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"A library is a place where history comes alive, where the past speaks to the present, and where the future is shaped"

—by Rabindranath Tagore

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Announcement

IASLIC 34th All India Conference

IASLIC 34th All India Conference on “Library Vision 2047” was successfully organized by Department of Library and Information Science, Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women University, Vijayapura, Karnataka during 5 – 7 January 2026. The three-day national event was inaugurated on 5 January 2026 at 10.30 AM at Kannada Bhavan, Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women University (KSAWU). The inaugural session was commenced with a warm welcome by **Prof P G Tadasad**, Senior Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, KSAWU and Organizing Secretary, while **Prof Gavisiddappa**, Joint Organizing Secretary introduced the dignitaries on the dias. In his Inaugural address **Prof B D Kumbar**, Honourable Vice Chancellor, Devangere University, Devangere emphasized the growing importance of libraries in the modern digital era. He highlighted how libraries continue to serve as vital knowledge hubs despite rapid technological changes. He also stressed that librarians should adopt innovative tools, emerging technologies and user-centric approaches to ‘reach the unreached’ sections of the society and ensures inclusive access to information. **Shri Abhijit Kumar**, General Secretary of IASLIC gave an overview of IASLIC and mentioned its role in supporting the LIS professionals. He also thanked the university authority and organizing team for their support and technical modalities in pursuance of the conference program. A total of 65 papers were accepted for presentation, he added. The keynote address was delivered by **Prof Devika Madalli**, Director, INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad who elaborated on the pivotal role of INFLIBNET in strengthening library services across the country. She explained how INFLIBNET supports libraries through digital platforms, e-resources, networking and capacity building thereby enabling effective information dissemination in the digital age and enhancing access to scholarly resources. Following the keynote address, **Prof B S Biradar**, Honourable Vice-Chancellor, Bidar University, Bidar addressed the gathering and shared his insights on contemporary issues and future directions in library and information science as well as library and information profession. The presidential address was delivered by **Prof Vijaya B Korishetti**, Honourable Vice-Chancellor, Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women University. The inaugural session ended with vote of thanks proposed by **Dr Shantadevi**, Joint Organizing Secretary acknowledging the contributions of all guests, delegates and participants. The inaugural session was further graced by the presence of eminent luminaries and senior LIS professionals. A total of 65 papers were received from LIS professionals, reflecting the wide academic interest and relevance of the conference theme. All submitted papers were reviewed and categorized into seven technical sessions based on their thematic focus and scope. The **first technical session** was conducted at Dr B R Ambedkar Bhavan on the sub-theme “Developing New Age Libraries : Operations and Services”. The session was chaired by Dr Ramesha from Bangalore University and Dr Hema Cholin from INFLIBNET was the Co-Chair. Dr Chowkimath from Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai acted as Rapporteur. The session started with an

invited talk by Dr Appasaheb Naikal, Librarian, Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Kozhikode. In his invited talk, Dr Naikal provided valuable insights into the operations and services of modern libraries in the digital age. He highlighted emerging trends, technological interventions and innovative service models that are reshaping library functions and also emphasized the evolved role of librarians in managing digital resources and meeting user expectations in a rapidly changing information environment. Nine research papers were presented in the session and each presentation was followed by an interactive question and answer session. The **second technical session** was commenced with an invited talk by **Dr Bhojaraju Gunjal**, Librarian, IIT, Hyderabad. In his address on the topic “Tools and Techniques for Future Library Operations”, Dr Gunjal elaborated on the wide range of advanced technologies currently implemented in the IIT, Hyderabad Library. He provided practical insights into how similar technologies can be adopted by college and university libraries taking into their account their infrastructure and resource constraints. A total of seven papers were scheduled for this session, out of which four papers were presented. The session was chaired by Dr K T Santosh Kumar of Kuvempu University with Dr Parashuram from Central University of Karnataka serving as Co-Chair. Dr Prasanna Kumar from BLDE (Deemed to be University) acted as Rapporteur. The **third technical session** commenced at 11.30 AM on 6 January 2026 with an invited lecture by **Dr Umesh Reddy K**, Librarian, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru on “Digital Library and Smart Library”. This session was chaired by Dr Srinivas Raghavan from Bharathidasan University with Dr Gururaj Hadagali from Karnatak University as the Co-Chair. Dr Deepthi from University of Agricultural Sciences served as the Rapporteur. Five papers were presented in this session. The **fourth technical session** was held on the theme “Community Empowerment and Libraries” where Dr Keshava from Kuvempu University acted as Chairperson. Dr Banasree Ray and Mr Satyabrata Sahoo acted as Co-Chairperson and Rapporteur respectively. Seven scheduled papers were presented in this session. The discussions covered a wide range of socially relevant topics, including information support services in rural libraries, preservation of cultural heritage and indigenous knowledge, information literacy for student empowerment and enhancing district library outreach in West Bengal through social media platforms. The **fifth technical session** focusing on “Innovative Library Services in Digital Age” was chaired by Dr Susanta Kumar Senapathi, Former Head, Knowledge Resource Centre, Central Building Research Institute, Roorkee with Dr M R Bachalapur as the Co-Chair and Dr Shobha Patil as the Rapporteur. Five papers were presented in this session. This session also featured an invited lecture by **Dr Sham Pujar**, Librarian, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), Mumbai. He delivered an insightful talk on cloud based library systems and AI enabled library services, emphasizing their role in improving efficiency, scalability and user satisfaction. The **sixth technical session** was chaired by Dr Padmamma with Miss Moumita Ash as Co-Chair and Dr Renuka as Rapporteur. Six

