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Quote of the Month

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr. Seuss —an American children's author, political cartoonist, illustrator, poet, animator, and filmmaker.

Appeal to Readers

News from different regions/ states is solicited from library professionals/IASLIC members for inclusion in the newsletter. Send such news to the Editor. Email: iaslicnl2023@gmail.com

Announcement

IASLIC AWARD FOR 2025

1. Prof. Prabir Roychoudhury and Smt. Amita Roychodhury – IASLIC Best LIS Teacher Award 2025

IASLIC has instituted a national level Prof. Prabir Roychoudhury and Smt. Amita Roychoudhury – IASLIC Best LIS Teacher Award, since 2008, sponsored by Prof Prabir Roychoudhury and Smt. Amita Roychoudhury Memorial Fund Trust. Three copies of applications in prescribed format may be sent to the Honorary General Secretary, IASLIC, P-291, CIT Scheme No. 6M, Kankurgachi, Kolkata – 700054 and its PDF by e-mail (iaslic.india@gmail.com) on or before 30 June 2025.

For eligibility criteria for the application of Prof. Prabir Roychoudhury and Smt. Amita Roychoudhury" – IASLIC Best LIS Teacher Award – Please visit IASLIC website –https://www.iaslic1955.org.in/Default.aspx?PageId=123

2. Smt. A Satyavathi and Prof. A A N Raju – IASLIC Best Young LIS Teacher Award – 2025

IASLIC has instituted a national level Smt. A Satyavathi and Prof. A A N Raju – IASLIC Best Young LIS Teacher Award since 2008, sponsored by Prof. A A N Raju. Six copies of applications in prescribed format may be sent to the Honorary General Secretary, IASLIC, P-291, CIT Scheme No. 6M, Kankurgachi, Kolkata - 700054 on or before 30 June 2025. A valid IASLIC member can recommend a candidate with written consent of the proposed nominee.

For eligibility criteria for the nominees of Smt. A Satyavathi and Prof. A A N Raju – IASLIC Best Young LIS Teacher Award: – Please visit IASLIC website –https://www.iaslic1955.org.in/Default.aspx?

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3. S M Ganguly - IASLIC Award for the Librarian of the Year 2025

IASLIC has instituted a national level S M Ganguly – IASLIC Award for the Librarian of the Year, sponsored by Late S M Ganguly, one of the founder members of IASLIC, since 1993. Three copies of applications along with all supporting documents can be sent to the Honorary General Secretary, IASLIC P 291 CIT Scheme No. 6M, Kankurgachi, Kolkata - 700 054 and its PDF by e-mail (iaslic.india@gmail.com) on or before 30 June 2025.

For eligibility criteria for the application of S M Ganguly – IASLIC Librarian of the Year Award: Please visit IASLIC website–https://www.iaslic1955.org.in/Default.aspx?

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IASLIC 34th All India Conference 2025

The 34th All India IASLIC Conference will be held at the University of Kashmir, Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir during September 16 - 18, 2025

CALL for PAPERS

Library Vision 2047 Vision 2047 Vision 2047

September 16-18, 2025

Venue

Allama Iqbal Library,

University of Kashmir, Srinagar

IASLIC 34th All India Conference 2025 Call for Papers The IASLIC 34th All India Conference 2025 will be organised in collaboration with the Allama Iqbal Library, University of Kashmir, Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir, India and is scheduled to be held at the Allama Iqbal Library, University of Kashmir, Srinagar during September 16-18, 2025.

India aims to debut herself as a developed nation by its centennial anniversary of independence in 2047 encompassing overall growth through sustainable societal advancement with knowledge economy and effective governance.

Transformative education with a modern approach has been brought intending to move towards a better knowledge society reforming the future teaching-learning endeavour by implementing NEP2020. It needs transformation of libraries and information systems onto a balanced modern resource management sector enabling marginal poor, youths, women empower. LIS professionals face both tremendous opportunities and challenges to address such transformation. On the one hand, it facilitates global collaboration, improves accessibility, incorporates cutting-edge technologies, and enables customising user experiences. On the other side, issues like digital divide, infrastructure constraints, information overload, data security, and the requirement of specialised skills are major hindrances. LIS professionals must prioritise user education and digital literacy, work with international networks, invest in strong digital infrastructures, and concentrate on ongoing professional development training programs. Libraries must also address issues with intellectual property, digital preservation, and legal compliance. Overcoming these obstacles, libraries would be able to fulfil their role as emerged knowledge centres and contribute in making India a truly developed nation by 2047. Libraries can make a substantial contribution to the goal of bringing out our country a knowledge-driven, digitally inclusive nation.

