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Quote of the Month

"Nothing is pleasanter than exploring a library."

----by Walter Savage Landor

(1775-1864. English writer and poet)

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.

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IASLIC 2026 : Extension of Dates

To honour the huge number of requests of senior professionals and from our honorable members, we are re-opening the full paper submission for IASLIC 2026 till November 10, 2026. This is the final and last extension of opportunities to publish papers by prospective and interested professionals in the Peer-reviewed IASLIC Special Publication. All are requested to plan to attend and to book your dates, thus, to meet each other at IASLIC 2026 to be held during December 28-30, 2026 at SOA, Bhubaneswar.

Message from the President

We have reported in our newsletter that the IASLIC is collaborating with the Read India to set up a library cum computer training centre at its Kankurgachi premises. The purpose is to attract school children from disadvantaged groups living in nearby areas. Exposure to a variety of books which do not form a part of school curricula and developing skills to search web based information are two major objectives of this project. We believe that the library cum computer centre will be inaugurated in the month of January 2027. The core value of librarianship is provision for access to information and knowledge. American Library Association (ALA) says "Libraries must ensure that all information resources that are provided directly or indirectly by the library regardless of technology format or methods of delivery, should be readily, equally and equitably accessible to all library users. Publicly funded libraries should not charge users' fees and oppose legislative or regulatory limits on access to information as a condition of funding for public libraries". An article titled 'Homegrown Fare for Young Minds' published in *EPW* in the year 2017 had observed that earlier Indian parents had to depend largely on books imported from the west to stock their children's collection. These books were expensive. So many parents chose not to buy them. The situation has now changed as publishing firms in India are bringing out attractive Indian language books for children. Some books are multilingual reflecting our polyglot society enabling children to read same books in different languages. Indigenous traditions are reflected through illustrations. There is a book containing lush landscape with dancing Warli art generated figures- steaming down from the moonlight. Another title published by Katha Books contains Gond inspired images depicting several fish painting with different colours. In India books by authors like Ruskin Bond are popular among children. Sukumar Ray and Satyajit Ray have written many popular titles. In USA, illustrator cum author like Margaret Wise Brown have had revolutionised picture books. In 1946, *Life* magazine anointed her as the "World's most prolific picture book writer". In 1947, Brown published her most famous book 'Goodnight Moon'. As reported in the magazine *The New Yorker* (7 February, 2022), more than forty million copies of this book has been sold. Children's books written by popular authors act as a full throttle stimulus for children. They go for searching more books. Recently, Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has said "Net is fundamental right of all, even children". The apex court is against blanket Internet ban on kids for safety. The Court has said Internet is an indispensable source of learning. We the members of the IASLIC must wholeheartedly try to empower our youth and children with good books and high speed Internet connectivity

Date: 01/11/2026

Dr. P R Goswami,
President, IASLIC

ANNOUNCEMENT

The IASLIC recently published
Indian Library and Information Science Abstracts
(ILSA)
[(Vol - 50 – 51) 2022-2023)]

Indian Library Science Abstracts (ILSA), the only national abstracting and indexing periodical to cover the literature on Library and Information Science (LISc.) being published in India by the IASLIC since 1967. Volume 50 & 51 (2022-2023) of ILSA recently published on 16.08.2026 on the eve of Librarians' Day 2026 – organized by IASLIC, BLA, and WBPLEA at Panagarh Gram Prathamic Vidyalaya.

Volume 50 & 51 (2022-2023) of ILSA recently published on 16.08.2026 on the eve of Librarians' Day 2026. Volume 50 & 51 (2022-2023) of ILSA consists of 815 entries from 14 journals and 2 conference proceedings. ILSA: Volume50-51 (2022-2023) 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 using 22nd ed. of DDC.