papers were presented in this session out of nine papers. The papers addressed critical and emerging issues such as application of artificial intelligence in libraries, digital transformation in medical libraries, awareness, accessibility and application of AI tools among undergraduate students and the ethical dimensions of AI integration in library research and services. The session generated meaningful discussions on balancing technological advancement with ethical responsibility in library practices. The **seventh technical session** was started on 7 January 2026 at 9.30 AM with an invited lecture by **Prof Rajendra Kumbhar**, Former Senior Professor and Head, Department of Library and Information Science, Savitribai Phule University, Pune. Prof Kumbhar delivered an insightful and thought-provoking lecture on the theme “Library Vision 2047 vis-à-vis NEP 2020”. While examining the current state of LIS education in India, he expressed serious concern over the deterioration in the quality of LIS education, highlighting issues like declining student enrolment in LIS schools, outdated curricula and the lack of alignment with emerging technologies and user expectations. He strongly emphasized the urgent need for a comprehensive revamp of LIS syllabi across the country, ensuring alignment with the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020** and broader national vision of India@2047. This session was chaired by Dr Radhakrishnan from Periyar University with Ms Mayuri Das Biswas as the Co-Chair and Ms Rajashri Joshi as the Rapporteur. Seven research papers were presented in this session. A thought-provoking **panel discussion** on the topic “**Reaching the Unreached : Challenges for Library Vision 2047**” was held on 7 January 2026 after the seventh technical session, where panelist speakers were **Prof Sadanand Bansode**, Senior Professor, DLISc, Savitribai Phule University, Pune, **Prof P V Konnur**, President, LIS Academy, Bengaluru, **Dr Suresh Jange**, Librarian, Gulbarga University, Kalaburagi, **Dr Radhika Rani**, Head, Department of Library and Information Science, Kakatiya University, Warangal and **Dr Anand Doddamani**, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS). **Dr P R Goswami**, Former Director, NASSDOC moderated the panel discussion session and Dr Neelamma from Devangere University acted as Rapporteur. Two memorial lectures were organized on 6 January 2026 in the pre-lunch session. The **8th IASLIC – P C Shah Memorial Lecture** was delivered by **Prof C R Karisiddappa**, Former Professor Emeritus, DLISc, Karnataka University, Dharwad on the topic “**Charting New Paths : A Reflection on Late Shri P C Shah’s Legacy and Contribution**”. Prof Karisiddappa spoke eloquently on the life and scholarly contributions of Shri P C Shah, an eminent figure in the field of Library and Information Science. He traced Shri Shah’s significant role in shaping LIS education, research and professional practices in India. **Prof A Y Asundi**, Former Professor, DLISc, Bangalore University, Bengaluru delivered “**Prof A K Baradol Endowment Lecture**” on the topic “**Empowering LIS Profession: A Way Forward to Vikshit India 2047**”. The lecture emphasized the importance of indigenous knowledge systems. Prof Asundi discussed how such knowledge can meaningfully support librarians in addressing modern information challenges, preserving cultural heritage

and promoting inclusive knowledge dissemination.

The valedictory session marked a dignified conclusion to the three-day conference. **Prof C R Karisiddappa**, Former Professor Emeritus, Karnataka University, Dharwad delivered the valedictory address, highlighting the significance of visionary leadership and innovation in the LIS profession. **Dr Shankargouda S Somanal**, Registrar, Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women University, Vijayapura presided over the session. **Dr B T Sampath Kumar**, Rapporteur General presented the conference report, summarizing the academic deliberations and outcomes of the three-day event. 46 papers were presented among 65 accepted papers across various technical sessions. **Prof P G Tadasad**, Organizing Secretary proposed the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all participants, paper presenters, delegates, organizers, advertisers and others those have contributed to make the All India Conference a successful event.