Keeping the above in considerations, IASLIC has selected 'Library Vision 2047' as the main theme of its 34th All India Conference 2025 expecting the LIS professionals to delve upon ongoing important issues of opportunities and challenges that would result with fruitful outcomes and guidelines out of the deliberations and discussions. There will be deliberations on two other Special Interest Groups (SIGs) themes at the meetings of SIG01 (Social Science Information): Community Empowerment and Libraries and SIG02 (Computer Applications in Libraries): Innovative Library Services in Digital Age 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.

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Special Interest Groups (SIGs) Meetings

SIG 01: Social Science Information Theme: Community Empowerment and Libraries

- A. Libraries as Hubs for lifelong learning in community development
- B. Role of libraries in safeguarding cultural heritage and Indigenous knowledge
- C. Information literacy programs for social empowerment
- D. Enhancing library outreach for community empowerment
- E. One Nation One Library Legislation

SIG 02: Computer Applications in Libraries Theme: Innovative Library Services in Digital Age

- I. Future of libraries: evolving in the digital landscape
- II. Innovative technologies and services in libraries
- III. Next-Generation Integrated Library Systems (ILS)
- IV. Leveraging cloud computing for enhanced library services
- V. Ethical considerations in AI applications for libraries

Important Information

Dates of Conference: September 16-18, 2025

Last date of submission of Full Paper: June 07, 2025

Letter intimating acceptance by: July 07, 2025

For more details please visit: https://www.iaslic1955.org.in/

363rd Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC

The 363rd Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC will be held on 12th June, 2025 (Thursday) at 6:00 pm in the meeting room of IASLIC which is situated at P-291, CIT Scheme 6M, Kankurgachhi, Kolkata - 700054. Dr. Arup Ratan Das, Librarian, Ichhapur Bibhukinkar High School, Ichhapur, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, will be the speaker of the above-mentioned study circle meeting. Mr. Sibsankar Maity, Former Librarian, Shyamaprasad Mukherjee Institution, Phoolbagan, Kolkata, will be the Chairman of the session. Mr. Maity was also the President of All Bengal School Librarians' Association (ABSLA). The topic of discussion of the abovementioned study circle meeting will be "Crisis in School Library: West Bengal". All the librarians, information professionals, students, teachers, research scholars, library lovers and other interested persons are hereby earnestly requested to attend the above mentioned study circle meeting along with their friends, colleagues and other fellow members. All are Welcome.

Dr. Tridib Chattopadhyay Convenor, Study Circle Division, IASLIC

IASLIC ACTIVITIES

Institutional Members of IASLIC for the Year 2025

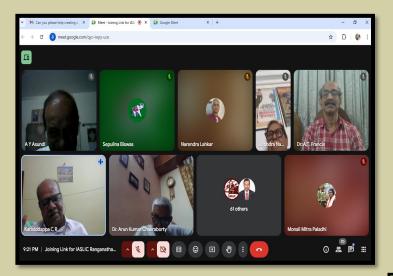
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28.	Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur, Chhattisgarh	0411 – I[Z 3]
29.	Prime Ministers Museum & Library, New Delhi	0368 - I[Z 4]
30.	Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, West Bengal	0404 - I[Z 6]
31.	Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata, West Bengal	0407 – [Z 6]
32.	Ramananda College, Bishnupur, West Bengal	4034 – I[Z 6]
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36.	S R University, Hanumakonda, Telangana	
37.	Seth R C S Arts & Commerce College, Durg, Chhattisgarh	2787 - I[Z 3]
38.	Shimurali Sachinandan College of Education, Shimurali, West Bengal	
39.	Space Applications Centre, ISRO, Ahmedabad, Gujarat	$0443 - I[Z\ 2]$
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Ranganathan Memorial Lecture - A Brief Report

The 31st Ranganathan Memorial Lecture was held on 3 May, 2025 at 8 PM through online mode (Google Meet). Prof Ashok Y Asundi, Former Professor and Chairman, Department of Library and Information Science, Bangalore University, Bangalore delivered the prestigious lecture on the topic "Implicit Knowledge: Concepts in Ranganathan's Contributions". The online programme was chaired by Prof. Narendra Lahkar, President of IASLIC. Extending hearty welcome to the Speaker, Chairperson and all participants linked with the programme through Google Meet, 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, Chairperson, expressed sincere gratitude to Prof Ashok Y Asundi for agreeing to deliver the Ranganathan Memorial Lecture. Prof Ashok Y Asundi commenced his lecture by paying homage to Dr S R Ranganathan, the Father of Library Science in India. He expressed his gratitude and felt honoured to deliver the prestigious lecture of IASLIC. Prof Asundi identified ten areas of Ranganathan's contributions and expressed each area in the light of implicit knowledge. Prof Asundi classified knowledge as tacit, explicit, potential and implicit, where implicit knowledge is the derivation of tacit knowledge not directly expressed and inherent in nature. While discussing "Five Laws of Library Science" he began with the concept "Normative Principle" where the term normative pertains to giving directive dealing with norms. Ranganathans's 'Five Laws' have captured worldwide attention of the library profession and OCLC sponsored research has redefined the five laws in the context of new generation users, he added. According to Prof Asundi, 'Documentation', introduced by Ranganathan, extended the horizon of library science with new professional opportunities. Ranganathan defined the term document as a graphic record of some idea or some phenomenon, made in words or in pictures and 'document' consists of three parts - 'soul', 'thought content' and 'subtle body'.



