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Quote of the Month

"Libraries are reservoirs of strength, grace and wit, reminders of order, calm and continuity, lakes of mental energy, neither warm nor cold, light nor dark" - Germaine Greer, Australian-born writer and public intellectual

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.
78	Indian Institute of Forest Management	0220-I[Z3]
79	Nehru Memorial Museum & Library	0368-I[Z4]
80	Theology Library, Serampore College	2452-I[Z6]
81	Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration	0293-I[Z3]
82	I K Gujral Punjab Technical University	4039-I[Z4]

New Life Members of IASLIC

- 1) Dr Supriya Mallik, West Bengal
- 2) Ms Rajashree Bordoloi, Assam
- 3) Dr Soubam Sophiarani, Manipur
- 4) Dr Memori Sagolsem, Manipur
- 5) Mr Shamba Dutta, West Bengal

Announcement

IASLIC Foundation Day Lecture - 3rd September, 2023

IASLIC Foundation Day will be celebrated on Sunday, the 3rd September, 2023. The Foundation Day Lecture 2023 will be delivered by Sri S. B. Banerjee, Former, Deputy Manager (Information), Hindustan Paper Corporation Ltd., Kolkata.

Topic of the Foundation Lecture: New Age Librarianship: Strategies and Strives to Formulate and Pursue for Attainment of the Inclusive Growth and Propriety of the Knowledge Economy

Venue: IASLIC Meeting room, P-291, CIT SCHEME No. 6M, Kankurgachi, Kolkata- 700054

Time: 5.00 pm

We welcome all members of IASLIC and LIS professionals to join us in this august programme.

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 URL of the pdf copy of the snapshots is: http://www.iaslic1955.org.in/fckeditor/userfiles/file/ILSA_Vol_45-49_2011-2015.pdf 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.

344th Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC

The 344th Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC will be held on **14.09.2023 (Thursday)** at 6.00 P.M. in the Meeting Room of IASLIC, P-291, CIT SCHEME No. 6M, Kankurgachi, Kolkata- 700054. The Speaker of the 344th Study Circle Meeting is **Dr. Sabyasachi Chattopadhyay, Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Kalyani, Nadia.** The Session will be chaired by **Dr. Asitava Das, former University Librarian, University of Kalyani, Nadia, West Bengal.**

The **Topic** of 344th Study Circle: ***Library in the eyes of a Reader (Pathaker Chokhey Granthagar).***

All are cordially invited to be present in the Meeting and share their views.

IASLIC 33rd all India conference 2023

Call for Papers

Collaborative Librarianship

December 7- 9, 2023

Venue: Department of Library & Information Science, Pondicherry University, Puducherry

2nd Announcement

The IASLIC 33rd All India Conference 2023 will be organised in collaboration with the Department of Library & Information Science, Pondicherry University, Puducherry, India and is scheduled to be held at the Pondicherry University, Puducherry, during December 7-9, 2023.

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.

Research Papers are invited on the following areas of the main theme of the conference and the themes of SIG Meetings for deliberation during the conference.

Main Theme

Collaborative Librarianship

1. Concept of Collaborative Librarianship

- a) Beginning of Library Collaboration: Inter-library Loan
- b) Development of LAN/WAN
- c) Creation and Management of Library Consortia
- d) Formal and Informal Collaboration
- e) Consortial Collaboration and Cross-Consortial Collaboration

2. Collaboration among Libraries of Same Category

- a) Collaboration among Public Libraries
- b) Collaboration among Academic Libraries
- c) Collaboration among Special and Research Libraries
- d) Collaboration among Libraries of Institutions of National Importance

3. Collaboration among Libraries of Different Categories

- a) Cross-Category Library Collaboration
- b) Cross-boundary and Cross-cultural Library Collaboration

4. Collaborative Manpower Training

- a) In-Service Training and Staff-exchange Programmes

5. Collaborative Collection Development

- a) Consortia-based/Cooperative Collection Development Policies and Practices
- b) Collaborative Weeding and De-selection

