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Quote of the Month

"Bad libraries build collections, good libraries build services, great libraries build communities." -

R. David Lankes, Professor and Director of the School of Library & Information Science at the University of South Carolina.

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**

Announcement

349th Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC

The 349th Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC will be held on 8th February, 2024 (Thursday) at 6:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of IASLIC which is situated at P-291, CIT Scheme 6M, Kankurgachhi, Kolkata - 700 054. The Speaker of the Session will be Dr. Barnali Roychowdhury, Assistant Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Netaji Subhash Open University (NSOU), Kolkata. The Chairman of the above-mentioned session will be Prof. Sabuj Dasgupta, Associate Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kalyani. The topic of Discussion is as follows: - " Transforming Scientific Research with Artificial Intelligence ".

All are requested to be present at the said Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC along-with friends, colleagues and other fellow members to make it a Grand Success. The Honourable Teachers, Students, and Research Scholars of Library and Information Science are hereby requested to be present at the aforesaid study circle meeting of IASLIC.

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

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

Indian Library Science Abstracts (ILSA), being brought out by IASLIC since1967, 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.

33rd IASLIC All India Conference: A brief Report

The ICSSR sponsored, IASLIC 33RD ALL INDIA CONFERENCE on "Collaborative Librarianship" organised by the Department of Library and Information Science, Pondicherry University, on December 7-8, 2023. This national conference received an overwhelming response. Around 150 delegates participated in the conference.

The inaugural ceremony of the conference began with a University Anthem and Prof. Sevukan, the Organizing Secretary welcomed the dignitaries and the august gathering. The conference was opened by lighting the lamp by Prof. Tharanikkarasu, Honourable Vice-Chancellor of Pondicherry University along with other dignitaries Honourable Vice-Chancellor of Pondicherry University released the Book of Abstracts.

- Shri. Abhijit Kumar, Hony General Secretary IASLIC gave an overview of ISALIC and its role in supporting the LIS professionals. He thanked the organisers and their team for their support and technical modalities in pursuance of the conference program. He also mentioned that Pondicherry University organising its 2nd IALSIC event at Pondicherry. He mentioned that 38 papers were accepted for presentation and 8 papers for poster presentation.

- Prof. Narendra Lahkar, President of IASLIC, in his Presidential address emphasise the importance of Collaboration and co-operation among library professionals. He said that IASLIC motivates LIS professionals to work together to move towards advancement.

- Prof. Tharanikkarasu, Hon'ble. Vice-Chancellor Pondicherry University delivered the inaugural address. In his inaugural speech, he highlighted the silent role played by the Libraries for the development of the academic community. Further, he said the library is the soul of educational institutions. He also emphasized the need for library professionals to have multi-tasking skills.

- Prof. Ravi in his keynote address highlighted the significance of libraries and their role as a driving force in the modern era. He also said that it is a profession of silence and achievement.

- This was followed by the presentation of IASLIC. Prof. AK Mukherjee IASLIC Lifetime Achievement Award for Retired Librarian for the year 2018 was conferred on Dr. A.L. Moorthy, Former Director-DESIDOC, while that for the year 2019 was conferred on Dr.V K Thomas, former University Librarian, Viswa-Bharati, Santiniketan, West Bengal.

- Dr R. Jeyshankar, Joint Organizing Secretary & HoD, LIS Pondicherry University,proposed a vote of thanks, and Mr. Ashutosh Kumar Singh was the master of ceremony anchored the inaugural program.

- Thematic sessions on Collaborative Librarianship followed the inaugural session. Dr. M. Vijayakumar, Conference Director and Pondicherry University Librarian, gave the overview of the conference.

- In the thematic session, Prof. Narendra Lahkar, President of IASLIC, delivered a lecture on Collaborative Librarianship: The need for Pro-Active efforts. He spoke about the importance of collaboration and co-operation among the librarians.

- Dr. Elavazhagan, Librarian and chief Knowledge Officer delivered an invited talk on Collaborative Collection Development and Knowledge Sharing. He highlighted various issues emerging in the licensing agreement and price negotiation. Also highlighted the uniqueness of the IIM Libraries Consortium. This session was Chaired by Dr. V K Thomas, and Smt. Sanjukta Roy was the Rapporteur.

The first technical session on the Concept of Collaborative Librarianship was chaired by Prof. Dr. K.G Sudhier, CUTN, Tiruvarur and Dr. Vijaykumar, Assistant Librarian, Pondicherry University, served as Rapporteur. There were eight papers, out of which two papers were presented. The second technical session was chaired by Dr K.M Shibu, Assistant Librarian, Pondicherry University and Mr Samuel D Raja, CMC served as Rapporteur. This session has six papers in which three papers were presented. In the evening, the organising team offered a feast in the form of a Cultural Program, which Dr. Rekha R.V, PU co-ordinated.

