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Quote of the Month

*"A library is a place that is a repository of information and gives every citizen equal access to it."
- Neil Gaiman, English Fiction Writer*

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.
69	Space Application Centre	0334-I[Z2]
70	Tata Institute of Fundamental Research	0463-I[Z2]
71	University of Mumbai	0480-I[Z2]

Announcement

Librarians' Day 2023

India celebrates **August 12** as Librarians Day in the honour of **Dr S.R. Ranganathan (1892-1972)**, known as "**Father of Library Science in India**" and the pioneer who recognized the real need of libraries and library science education in our country. Every year Indian Association of Special Libraries and Information Centres (**IASLIC**), Bengal Library Association (**BLA**) and West Bengal Public Library Employees Association (**WBPLEA**) jointly organize Librarians' Day to commemorate and observe the Birth Day of our most respected teacher Dr. S. R. Ranganathan.

Librarians' Day, 2023 will be celebrated by IASLIC, BLA and WBPLEA on **Sunday the 13th August 2023** at **Rabindra Bhawan, Chandannagar, Hoogly, West Bengal**, in collaboration with **Chandannagar Pustakagar** and **Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata**.

The topic of discussion of the celebration of Librarians' Day of this year is "**Role of Books and Libraries to develop Children Mind**" (Sishu Moner Bikashe Grantha O Granthagarer Bhumika).

The honourable speakers are: Dr. Satrajit Goswami, Professor and former Head, Rishi Bankim Chandra College, Naihati; Sri Parthajit Gangyopadhyay, honourable member, Sishu O Kishore Academy, Govt. of West Bengal & renowned child writer and Sri Debasish Mukhopadhyay, former librarian, Aikal Patrika.

33rd All India IASLIC Conference

The 33rd All India IASLIC Conference will be held at the **Department of Library and Information Science, Pondicherry University, Puducherry** during **7 - 9 December, 2023**.

Main theme of the Conference: **Collaborative Librarianship**
 SIG Social Science Information - **Media Libraries**
 SIG Computer Application - **Digital Humanities**.

The facets and sub-facets will be circulated soon for "Call for Papers" (Circular I).

Forthcoming Issue of ILSA Volume 45-49 (2011-2015)

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) will be 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 with the effective support of the concerned people ILSA will become an authentic and comprehensive surrogate of Indian intellectual output in Library and Information Science. The hard copy and soft copy will be available from IASLIC Office from July. For any query, please mail to: iaslic.india@gmail.com.

Dr. Nitai Raychoudhury
 Honorary Editor, ILSA

An Appeal to the Institutional members to send soft copy of transaction details of electronic transfer of fund immediately to iaslic.India@gmail.com

IASLIC sincerely acknowledges the patronage of all institutional members to run the Association smoothly through

their annual subscription. The institutional members receive the copies of IASLIC Bulletin (4 issues in a year – March, June, September and December) through speed post. The electronic transfer of money is very common in the present-day context due to enhanced application of Information Technology. A good number of institutions have remitted their subscription through electronic mode. It has been found that in most of the cases, the Bank statement of electronic transfer does not show the exact name of the sending institute and other details. As a result, we face difficulties in bank reconciliation and unable to identify the names of the institutes. As such, we are unable to send the receipt of payment to those institutes and simultaneously, we will not be able to send IASLIC Bulletin for the year 2023 to such institutes.

It is our humble request to the esteemed institute members who have already paid their subscription for the year 2023 through electronic mode to send the soft copy of their transaction details to official e-mail of IASLIC immediately. The members who are in the process of renewing their membership or making new membership for 2023 through electronic mode are also requested to send the soft copy of their transaction details immediately after successful payment through e-mail. We earnestly solicit your co-operation in this regard.

The mail id: iaslic.india@gmail.com

Sri Abhijit Kumar
 Honorary General Secretary

An Appeal to all esteemed members of IASLIC

One of the most important objectives of IASLIC Newsletter is to provide information to all concerned about various achievements of the LIS professionals during the course of their journey. It may be new appointment, promotion, joined to a new post, awarded Ph.D., award received in different areas of LIS domains and various other recognitions both at national as well as international levels. The honoured members of the Governing Body of IASLIC as well as all other members of IASLIC are requested to kindly intimate us the valued and authenticated information through e-mail. We will publish their name with the achievements in the Personalia column in the subsequent Newsletter to motivate the achievers as well as other professionals to do their best for the cause of growth and development of library and information science. The e-mail id: iaslicnl2023@gmail.com.

