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Quote of the Month

“The contents of a library can take you further than your own imagination could begin to imagine. To open a book is to open your mind.” – Amberle Cianne, - an American Author

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 34th All India Conference 2025

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

CALL for PAPERS

Library Vision 2047 Vision 2047 Vision 2047

September 16-18, 2025

Venue

Allama Iqbal Library,

University of Kashmir, Srinagar

IASLIC 34th All India Conference 2025 Call for Papers The IASLIC 34th All India Conference 2025 will be organised in collaboration with the Allama Iqbal Library, University of Kashmir, Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir, India and is scheduled to be held at the Allama Iqbal Library, University of Kashmir, Srinagar during September 16-18, 2025.

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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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

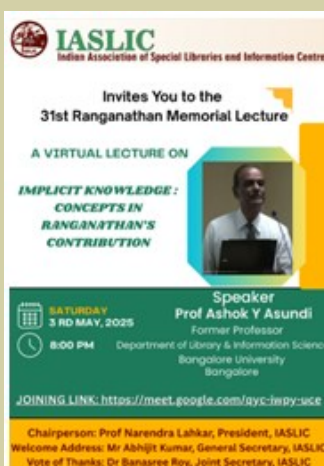
Dates of Conference : **September 16-18, 2025**

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/>

31st Ranganathan Memorial Lecture



IASLIC invites all to join the **31st Ranganathan Memorial Lecture** via **online mode** on **3rd May 2025 at 8 p.m.**

Topic of lecture: **Implicit Knowledge: Concepts in Ranganathan's contribution**

Speaker: **Prof. Ashok Y Asundi**

Joining link: <https://meet.google.com/qyc-iwpy-uce>

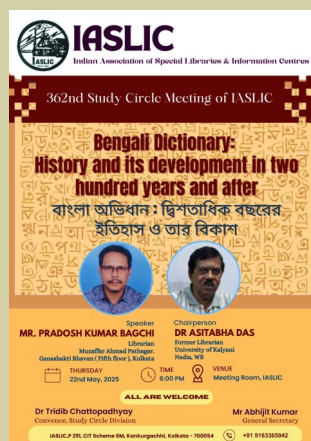
IASLIC ACTIVITIES

Institutional Members of IASLIC for the Year 2025

Sl. No.	Name of the Institute	Membership No.
1.	Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	0055 – I[Z 3]
2.	Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu	0079 – I[Z 1]
3.	Central Glass and Ceramic Research Institute, Kolkata, West Bengal	0092 – I[Z 6]
4.	Central Leather Research Institute, Chennai, Tamil Nadu	0102 – I[Z 1]
5.	Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore, Karnataka	2797 – I[Z 1]
6.	Dhemaji College, Dhemaji, Assam	4029 - I[Z 5]
7.	Heritage Institute of Technology, Kolkata, West Bengal	2877 – I[Z 6]
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9.	India International Centre, New Delhi	
10.	Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bangalore, Karnataka	0216 – I[Z 1]
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13.	Karnataka State Open University, Mysuru, Karnataka	4057 – I[Z 1]
14.	Karnataka University Library, Dharwad, Karnataka	0285 – I[Z 1]
15.	Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur, Kerala	0286 – I[Z 1]
16.	Kerala University Library, Thiruvananthapuram	0479 – I[Z 1]
17.	Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie	0293 – I[Z 3]
18.	Maharaja Ganga Singh University, Bikaner, Rajasthan	3821 – I[Z 2]
19.	Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak, Haryana	
20.	North Gujarat University, Patan, Gujarat	0376 – I[Z 2]
21.	North Eastern Council Secretariat, Shillong, Meghalaya	0371 – I[Z 5]
22.	PSG Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, , Coimbatore	1911 – I[Z 1]
23.	Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur, Chhattisgarh	0411 – I[Z 3]
24.	Prime Ministers Museum & Library, New Delhi	0368 – I[Z 4]
25.	Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, West Bengal	0404 – I[Z 6]
26.	Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata, West Bengal	0407 – [Z 6]
27.	Ramananda College, Bishnupur, West Bengal	4034 – I[Z 6]
28.	Ramkrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Kolkata, West Bengal	2793 – I[Z 6]
29.	Regional Institute of Education, Mysore, Karnataka	0413 – I[Z 1]
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31.	S R University, Hanumakonda, Telangana	
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33.	Shimurali Sachinandan College of Education, Shimurali, West Bengal	
34.	Space Applications Centre, ISRO, Ahmedabad, Gujarat	0443 – I[Z 2]
35.	Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai, Maharashtra	0463 – I[Z 2]
36.	Sukanta Mahavidyalaya, Dhupguri, West Bengal	0456 – I[Z 6]
37.	United Theological College, Bangalore, Karnataka	0476 – I[Z 1]
38.	Women's College, Calcutta	4037 – I[Z 6]