6. Collaborative Processing of Resources

- a) Cooperative Cataloguing/Resource Description
- b) Cooperative Cataloguing Projects
- c) Shared Authority Control
- d) Metadata Standards and Interoperability

- e) Linked Data Collaborations

7. Collaborative User Services

- a) Collaborative Information Literacy Initiatives
- b) Inter-library Loan and Resource Sharing through Library Networks
- c) Virtual Reference Service
- d) Joint Outreach Programmes
- e) Other User-centred Collaborations

8. Digital Technology and Library Collaboration

- a) Technology Deployment for Effective Collaboration
- b) Creating and Managing Digital Libraries and Virtual Libraries
- c) Creating and Managing Institutional Repositories
- d) Creating and Managing Computerised Library Networks
- e) Creating and Managing Collaborative Websites

9. Collaborative Digital Preservation of Library Resources

- a) Shared Infrastructure for Digital Preservation
- b) Cooperative Archiving Initiatives
- c) Collaborative Approaches to Digital Curation
- d) Consortial Digitization Projects

10. Library – LIS School Collaboration

- a) Engagement of Library Staff in Practical Training of LIS Students
- b) Apprenticeship of LIS Students in Library

11. Faculty - Library Collaboration in Academic Libraries

- a) Collaboration in Conducting Information Literacy Programmes,
- b) Collaboration in Collection Development,
- c) Collaboration in Research Support,
- d) Collaboration in Data Management and Analysis,
- e) Collaboration in Technology Integration,
- f) Collaboration in Scholarly Communication and Publishing

12. Collaboration in Marketing of LI Products/Services and Library Diplomacy

- a) Collaborative Marketing of Library and Information Products and Services
- b) Collaborative Library Diplomacy Initiatives*
(*at the local, regional, and national levels, including collaborations with community organisations, policy-makers, and funding agencies)

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) Meetings

SIG 01 : Social Science Information

Theme: Media Libraries

A. Collection Development and Management of Media Library Resources

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

B. Media Librarianship and User Engagement

- a) User-centred Design for Media Libraries

- b) Outreach Programme of Media Libraries

- c) Collaborative Partnerships with Faculty and Researchers in Media Science

- d) User Assessment and Evaluation in Media Libraries

C. Promoting Media Literacy and Access

- a) Conducting Programmes for Developing Media Literacy in Users

SIG 02: Computer Application in Libraries

Theme: Digital Humanities

I. Digital Scholarship

- a) Collaborative Projects in Digital Humanities
- b) Building Digital Collections for Humanities Research
- c) Data Visualisation and Analysis
- d) Tools and Platforms for Digital Scholarship

