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Quote of the Month

"A library is like an island in the middle of a vast sea of ignorance, particularly if the library is very tall and the surrounding area has been flooded."

— Daniel Handler- 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. Email: iaslicnl2023@gmail.com

IASLIC ACTIVITIES

Institutional Members of IASLIC For The Year 2023

Institutions renewed their membership/new members as on Date

Sl. No.	Name	Membership No.
89	Giri Institute of Development Studies, Lucknow	

Announcement

347th Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC

The 347th Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC will be held on 21st December, 2023 (Thursday) at 6:00 pm in the meeting room of IASLIC which is situated at P - 291, CIT Scheme 6 M, Kankurgachi, Kolkata - 700054. The speaker of the session will be Dr Madhusri Ghosh Upadhyay, Deputy Librarian of Netaji Subhash Open University (NSOU), Kolkata. The Chairman of the said study circle meeting will be Prof. Krishnapada Majumder, Former Professor of the Department of Library and Information Science, Jadavpur University. Prof. K. P. Majumder was Professor Prabir Roychowdhury Chair Professor of Jadavpur University. The topic of the 347th study circle meeting will be as follows:- "Resources and services of ODL libraries in India with a special reference to Netaji Subhas Open University". All are hereby requested to be present at the above-mentioned study circle meeting of IASLIC.

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

Indian Library Science Abstracts [ILSA] – Volume 45-49 (2011-2015) – Just Published

Indian Library Science Abstracts (ILSA), being brought out by IASLIC since 1967, is the only national abstracting and indexing journal of India in the field of library and information Science. Due to the phenomenal growth of LIS literature in India in English as well as regional languages and the lack of volunteer professionals it has become a herculean task to collect, organize and compile data for the ILSA. The last cumulative volume (Vols. 40-44, 2006-2010) was published in 2018, the print copies as well as e-copies (in CD) of

which are available for sale at IASLIC Office.

ILSA Volumes: 45-49 (2011-2015) published in July, 2023. The volume consists of 1365 entries from 17 journals and 6 conference proceedings. Complete bibliographical description of the abstracted document as furnished in the source journal has been provided in order to facilitate the users to identify the document. The volume consists of two parts: Main or Classified Part and Index Part. Entries in the main/classified part are primarily arranged according to the classified order by adopting 22nd ed. of DDC.

We humbly acknowledge the patronage of the honourable members of the Editorial Board. We also gratefully acknowledge commercial and academic publishers, LIS schools, research institutes, professional associations, library and information science professionals for their encouragement and support in getting data from various sources distributed in different states of India. The team hopes that ILSA will be an authentic and comprehensive surrogate of Indian intellectual output in Library and Information Science.

Snapshots of some pages of the **ILSA Volume 45-49 (2011-2015)** is available in the **IASLIC website**. The hard copy and soft copy will be available from IASLIC Office. **The Price of Print version is Rs. 2500/- and e-version is Rs. 500/-**. For any query, please mail to: iaslic.india@gmail.com.

CONFERENCE/SEMINAR/TRAINING/WORKSHOP



IASLIC
33rd ALL INDIA CONFERENCE 2023

Collaborative Librarianship

Special Interest Group Discussion
SIG 01 (Social Science Information) – Media Libraries
SIG02 (Computer Application in LIS)-Digital Humanities

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Puducherry

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PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY

Pondicherry University is a Central University established by an Act of Parliament in October 1985. It is an affiliating University with a jurisdiction spread over the Union Territory of Puducherry, Lakshadweep and Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The University's objectives are: to disseminate and advance knowledge by offering teaching and research facilities; to make provisions for studies in French and integrated courses in Humanities and the Sciences; and to promote inter-disciplinary studies and research. The University's motto is 'Vers la lumiere' meaning 'towards the light'. The main campus is located in Kalapet 10 km from the town of Puducherry in a serene and beautiful campus of 800 acres adjoining the scenic Bay of Bengal. The University has also PG Centres at Karaikal and Port Blair.



DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE

The Department of Library and Information Science was established in 2007 with a new approach to Library and Information Science education in the country. With sound infrastructure including a well-equipped ICT Lab, the Department offers a professional Master's Degree program (M.Lib.I.Sc.) and a Ph.D. Programme in Library and Information Science. Besides, an Add-on Course – Postgraduate Diploma in Library Automation and Networking (PGDLAN) is also offered. The faculty at the department is composed of highly experienced and qualified professors actively involved in research, teaching, and community service. They provide an engaging and stimulating learning environment that promotes critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication skills. They also motivate the young minds to undertake the challenging areas for their research activity in order to make the system better in the country. The thrust areas of research include ICT Applications in LIS, Digital Libraries, Social Media, Data Science, Knowledge Management, and Research Data Management. The mission of the department is to educate graduates of any discipline into a new breed of Library & Information Science Professionals who are able to meet the needs of the industry in the country and abroad.

Pondicherry University Central Library is renowned for its disabled friendly modern infrastructure (80,000 sq. ft), fully air-conditioned, WIFI enabled, services for the Visually Challenged among the proactive services with RFID technology and 24/7 remote access. The Library is housed with a collection of 5.91 lakhs which includes 2.51 lakhs print and 3.40 lakhs of e-resources (e-books, e-journals, e-databases, e-theses, etc.).

INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF SPECIAL LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTRES

Indian Association of Special Libraries and Information Centres (IASLIC) is a non-profit organisation founded in 1955. With its headquarters in Kolkata, India, its aims and objectives are as follows:

- To undertake, support and co-ordinate research and studies
- To organize general and special meetings, seminars, workshops and conferences at national and regional level
- To publish journals, monographs, manuals, newsletters, papers, proceedings and reports
- To conduct short-term training courses
- To collaborate with other fraternal bodies in promoting the interests of the library and information profession
- To undertake such other activities which are incidental and conducive to the attainment of its objects.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

No library (or information centre or knowledge resource centre), how much big it may be, can be self-sufficient to fully satisfy its users, if it functions in isolation. Cooperation and collaboration among these organizations can be of a great help in rendering effective library and information services by enhancing the satisfaction level of their user communities. Realizing the benefits of collaboration, libraries have been undertaking resource sharing initiatives since long. Consequently, the concept of Collaborative Librarianship has emerged which focuses on the partnership and sharing of resources and expertise between libraries. Collaboration and partnership among libraries started with the extension of inter-library loan facilities. Automation of libraries and advancement in networking technology brought an opportunity for developing library networks which created modern avenues for resource sharing. Later, the concept of library consortia was conceived, which became very popular and several library consortia started functioning at national and international levels. Increasingly libraries are feeling the urgency to develop and exploit library collaboration/ partnerships, for which it is necessary to think widely and creatively about new types of, and potentials for, such collaboration/partnerships.

Hence, IASLIC has selected 'Collaborative Librarianship' as the main theme of its 33rd All India Conference. In this context, discussions on two pertinent issues, among many others, namely Media Librarianship and Digital Humanities are felt important. There will be deliberations on these two themes at the meetings of SIG01 (Social Science Information) and SIG02 (Computer Applications in Libraries) respectively, during the conference.

In this context, it is a pleasure to announce that the Department of Library and Information Science, Pondicherry University, Puducherry is organizing the IASLIC 33rd All India Conference 2023 to be held during December 7 – 9, 2023 at the Convention-Cum-Cultural Centre, Pondicherry University, Puducherry, India