Dr V K Thomas delivered the IASLIC – PC Shah 6th Memorial Lecture on "Equitable delivery of library services: a case of non-users. He said that more attention needs to be given to non-users or underserved users.

On the second day of the conference, Dr. Venkatakesavan, Head Times Archives and Knowledge Centre, Mumbai delivered an invited talk on Mass Media Information & Knowledge Services in the Digital Era. He highlighted how Media Librarianship today is witnessing tremendous change, the changing concepts and developments in ICTs, rapid growth of information resources (both in volume and variety), changing user needs, etc., has made a great impact on their business which in turn demands innovative information skill to inspire the user community. This session was Chaired by Prof. Panigrahi and Dr. Bina Medhi Lahkar served as a rapporteur.

The Third technical session was chaired by Dr R. Jeyshankar, HoD, LIS Pondicherry University and Dr. Kohila GT served as Rapporteur. This session has seven papers in which six papers were presented. The fourth technical session was chaired by Dr Rekha, associate professor of LIS Pondicherry University, and Dr. Nilakshi Sharma served as rapporteur. There were four papers, and all the authors presented their papers. Prof. S K Singh of Gauhati University chaired the fifth technical session, and Dr. Baskar served as rapporteur. There were four papers, in which three papers were presented. The sixth technical session was chaired by Dr S K Senapati and Dr. Sivasubramanian served as Rapporteur. There were eight papers, in which five papers were presented along with one Poster paper presentation.

On December 7, 2023, at 9.30 am the IASLIC Governing Body (2023-25) meeting was held and the General Body meeting of IASLIC was held on 8 Dec 2023.

The Reporter General of the Conference Dr. K. Elavazhagan sincerely acknowledge the VC of Pondicherry University, the IASLIC Team, the organising Secretary Prof. R Sevukan and his team, Dr. M Vijayakumar, Director of the Conference and his team, for making this event a grand success. He also thanked all the chairpersons, rapporteurs, authors of the papers, and delegates of the conference for their effort and support in making this conference a memorable and great success.

The 348th Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC: A brief report

This is to provide a comprehensive report on the talk delivered by Dr. Ashis Biswas on the topic "Effectiveness and Functionality of Preprint Repositories: An Analysis of Technical Aspects," which took place during the 348th Study Circle organized by IASLIC on January 11, 2024. The Study Circle Meeting was Chaired by Dr. Jayati Ghosh, Former Librarian, Commercial Library, Kolkata. Dr. Ghosh was also the Vice-President of IASLIC. At the outset, the welcome address was delivered by Dr. Tridib Chattopadhyay, Convenor of the Study Circle Division of IASLIC. He has also introduced both the Chairperson and the Speaker. After that the Chairperson and the Speaker were felicitated with the flower bouquet by Miss. Moumita Ash, the Joint Secretary of IASLIC. Dr. Ashis Biswas, Librarian, Victoria Institution (College), Kolkata, delivered an insightful talk that focused on the technical aspects of preprint repositories and their impact on the dissemination of research findings. Dr. Biswas provided a clear definition of preprint repositories and highlighted their fundamental purpose in accelerating the sharing of research outputs before formal peer review. The speaker delved into the technical aspects of preprint repositories, discussing the underlying architecture, data structures, and protocols involved. This section offered attendees a deeper understanding of the platforms' functionality. The talk emphasized the importance of open access in preprint repositories and how collaborative efforts enhance the accessibility and impact of research globally. Dr. Biswas discussed the challenges faced by preprint repositories, such as ensuring quality control and addressing concerns related to plagiarism. Additionally, he proposed potential solutions to mitigate these challenges. He also shared relevant case studies and success stories, illustrating instances where preprint repositories played a pivotal role in the early dissemination of groundbreaking research. The session was concluded with an engaging question-and-answer segment, where participants had the opportunity to seek clarification on various technical aspects and share their thoughts on the presented content. The talk received positive feedback from the attendees, highlighting Dr. Biswas's articulate presentation style and the relevance of the topic. Participants appreciated the opportunity to gain insights into the technical intricacies of preprint repositories. In conclusion, Dr. Ashis Biswas delivered a highly informative and engaging talk on the effectiveness and functionality of preprint repositories, specifically focusing on the technical aspects. The event provided a platform for knowledge exchange and discussion among the participants. Dr. Jayati Ghosh has expressed her views and ideas regarding this topic. The entire discussion was concluded by the speech of Dr. Jatyati Ghosh, the Chairperson of the session. Mr. Abhijit Kumar, the General Secretary of IASLIC, has also thanked all the participants, Speaker and the Chairperson. Mr. Pradip Sarkar, the Treasurer of IASLIC, has delivered the vote of thanks. Dr. Tridib Chattopadhyay, the Convenor of the Study Circle Division of IASLIC, has thanked all the dignitaries and the participants. We express our gratitude to Dr. Biswas for his valuable contribution to the 348th Study Circle, and we look forward to more such enlightening sessions in the future.