II. Text Mining and Natural Language Processing

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

III. Linked Data and Semantic Web in Digital Humanities

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

IV. Digital Archives of Cultural Heritage

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

Important Information

Dates of Conference: December 7- 9, 2023

Last date of submission of Full Paper: October 07, 2023

Letter intimating acceptance by: November 01, 2023

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General Instructions

1. Contributed papers must have to be of qualitative value for publishing in the **IASLIC Special Publication** (ISSN 0972-3668) Volumen-60, a peer-reviewed post-Conference publication. A generalised presentation, thus, should be avoided.
2. Full research paper within 2500 words (not more than 10 pages of A4 paper-size), along with an informative abstract (between 300 and 400 words), typed in double space on single side, in Times New Roman 12pt font size, with margin of 1.5" on all sides should be submitted in **duplicate (hard copy) by October 07, 2023.**
3. Authors' declaration in prescribed format for the conference must be signed by all author(s) sequentially and submitted along with the full paper indicating distinctly the sub-theme and topic of the paper.
4. Declaration by the author(s) should be made separately in a hardcopy that the paper has not been sent elsewhere for publication/ presentation.
5. Softcopy of the full paper composed in .doc / .docx format should be submitted as an attachment through e-mail to iaslic.sem@gmail.com .
6. For bibliographical references and citations, contributors are required to follow strictly the **IASLIC Authorship Manual including Standard and Specification** http://www.iaslic1955.org.in/fckeditor/userfiles/file/Publication_policy_Authorship_Manual_final.pdf
7. The paper should be accompanied with an amount of Rs 1000.00 (Rupees one thousand only) as paper submission fee which will be adjusted with the Registration Fee only by the Organising Secretary subject to the production of the respective original payment receipt of IASLIC. Payment may be made by DD/ cheque in favour of IASLIC payable at Kolkata and sent to Sri Abhijit Kumar, General Secretary, IASLIC, P-291, CIT Scheme No. 6M, Kankurgachi, Kolkata - 700054. If the paper is not accepted, the amount will be refunded.
8. Once a paper is submitted, any kind of changes in authorship is not permissible.
9. Pre-conference abstract volume will include only informative abstracts of accepted papers.
10. All accepted papers will be invited for presentation either in the main thematic sessions of the Conference or in the SIG Meetings. Each presenter will be allowed maximum fifteen minutes for presentation, including introduction and conclusion.
11. There will be provision for Poster presentation. All papers accepted for poster presentation will be allocated time for display of full papers. Abstracts of all papers accepted for poster presentation will be included in the pre-Conference volume.
12. There will be a provision for the Best Poster Presentation Award which is likely to be included in the post-Conference volume. Other Poster papers will not be published in the post-conference volume.
13. Accepted papers which are presented in the Conference, will only be considered for publishing in the Post-conference **IASLIC Special Publication** (ISSN 0972-3668) Volume-60 subject to its merit of publication. IASLIC Special Publication 2023 is likely to be published within three months after the conference.
14. All registered participants will receive Post-Conference **IASLIC Special Publication** (ISSN 0972-3668) Volume-60 free of cost from IASLIC office.
15. Those who wish to purchase the volume through post, an amount of Rs.150/- will be charged for packing and postage in addition to its cost price.
16. The decision of the Editorial Committee will be final and no pursuance regarding the acceptance of papers for presentation in the Conference or otherwise will be entertained.
17. Correspondence regarding papers should be addressed to Sri Abhijit Kumar, Hony. General Secretary, IASLIC, P-291, CIT Scheme No. 6M, Kankurgachi, Kolkata- 700054 or iaslic.sem@gmail.com. and for Conference update please visit: www.iaslic1955.org.in

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July 22, 2023

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29th Ranganathan Memorial Lecture

The 29th Ranganathan Memorial lecture was held on 22 July, 2023 at 6 PM through online mode (GoogleMeet). Prof (Dr) Abdul Majid Baba, Former Librarian, Central Univer-

sity of Kashmir delivered the lecture on “Accrediting Agencies for Higher Education in India with Special reference to National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and New Procedure of Accreditation in National Education Policy (NEP) 2020”. The online lecture program was chaired by Prof Narendra Lahkar, President of IASLIC. Extending hearty welcome to the Speaker, Chairperson and all participants who were linked through GoogleMeet, Shri Abhijit Kumar, General Secretary, IASLIC traced the origin of IASLIC – Ranganathan Memorial Lecture in 1993 following a decision of IASLIC Council Meeting held at Annamalainagar in 1992. Shri Kumar also introduced the speaker. Prof Narendra Lahkar, President of IASLIC and Chairperson of the program expressed sincere gratitude to Dr Majid Baba for agreeing to deliver on such a relevant topic.