MAIN THEME COLLABORATIVE LIBRARIANSHIP

- Sub theme - 1:** Concept of Collaborative Librarianship – Beginning of Library Collaboration: Inter-library Loan, Development of LAN/WAN, Creation and Management of Library Consortia, Formal and Informal Collaboration, Consortial Collaboration and Cross-Consortial Collaboration
- Sub theme - 2:** Collaboration among Libraries of Same Category – Collaboration among Public Libraries, Collaboration among Academic Libraries, Collaboration among Special and Research Libraries, Collaboration among Libraries of Institutions of National Importance
- Sub theme - 3:** Collaboration among Libraries of Different Categories – Cross-Category Library Collaboration, Cross-boundary and Cross-cultural Library Collaboration
- Sub theme - 4:** Collaborative Manpower Training – In-Service Training and Staff-exchange
- Sub theme - 5:** Collaborative Collection Development – Consortia-based/Cooperative Collection Development Policies and Practices, Collaborative Weeding and De-selection
- Sub theme - 6:** Collaborative Processing of Resources – Cooperative Cataloguing/Resource Description, Cooperative Cataloguing Projects, Shared Authority Control, Metadata Standards and Interoperability, Linked Data Collaborations
- Sub theme - 7:** Collaborative User Services – Collaborative Information Literacy Initiatives, Inter-library Loan and Resource Sharing through Library Networks, Virtual Reference Service, Joint Outreach Programmes, Other User-centred Collaborations
- Sub theme - 8:** Digital Technology and Library Collaboration – Technology Deployment for Effective Collaboration, Creating and Managing Digital Libraries and Virtual Libraries, Creating and Managing Institutional Repositories, Creating and Managing Computerised Library Networks, Creating and Managing Collaborative Websites
- Sub theme - 9:** Collaborative Digital Preservation of Library Resources – Shared Infrastructure for Digital Preservation, Cooperative Archiving Initiatives, Collaborative Approaches to Digital Curation, Consortial Digitization Projects
- Sub theme - 10:** Library – LIS School Collaboration – Engagement of Library Staff in Practical Training of LIS Students, Apprenticeship of LIS Students in Library
- Sub theme - 11:** Faculty – Library Collaboration in Academic Libraries – Collaboration in Conducting Information Literacy Programmes, Collaboration in Collection Development, Collaboration in Research Support, Collaboration in Data Management and Analysis, Collaboration in Technology Integration, Collaboration in Scholarly Communication and Publishing
- Sub theme - 12:** Collaboration in Marketing of LI Products/Services and Library Diplomacy – Collaborative Marketing of Library and Information Products and Services, Collaborative Library Diplomacy Initiatives (at the local, regional, and national levels, including collaborations with community organisations, policy-makers, and funding agencies)

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS(SIG) MEETING

SIG01: SOCIAL SCIENCE INFORMATION THEME: MEDIA LIBRARIES

A. Collection Development and Management of Media Library Resources

- Types of Media Library Resources and Respective Uses
- Acquiring and Managing Media Library Resources
- Creating Database with User-Friendly Access
- Media Library Resources Curation and Preservation Initiatives
- Data Services and Data Management Support
- Licensing and Copyright Issues for Media Content
- Storing / Archiving of Media Library Resources

B. Media Librarianship and User Engagement

- Development of skills for different types of libraries: Public Libraries, academic libraries, special and research libraries, national library
- Skills required for serving illiterate and neo-literate users
- Skills required for serving users with special need
- Skills required for serving research community

C. Promoting Media Literacy and Access

- Conducting Programmes for Developing Media Literacy in Users

SIG02: COMPUTER APPLICATIONS IN LIBRARIES THEME: DIGITAL HUMANITIES

A. Digital Scholarship

- Collaborative Projects in Digital Humanities
- Building Digital Collections for Humanities Research
- Data Visualisation and Analysis
- Tools and Platforms for Digital Scholarship

B. Text Mining and Natural Language Processing

- Text Analysis and Text Mining Projects
- Development of NLP Tools and Resources
- Text Corpora Creation and Annotation
- Shared Methods and Practices in Computational Humanities
- Inclusion of Text Analytics Services inside Automated and Digital Library Systems

C. Linked Data and Semantic Web in Digital Humanities

- Collaborative Efforts in Linked Data Implementation
- Semantic Web Technologies for Humanities Research
- Ontologies and Knowledge Graphs
- Interoperability and Data Integration in Digital Humanities

D. Digital Archives of Cultural Heritage

- Digitization Projects for Cultural Heritage Materials
- Sharing and Linking Digital Collections in the Humanities
- Approaches to Digital Preservation of Cultural Heritage
- Community Engagement and Participation in Digital Archives

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Important Dates	
Date of Conference	December 7 – 9 2023
Last Date of Submission of full paper	November 7, 2023
Acceptance by	November 17, 2023
Venue	Convention-Cum-Cultural Centre, Pondicherry University, Puducherry

REGISTRATION FEES

The Registration fees under "Residential" Category (from December 7, 2023 morning to December 9, 2023 morning) will be on sharing basis in guest houses and on "first-come first-served" basis. It includes food to be served at the venue, seminar kit and advance payment for booking of accommodation. The last date of receiving registration form with fees under Residential" category is on November 26, 2023.

