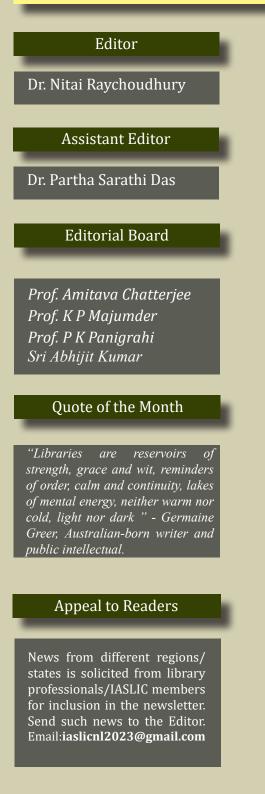# IASLIC NEWSLETTER

Indian Association for Special Libraries and Information Centres

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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.
72	Raja Narendra Lal Khan Women's College	4035-I[Z6]
73	Raniganj Girls' College	4024-I[Z6]
74	University of Calicut	0086-I[Z1]
75	Duliajan College	4051-I[Z5]
76	Central Institute of Indian Languages	2797-I[Z1]
77	Mohanlal Sukhadia University	3803-I[Z2]

Announcement

Librarians' Day 2023

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, Ajkal Patrika.

Venue: Rabindrabhawan, Chandannagar, Hoogly.

Date: 13.08.2023 (Sunday) Time: 9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Registration Fee: Rs.300/-

Dates for Online Registration: 07.07.2023 -- 10.08.2023

Account Details:

Google Pay/PhonePe No.: 9674712101 (Sharmistha Gupta) OR 8961910437 (Indrashis Dey). Please pay to the above mentioned any account & WhatsApp payment details to the number. On-line Registration" https://forms.gle/JmeBkd5g6gbJJPzW8. Off-line Registration: IASLIC, BLA, WBPLEA and Chandannagar Pustakagar.

IASLIC 33rd All India Conference 2023
Call for Papers
Collaborative Librarianship
December 7- 9, 2023
VENUE
Department of Library & Information Science,
Pondicherry University, Puducherry

FIRST CIRCULAR

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

Director of Thematic Session: **Dr M Vijaykumar**, University Librarian, Central Library, Pondicherry University, Puducherry, PIN 605014

Rapporteur General: Dr K Elavazhagan, Librarian and Chief Knowledge Officer, Indian Institute of Management, Tiruchirapalli, Tamilnadu

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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 lASLIC 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 packaging 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

Kolkata   **Sri Abhijit Kumar**

July 22, 2023   **Hony. General Secretary**

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Collaborative Librarianship

Author's Declaration Format

(To be submitted in triplicate along with the paper)

1.Name (s) (Sequentially):

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I/We do hereby declare that the paper submitted by me/ us has not been submitted elsewhere for publication/presentation.

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The 341th Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC: A brief report

IASLIC organized its 341st Study Circle meeting on June 22, 2023, at its Headquarters in Kolkata. The esteemed speaker for the event was Dr. Raj Kumar Bhardwaj, the Librarian of St. Stephen's College, Delhi. Dr. Bhardwaj delivered a captivating talk on the topic "Lessons from the Life and Philosophy of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan in the Context of Data-Driven Librarianship."

During his presentation, Dr. Bhardwaj shed light on the remarkable journey of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, who faced numerous hardships in his personal life. However, through unwavering determination and perseverance, Dr. Ranganathan ultimately achieved great heights within the LIS domain. The speaker emphasized the pivotal role played by individuals such as Edward Ross, who generously supported Dr. Ranganathan by paying his admission fee during his student days. Additionally, Dr. Bhardwaj highlighted Dr. Ranganathan's lifelong religious devotion, sharing that he would read one passage of Shri Balmiki Ramayana every day. Furthermore, the speaker discussed the enduring relevance of Dr. Ranganathan's philosophy, drawing connections to the field of data-driven librarianship. Dr. Bhardwaj emphasized the importance of data storytelling and its significant impact on modern librarianship. He encouraged libraries to proactively collect data, enabling its reuse and promoting effective data management practices. Furthermore, he argued that the five laws of library science align more closely with data management than the FAIR principles, thus advocating for revisit Dr. Ranganathan's philosophy in the context of data management practices. The session concluded with an interactive Q&A session, where participants posed various thought-provoking questions.