Dr. Nitai Raychoudhury
 Honorary Editor, IASLIC Newsletter

The 340th Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC: A brief report

The IASLIC 340th Study Circle Meeting was held on 8th June 2023. Dr. Kishor Chandra Satpathy, Chief Librarian of Indian Statistical Institute delivered the lecture on "Changing and New Role of Libraries". Prof. K P Majumdar of JU Kolkata chaired the session.

While talking about the "Changing & New Role of Libraries" Dr. Kishor Chandra Satpathy, Chief Librarian of Indian Statistical Institute said that libraries have undergone a significant transformation in recent years, from traditional book repositories to dynamic knowledge creation and dissemination hubs. However, with the advent of technology and the internet, the concept of a library has changed drastically. Today, libraries are no longer just about lending books; they have become more dynamic, interactive, and multi-functional. He highlighted the role of libraries in the context of Agility, Digitization, Networking & Collaboration, Democratization of Library Services & Innovative Library Space.

He added that with the advent of new technologies and the rise of information overload, libraries have also become a major source of information gateway and literacy support. Libraries are becoming community spaces, where people can come together for a wide range of activities, including workshops, talks, and events. Libraries are increasingly important in social and cultural life, promoting literacy and education, and fostering a sense of community. He also highlighted the increasing role of innovative library space in fostering library services.

While concluding he said that libraries play a vital role in society and embody the changing needs and aspirations of the community they serve. The evolving role of libraries is not only exciting but is also essential for societies that strive for knowledge, growth, and intellectual development. After that the audience took part in the question - answer session and discussion. The formal vote of thanks was given by Ms. Moumita Ash, Joint Secretary. The meeting was ended with thanks to the Chair.

CONFERENCE/SEMINAR/ TRAINING/WORKSHOP

Three Days "National Workshop on Koha"

The Department of Library and Information Science, Dharendra Mahila P.G. College, Varanasi, organized 3 days "National Workshop on Koha- Open Integrated Management System" during June 15-17, 2023. The Registration fee for

the workshop was Rs. 1000/- only. For any further information & query, please contact at 9807284221 & shwetagupta0542@gmail.com

FORTH COMING CONFERENCE/SEMINAR/ TRAINING/WORKSHOP/CELEBRATION

Festival of Libraries 2023: Read - Research - Reflect

Ministry of Culture, Government of India cordially invites you to the **Festival of Libraries 2023 on August 05** (Saturday) **and 06** (Sunday), **2023 at the Hall No. 5, Pragati Maidan**, New Delhi. For more information please mail: festivaloflibraries2023@gmail.com

Inaugural Session and Launches: 05.08.2023 at 10.30 a.m. Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. Programms Follows: Culture & Cuisine; Literary Quiz; Best Practices in Library Management; From Pages to Stages; Bookstores as a Community Spaces; Language Learning Tools (Anuvadini), Making of a Library.

Day 2 (06.08.23): Libraries Around the World; Why We must Preserve? Archives & Oral Histories; Fostering Reading Cultures; Read, Research & Reflect: Literary Residencies & Retreats; Vision 2047 for Libraries: Ministerial Panel, National Mission on Manuscripts; Valedictory Session & Launches

National Mission on Reading (19 June – 18 July)

The P N Panicker Foundation and P N Panicker Vigyan Vikas Kendra have been observing the Reading Day, Reading Week, and Reading Month Celebrations since 19th June, 1996, the first annual remembrance day of Shri P N Panicker, the father of Library and Literacy Movement in Kerala. Started as a Reading Day Celebration on 19th June, 1996, by the Govt. of Kerala along with P.N. Panicker Foundation it has become a mass movement to promote the culture of reading so as to inculcate the habit of reading and promote book mindedness among school children, youth as well as the underprivileged population of the country. The Government of Kerala and the Government of India through NITI Aayog has entrusted the responsibility of observing National Reading/ Digital Reading Month Celebrations to P N Panicker Foundation and P N Panicker Vigyan Vikas Kendra.

Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, came down to Kerala and launched the 22nd National Reading/ Digital Reading Month Celebrations on 19th June, 2017 at Kochi. The Prime Minister gave a clarion call to propagate the message of Vayichu Valaruka (Read and Grow) to 300 million Indian citizens by 2022 when the country celebrates

its 75th year of independence. The Prime Minister directed P.N. Panicker Foundation to promote digital reading also so as to use digital technology in all educational institutions of the country.

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The 28th P N Panicker National Reading Day/ Digital Reading Month Celebrations 2023 are being celebrated as previous years in collaboration with Govt. of India, Ministry of Education, NITI Aayog, National Digital Library of India (NDLI), Govt. of Kerala, P.N. Panicker Foundation, P.N. Panicker Vigyan Vikas Kendra and various other stakeholders during 19th June to 18th July, 2023.

TECHNOLOGY NEWS

The Altmetric Badge: Unlocking Insights into Journal Article Popularity

Researchers and users both disseminate, share, and cite the articles for further research and references on the web and social media platforms. The circulation of articles on the web (online reference managers like, Zotero, CiteULike, and Mendley) and social media (Twitter, Facebook, personal scholarly blogs, etc.) gives us an idea of how popular an article is, in turn increasing research value. The term used to measure this popularity is “altmetrics.” The aim of altmetrics is to provide a more comprehensive view of the impact and influence of research by considering broader indicators of attention and engagement. There are various tools provided by several companies to measure the online attention that any article is receiving. Altmetric Badges are one of those. In this article we will learn everything from “what is altmetrics?” to the idea and importance of altmetric badges in journal articles.

As opposed to traditional metrics, which only take into account citation count and journal name to estimate influence, these only represent a limited perspective of a work's value after it has accumulated citations in academic literature. Altmetrics are quantitative measures at the article level that track the various ways that researchers and the general public interact with published work. The alternative metrics that are web and social media-based, commonly referred to as 'Altmetrics'. It has garnered significant response from the research communities globally. Altmetrics track the reach, use, and reuse of research outcomes, from

articles and figures to datasets and code. It's important to note that altmetrics are not meant to replace traditional metrics but rather complement them by providing additional insights. They can be useful for researchers, funding agencies, institutions, and publishers to assess the broader societal impact of research, identify influential research outputs, track trends, and monitor engagement with scholarly content.

Types of Online Attentions

Altmetrics take into account various types of online attention and engagement that research outputs receive. These can include:

- Social media mentions
- News and media coverage
- Downloads and views
- Bookmarking and saving
- Online discussions
- Post-publication peer review
- Self-publishing (blogging, microblogging, comments, etc.)

Benefits of Altmetrics

- It helps to measure the impact of your work before the academic citations that accumulate over time.
- Both academic and social metrics are taken into account.
- It reflects how the influence of work is changing over time.
- It enables immediate availability of information on the reach and influence of an article.
- These metrics are also a powerful way to navigate and discover others' work.

Altmetrics tool providers

There are many companies providing Altmetric Scores, the most exclusive of these are [Altmetrics](#), [PlumAnalytics](#), [Lagotto by PLOS](#) and [ImpactStory](#). These companies provide you tools to help you easily identify how much and what type of attention a research output has received.

PlumX metrics gathers and brings together appropriate research metrics for all types of scholarly research output and categorizes metrics into 5 separate categories: Citations, Usage, Captures, Mentions, and Social Media. The company Plum Analytics has been owned by Elsevier since 2017 and PlumX is integrated into several Elsevier research products and journal and society partner sites.

Lagotto by PLOS It is an open source application developed by Public Library of Science (PLOS) in 2009. Altmetrics cap-

ture the manifold ways in which research is disseminated and used, including: viewed, shared, discussed, cited, recommended. They can be customized based on the unique needs of researchers, publishers, institutional decision-makers, and funders.

Altmetric is a company that is serving the research community since 2011 and aims to understand and encourage the influence of research outputs. How much value and influence they have on people and different communities, including authors, publishers, funders, editors, and researchers. Various tools and services of Altmetric is being used by leading institutions, commercial and non-profit organizations around the world.

At Altmetric Detail Page, it shows a collated, real-time record of the online attention received by a scholarly content. It tracks and visualizes the summary of the online attention activity surrounding the scholarly content in the form of colourful Donut and Attention Score.