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Research Scholars/ Students	₹1500/- (Dormitory)	₹1000/- (Dormitory)	₹2000/- (Dormitory)	₹1500/- (Dormitory)
Accompanying person (without kit)	₹3000/-	₹2500/-	₹3500/-	₹3000/-
Individual from SAARC/ Other Countries	\$300 + Accommodation Advance Fee for booking of accommodation.		\$350 + Accommodation Advance Fee for booking of accommodation.	

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**Accommodation: The Organizing Committee will arrange accommodation to those participants who have opted under "Residential" category subject to the availability of rooms in the University Guest Houses/Ashram Guest Houses. Due to limited rooms available, the allotment will be done on "first-come first-served" basis to only those participants whose registration forms with applicable fees are received by the Organizing Committee latest by 26th November 2023. However, on request, accommodation may be arranged in the local hotels on self-payment basis. Participants may also directly book their accommodation in the private hotels.

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MODE OF PAYMENT

Payment through Demand Draft/Banker's Cheque in favour of IASLIC2023 payable at Indian Bank, Pondicherry University, Puducherry. Paper contributors are requested to submit original copy of the payment receipt for the paper submission fee of ₹1000/- along with the Registration form for adjustment with the Registration Fees.

Participants may also pay by scanning the QR code



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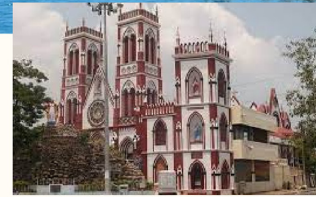
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04. Chunnambar boathouse

A creek borders the Chunnambar boathouse on one side, and lush green meadows replete with waterfall backdrops that complete the exquisiteness and elegance of the place. The pristine sand and turquoise water are a relaxing experience and call for thousands of tourists and locals to enjoy a day picnic with their dear ones.



05. Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

The south boulevard at Subbayah Salai houses this famous church in Pondicherry, which was constructed by French missionaries during the 1700s. It's a classic example of Gothic splendour and one must visit this to experience its inner beauty and peace. The church beautifully depicts the events from the life of Christ through its stunning glass panels. It also contains spectacular glass pictures of twenty-eight saints, the great devotees Jesus Christ.

06. Manakula Vinayagar Temple

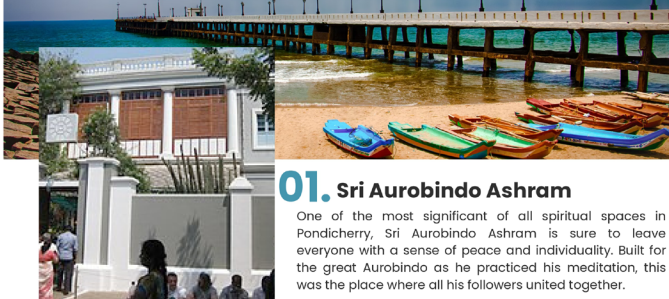
Dedicated to the god Ganesha, it is a popular pilgrimage site and tourist destination in Puducherry. The temple is of considerable antiquity and predates French occupation of the territory. During the tenure of Duplex, there were attempts to destroy the temple, but it was spared owing to strong protests from the Hindu population and the threat of British and Maratha invasion of the territory.

07. Mamallapuram Temple

Mamallapuram is a historic city and UNESCO World Heritage site in Tamil Nadu, India. During the reign of the Pallava dynasty, between the 3rd century CE and 7th century CE, it became an important centre of art, architecture and literature. Mahabalipuram was already a thriving sea port on the Bay of Bengal before this time. A significant amount of coins and other artefacts excavated from this region also indicate a pre-existing trade relation with the Romans even before it became a part of the Pallava Empire.

PLACES TO VISIT

PUDUCHERRY



01. Sri Aurobindo Ashram

One of the most significant of all spiritual spaces in Pondicherry, Sri Aurobindo Ashram is sure to leave everyone with a sense of peace and individuality. Built for the great Aurobindo as he practiced his meditation, this was the place where all his followers united together.

02. Promenade Beach

Out of all the beaches in Pondicherry, Promenade Beach is one of its own kind of beach that is popularly known for its azure waters, ocean sprays, shimmering sand, beautiful coastline, and cosy ambiance. An ideal holiday spot for photographers, nature lovers, and wanderers, this beach, surrounded by exotic landscapes, allows you to witness the alluring views from the sea and gaze upon the stunning sunset in the evening.