FORTH COMING CONFERENCE/SEMINAR/ TRAINING/WORKSHOP/CELEBRATION

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

69th Annual Conference of Indian Library Association - INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE on "Building the Future: Transforming Libraries for Sustainability" 1-3 February 2024. Venue: BKB Auditorium, Gauhati University. Organized by Indian Library Association, (ILA), New Delhi, and Department of Library and Information Science, Gauhati University, Guwahati-781014, Krishna Kanta Handiqui Library, Gauhati University, Assam Library Association (ALA), Guwahati.

About the Conference

Libraries have long been in the centre of society, acting of knowledge and secure places. However, libraries are expected to play an even more vital role in promoting sustainability in an era of environmental concerns as centres and geopolitical uncertainty. Library professionals play a crucial role in promoting sustainability within the communities and beyond. Their unique position as information specialists and community connectors allows them to have a significant impact on fostering environmentally conscious practices and encouraging sustainable behaviors.

Indian Library Association (ILA), New Delhi

The Indian Library Association (ILA) is a professional organization that promotes the development of Library and Information Services and the Library profession in India. It is one of the oldest Library Associations in Asia, having been established in 1933. It plays a vital role in advancing the field of Library and Information Science in India by providing a platform for professionals to collaborate, share knowledge, and work towards the betterment of libraries and information services in the country.

Department of library and information science, Gauhati University

The Department of Library and Information Science, Gauhati University is the first post graduate and premier department of library and information science in the entire North-East India established in 1966. At present the Department offers 2 Year Integrated MLISc and PhD in Library and Information Science. From the year 2023, the department has

started Four Year Under graduate Program in Library and Information Science under NEP 2000. The endeavour of the department has been to build a pool of skilled and qualified library and information professionals to work in any type of library and information center.

Krishna Kanta Handiqui Library, Gauhati University

The Krishna Kanta Handiqui Library, situated within the premises of Gauhati University in Assam, India, is a prominent academic library that plays a vital role in supporting research, learning, and teaching activities within the university community and beyond. Named after the illustrious scholar and educationist and the first Vice Chancellor of Gauhati University, Krishna Kanta Handiqui, the library serves as a hub of information and knowledge for students, faculty, researchers, and scholars. The library team consists of women who are capable in various fields of crops.

Assam Library Association, Guwahati

The Assam Library Association (ALA) is a prominent professional organization that plays a significant role advancing the field of librarianship and promoting library services in Assam. It was established in 1st January, 1938, with the aim of fostering cooperation, collaboration, and knowledge sharing among library professionals. ALA has been a driving force in advocating for the development and modernization of libraries in the region.

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

National Seminar on User Awareness on NDLI and NDLI Club with a Special Focus to Sustainable Development in Education

National Seminar on User Awareness on NDLI and NDLI Club with a Special Focus to Sustainable Development in Education, jointly organized by National Digital Library of India, IIT Kharagpur and Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University on February, 8th-9th 2024, at Rabindra Bhaban Auditorium, Cooch Behar.

The National Digital Library of India (NDLI), IIT Kharagpur is proud to present a thought-provoking and enlightening two-day national seminar on "Users Awareness on NDLI and NDLI Club with a Special Focus to Sustainable Development in Education." In collaboration with Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University, this event aims to foster a deeper understanding of the role that NDLI plays in shaping the future of education and its crucial connection to sustainable development.

KEY FOCUS AREAS:

- Empowering Access to Educational Resources: NDLI, as a pioneering digital library, has been instrumental in democratizing access to a wealth of educational resources. The seminar will delve into how NDLI's extensive repository of digital content has empowered students, educators, and researchers across diverse fields, contributing significantly to the democratization of education.
- NDLI Club: A Catalyst for Collaboration: The NDLI Club, an integral component of NDLI, serves as a dynamic platform for collaboration and knowledge exchange. The seminar will highlight the collaborative initiatives undertaken by the NDLI Club, fostering partnerships that drive sustainable development in education.
- Innovations in Pedagogy and Learning: Explore how NDLI has catalysed innovations in pedagogy and learning methodologies. By providing access to a diverse range of learning materials, NDLI has been instrumental in shaping progressive and inclusive educational practices that align with the principles of sustainable development.
- Digital Literacy and Inclusion: The seminar will address the role of NDLI in promoting digital literacy and inclusion. By bridging the digital divide, NDLI has empowered learners from all walks of life, ensuring that sustainable development in education is inclusive and accessible to everyone.