The 361st Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC: A brief report

The 361st Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC was held on 24th April, 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 Santosh Kumar Tunga, Librarian, Rishi Bankim Chandra Evening College, Naihati, North 24 Parganas, W.B. The Chairman of the meeting was Mr. Arup Raychaudhuri, Former Deputy Librarian, Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Kolkata, West Bengal. The Topic of the discussion at the said meeting was “Open Access : Revamping Library Learning Resources”. In the beginning, Mr. Abhijit Kumar, General Secretary of IASLIC welcomed all the dignitaries, guests and audience. Thereafter Dr Tridib Chattopadhyay, Convenor of the Study Circle Division, IASLIC, introduced the Speaker and the Chairman of the session. Afterward, the Chairman and the Speaker were felicitated with flower bouquets by Miss Moumita Ash, Joint Secretary of IASLIC and Smt. Saheli Pal. Then Mr. Arup Raychaudhuri gave an overview of the issues of Open Access Library Learning Resources. Then the speaker Dr. Santosh Kumar Tunga started the session and delivered his lecture on the issue. Dr. Santosh Kumar Tunga has discussed an overview of the availability and the use of Open Educational Resources (OER) and its related various issues for various stakeholders in higher educational Institutions. Dr. Tunga described the concept of open access initiatives, open learning resources, creative commons licensing attribution, and copyright. Dr. Tunga also explained the various types of OER, INFLIBNET & NMEICT initiatives in India and the role of academic librarians regarding the use of OER. After that the Chairman of the session Mr. Arup Raychaudhuri has briefly described the entire discussion. Shri Abhijit Kumar Miss Moumita Ash and others took part in the discussion and question-answer session. The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr Tridib Chattopadhyay, Convenor of the Study Circle Division of IASLIC. Dr. Chattopadhyay thanked all the dignitaries, guests and the audience regarding their active participation and involvement. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.



The 362 Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC

FORTH COMING CONFERENCE/SEMINAR/ TRAINING/WORKSHOP/CELEBRATION

CALIBER 2025

CALIBER 2025, 22nd in the series and 14th International CALIBER is being organised by the INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat 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 Infrastructure.

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

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

CONFERENCE/SEMINAR/ TRAINING/WORKSHOP

Library Association of Bihar (LAB) organised National Webinar on "Professionalism and Job Opportunities in Library and Information Science" on 27th April 2025.

The Library Association of Bihar (LAB) organized a virtual National Webinar on "Professionalism and Job Opportunities in Library and Information Science" on 27th April 2024. The event was conducted virtually through Google Meet and witnessed enthusiastic participation from across the country. The event aimed to develop skills, demonstrate tips & tricks and educate the LIS Students, LIS Professionals to prepare for the jobs and careers opportunities.

Key Highlights of the Webinar:

Welcome Address: The program was initiated with a warm welcome address by Prof. Manoj Kumar Sinha, the President of the Library Association of Bihar. Prof. Sinha set the tone for the event, emphasizing the importance of professionalism and continuous learning in the field of Library and Information Science (LIS).

Address by General Secretary: Dr. D.D. Lal, the General Secretary of LAB, addressed the participants, highlighting the activities and achievements of the Library Association of Bihar. His speech underscored the association's commitment to fostering professional growth and providing a platform for LIS professionals to network and learn.