At the outset, Prof (Dr) Abdul Majid Baba paid his homage to Dr S R Ranganathan and expressed his gratitude to IASLIC for inviting him to deliver this prestigious lecture. He started his lecture by defining the concept of ‘accreditation’, ‘affiliation’, ‘recognition’, ‘certification’ and the difference among them as well as their relation with higher education. He traced back the beginning of accreditation in the USA in 1914. In India, the beginning of accreditation started in the 1950s when All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) became a regulatory body and announced the formation of National Board of Accreditation (NBA). But the initiative to make the concept of accreditation operational began in 1986 with the National Policy of Education 1986 where formation of an autonomous Assessment and Accreditation Council (AAC) was recommended. Although UGC established National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in 1994, but lack of awareness about assessment and NAAC prevailed upto 2001, he added. Dr Baba also mentioned functions of other accreditation bodies viz. National Board of Education, National Board of Teacher Education, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Bar Council of India, Pharmacy Council of India, Medical Council of India, Dental Council of India, Rehabilitation Council of India etc. in their respective fields. He narrated through slides how the ‘Grading Criteria of NAAC’ changed from time to time. While talking about accreditation in National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, Dr Baba said that in addition to higher education, school education will be taken care of in NEP 2020. He also highlighted major changes of accreditation in NEP 2020 viz. separation of NAAC from UGC, renaming of NAAC as National Accreditation Council (NAC) and conversion of accrediting bodies (BCI, PCI, MCI/NMC etc) to Professional Standard Setting Bodies (PSSBs). He concluded his speech mentioning ‘removal of grading system’ and ‘introduction of binary accreditation (i.e. either Accredited or Not Accredited)’ in the process of accreditation in National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

In his remarks, Prof Narendra Lahkar, Chairperson shared his views relating to accreditation, role and functions of NAAC and also accreditation of universities, colleges, other higher education institutes in National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. Finally a vote of thanks was proposed by Dr Banasree Ray, Joint Secretary, IASLIC. Around 50 participants attended the program. Ms Manali Mitra Palodhi, Convenor, Information Service Division and her team extended technical support.

Celebration of Librarians’ Day 2023 by IASLIC,

BLA and WBPlea

Librarians’ Day, 2023 was jointly organized by IASLIC, BLA and WBPlea in collaboration with Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata, Chandannagore Pustakagar and Chandernagore Municipal Corporation on Sunday the 13th August 2023 at Rabindra Bhawan, Chandernagore, Hoogly, West Bengal from 9.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. The topic of discussion of the celebration of Librarians’ Day of this year was **“Role of Books and Libraries to develop Children Mind” (Sishu Moner Bikashe Grantha O Granthagarer Bhumika).**

The Librarians’ Day Programme was inaugurated by Sri Ram Chakraborty, honourable Mayor, Chandernagore Municipal Corporation. The programme started with a colourful procession of the dignitaries, the school children and the professionals. The procession ends at Chandannagar Pustakagar with the hoisting of National Flag and flying of five white pigeons.

Other dignitaries present in the programme were Sri Munna Agarwal, Deputy Mayor, Chandernagore Municipal Corporation, Sri Amit Roy, Chairman of the Hooghly Chinsurah Municipality, Dr. Swapana Bandyopadhyay, Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Calcutta, Prof. Pijush Kanti Panigrahi, Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Calcutta, Prof. Krishna Pada Majumdar, Vice-President, BLA, Dr. Indrajit Pan, District Library Officer, Sri Subhendu Mukherjee, Sri Partha Sarathi Dutta and other eminent personalities. Sri Abhijit Kumar, General Secretary, IASLIC, Dr. Joydeep Chanda, General Secretary, BLA and Sri Tapas Sarkar, General Secretary, WBPlea were present in the inaugural programme. **474 delegates from different parts of West Bengal were present in the Librarians’ Day Programme 2023.**

In the inaugural session, Sri Abhijit Kumar, General Secretary, IASLIC, Dr. Joydeep Chanda, General Secretary, BLA and Sri Tapas Sarkar, General Secretary, WBPlea delivered welcome Address and greeted the dignitaries on the Dias and off the Dias. The dignitaries present on the Dias delivered their lectures. Prof. K. P. Majumdar, Vice-President, BLA, briefed the issues and objectives of the celebration of Librarians’ Day and conveyed heartfelt thanks to all present in the programme.