SEMINAR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Expert Speakers: Learn from renowned experts in the fields of education, technology, and sustainable development who will share their insights and experiences.
- Interactive Workshops: Participate in hands-on workshops to enhance your skills, exchange ideas, and discover innovative approaches to education and sustainable development.
- Networking Opportunities: Connect with like-minded individuals, educators, and professionals who share a passion for advancing education and contributing to sustainable development.
- Collaboration with Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University: Benefit from the collaboration with one of the esteemed universities in the region, providing a diverse and enriching perspective to the seminar. Join us in this enlightening seminar, where we aim to deepen our understanding of how NDLI and NDLI Club are shaping the landscape of education in India, driving sustainable development and ensuring a brighter, more inclusive future for learners nationwide.

SEMINAR OBJECTIVES:

1. Deepening Understanding: To deepen participants' understanding of the capabilities and potential of NDLI and NDLI Club in transforming the educational landscape. To highlight the role of digital libraries in addressing contemporary educational challenges.
2. Promoting Collaboration: To facilitate networking and

collaboration among educators, researchers, and institutions through the NDLI Club platform. To encourage the formation of partnerships that enhance the quality and accessibility of educational resources.

3. Addressing Sustainability: To discuss and promote sustainable practices in education, with a focus on reducing environ mental impact through digital resources. To explore ways in which NDLI and NDLI Club contribute to eco-friendly and sustainable educational initiatives

4. Encouraging Innovation: To encourage innovation in pedagogy and educational approaches through the integration of NDLI resources. To showcase innovative initiatives and projects that have successfully leveraged NDLI and NDLI Club for educational advancement.

REGISTRATION

Registration in the National Seminar is completely free. Seats are available on a first-come first-serve basis. Please register in this link: https://forms.gle/YcTsxtVAMgMY-quD96.

For query regarding accommodation please feel free to write: universitylibpbu@gmail.com or Call: 9749525485 / 7980780621

Two-Day International Conference on Building Information Resilient Society in the Changing Information Ecosystem March 27-28, 2024 Organised by: University of Calcutta, & Institute of Development Studies Kolkata, India - March 27-28, 2024 Venue: University of Calcutta, College Street, Kolkata, India

Overview:

In an era of techno-globalization, information is the lifeline connecting people, empowering individuals, and contributing to an interconnected and harmonious society. This interdisciplinary conference explores the evolving landscape of information ecosystems, addressing vulnerabilities and insufficiencies highlighted by challenges and crises like the COVID-19 pandemic, earthquakes in Nepal & Japan, ongoing the Palestine-Israel war, Rohingya refugee crisis, to recent Balasore train accident, disturbance in the North East, landslides in Himachal Pradesh, air pollution in Delhi, devastating super Cyclones like Amphan in West Bengal, and floods in Kerala to name a few. The aim is to facilitate meaningful dialogues and develop effective strategies that enhance the capacity of information ecosystems to withstand and overcome future crises while maximizing societal benefits even during non-crisis periods.

Call for Papers:

We invite original research papers, short communications, demos, and research project reports from diverse disciplines ranging from environmental science, economics, computer science and applications, GIS & remote sensing to anthropology, sociology, political science, history, media & communication studies, disaster studies and library and information science. Submit your work on topics like community resilience, data governance, disaster resilient infrastructure, climate data ecosystems, crisis response and management, public libraries and community information centres' role, controlling propaganda, fake news, disinformation, combating online harm, and frontier technologies like AI and ML for societal well-being.

Peer Review Process: All submissions undergo blind peer-review by the scientific committee.

Important Dates:
Submit your abstract | Submit your manuscript

• Abstract Submission Deadline: February 05, 2024
 • Notification of Acceptance: February 10, 2024
• Full Paper Submission Deadline: February 29, 2024
• Notification of acceptance: March 07, 2024
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In Collaboration with
Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation
Ministry of Culture, Government of India
&
Society for Library Professionals, New Delhi**

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Paper Submission Guidelines

Interested participants are invited to contribute papers and submit an abstract of 300 words (Font
type: Times New Roman, font size: 12 in English and Kruti Dev, font size 14 in Hindi) by 5th February,
2024 through e-mail to ncilts.dlisuniraj@gmail.com or attach the abstract in online registration
form. Complete papers should be limited to about 3000 words and reference in APA Style. The
contributors will get intimation regarding the acceptance. The paper submitted for presentation should
not have already been published/ presented elsewhere. The Committee reserves the right to edit/ reject
the papers.