Overall, the 341st Study Circle meeting organized by IASLIC proved to be an enlightening and engaging event, providing valuable insights into the life, philosophy, and its application in the realm of data-driven librarianship.

The 342nd Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC: A brief report

The 342nd Study Circle meeting of IASLIC was held on 20th July, 2023 (Thursday) in the meeting room of IASLIC at P-291, CIT Scheme 6M, Kankurgachhi, Kolkata -700054. The study circle meeting was attended by 20 participants. First of all, the welcome address was delivered by Mr. Abhijit Kumar, General Secretary of IASLIC. The introductory address was delivered by Dr. Tridib Chattopadhyay, the Convenor of Study Circle Division of IASLIC. The Speaker of the session was Dr. Sibsankar Jana, Associate Professor of the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kalyani. The Chairman of the session was Prof. Sabuj Dasgupta, Associate Professor of the Department of Library and Information Science of the University of Kalyani. The speaker of the session and the Chairman of the session both were felicitated by Miss Moumita Ash, the Joint Secretary of IASLIC. The topic of the discussion was ' RESEARCH MADE EASY: TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES'. The speaker lucidly and logically explained different tools and techniques applied in the present-day research. The speaker elaborately explained about sampling technique; sampling size calculation; literature review; reference management and other important areas.

Prof. Sabuj Dasgupta, the Chairman of the session has briefly pointed out all the matters discussed by the Speaker of the session. After that the audience took part in the question - answer session and discussion. The formal Vote of Thanks was given by Miss.Moumita Ash, the Joint Secretary of IASLIC. The Convenor of the Study Circle Division, Dr. Tridib Chattopadhyay has thanked all the participants, dignitaries, the Speaker of the Session, and the Honourable Chairman of the Session. The meeting was ended with thanks to the Chair.

343rd IASLIC Study Circle Meeting

The 343rd IASLIC Study Circle Meeting will be held on 24.08.2023 (Thursday) at 6.00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of IASLIC, P-291, CIT Scheme 6M, Kankurgachi, Kolkata – 700 054. The speaker of the above-mentioned Study Circle will be Dr. Bidyarthi Dutta, Assistant Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Vidyasagar University, Medinipore, West Bengal. Dr. Udayan Bhattacharya, Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Jadavpur University, Kolkata- 700 032 has given his consent to be the honourable Chairman of the Study Circle Meeting. The topic of the discussion: Citation vs uncitedness: In search of a normalised holistic approach. All are requested to be present in the meeting and participate in the discussion.

Dr. Tridib Chattopadhyay

Convener, Study Circle Division

IASLIC, Kolkata

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. Qumar Abbas 9251578786/9828700204; qumarabbas@gmail.com.

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International Conference on "Recent Trends in Academic Libraries: Systems and Services

Dr. O P Bhalla Central Library, Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies (MRIIRS), Faridabad is organizing an *International Conference on "Recent Trends in Academic Libraries: Systems and Services"* in Collaboration with Library Association of Bihar (LAB) and Delhi Library Association (DLA) supported by SMEH and SRFLIS on **18-19th August, 2023** at Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies, Faridabad, Haryana.

The Organizing Committee of the International Conference has decided to introduce a few awards, to those professionals who have made significant contributions to the LIS Profession. The organizer invites nominations/applications for the following Award for the year 2022.

1. Vishwa Laxmi Best Librarian Award

2. Dr. H Anil Kumar Best Practicing Librarian Award

3. Life Time Achievement Award

4. Distinguished Teacher Award

5. Best Practicing University Librarian Award

6. Best Practicing College Librarian Award

7. Best Practicing School Librarian Award

Applicants are requested to send their Nominations along with their Biodata highlighting their contributions and achievements for the growth and development of the Library Profession. The Applicants are required to submit the contribution in their respective libraries separately. Application may be sent at librarian@mriu.edu.in, icrtal@mriu.edu.in on or before 31st July, 2023. On the basis of the applications received, the Award Committee of the Conference will select the candidate for this Award. The Award Committee of the Conference reserves the right to select/not select any person for this Award. It may also nominate any other person who might not have applied for the Award.