Things needed for tracking online attention

- An output (journal article, dataset, etc.)
- An identifier attached to the output (DOI, PMID or arXiv ID, etc.)
- Mentions in a source we track

Altmetric badges are one of the solutions provided by the company and have become more popular because of their eye-catching visualisation of research dissemination at a glance. The badges are free to use for academic repositories and individual researchers. Badge updates are made daily to showcase the engagement surrounding your research. Altmetric badge is an altmetric donut having different colours representing where the conversation are happening with regards to your research. In the middle of the donut, there is an altmetric attention score, which is a weighted count of how much attention your research has received.

Three main factors used to calculate the Altmetric score:

1. **Volume:** how many different people mentions for same article. Only 1 mention from each person per source is counted.
2. **Sources:** where the mentions come from. to attention score. There is different base amount for the mentions coming from different sources that contribute
3. **Authors:** how often the author of each mention talks about scholarly articles, at whether or not there's any bias towards a particular journal or publisher and at who the audience is.

With a click on the donut, you will reach the Altmetric Details Page for that particular research item, where you can see a collated, real-time record of the online attention re-

ceived by the item. The altmetric details page contains Altmetric attention score to show weightage of each mention and where the mentions are coming from, link to those mentions and also the geographical distribution of sources of attention.

The Best 8 AI-Powered tools for Literature Review

Research Rabbit

Research Rabbit is an AI-powered app that helps researchers find, organize, and analyze research papers. It is a free tool that can be used by anyone, regardless of their research experience. Research Rabbit uses AI to scan the web for relevant scholarly articles. In addition to that the AI-based tool allows you to save and organize articles in your own personal library. To use Research Rabbit, you first need to create an account. Once you have created an account, you can start searching for research papers. You can search by keyword, topic, or author. Once you have found the papers you are interested in, you can add them to your collections. Collections are a way to organize your research papers. You can create as many collections as you need.

Rayyan

Rayyan is an AI-powered app that helps researchers conduct systematic literature reviews. A systematic literature review is a comprehensive research process that involves identifying, evaluating, and synthesizing all the available research on a particular topic. It helps you work quickly through even your largest reviews. It lets you de-duplicate, screen, and organize references, as well as collaborate with your team and generate reports. You can use Rayyan to import references from various sources, apply inclusion and exclusion criteria, assign labels and ratings, and export your data for further analysis.

Scholarcy

Scholarcy is an AI-powered app that can help you with your academic reading. It can automatically summarize articles, create flashcards, and generate bibliographies.

Scholarcy can also help you find related research and identify key information in articles. In order to use Scholarcy, you first need to create an account. Once you have created an account, you can start adding articles to your library. Additionally, you can add academic papers from a variety of sources like Google Scholar, PubMed, and your personal library. Once you have added scholarly articles to your library, you can start using Scholarcy's features. To summarize an article, simply click on the "Summarize" button. Scholarcy will then generate a summary of the article in a few seconds.

Overall, Scholarcy is a valuable tool that can help you with your academic reading. If you are looking for a way to save time, improve your understanding, and increase your productivity, Scholarcy is a great option.

Lateral

Lateral is an AI-powered app that can help you with your academic research. It can help you find relevant research, organize your findings, and write better papers. Lateral uses artificial intelligence to analyze research papers and identify key concepts, relationships, and trends. This information can then be used to help you find relevant research, organize your findings, and write better papers. It helps you organize, search, and save information from collections of articles. You can import articles from various sources, create tags and notes, and use natural language queries to find specific information in your collections. You can use Lateral to manage your literature review workflow, keep track of your sources and citations, and access your information anytime and anywhere.

Scite

Scite is a free, open-source AI-powered app that helps researchers better discover and understand research articles. Scite does this by providing Smart Citations, which display the context of a citation and describe whether the article provides supporting or contrasting evidence. To use Scite, simply go to the Scite website and sign up for an account. Once you have an account, you can start searching for research articles. Scite will display a list of articles that match your search criteria, and you can then click on an article to view its Smart Citations. You can use Scite to assess the quality and reliability of the literature, avoid citing unreliable sources, and find evidence for or against any hypothesis.

Consensus

If you are looking for a way to quickly and easily find answers from scientific research, you might want to try Consensus AI, a new search engine that uses artificial intelligence to extract and distill findings directly from peer-reviewed studies. Consensus AI is a powerful tool that can help you find evidence-based answers from scientific research in a fast and easy way. You can also use various features to refine your search and explore more options. Consensus AI can help you save time and effort in finding reliable information from scientific research.