Link for Online Registration:

https://forms.gle/R2aiNZbqCZHENFGc9

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**UNESCO Guidelines for the Governance

of Digital Platforms**

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UNESCO has released its Guidelines for the Governance of Digital Platforms, the result of a year's work involving a wide variety of stakeholders, including the Internet4Trust conference in February which attracted over 4000 par-

ticipants. The final version of UNESCO's guidelines on how digital platforms – and in particular social media – should work offers helpful affirmation of the importance of access to information, skills, and libraries. It also provides a framework for us to engage in wider debates about information regulation. At the heart of the Guidelines there are a set of five principles. These are:

1. Platforms should conduct human rights due diligence – this should take place in general and before any major changes, and incorporate a full variety of perspectives.

2. Platforms should adhere to international human rights standards, including in platform design, content moderation and content curation – this should involve non-discrimination by design, moderation in local languages (as well as support for moderators, who otherwise can have a terrible job), a variety of responses to harmful content, auditing processes, avoiding promoting content that would generally be seen as illegal.

3. Platforms should be transparent – crucial to achieving the above is transparency, both in terms of setting out terms of service, and showing clearly how platforms comply with them. This covers everything from moderation, advertising, complaints and appeals, safeguards for freedom of expression, and ensuring access to data for researchers, civil society and media

4. Platforms should make information and tools available for users – this refers to ensuring that users understand processes and their rights, in particular in their own language.

5. Platforms should be accountable to relevant stakeholders – there should be effective complaints mechanisms that take account of local needs.

To know more please visit: https://www.ifla.org/news/unesco-guidelines-for-the-governance-of-digital-platforms/

OBITUARY

Prof (Dr) Manorama Srinath, Former Professor and Head, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Madras breathed her last on 18 January, 2024 at the age of 77. A distinguished academician and a stalwart in the field of Library and Information Science, Prof Srinath was born on 3 July 1946. With a rich educational background, including a B Sc, M A, M L I S and Ph D degree, she made significant contributions to the Department of Library and Information Science at the University of Madras. Dr Manorama Srinath served in various capacities during her tenure at the University of Madras, starting from Lecturer to Professor. She not only mentored numerous Ph D candidates at the University of Madras but also extended her guidance to scholars from other universities on topics ranging from information-seeking behavior to GIS applications. Beyond her academic achievements, Dr Manorama Srinath actively engaged in consultancy services, delivered lectures in refresher courses, summer schools and participated in co-curricular activities. Dr Srinath's involvement with professional bodies, such as MALA, ILA, IATLIS, IASLIC, TLA, reflected her commitment to the broader library and information science community. The passing of Prof (Dr) Manorama Srinath is a great loss to the academic community and her legacy will be remembered with gratitude and respect. IASLIC deeply mourns her death.

Sri Arun Kumar Roy, the President of the Bengal Library Association and one of the leaders of Library Movement in Bengal died on January 5th, 2024 at the medical unit of Students' Health Home. Kolkata at the age of 85. He, the youngest son of his parents, was born on 13th January 1939 in Kazigram of Maymonsin district of present Bangladesh. As a student of the Bengal Library Association, Arun babu joined in the library movement in the year 1963. Gradually he became the Assistant Secretary, Joint Secretary, Editor of Granthagar Patrika, General Secretary, Vice-President and President of the Bengal Library Association. He was closely associated with the Indian Association for Special Libraries and Information Centres, Kolkata and have taken active part in making the Association a true national body. He was also associated with Indian Library Association, New Delhi. He has attended the IASLIC Seminars and conferences and have taken a pivotal role in making the seminars and conferences a grand success.
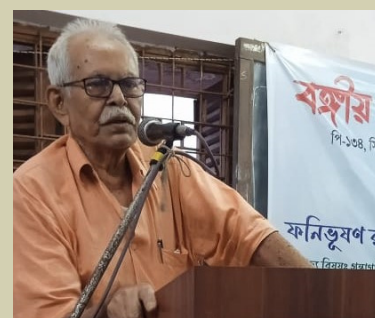

Sri Roy started his education in a local school of his village Kazigram, Maymansin, Bangladesh. After school education, he came to the then Calcutta and completed his Graduation in general degree and Bachelors in Library Science from University of Calcutta. He started his career at the Central Library, University of Calcutta. Thereafter, he joined in Jadavpur University Central Library. He has retired from the Jadavpur University as Assistant Librarian in 2001. He also served a Librarian of Lovepur College during 1970s' when he has been turned out from service of the Jadavpur University.

