital and artificial intelligence-driven information age. Dr. Vishnu Srivastava, Convenor of the Forum, welcomed the participants and recalled Ranganathan's seminal contributions to libraries, particularly his foundational Five Laws of Library Science. Chief Guest of the occasion Mr. Ajay Kumar Singh, Joint Director (Education) and Principal of the College of Teachers Education delivered a detailed speech on the role of libraries with reference to the National Education Policy (NEP). He urged students to draw inspiration from Ranganathan's emphasis on innovation, lifelong learning, and service to society, particularly as libraries undergo rapid transformation driven by digital technologies and emerging information systems. The event also featured insights from other prominent speakers, including Dr. K.P. Singh (Allahabad Medical College), Mr. Puneet Kumar (Librarian CMP Allahabad University) Dr. Sardar Ahmad (Librarian, SIEMET), Dr. K.K. Suresh (Librarian, HRI), and Mr. Gulam Sarwar (District Manuscript Officer). More than 100 library professionals, including representatives from Allahabad University, Highcourt, Medical College, NIT, State Library, Museum, NASI, etc., participated.

As part of the celebrations, five librarians, namely: Ms. Suman Srivastava, Mr. Shyam Murti Shukla, Mr. Raj Kumar, Mr. S.C. Ram and Ms. Poornima Bajaj retired from various institutions across the district were felicitated for their sincere professional contributions to the field. The event also honoured the winners of the Inter-District Library Quiz Competition, which was organized on 9 August 2026. A total of 22 schools from the Prayagraj District physically participated in this competition, and two students from each school were awarded prizes and certificates during the programme. In addition to the physical event, an online Library Quiz was also organised through the District Inspector of Schools. This digital initiative saw massive state-wide engagement, with 16,672 students from various schools across all 75 districts of Uttar Pradesh participating. Online certificates were issued to the winners, who secured 60 percent and above in the online quiz.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Rajesh Kumar Gupta, reaffirming the commitment of both organisations to advancing library sciences and digital literacy in the region.



Personalia/ Award

Ms. Shaik Meera, Librarian, School of Pharmacy, Godavari Global University (GGU), Rajamahendravaram, Andhra Pradesh, has been honoured with the MALA Outstanding Service Award 2026 by the Madras Library Association (MALA), Chennai, in recognition of her outstanding contributions to library and information services, professional activities, community engagement and social service. The award was conferred on 16 August 2026 in Chennai. The recognition reflects her sustained commitment to promoting library services, supporting students and academic communities, and contributing to professional and social development through various initiatives. Mr. Shaik Meera has been actively associated with professional library activities and has also contributed significantly to NSS and community-service initiatives, particularly in areas of youth development, social awareness, environmental responsibility and community engagement.

This achievement is a matter of pride for the library profession and brings recognition to the contributions of librarians in advancing education, information access and community development. IASLIC congratulates Ms. Shaik Meera, Librarian, School of Pharmacy for this outstanding achievement and wishing a good health.



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