Semantic Scholar

It is an AI-powered academic search engine that helps you find relevant papers faster and easier than traditional methods. It uses natural language processing and machine learning to understand your research needs and provide

you with smart filters, citation analysis, and key insights from papers.

You can use Semantic Scholar to discover the most influential and recent papers in your field, compare different methods and results, and track the impact of your own publications.

RAX

It is an AI-powered reading assistant that helps you organize, annotate, and collaborate on your research. It helps you fine-tune your literature search, generate summaries, highlight and compare ideas, and share and discuss literature with your team. You can use RAX to create different projects for your research topics, import articles from various sources, annotate them with notes and comments, and get personalized suggestions for further reading. Iris AI is an AI-powered research assistant that can help you with tasks such as finding relevant articles, summarizing articles, and generating research ideas.

National Language Translation Mission: Bhashini

<https://theresanaiforthat.com/> National Language Translation Mission: Bhashini aims to build a National Public Digital Platform for languages to develop services and products for citizens by leveraging the power of artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies. Bhashini shall make efforts to act as a unifier and align a large diverse network across government, industry, academia, research groups, and startups to bring all their contributions into an open repository. For further details please visit <http://bhashini.gov.in>.

AWARDS

ASLIP Awards

The Association of Senior library and Information Professionals (ASLIP) has instituted the following awards in order to encourage the professionals:

1. **ASLIP life Time Achievement Award** (Age Limit: 60 years and above)
2. **ASLIP Best Senior Librarian Award** (Age Limit: Between 54-60 years)
3. **ASLIP Best Progressive Librarian Award** (Age Limit: 53 years and below)
4. **ASLIP Best School Librarian Award** (Age Limit: 40 years and above)

General Guidelines for nomination of the award

1. Both Indian Nationals and Indians settled abroad are eligible for the awards.

2. There is no prescribed form.
3. Detailed biodata accompanied by innovative work done should be sent.
4. Self-nominations are also considered.
5. There is no nominations fee for any award.
6. Both ASLIP members and non-members are considered for the awards. However, preference will be given to members of the ASLIP.
7. A committee of three members have been constituted to decide about the various awards from nominations received. However, they may recommend any name whose nomination has not been received.
8. The decision of the committee shall be final. No inquiry shall be entertained.

The last date to receive nominations for various awards is August 31, 2023. The nominations received shall be kept strictly confidential. The nominations may be sent on WhatsApp or email: aslip2020@gmail.com. For further information: Dr. R. P. Kumar, President ASLIP, 9891052128

The names of the award winners shall be announced in various library groups in the month of September 2023. The awards will be presented in a function likely to be held at Jaipur/Lucknow in the month of November/ December 2023.

MALA Awards

The Madras Library Association has planned to commemorate the 131st Birth Anniversary of Padmashree Prof. Dr Shiyali Ramamrita Ranganathan – The Father of Library Science and, The MALA Awards 2023, the most monumental annual awards ceremony that honours dedicated librarians of the country in an illustrious convention at The District Central Library Auditorium, Anna Salai, Chennai - 600002, on the 12th of August 2023 at LLA Building Auditorium. The event will predominantly consist of Librarians from different parts of Tamil Nadu and other parts of the country. This event has a nationwide approach where VIPs, Vice-Chancellors and notable dignitaries would take part as special guests.

The last date for nomination of Award is 15.07.2023. Nomination from 16.06.2023 to 15.07.2023. Award Application Fee: Rs. 1500/-. Please Visit for further details and enrolment: www.madraslibraryassociation.com

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

Sl. No.	AI Tools	Description
1	Typedesk.com	Save time everywhere you work
2	Firefly.adobe.com	Next-generation design assistant