Sri Roy was unmarried. He has donated his eye and body. After death, the library and information science professionals, colleagues and students assembled at his last ride and his divine body has been handed over to the authority of The Nil Ratan Sircar Medical College and Hospital, Kolkata. IASLIC deeply mourns the death of Sri Arun Kumar Roy and expresses deep condolences to the bereaved family members.

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National Conference on **'Application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Libraries'**

This conference provides a platform for all stakeholders in the field of Library and Information Science to design innovative services using modern technologies and new user interfaces to reach and serve the Google Generation. The conference will also explore how libraries can be revitalized to enhance the dissemination of information and impart values through libraries and library professionals in the current technological era.

The Central Library, Nandha College of Technology, Erode, Tamil Nadu, jointly with the Society for the Advancement of Library and Information Science (SALIS), Chennai, is organizing a one day NCAAIL 2024: National Conference on 'Application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Libraries' on 20th April 2024.

The objectives of the conference
The need for AI and ML in the library and information science field
The practical and possible applications of AI in Libraries
The AI tools and technologies for libraries
The role of ChatGPT in libraries and learning
Challenges, limitations and issues of using AI in Libraries

Conference
NCAAIL 2024 : National Conference on Application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Libraries on 20.04.2024

Conference Main Themes : Application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Libraries

Sub-themes
• Role of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML) and Expert System for Library Applications
• Applications of AI Tools and Technologies and its benefits in Library administration and services
• AI for Library Routine tasks such as Cataloguing, Classification, Metadata creation, Library Transactions, Reference Service, FAQs etc.
• AI for Information Search and Retrieval, Data Analytics, Resource utilization, Collection Building and Budgeting
• AI for Digitizing Library Manuscripts and other precious resources
• AI for identifying and searching images and audio recordings, automatic speech recognition to convert speech to text, and natural language processing (NLP)
• AI for Robotic assistance in providing services to Library users and special users etc.
• Application of ChatGPT in Library activities
• Challenges, Opportunities, limitations, Privacy, Security, Ethical and Copyright issues of using AI in libraries

Submission of Papers
Original contributions based on practice, theoretical and empirical research, case studies etc are invited on the theme and subthemes of the conference. The full paper should not exceed 8 pages in 1.15 line spacing of B5 (JIS) size. The abstract should be 250 - 300 words with a minimum of 3-5 keywords.
Page alignment: Paper B5 (JIS) size, MS-Word, Font - Times New Roman 10.5 points. 1.15 line spacing, Charts, Graphs, Photographs etc. if any, should be inserted at the proper place in the paper. Every paper has to be sent with a copyright declaration form according to the format available on the conference website.

• Papers should be submitted only through the link: http://bit.ly/nandhancaail2024
• Hard-copy of paper will not be accepted.
• An author can submit maximum of two papers.
• Papers accepted for presentation will be intimated to the corresponding first author through e-mail.
• All the correspondence should be communicated through e-mail to the first author.
• Authors have to pay the registration fee only after getting acceptance from the organizers.
• Papers without registration fees will not be included in the conference volume with ISBN.
• The decision of the review committee regarding the acceptance of the paper is final.
• Paper should be submitted only as per the guidelines. Kindly refer to the 'Paper Alignment Instructions' and 'Manuscript Template' in the conference website.

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National Conference on **'Application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Libraries'**

Nandha College of Technology
Established in 2008, Nandha College of Technology is a Self-financing Engineering College, approved by AICTE, New Delhi and affiliated to Anna University, Chennai. The institution initially offered four branches: Computer Science and Engineering, Information Technology, Electronics and Communication Engineering, and Electrical and Electronics Engineering, and it continue to offer so the present day. Two PG programs in Computer Science and Engineering as well as in Communication Systems were added, in addition to the four UG programs. The college, as of now, is functioning with 1060 UG and 4 PG students with 96 faculty members. Nandha College of Technology, under the guidance of the illustrious Chairman Thiru. V. Shanmugan and Secretaries Thiru. S. Nandhakumar Pradeep and Thiru S. Thirumoorthy, with foresight and far-reaching vision, is at the forefront of innovation in technical and management education.
Nandha College of Technology campus provides environment for learning in harmony with nature, away from the odds of the city life. The spacious and earth hugging buildings, punctuated with landscaped courtyards and pathways are designed to emphasize the business ethics and characteristics of an excellent center for learning. The Campus hosts well planned academic blocks, computer centers, lecture halls, library, laboratories, and Conference hall and hostel facilities. The Campus also has ATM, Gym and a clinic to attend the general health of the students and staff members. The Faculty Student ratio is maintained as 1:20. Nandha College of Technology has the admission percentage of over 80% for the last three years with excellent placement record of 90% and above.