The Award will be presented during the International Conference on "Recent Trends in Academic Libraries: Systems and Services," scheduled from 18-19 August 2023 at Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies, Faridabad, Haryana. Award winners must register themselves for this Conference and attend the ceremony and accept the award in person.

Dr. Rajesh Kumar

Conference Organizing Secretary

University Librarian

Dr. O P Bhalla Central Library

Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies (MRIIRS)

Festival of Libraries during August 5 and 6, 2023 at Pragati Madian, New Delhi

Book your date with iconic world libraries as city gears up to host unique festival. A unique festival of libraries to be held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi will launch a special ranking system for libraries across India. Aimed at encouraging reading culture, the two day festival, to be held during August 5 and 6, will also hold exhibitions on allied crafts like cartography, calligraphy and cursive writing besides setting in motion the creation of a crowdsourced directory of all reasonably large collections of books in the country. The Festival will be inaugurated by Hon'ble President of Indi, Ms Droupadi Murmu on August 5, 2023. and Valedictory Ceremony will be presided by Hon'ble Vice President of India, Jagdeep Dhankhar on August 6, 2023.

The festival will highlight iconic libraries from across the world in order to initiate a conversation on the modernisation and digitisation of libraries in India and discuss a special policy for the development of libraries down to village and community levels. India has 54,856 public libraries. The Culture Ministry through the Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRL) promotes public library systems and services in India. The RRRL foundation provides annual funding and support to nearly 6,0007,000 libraries across the country, as of now.

The government had in 2014 also launched a special mission called the National Mission on Libraries (NML) with a budget allocation of ₹400 crore. Under the scheme, six libraries under the Culture Ministry, 35 Central libraries in States and 35 district libraries are to be developed as model libraries with an emphasis on developing these libraries in economically backward districts.

The August event is likely to be attended by organisers of literary festivals, well-known authors, publishing houses, proprietors of book cafes and translators.

"It aims to bring together all stakeholders — from librarians and academics to district collectors of 100 districts

and directors of model libraries to develop a roadmap for encouraging libraries to become the drawing rooms of the community," a Minsitry official said.

Panel discussions on best practices in libraries from across the globe and technical advancements like translating software, and audio books are also lined up. The festival will be open to private and public libraries as well as book collections at community and village levels.

TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Scinapse : AI-powered Research Intelligence Engine

Features of Scinapse

1. Optimized for research : High-performing academic search engine backed by Pluto's original algorithm optimized for academic research. Scinapse's algorithm offers the best search results for academic papers based on the published date, citations, publisher, and many more

2. Save research time, Save screen time: The Intuitive interface provides everything you need to know about a paper in one look

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Connected Papers is a unique, visual tool to help researchers and applied scientists find and explore papers relevant to their field of work.

How does it work?

To create each graph, it analyzes an order of ~50,000 papers and select the few dozen with the strongest connections to the origin paper.

In the graph, papers are arranged according to their similarity. That means that even papers that do not directly cite each other can be strongly connected and very closely positioned. Connected Papers is not a citation tree.

The similarity metric is based on the concepts of Co-citation and Bibliographic Coupling. According to this measure, two papers that have highly overlapping citations and references are presumed to have a higher chance of treating a related subject matter.

The algorithm then builds a Force Directed Graph to distribute the papers in a way that visually clusters similar papers together and pushes less similar papers away from each other. Upon node selection we highlight the shortest path from each node to the origin paper in similarity space. The database is connected to the Semantic Scholar Paper Corpus (licensed under ODC-BY). Their team has done an amazing job of compiling hundreds of millions of published papers across many scientific fields.

For more information, please visit: (https://www.pluto.im/product/scinapseGet search results)

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

Directory of Libraries in India

Ministry of Culture is preparing a directory of Libraries in India. This initiative by Govt of India is very important to all Libraries of Central Universities, State Govt Universities, Private University, Deemed University, College library, PSU etc....