3	Simplified.com	All-in-one content platform
4	Chatgpt4google.com	Supercharge Google w/ ChatGPT
5	Tldv.io	Advanced meeting assistant
6	Piggy.to	AI-powered quiz maker
7	Seodity.com	SEO made easy
8	Visla.us	Create polished videos in minutes
9	Scribe AI	AI that generates tutorials for you Ask Scribe AI to generate a step-by-step guide for any process. Then watch AI do it for you and never explain things manually again. Perfect for teaching anyone how to do anything on the internet
10	Maverick	Personalized CRM videos - record yourself once, and generate thousands of personalized videos for all customers using AI. They're great for welcomes, post purchase thank yous, abandoned cart recoveries and more. A great use case of AI.
11	Apollo	This tool functions similarly to having ChatGPT on your AirPods. You can ask it anything, and it will respond by speaking back to you.
12	Saga AI	This tool is beneficial for enhancing your writing, it has the ability to summarize lengthy content, making it easier to grasp the main points. You can utilize this tool to generate blog posts, brainstorm ideas, draft emails, and much more.
13	Durable AI	With durable you can instantly create websites and landing pages for your business. And choose your preferred design and customize it to your liking. durable.co
14	Stocking AI	It is an image-generation tool that helps you create high-quality book covers. It offers great flexibility, allowing you to edit them according to your preferences. stocking.ai
15	TopAi.tools	AI agreegator https://topai.tools/ 871+ tools, Share it with a friend

PERSONALIA

Dr Prasanta Kumar Deka joined as the Librarian of Gauhati University Central Library (K K Handiqui Library) on 1st June, 2023. Prior to the new appointment Dr Deka was the librarian (Associated Professor grade) of K C Das Commerce College, Guwahati. Dr Prasanta Kumar Deka is a Governing Body member of IASLIC and also President of Assam Library Association. IASLIC congratulates Dr Deka for his new assignment.

Dr Gouri Sankar Karmakar joined as the Deputy Librarian of Gauhati University Central Library (K K Handiqui Library) on 1st June, 2023. Before joining Gauhati University Central Library, he was the librarian of Pandu College, Guwahati. He also served Barbhag College, Nalbari, Assam. A life member of IASLIC, Dr Karmakar was also Governing Body member for the period 2020 - 2022. IASLIC congratulates Dr Karmakar for new assignment.

Shri Arijit Das, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Library and Information Science, ICFAI University, Tripura has been awarded Ph D degree by Jadavpur University, Kolkata for his thesis entitled "Research Performance of Universities in West Bengal: A Comprehensive Metric Study". He has done his research work under the supervision of Prof Udayan Bhattacharya, Professor, DLISc, Jadavpur University, Kolkata. IASLIC congratulates Dr Das.

Ms Dhanyasree A R, Librarian (Selection Grade), Iqbal College, Palode, Thiruvananthapuram has been awarded Ph D degree by University of Kerala for his thesis "Factors Influencing Career Empowerment of Women Library Professionals in Higher Education Institutions in Kerala". She has pursued her research work under the supervision of Dr B Mini Devi, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram. IASLIC congratulates Dr Dhanyasree A R.

OBITUARY

Dr. Farid Bazmi (aged 60 years) breathed his last on Tuesday June 6, 2023 at 03.10 am. Retired DSP of the Madhya Pradesh Police (Senior Librarian), Dr. Bazmi honoured with the President's Police Medal. He was the elder brother of Shri Alim Bazmi, news editor of Dainik Bhaskar. He was the husband of Smt Durre Shawar Khan teacher at Bal Bhavan School, Bhopal. He was the brother-in-law of Shri Sikandar Ali Khan. IASLIC deeply mourns the death of Dr. Farid Bazmi and conveys deep condolences to the bereaved family members.

Ajoy Kumar Ghosh (1945-2023) breathed his last on Sunday May 28, 2023 at the age of 78. He was the front-line leader of the library movement in West Bengal as well as India since 1967. He started his career in UCO Bank and later joined and served Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata till retirement. He has done his Masters in History and also done B. Lib. Sc. from University of Calcutta. Ajoy kumar Ghosh was involved in different social activities since his college life and a leader in the students' movement. He was also raised his voice for the cause of the retired employees of the Indian Statistical Institute. He was the Library Secretary of the Asiatic Society. He had made significant contribution in "National Mission for Manuscript" since 2003.

He was an ex-students and Life member of Bengal Library Association, which became his second home in the later time of his life. He was the teacher of the "Certificate Course in Library Science" conducted by the Bengal Library Association for a pretty long time. He was the E.C. Member and Joint Secretary of the Bengal Library Association. He was also the Editor of "Granthagar Patrika" a monthly journal, published by BLA. As a senior library professional and lover of Bengal Library Association he always came forward with positive view for the development of the Association through out his life.

IASLIC deeply and heartily mourns the death of Ajoy Kumar Ghosh and conveys deep condolences to the bereaved family members.

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