Central Library
The college takes pride in having a Central Library block with a built up area of 493 sq.m. The Library has more than 32500 Volumes and subscribing 200 journals which include national and international journals and magazines. In addition to books and journals, 5 e-journals packages are subscribed. The NCT library is subscribing many on-line databases of e-resources including IEEE, ASME, ProQUEST, EBSCO-e-books, NPTEL, DELNET, NDLI etc.
The primary aim of the library is to support the student of our institution for education. The collection of the library includes Books, Journals, Magazines, Project report, Question Bank, Newspaper, back Volumes and other richest collection in the fields of Management studies, Science and Technologies.
The library has a separate section for Audio Video Cassettes, CD-ROMS, Journals, Magazines, Internet services and Reference books like Bibliographies, Encyclopaedias, and Dictionaries etc. Library is computerized using I-lib automation software, which helps the Students and Staff members to search any type of library documents. The Bar-coding technology is adopted with the software to speedup the circulation process.

Society for the Advancement of Library and Information Science (SALIS)
SALIS is a registered professional body established in 2002, and it has been actively involved in the development of all spheres of library and information science by organizing various programmes, including conferences, seminars, workshops, and training programmes on emerging topics in various parts of the country. These programmes are organized through SALIS chapters located in many places. SALIS publishes national and international journals, proceedings, and a newsletter for the exchange of information and knowledge among LIS professionals. SALIS has instituted many awards to encourage and motivate LIS professionals. One of the objectives of SALIS is to train the LIS professionals in the country to handle the latest IT tools and techniques more effectively and efficiently to adopt the best practices to provide high-quality library services. The current focus of SALIS is to 'Reach the Unreached' to minimize the digital divide

Erode
Nandha College of technology is located in Erode – Perundurai, 8 km – a town well connected by road and rail. The airport at Coimbatore is 70km from NCT. Erode is surrounded by a number of entertainments, historical and spiritual places such as Bannari amman Temple, Bhavani sagar Dam, Jain temple, Bird sanctuary, Thindal Murugan temple and Bhavani river.

About the Conference
Artificial intelligence (AI) is a combination of science and engineering used to make intelligent machines and computer programs. AI is a fast-growing discipline used in various areas of human interactions and activities. The library is one of the areas where AI tools and technologies can be used to automate many routine activities of libraries. AI can assist the library professionals in knowledge organization and retrieval, information accessibility, user services and data analytics with the help of Machine learning, ChatGPT, OpenAI etc. The AI based tools and software are readily available and it is highly impactful to identify usage patterns and make predictions with minimal human intervention. Hence, it is important to emphasize AI literacy among library professionals and patrons in today's society through such conferences.
This conference aims to bring together all the stakeholders in libraries, such as working LIS professionals, research scholars, IT professionals, and other interested groups, in one platform to discuss and share the practical and possible applications of various AI tools and technologies that are available today to automate library routine activities, information retrieval, data analytics etc., Keeping those in mind, the organizers have planned a one day NCAAIL - 2024 National Conference on 'Application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Libraries'.

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Target Participants
• Librarians, Library & Information Science Professionals
• Professionals and Knowledge Workers
• Information Specialist & Technology Firms
• Knowledge Industry and e-Publishing Houses
• Content Management Experts
• Government Officials/Planners/Media Experts
• Public Librarians/Public Library Professionals

Transport
The institution has a robust transport system with a fleet of buses operating from our various campuses. They facilitate ease of conveyance for both students and staff. The buses ply to and from the prominent parts inside the Erode city and its sub-urban areas. Bus are available to Dharapuram, Kankeyam, Tirupur, Avinashi, Sathyamangalam, Gobi, Mettur, Bhavani, Sangagiri, Tiruchengode, Kodumudi, Muthur & Vellakovil covering a distance of 85 Kms radius. Bus covering long distance areas for comfortable travelling.

Conference Highlights
Best Paper Presentation award:
• Best paper presentation awards and rewards will be given to paper presenter such as LIS Professionals (General), LIS Professionals (Women),Regular Research Scholars and Students.
• Memento will be given to all the paper presenters.

Invited Talks: Talks by Nationally renowned speakers.

Publications:
• Selected high quality papers from the conference will be published in UGC care or Scopus indexed journal with additional cost.
• Papers will be published in an edited volume of book with an ISBN.