On behalf of the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India, Central Reference Library, a subordinate office under Ministry of Culture is preparing "Directory of Libraries in Delhi" which will act as a guide tool for the Tourists, Researchers, Scholars, Librarians, Students and more. It is requested to kindly fill in the form attached herewith for the preparation of the aforesaid directory on or before 30.06.2023.

Please fill up this form, we the Central Reference Library, a subordinate organisation under Ministry of Culture are in the process of publishing Directory of Libraries in India.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf8rhjC1mASpqAxX-56njZ_5R7JqHYvERvP8997h8DXVGMbJQ/viewform?pli=1

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National Library and

Librarian, Central Reference Library

Ministry of Culture

Government of India

PERSONALIA

Shri Kalyan Sundar Samanta, Librarian, Prabhu Jagatbandhu College, Howrah has been awarded Ph. D. degree in Library and Information Science by Vidyasagar University, Medinipur, West Bengal for his thesis entitled "User Generated Metadata versus Expert Generated Metadata in Social Science: A Comparative Study". Dr Samanta pursued his research work under the supervision of Prof Durga Sankar Rath, Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Vidyasagar University, Medinipur, West Bengal.

Smt Snigdha Naskar, Assistant Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Rabindra Bharati Univer-

sity, Kolkata has been awarded Ph. D. degree in Library and Information Science by Vidyasagar University, West Bengal for her thesis entitled "Development of Document Preservation Method: An Analytical Study". Dr Naskar pursued her research work under the supervision of Prof Pijush Kanti Jana, Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Vidyasagar University, West Bengal.

Smt Sudipta Pradhan, Librarian, Siddhinath Mahavidyalaya, Purba Medinipur, West Bengal has been awarded Ph D degree in Library and Information Science by Vidyasagar University, West Bengal for her thesis entitled "An Analytical Study of Information Services for Visually Challenged Students with Particular Reference to Blind Schools in South Bengal". Dr Pradhan pursued his research work under the supervision of Dr Nivedita Bhattacharyya Sahu, Assistant Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Vidyasagar University, Medinipur, West Bengal.

Shri Asish Maity, Librarian, Yogoda Satsanga Palpara Mahavidyalaya, Purba Medinipur, West Bengal has been awarded Ph D degree in Library and Information Science by Vidyasagar University, West Bengal for his thesis entitled "Scientometric Profile of the E-journals in Library and Information Science published by Emerald during the period 2005-2015". Dr Maity pursued his research work under the supervision of Dr Nivedita Bhattacharyya Sahu, Assistant Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Vidyasagar University, Medinipur, West Bengal.

Smt Trishna Bhui, Librarian, Sitaram Mahato Memorial College, Purulia, West Bengal has been awarded Ph D degree in Library and Information Science by Vidyasagar University, West Bengal for her thesis entitled "Assessing Faculty Publications in Humanities and Social Science Departments of Indian institutes of Technology in the Twenty-First Century: A Study''. Dr Bhui pursued her research work under the supervision of Dr Nivedita Bhattacharyya Sahu, Assistant Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Vidyasagar University, Medinipur, West Bengal.

Dr. Neeza Singh, librarian, T S Central State Library in Chandigarh's Sector 17, **honoured with "ASLIP Best Female Library Personality of the Year Award for 2022".** The award was conferred to her 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 this 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.

AWARDS

Prof. Ramesh Gour has been nominated as the Member of the Cultural Committee of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) for the period July 2023 to June 2024. Prof. Gour has been nominated as the Member of the Governing Council of the INFLIBNET Centre (UGC IUC), Gandhinagar, for a period of three years starting July 30th 2023.

OBITUARAY

Late **Birendra Kumar Sarma,** who was the Librarian, Pragjyotish College, Guwahati died on June 15, 2023 after a protracted illness. LIS professionals of the region are deeply saddened for his death. He was the architect of the Assam College Librarians' Association, the Association which brings glory to the profession not in Assam but for the country. It is because of his hard work and dedication, during his term of general Secretary, under the banner of ACLA, college librarians of Assam were covered with the UGC pay structure. Late Sarma was the founder member of ACLA when it was formed in 1973 and served the association in different capacities. He was the general secretary of ACLA for 12 years. During his service period and also after his retirement, he was actively working for the ACLA. We pray Almighty for the peace of departed soul.

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