03. Auroville Matrimandir

On 28 February 1968, on a piece of barren wasteland approximately 12 kilometres to the north of Puducherry, young people from 124 countries poured earth from their native lands into a lotus-shaped urn. The urn, a symbolic gesture of unity, was placed in the notional centre of a future township. Auroville, a city of the future-under founder Mira Alfassa, the 'Mother' and spiritual collaborator of philosopher Sri Aurobindo-had come into being.



08. Pichavaram Mangrove Forest

Mangrove forests, also called mangrove swamps, mangrove thickets or mangals, are productive wetlands that occur in coastal intertidal zones. Mangrove forests grow mainly at tropical and subtropical latitudes because mangroves cannot withstand freezing temperatures. There are about 80 different species of mangroves, all of which grow in areas with low-oxygen soil, where slow-moving waters allow fine sediments to accumulate.



09. Chidambaram Nataraja Temple

Thillai Nataraja Temple, also referred to as the Chidambaram Nataraja Temple, is a Hindu temple dedicated to Nataraja the form of Shiva. This temple is located in Chidambaram, Tamil Nadu, India. The temple is glorified in the Naalayira Divya Prabandham, the early medieval Pundarikavalli Thayar. This temple has ancient roots and a Shiva shrine existed at the site when the town was known as Thillai. Chidambaram, the name of the city literally means 'stage of consciousness'. The temple architecture symbolizes the connection between the arts and spirituality, creative activity and the divine.

10. French War Memorial

The French War Memorial in Puducherry, India is a war memorial dedicated to residents of French India who died for the country during the First World War. It is on Goubert Avenue in Puducherry, located opposite to the Gandhi statue.



11. Paradise Beach

Mamallapuram is a historic city and UNESCO World Heritage site in Tamil Nadu, India. During the reign of the Pallava dynasty, between the 3rd century CE and 7th century CE, it became an important centre of art, architecture and literature. Mahabalipuram was already a thriving sea port on the Bay of Bengal before this time. A significant amount of coins and other artefacts excavated from this region also indicate a pre-existing trade relation with the Romans even before it became a part of the Pallava Empire.

The 346th Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC: A brief report

The 346th Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC was held on 23rd November, 2023 (Thursday) at 6:00 pm in the meeting room of IASLIC which is situated at P - 291, CIT Scheme 6M, Kankurgachhi, Kolkata - 700054. The speaker of the above mentioned session was Dr Joydip Chandra, Librarian, Barrackpore Rastraguru Surendranath College, Barrackpore, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal. The Chairman of the aforesaid study circle meeting of IASLIC was Prof. Arun Kumar Chakraborty, Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, School of Professional Studies, Netaji Subhash Open University (NSOU), Kolkata. At the outset, Mr Abhijit Kumar, General Secretary of IASLIC, has welcomed all the dignitaries and participants. Then Dr. Tridib Chattopadhyay, Convenor of the Study Circle Division of IASLIC, has introduced the Chairman and the Speaker respectively. After that, Prof. Arun Kumar Chakraborty, the Chairman of the meeting, was felicitated by Miss. Moumita Ash, Joint Secretary of IASLIC. Then Dr. Joydip Chandra, the Speaker of the meeting, was felicitated by Dr. Swati Ghosh, Librarian, Savitri Girls' College, Kolkata. After that the session was started by the Chairman. Dr. Joydip Chandra in his deliberation explained how AI (Artificial Intelligence) has substantially impacted and improved multiple aspects of research across various fields. He outlined certain important instances in which AI can be utilized in research to make the method more convenient and time-efficient. He addressed the changing role of academic libraries and LIS professionals in this context. According to Dr. Chandra, AI has found a variety of uses in academic libraries, improving productivity, improving user experience, and contributing to improved resource management. He also discussed the involvement of the Government in this regard. The formal Vote of Thanks was provided by Dr. Tridib Chattopadhyay, Convenor of the Study Circle Division of IASLIC. The meeting was ended with thanks to the Chair.

FORTH COMING CONFERENCE/SEMINAR/ TRAINING/WORKSHOP/CELEBRATION

Five Day National Level Translation

Training Programme

The Department of Comparative Indian Language and Literature at the University of Calcutta, in collaboration with RUSA 2.0, is organizing a five-day national-level translation training program scheduled to take place from December 19th to December 23rd, 2023.