Product Presentation & Exhibitions:
Product presentation and exhibitions from reputed vendors.

Panel Discussion:
Panel Discussion on "Application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Libraries'

Conference Structure:
The conference consists of an inaugural & valedictory function, technical sessions, invited & keynote addresses, paper presentations, product presentations and exhibition from reputed vendors and knowledge dissemination on the conference themes.
Inaugural Function–Release of Conference Book and Souvenir–Product Presentation and Exhibitions–Technical Session I to IV (Parallel Sessions) – Panel Discussion–Valedictory Function–Best Paper Presentation Award and Reward– Participation Certificate Distribution

Registration Fee

LIS Professional	:	₹ 750.00
Research Scholar	:	₹ 600.00
Participants (without paper)	:	₹ 300.00

Registration fee should be paid through Demand Draft drawn in favour of' The Principal, Nandha College of Technology' payable at 'Erode' and addressed to the Organizing Secretary.
Online Payment Details:

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Account No.	:	6386889143
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Registration Fee Includes
- Presenters / Non-Presenters / Attendee
- Refreshments (Morning and Evening) and Lunch
- Conference CD (Not Applicable for Non-presenters & Attendee)
- Conference Bag & Conference Group Photo (Soft Copy)
- Participation & Attendance Certificate
- Notepad, Pen
- Conference Photo Coverage

Important Dates

Last Date for Submission of Full Paper	:	25.03.2024
Communication of Acceptance	:	27.03.2024
Last date for Registration	:	17.04.2024
National Conference	:	20.04.2024
Conference Website	:	https://nandhancaail2024.blogspot.com

All the announcements about the conference will be made available in the conference website only

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Nearest Historical and Tourist Places

Vijayamangalam was historically a part of Kongu Nadu. This town was an ancient settlement of Jains. Vijayamangalam Jain temple was built in ⬜678 C.E. by King Konguvelir of Velir dynasty. There is an inscription inside the temple that talks of the beauty of Perunkathai. The Vijayamangalam village is also the birthplace of a 12th century Jain acharya Bhavanadi, who authored Nann⬜l, a work on Tamil grammar. This temple is the oldest Jain temple in the Kongu Nadu region.

Bannari Amman temple is an Amman temple in the Indian state of Tamil Nadu. It is located near Sathyamangalam, Erode district. The main deity is goddess Mariamman (the goddess of rain), an avatar of goddess Parvathi. The goddess is considered powerful in Tamil and Kannada folklore. Nearly every village in the Kongu region of Tamil Nadu has a Mariamman temple.

Sangameswarar temple (also called Thirunana and Thirukooduthurai) is a temple in Bhavani, in the Erode district, of the Indian state of Tamil Nadu. It is a Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Shiva. It is 15 km from Erode. The temple was built at the confluence of rivers Kaveri, Bhavani and the mystic Amutha (Agaya Gangai). The temple was praised in old Tamil literature as Thirunana. The place is also known as Dakshina Triveni Sangamam and Kooduthurai indicating the confluence of three rivers. Devotees perform last rites for ancestors on the riverbank and offer prayers at the Sangameshwarar temple.

Bhavanisagar Dam or Lower Bhavani Dam is located in Erode district, Tamil Nadu, India.The dam is constructed on the Bhavani river. It is one of the world's largest earthen dams. The dam receives water from two main catchment areas in the western ghats .

Vellode Birds Sanctuary is a bird sanctuary located in Erode District, Tamil Nadu, India. The sanctuary covers an area of .77 km2 (0.30 sq mi). The sanctuary is located near Vellode, about 12 km from Erode. It has been designated as a protected Ramsar site since 2022 The sanctuary is built around Periyakulam lake surrounded with bushes. More than 20,000 birds visit during the migration period from November to March. The sanctuary features thousands of birds coming from various countries, some of which can be easily identified. The bird species include bar-headed goose, black-tailed godwit, barn swallow, woolly-necked stork, Eurasian spoonbill, greater spotted eagle, blue-tailed bee-eater, little stint, spot billed pelican, purple swamphen, and yellow wagtail.

Arulmigu Velayuthaswamy Thirukovil, also known as the Thindalmalai Murugan Temple, is a Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Murugan, located on Thindalmalai hillock near Erode, Tamil Nadu, India. The primary deity is Sri Velayudhaswami (Murugan). The temple houses a golden chariot Temple Car, used to carry images of gods in ceremonial processions. It is about 7 km from Central Bus stand at Swastik Circle, 8 km from Erode Junction. The Temple is well connected to by local buses running in-between Erode Central Bus Terminus and Perundurai.

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