In the second session of the Librarians’ Day Programme 2023, a seminar was organized on the topic “Role of Books and Libraries to develop Children Mind”. The honourable speakers were Dr. Satrajit Goswami, Professor and former Head, Dept. of Bengali, 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, Ajkal Patrika. All the speakers expressed their views nicely on the topic of discussion and enlighten the audiences. The Director of the Seminar was Dr. Asitava Das, former university Librarian, University of Kalyani, Nadia.

The Librarians’ Day Programme was conducted by Sri Subhodeep Banerjee and Smt. Kamelia Banerjee. The organizing secretary of the programme was Dr. Somnath Banerjee, Librarian and Secretary, Chandannagar Pustakagar. At the end, Dr. Banasree Roy, Joint Secretary, IASLIC, proposed Vote of Thanks.

The 343rd Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC: A brief report

The 343rd Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC was held on 24th August, 2023 (Thursday) at 6.00 pm in the meeting room of IASLIC, situated at P-291, CIT Scheme 6M, Kankurgachi, Kolkata – 700054. The speaker of the Study Circle Meeting was Dr. Bidyarthi Dutta, Assistant Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Vidyasagar University, Medinipore. The Study Circle Meeting was chaired by Prof. Udayan Bhattacharya, Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Jadavpur University, Kolkata.

At the outset, Sri Abhijit Kumar, the General Secretary of IASLIC welcomed the audiences present in the Meeting. Dr. Tridib Chattopadhyay, the Convenor of the Study Circle Division of IASLIC, both the Chairman and the Speaker of the session. Prof. Udayan Bhattacharya, chairman of the Meeting was felicitated by Miss Moumita Ash, Joint Secretary, IASLIC, and Dr. Bidyarthi Dutta, speaker of the Meeting was felicitated by Dr. Paromita Sen, Librarian, Chandraketurgarh Shahidullah Smriti Mahavidyalaya, Berachampa, North 24 Paraganas. Dr. Dutta, the speaker of the Meeting has vividly discussed the definition, Objectives, importance and methods of citation. He also stated that a citation is a reference to a source of information. Citations have several important purposes. Citations have also been identified as a critical means by which researchers can establish themselves. He has also pointed out the matters of uncitedness. Citations have importance from various points of view and on the other hand the matter regarding uncitedness has also pointedly discussed by the honourable speaker. After the lecture, Prof. Udayan Bhattacharyya, the Chairman of the session has briefly described the entire discussions. The audiences have asked different questions and the speaker has answered those questions lucidly. The formal Vote of Thanks was proposed by Dr. Banasree Roy, The Joint Secretary of IASLIC. At the end of the Meeting Dr. Tridib Chattopadhyay, the Convenor of the Study Circle Division of IASLIC has thanked all the persons present in the Study Circle Meeting. The Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

CONFERENCE/SEMINAR/TRAINING/WORKSHOP

Librarians' Day celebration in Dept. of Library and Information Science, Gauhati University

On the occasion of 131st birthday of Dr. S.R. Ranganathan, the Father of Library Science in India, the Librarians' Day was celebrated on August 12th 2023 in the Conference Hall of the Department of Library and Information Science of Gauhati University with a day-long programme. To mark the day, an inspirational lecture was organised. Dr. Jagadindra Raychoudhury, an eminent scholar and writer delivered an interesting lecture on the relevance of libraries in society as an Invited Speaker. In the beginning of the meeting, lightening the ceremonial lamp and floral tribute was bestowed to the father of Library and Information Science Dr. S.R. Ranganathan.