The primary objective of this training program is to provide the participants with the knowledge of the discipline of Translation Studies (an academic discipline that encompasses the study of translation and interpretation). This programme also aims to prepare and equip the participants with the new-age advancement in this field, i.e. machine translation and its usability in the time of Artificial Intelligence. Through the exploration of concepts like Literary Translation, Audio-Visual Translation, Legal Translation, Commercial Translation etc, this program seeks to create a community of future translators who may have a positive influence on the constantly evolving multilingual societies that surround us.

Training Dates: 19.12.2023 to 23.12.2023

Registration Fee: There is no registration fee for attending the training programme.

Last date of Application: 25th November, 2023, 11:59 P.M.

To participate in this programme, the aspiring candidates need to fill the Google form by clicking this link <https://forms.gle/cRtpj6vtuHdA9mnW9>

For more details call: 9836984536 or 7864998086

G20 Library Summit: Connecting Nations for Knowledge and Cultural Heritage

The G20 Library Summit is a pioneering international event

dedicated to advancing the role of libraries in knowledge dissemination, education, and cultural preservation. Organized by Ananda Rangapillai Library, Pondicherry University, Puducherry, India, is organizing G20 Library Summit that brings together library professionals, policymakers, educators, IT Professionals and cultural experts from G20 member nations to share knowledge, collaborate, and shape the future of libraries in a rapidly changing world scheduled to be held from 7-9 February, 2024.

About the Theme

- Global Information Access and Equity
- Libraries as Catalysts for Sustainable Development
- Emerging Technology and Trends for Transformation of Libraries
- Promoting Literacy and Lifelong Learning
- Public Libraries as Cultural Heritage Preservation and Access Centre
- International Collaboration in the Library Sector
- Policy and Advocacy for Libraries
- Preservation and Access to Indigenous Knowledge and Languages
- The Future of Libraries in a Changing Digital World

Last date for submission of abstracts: 30th November, 2023

Notification on acceptance of abstracts: 5th December, 2023

Last date for submission of full-text articles: 15th December, 2023

Notification on acceptance of full-text articles: 31st December, 2023

Dates of the conference: 7-9 February, 2024 (Wed, Thu, Fri)

More details are available in the conference website:
<https://g20ls.com/>

International Conference of ILA - "Building The Future: Transforming Libraries For Sustainability"

International Conference on "Building The Future: Transforming Libraries For Sustainability" is Organized by Indian Library Association, (ILA), New Delhi, Department of Library and Information Science, Gauhati University, Krish-

na Kanta Handiqui Library, Gauhati University and Assam Library Association (ALA), Guwahati from February 1 to 3, 2024

Venue: Guwahati University Assam

Theme

- Building The Future: Transforming Libraries For Sustainability

Sub-Themes

- Digital Transformation for Sustainability
- Sustainable Collection Development
- Community Engagement for Sustainability
- Green Partnerships and Collaboration
- Resilience and Adaptation
- Sustainable Innovation and Technology
- Sustainable Architecture and Design
- Sustainable Data Management

More Details are available at: <https://ilaindia.co.in/pdf/brochure69Conference.pdf>

International Conference on Knowledge Organisation in Academic Libraries (I-KOAL 2024)

Library Professionals Association (LPA) is organising Two days International Conference on "Knowledge Organisation in Academic Libraries (I-KOAL 2024)".

Theme: **'Innovative Technologies and Applications for Sustainable Library Services'**

Date: 15-16 February, 2024

Venue: MITWPU, Pune.

International Conference on "Empowering Minds: Collaborative Learning Platform for Teachers, Librarians and Researchers (AGNESLIBCONF 2024)"

Library and Information Centre in Collaboration with LIS Academy, Bengaluru is organizing Three day International

Conference on “Empowering Minds: Collaborative Learning Platform for Teachers, Librarians and Researchers (AGNESLIBCONF 2024)”.

Date: 11-13 January 2024

Venue: St Agnes College (**Autonomous**) in **Mangalore, Karnataka, India**

More details are available at: <https://www.agnesconference.com/>

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

PM Digital Libraries guarantee access to knowledge, enrich lives of village students

The government sanctioned a budget of ₹2 lakh per library and made available funds for setting up the libraries. 130 libraries became functional across Varanasi district to enrich knowledge of students, to help preparing for competitive exams; 356 more to be functional in villages within a month, said chief development officer Himanshu Nagpal who conceptualised the Prime Minister Digital Library project.