Invited Speakers: The webinar featured two distinguished invited speakers:

Dr. Sudhir Kumar Jena, Librarian & HOD at Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, delivered an insightful lecture on the evolving landscape of LIS and the importance of staying updated with the latest trends and technologies.

Dr. Sanjana Sharma, Head of the Department at the Central Library, N.C. Medical College & Hospital, Panipat, Haryana, shared her experiences and insights on job opportunities in the field, emphasizing the need for continuous skill development.

Participation by Senior LIS Professionals: The event was graced by the presence of many senior LIS professionals, including Prof. Abdul Mazid Baba, Prof. Sonal Singh, Prof. Manoj Kumar Verma, Dr. M. Natrajan, Dr. Amit Kishore, Dr. Suman Singh, and many more. Their participation added immense value to the webinar, providing a wealth of knowledge and experience to the participants.

Participant Engagement: Over 259 participants registered for the webinar, with more than 80 participants actively joining and staying until the end of the event. The high level of engagement was a testament to the relevance and importance of the topic.

Question & Answer Session: The webinar concluded with a lively Question & Answer session, where the invited speakers and senior LIS professionals responded to the queries of the participants. This interactive session provided a platform for participants to clarify their doubts and gain deeper insights into the discussed topics.

Moderation and Vote of Thanks: Dr. Parmita Sharma, the Treasurer of LAB, expertly moderated the event, ensuring a smooth flow of proceedings. At the end of the program, she offered a formal vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all the

Speakers, , senior LIS professionals, and participants for making the webinar a grand success. The Library Association of Bihar extends its heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to all speakers, senior LIS professionals, and participants for making this National Webinar a grand success. This event underscores LAB's commitment to fostering professional growth and creating opportunities for the LIS community. The Library Association of Bihar is committed to organizing more such events to promote professionalism and provide valuable insights into job opportunities in the field of Library and Information Science.



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>)

World Book & Copy Right Day Celebrations 2025

On the occasion of World Book Day 2025, GIET School of Pharmacy celebrated the spirit of reading and learning by organizing a series of engaging activities aimed at promoting awareness about the National Digital Library of India (NDLI). The event witnessed active participation from both students and faculty members. As part of the celebrations, a quiz competition on research methodology was conducted exclusively for faculty members, with 16 participants showcasing their knowledge and enthusiasm for academic excellence. Simultaneously, students participated in a book review competition under the theme “Review Your Favourite Book” encouraging them to share their thoughts and reflections on literature that has inspired them. The highlight of the event was a brief awareness session conducted by Shaik Meera, Librarian of GIET School of Pharmacy, who emphasized the significance of NDLI as a valuable resource. He stated, “The National Digital Library of India offers a vast collection of books in audio, video, digital, and text

formats across various Indian languages. . It is freely accessible and an excellent platform for students and educators alike.” He also noted that GIET School of Pharmacy is a proud member of NDLI, reinforcing the institution's commitment to digital learning and academic growth. The event concluded with the Principal of GIET School of Pharmacy, Dr. M.D. Dhanaraju awarded prizes to the winners of faculty first prize N Koteswara rao, second prize Dr G Mani Pratap, students first prize N Harmya, second prize A Pavani , Prof C Gopi acted as a Judge for these competitions, encouraging students and faculty to continue their pursuit of knowledge and intellectual development. The celebration reflected the institution's dedication to nurturing a reading culture and embracing digital education platforms for a brighter academic future.



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**:

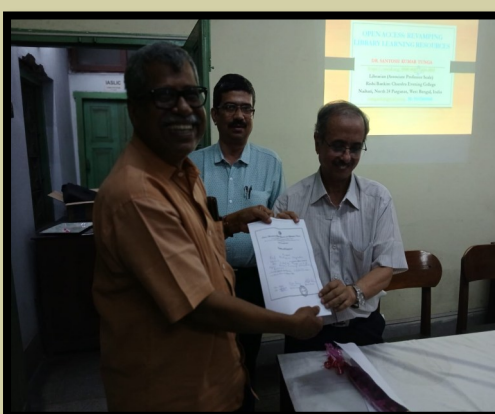
Impact area 1: Libraries are connected and energised through vibrant, global professional communities

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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