Again Ranganathan categorized four kinds of documents macro, micro, neo and meta document, Dr Asundi added. In his speech Dr Asundi explained different types of books, viz. 'books with message', 'books with flair', 'orientation books', 'seminal books' as categorized by Dr S R Ranganathan. Again Ranganathan demonstrated various types of readers (difficult reader, reader with inferiority complex, reader with superiority complex, reader with traumatic complex, mere ignorant reader, self reader, wasters of time, fraud) coming to the library and the manner they are dealt in the library through case studies, he added. Dr Asundi briefly narrated Ranganathan's contributions to the theory of library classification. Influenced by Henry Evelyn Bliss and W C Berwick Sayers, Ranganathan developed a very comprehensive and dynamic theory and demonstrated it practically in his Colon Classification. According to him, the complementary contributions to the theory of library classification are the creation of an exclusive terminology to Library Classification in particular and Library Science as a whole. He mentioned Ranganathan's modes of formation and schemes of subjects and isolates that are profiles of a classification scheme. In his speech, Dr Asundi highlighted Ranganathan's Chain Indexing which has potentiality to derive subject headings mechanically without consideration of the 'Citation Order'. Also he mentioned how the concept of "Prenatal Cataloguing or Cataloguing in Publication" is applied by Library of Congress in preparing catalogue data that appears on verso of the title page of every book. Prof Asundi highlighted on 'Seminal Mnemonics and Unitary Theory' of Ranganathan which helps synthesize a class number without recollecting Classification Schedule. He explained the term 'Librametry', coined by S R Ranganathan in 1948 which focuses on the quantitative study of various aspects of library,



organization of library systems. Librametry will help determine library staff strength, disposition of staff for circulation and reference services as well as design of library building and furniture. At the end of his speech, Prof Asundi focussed on LIS education and Ranganathan's contribution to LIS education. Ranganathan pioneered LIS education in India by establishing a Certificate Course in Library Science at the Madras Library Association in 1929 and was also responsible for starting Master's and Doctoral programs in Library Science at Delhi University. He also founded Documentation Research and Training Centre (DRTC) in Bangalore, a dedicated research and training institution for documentation and information science. Ranganathan advocated always for 'Library Centred Education' and the report of UGC Review Committee (formed in 1965 under Chairmanship of Dr S R Ranganathan) was influential in guiding library education programs in Indian universities for many years, Dr Asundi concluded. Prof Lahkar, Chairperson of the program then invited comments, observations from listeners and participants.



A few participants shared their observations on the thought provoking lecture and also requested the speaker to share the PDF slides. Finally, the online lecture program ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr Banasree Ray, Joint Secretary, IASLIC. Around 90 library professionals attended the program. Ms Monali Mitra Paladhi, Convenor, Information Science Division, IASLIC and Mr Sujan Saha, Librarian, Sarat Centenary College, Dhaniakhali, West Bengal extended technical support to complete the program successfully.

The 362nd Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC: A brief report

The 362nd Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC was held on 22nd May, 2025 (Thursday) at 6.00 pm in the meeting room of IASLIC which is situated at P - 291, CIT Scheme, 6M, Kankurgachhi, and Kolkata-700054. The speaker of the above-mentioned Study Circle Meeting was Mr. Pradosh Kumar Bagchi, Librarian, Muzaffar Ahmed Pathagar, Ganashakti Bhavan, Kolkata. The Chairman of the meeting was Dr. Asitabha Das, Former Librarian, University of Kalyani, Nadia, West Bengal. The Topic of the discussion at the said meeting was "Bengali Dictionary: History and Its Development in Two Hundred Years and After". At the beginning, Mr. Abhijit Kumar, General Secretary of IASLIC welcomed all the dignitaries, guests and audience. Thereafter Dr Tridib Chattopadhyay, Convenor of the Study Circle Division, IASLIC, introduced the Speaker and the Chairman of the session. Afterward, the Chairman and the Speaker were felicitated. Dr. Asitabha Das in his speech gave an overview of the issues regarding the history and development of the Bengali Dictionary. After that the speaker Mr. Pradosh Kumar Bagchi started the session and delivered his lecture on the particular issue. Mr. Pradosh Kumar Bagchi discussed an overview of the historical development of Bengali Dictionary in a pinpointed manner. He also described the issues related to the various aspects of Bengali Dictionary. Mr. Bagchi has described the different types of application of Bengali words, their meaning, synonyms, antonyms, homonyms, etymology, and various forms of Bengali words. Mr. Bagchi has also explained the various types of Bengali Dictionaries and their compilers. After that the Chairman of the session Dr. Asitabha Das has briefly described the entire discussion. Shri Abhijit Kumar, Miss Moumita Ash, Mr. Jagamohan Das, Mr. Sibsankar Maity, Dr. Swarup Kumar Raj and others took part in the discussion and question-answer session. Vote of thanks was delivered by Mr. Jagamohan Das, the Joint Secretary of IASLIC. Then, Dr Tridib Chattopadhyay, Convenor of the Study Circle Division of IASLIC thanked all the dignitaries, guests and the audience regarding their active participation and involvement. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