The meeting was jointly organized by the Department of Library and Information Science, Gauhati University; Krishna Kanta Handiqui Library, Gauhati University, Indian Association of Special Libraries and Information Centres (IASLIC),

Zone-5, Kolkata; Indian Library Association, East Zone, New Delhi and Assam Library Association, Guwahati, Assam. The meeting was presided by the HoD of DLIS, GU Prof. Sanjay Kr. Singh. The president of IASLIC Prof. Narendra Lahkar, President of Assam Library Association, Dr. Prasanta Kr. Deka who is also the Librarian of K.K. Handiqui Library, GU, and many other librarians, teachers from different educational institutions of Assam and the students of the department were present in the meeting. Many of them shared their experiences on different facets of libraries and information science. The Silver Jubilee Cash Prize Award 2022 was awarded to the Best Postgraduate in Library and Information Science Miss Sanam Das. At the end, Prof. Dipen Deka from the Dept. of Library and Information Science, Gauhati University delivered the Vote of Thanks.

Librarian's Day Celebration 2023 jointly organized by the Central University of Tamil Nadu and IASLIC, Kolkata

The Department of Library & Information Science, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur and Indian Association of Special Libraries and Information Centers (IASLIC), Kolkata have jointly organized National Librarians' Day Celebration on the occasion of Padma Shri Dr. S. R. Ranganathan's 131st birth anniversary on 12th August 2023 at 12:00 PM through Google Meet. On this occasion, Department has invited Prof. S. Ravi, Former Dean, School of Communication & Head of the Department of Library & Information Science, CUTN as a special guest to deliver the theme talk "Dr. S. R. Ranganathan: The Epitome of Librarianship".

The program commenced with a warm welcome address delivered by Dr. Anila Sulochana, Assistant Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur followed by an introduction about the resource person Prof. S. Ravi, Former Dean & Head, Department of Library and Information Science, Central University of Tamil Nadu, a distinguished figure in the field of Library and Information Science. The presentation by Prof. S. Ravi underscored the enduring impact of Dr. Ranganathan's contributions to the field of Library and Information Science. The speaker emphasized the pivotal role of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan in shaping library science education and librarianship in India. The session resonated with the audience, as Prof. Ravi not only shed light on Dr. S. R. Ranganathan's contributions but also contextualized their relevance in the modern library and information landscape.

The Librarian's Day function was attended by Dr. K. G. Sudhier, Vice President, IASLIC (Assistant Professor, DLIS, CUTN), Mr. Abhijit Kumar, Hony. General Secretary, IASLIC, Dr. Akhandanand Shukla, Head, DLIS, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Dr. V. K. Dhanyasree, Assistant Professor, DLIS, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Research Scholars and Students of DLIS. More than 30 LIS professionals attended the online meeting. The event's closure was marked by a formal vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Taddi Murali, Assistant Professor, DLIS, CUTN, Thiruvarur. Dr. Murali expressed gratitude to the participants for their active engagement and to Prof. Ravi for his enlightening presentation.

National Librarians' Day Celebration at GIET School of Pharmacy

Dr. S. R. Ranganathan 131st birthday celebrations were grandly organized at GIET SCHOOL OF PHARMACY Library, Principal Dr. M. D. Dhanaraju decorated the portrait of

S.Ranganathan with flowers. Addressing the students, he said that Ranganathan is the FATHER OF INDIAN LIBRARIANSHIP and India celebrates his birthday as NATIONAL LIBRARIANS DAY and said that his five principles of library science are the key rules that every librarian should follow. Later, the winners of various competitions KLS D Sireesha Faculty Online Quiz Winner, K. Deepthi Reddy Best Library Award were presented by the Principal. Dr.S. Ramachandran Vice Principal, Appalaraju, Raghuram, N.Eswar, Shaik. Meera, students, various GIET college librarians, participated in this programme

Celebration of Birthday of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan at Hindi Vidyapith B. Ed. College, Deoghar, Jharkhand