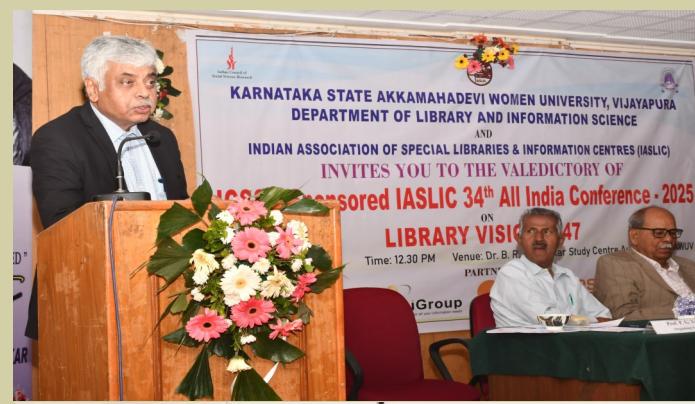
Photographs of IASLIC 34th All India Conference, held on 5 – 7 January 2026 , at The Department of Library and Information Science, Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women University, Vijayapura, Karnataka











Announcement

Padma Shri 2026: Anke Gowda - A Life Dedicated to Books

Seventy-five-year-old Anke Gowda has been honoured with the Padma Shri Award 2026 in the Unsung Heroes category for his exceptional contribution to knowledge preservation and reading culture. He is the founder of Pustaka Mane (House of Books) in Haralahalli village, Pandavapura taluk, Mandya district, Karnataka—widely regarded as one of India's largest personal libraries, with a collection of over 20 lakh books and free access for readers.

Mr. Gowda's journey began modestly. From working as a bus conductor to serving as a timekeeper in a sugar factory, he consistently set aside much of his earnings to buy books. His commitment went so far as selling his property in Mysuru and investing his retirement funds to expand the library. Born in Chinakurli village, he pursued higher education through evening college, earning a B.A., followed by an M.A. in Kannada through correspondence.

Started at the age of 20, his collection now supports students, teachers, and researchers, while nurturing reading habits in the community. It spans literature, science, technology, mythology, and philosophy, and includes rare manuscripts dating back to 1832.

Mr. Gowda has received several honours, including the Limca Book of Records (2016) and the Karnataka Rajyotsava Award (2014). The Padma Shri recognises his lifelong, selfless service to learning and society.

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National Seminar on Emerging Technologies and Future Libraries

National Institute of Tourism & Hospitality Management (NITHM), Hyderabad, in collaboration with the Telangana Library Association (TSLA) organized a one-day National Seminar on 7 December 2025 on the topic “Emerging Technologies and Future Libraries” at the NIHTM Campus, Gachibowli, Hyderabad. The seminar was inaugurated with the presence of distinguished guests, including Prof V Balakista Reddy, Chairman, Telangana Council of Higher Education (TGCHE), Prof V Venkata Ramana, Director of NITHM,

Sri N V Satyanarayana, Chairman of Informatics India Ltd., Bangalore and Prof N Laxman Rao, President of Telangana Library Association. The keynote address was delivered by Sri N V Satyanarayana, Chairman, Informatics India Ltd. The seminar featured enriching technical sessions addressed by eminent speakers including Dr Iranna Shettar, Deputy Librarian, NIT Warangal, Dr Kshema Prakash, Librarian, EFLU, Hyderabad, Dr A S Chakravarthy, I/c University Librarian, Osmania University. More than 100 library professionals, faculty members, research scholars, MLISc/BLISc students and enthusiasts attended the seminar.

Personalia/ Award

Sri Sujan Saha, Librarian, Sarat Centenary College, Dhaniakhali, Hooghly, West Bengal has been awarded PhD degree by Burdwan University, Burdwan for his thesis entitled “Development of Bengali Virtual Authority File (BVAF): A Prototype Model For Library Cataloguing System”. Dr. Saha has pursued his research work under the supervision of Dr. Sukumar Mandal, Assistant Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, The University of Burdwan, Burdwan, West Bengal, India. IASLIC congratulates Dr. Saha.

The Third National ASLIP (Association of Senior Library and Information Professionals) Conclave 2025 was held during January 8-9, 2026 at Chowdhury Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University (CCSHAU). Prof. B. R. Kamboj, Honourable Vice Chancellor, CCSHAU; Dr. R. P. Kumar, President ASLIP; Dr. Raj Kumar, General Secretary, ASLIP, and other dignitaries were present there in the beautiful award ceremony of the Conclave. Dr. Tridib Chattopadhyay, Librarian, St. Paul's Cathedral Mission College; Dr. Rajiv Kumar Pateria, Librarian, Nehru Library, CCSHAU; and Dr Seema Parmar, Deputy Librarian, Nehru Library, CCSHAU, have received the prestigious ASLIP Best Progressive Librarian Award in this occasion. Dr. Tridib Chattopadhyay is the EC member of the IASLIC and he is the Convenor of the Study Circle Division of IASLIC. We are very happy to share this news. We wish him all the success for the professional achievement.

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