Special Invited Lecture at Department of Library and Information Science, University of Jammu – A Report

The Department of Library and Information Science in collaboration with Department of Psychology, University of Jammu, has organized a special invited lecture on the topic "Sentiment Analysis: An Emerging Area of Research in LIS Field Using Social Media Data" on 26th May 2025 at 12.00 noon. The lecture was delivered by Prof Manoj Kumar Verma, Professor and Head, Department of Library and Information Science, Mizoram University, Aizwal. The Special Lecture session began with welcome address by Prof Sangita Gupta, Prof & Head, DLISc, University of Jammu. Prof Manoj Kumar Verma provided an overview of sentiment analysis, including its basic concepts, processes and applications especially in the context of library and information services. Prof Verma spoke on key topics like exponential growth of digital interactions and mentioned that platforms like Twitter, Facebook, Instagram have become rich sources of realtime public sentiment. . The lecture provided valuable insights into this emerging area of research, that has opened unprecedented avenues for understanding user behaviour, public opinion and community engagement. This sentiment analysis will also help librarians and other information professionals for catering effective and efficient services.

The thought provoking lecture saw active participation of LIS faculty and research scholars. The collaborative involvement of Psychology faculty and scholars underlined the interdisciplinary approach of sentiment analysis as a research area. The lecture session ended with a formal vote of thanks proposed by Mr Devanshu Saini, Research Scholar of DLISc, University of Jammu.

CLSTL 2025 – IIT Gandhinagar

3rd International Conference on the Changing Landscape of Science & Technology Libraries (CLSTL 2025) will be held during 25–27 September 2025 at IIT Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India.

Theme: Enhancing Library Experiences with Artificial Intelligence

This enriching conference will bring together library professionals, researchers, and information specialists to discuss the evolving role of libraries in the digital era, especially how AI is transforming our work and services.



Pre-Conference Workshops: Hands-on workshops by experts follow the link to know more: https://events.iitgn.ac.in/2025/clstl/workshops/

Important Dates:

Abstract Submission: by 20 May 2025 Acceptance Notification: 30 May 2025

Final Submission: 31 July 2025

Registration Deadline: 31 August 2025

More information, registration & submissions:

https://events.iitgn.ac.in/2025/clstl/ OR

E-mail:clstl@iitgn.ac.in

CALIBER 2025

CALIBER 2025, 22nd in the series and 14th International CALIBER is being organised by the INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujrat in collaboration with Sri Venkateswara University (SVU), Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh,India during November 17-19, 2025.

The theme of the 14th International CALIBER is "Library 2047: Democratizing Knowledge Towards Viksit Bharat".





For more details visit: https://caliber.inflibnet.ac.in/index.php

IFLA Strategy 2024-2029

IFLA has designed a document to take IFLA through its centenary in 2027 and almost up to the end of the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It is strongly rooted in the input provided by the global library field. Through a series of surveys and workshops, it was learnt about how to use their Strategies, which issues mattered most for the people, and what IFLA all wanted to see in 2029.

These led the Governing Board towards a document that:

Makes a clearer connection between what we do and the results we want to see

Is more easily adaptable and adoptable by library and information workers, libraries and library associations globally

Underlines the role of libraries as development actors, working to enable their communities

The Strategy has a new and clearer vision: Sustainable futures for all through knowledge and information.

It also focuses on three impact areas:

Impact area 1: Libraries are connected and energised through vibrant, global professional communities

Impact area 2: Libraries are recognised, represented and valued as partners

Impact area 3: Libraries are enabled to deliver meaningful change at all levels

This work is underpinned by the enabler:

Future-Proofing IFLA: Ensuring IFLA's governance, projects, and partnerships are effective, transparent, and innovative. The Strategy is available at https://repository.ifla.org/handle/20.500.14598/3497 one can find a set of indicators that will help us and you track progress.

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