Hindi Vidyapith B. Ed. College, Deoghar, Jharkhand, has celebrated the Birthday of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan on 12 th August, 2023. The opening song was performed by a group of students of the college. At the outset, Prof. Durga Bhowmick, Professor in Charge of the College has welcomed the dignitaries, teachers and students of the college. Dr. Tridib Chattopadhyay, the Librarian of St. Paul's Cathedral Mission College, Kolkata, was present there in the programme as Chief Guest. Then the lamp was lighted by the Chief Guest and the other dignitaries. After that the Dignitaries, the teachers and the students have paid respect to Dr S R Ranganathan, the father of Library Science. Then the Chief Guest Dr Tridib Chattopadhyay was felicitated by Prof. Durga Bhowmick, the Professor in Charge of the College. Dr Chattopadhyay has elaborated the life and philosophy of Dr S R Ranganathan. He has vividly described five laws of Library Science, the role of the libraries in the society from various points of views. He has also described the different facets of library services and the importance of printed documents as well as the electronic documents. The students, teachers and other dignitaries have actively participated in the question - answer session and also in the discussion. It was a lively and thought provoking session. At the end of the session, Mr. Dibyadyuti Roy Chowdhury, the Librarian of the college has delivered the address of formal vote of thanks. The meeting was ended with thanks to the Chair.

MOU signing ceremony for library cooperation through WBCoLOR (West Bengal College Libraries' Online Resources) at Lalbaba College

A historic moment in the history of Library Movement in India took place on 10th July, 2023 when a **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** was signed between thirteen **13 college libraries under various universities of West Bengal** under the initiative of Lalbaba College, Belur, Howrah. The main objective of this MOU is to build a consortium among the college libraries named WBCoLOR (West Bengal College Libraries' Online Resources) through which libraries can share e-resources, organise workshops, seminars etc. among themselves. especially to run the collaborative online database WBCoLOR (West Bengal College Libraries Online Resources) for giving shared e-library services to its own members as well as to other institutional members. This activity also was helpful to increase digital footfall to all member libraries under this MOU. During the pandemic situation of June 2021, this online database (WBCoLOR) was created by the college librarians of West Bengal for the benefit of students so that they can get CBCS syllabus-oriented materials in one place and can be accessed from home. In this database, e-resources of various subjects are uploaded according to syllabus.

FORTH COMING CONFERENCE/SEMINAR/ TRAINING/WORKSHOP/CELEBRATION

ASLIP Conclave 2023

The Association of Senior Library and Information Professionals (ASLIP) is going to organize ASLIP Conclave 2023 during 17-18 November, 2023 at Government J. L. N Medical College, Ajmer. The Theme of the Conclave: **Library Technology Relationship**. The programme highlights: Contributed Paper; Invited Paper; Awards Ceremony; Product Presentation and Panel discussion on the topic: Adopting Technology and forgetting Library Science. The Organizing Secretary: Mr. Kumar Abbas 9251578786/9828700204; kumarabbas@gmail.com.

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AWARDS

Dr. J K Vijayakumar, Professor and Library Director at the American University of Antigua, West Indies is reelected to the Board of Directors at the International Association of University Libraries (IATUL) for the second term representing the Americas region. Previously he represented the Middle East on the Board. He is a Patron & Life Member of IASLIC.

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Dr Neeza Singh, a librarian at T S Central State Library in Chandigarh's Sector 17, has been named the ASLIP Best Female Library Personality of the Year for 2022 by the Association of Senior Library and Information Professionals (ASLIP). The award ceremony took place on April 22nd at the Mahatma Gandhi State Institute of Public Administration in Sector 26, Chandigarh. Dr Neeza Singh was presented with the prestigious award in recognition of her remarkable contributions and outstanding work in the field of Library and Information Science. The chief guest on the occasion was Prof Yajvender Pal Verma, Registrar of Panjab University in Chandigarh.

PERSONALIA

Ms Satarupa Saha, Librarian Surendranath Evening College, Kolkata has been awarded Ph D degree in Library and Information Science by Rabindra Bharati University for her thesis "Treatment of Humanities as Reflected in DDC". She has pursued her research under the supervision of Dr Sudip Ranjan Hatua, Associate Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Rabindra Bharati University. IASLIC congratulates Dr Saha.

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