The idea to set up a digital library struck him during inspection at Panchayat Bhawan in Mahada. “Initially, digital libraries were set up in 10 villages, including Mahada, by transforming buildings of Panchayat Bhawan. Efforts were made to generate funds for setting up these 10 libraries,” said Nagpal. With the help of CSR funds and donations by locals, the first 10 digital libraries were set up between December 2022 and January 2023. A computer, an Internet connection, competitive books, current affairs/ social studies books, literary stories and novels were arranged for the library.

The concept received an overwhelming response from rural youths, especially girls, who got competitive books and other study material at the library. Thereafter, a project under the guidance of district magistrate S Rajalingam was prepared for setting up over 600 Prime Minister Digital Libraries in villages of Varanasi.

PERSONALIA

Prof. Devika P. Madalli, Professor, Documentation Research and Training Centre, Indian Statistical Institute, Bengaluru, has been appointed as **The Director of Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET)** Centre, Gandhinagar is an Autonomous Inter-University Centre (IUC) of University Grants Commission (UGC)

Devika Madalli is a Professor of the Documentation Research and Training Centre, Indian Statistical Institute and Adjunct faculty, DISI, University of Trento, Italy. Her interest lies in the area of OERs and Educational resources repositories, Open Data Repositories and Data Management, Knowledge Organization and application of facetization in Information Systems, Information Infrastructures, Digital Libraries, Semantic Web technologies, Faceted Ontologies, Agrisemantics, multilingual information services.

Dr. Madalli is a member of the Karnataka Evaluation Authority (KEA). Dr. Madalli has extensive experience in capacity building, training on e-learning, MOOCs (moodle) and digital repositories. Dr. Madalli is a member of the Technical Advisory Board of Research Data Alliance. She is a member of the governance board of DRYAD (international open-access repository of research data). Dr. Madalli serves as a consultant to UNESCO, UNFAO, OECD, Commonwealth of Learning and European Commission.

She is on the advisory board of Universal Decimal Classification. She serves as the chair of OpenAccessIndia. She served on the advisory panel and scientific committees of several international conferences such as SWIB, ICADL, MTSR, SCIDATACON, LODLAM and ICSD. She serves as a member of editorial panels of prestigious journals such as Knowledge Organization (ISKO), Journal of Information Science of American Information Science Association, Library Hi Tech, and IFLA journal. She is a member of the steering committee of the open access journal in Agriculture and Al-

lied sciences Commonwealth- CABI's AgriXiv. Dr. Madalli has authored several scholarly articles published in national and international journals and conferences.

Heartly congratulations to Prof. Devika P. Madalli, Professor of the Documentation Research and Training Centre, Indian Statistical Institute for her appointment as the Director, IN-FLIBNET

Smt Manchu O, Librarian, Kerala Institute of Local Administration, Thrissur has been awarded Ph D degree by University of Calicut, for her thesis entitled "Development and Management of Engineering College Libraries in Kerala". Dr Manchu has pursued her research work under the guidance of Dr Vasudevan T M, Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Calicut, Malappuram, Kerala. IASLIC congratulates Dr Manchu.

Sister Angeleena CSN (Rekha A J), Librarian, Morning Star Home Science College, Angamaly, South Ernakulam, Kerala has been awarded Ph D degree in Library and Information Science by Periyar University, Salem, Tamil Nadu for

her thesis entitled "Coronavirus Research Publications : A Bibliometric Assessment". Dr Angeleena has pursued her research work under the guidance of Dr M Jayaprakash, University Librarian, Periyar University, Salem, Tamil Nadu. IASLIC congratulates Dr Angeleena.

OBITUARY

Mr K C John, former University Librarian, University of Kerala passed away on 6th November 2023 at Mumbai. A double Master's Degree in English Literature and Library and Information Science, Mr John started his career at Christ Church College, Kanpur in the 1950s. He joined Kerala University Library in 1963 and retired as the University Librarian in 1989. He was also associated himself in the early computerization of university library. IASLIC deeply mourns his death.

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