Hard copy of ILSA Volume 50 & 51 (2022-2023) is available at the IASLIC office. The price of Hard copy of ILSA Volume 50 & 51 (2022-2023) is **Rs. 3000/-** (*Rupees Three Thousand only*). The protected electronic version (PDF) of ILSA is also available. The Price of electronic version of ILSA is **Rs. 500/-** (*Rupees Five Hundred only*). The esteemed members of IASLIC and professionals interested to purchase ILSA volume 50 & 51 are requested to please contact the General Secretary, IASLIC.

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IASLIC is organizing a "Workshop on Evaluation of Research Papers through Metrics", on 28.11.2026

This is to inform all concerned that IASLIC is organizing an Online Workshop on "***Evaluation of Research Papers through Metrics***" for registered participants.

In this regard, all registered participants are hereby requested to take note of the following important instructions:

The online meeting link will be shared with all registered participants one day prior to the scheduled date of the workshop. Participants may attend the workshop from their respective locations using a smartphone, laptop, or desktop computer with a stable internet connection. All participants are requested to join the online session at least 15 minutes before the scheduled commencement time to ensure

Registration Link:

https://forms.gle/GAEuVG2cAxEFC5146

Workshop Date:28.11.2026 & **Time:**11.00 am to 1.00pm.

Contact Details: ***Dr. Susanta Kumar Senapati***, Convener, Education Division, IASLIC, Mobile/WhatsApp: 9412070739 Email: education.division.iaslic@gmail.com

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IASLIC 31st National Seminar 2026 28-30 December, 2026 at the Institute of Technical Education and Research, Sikha "O" Anushandhan, Bhubaneswar, Odisha

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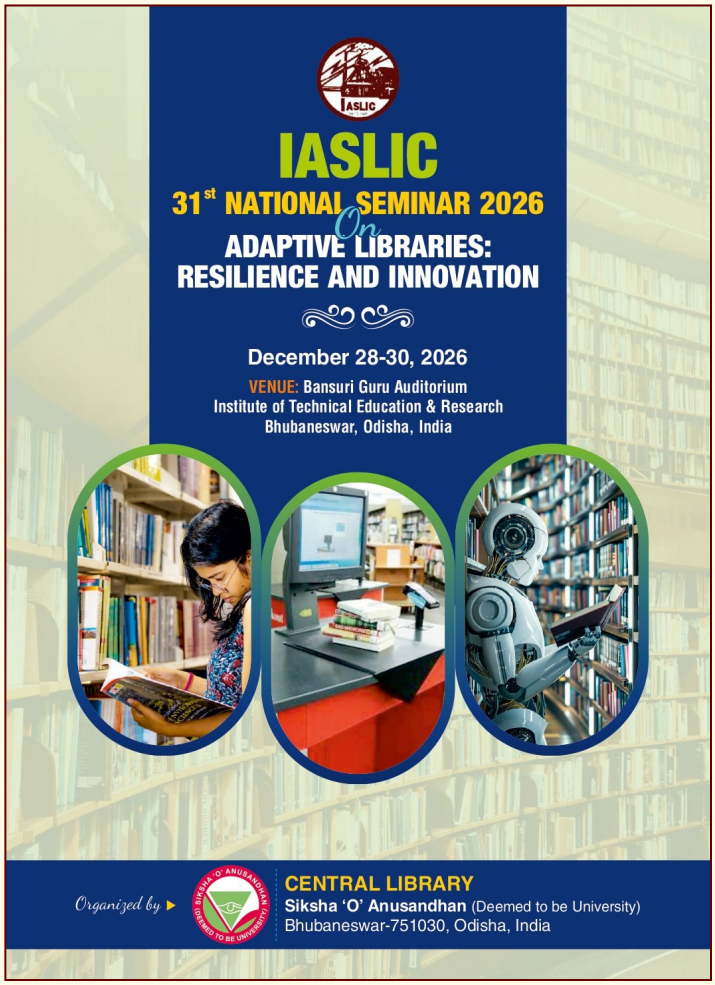
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The second Circular of IASLIC 31st National Seminar 2026 is published and available at the IASLIC website. The library and information science professionals are requested to go to the IASLIC portal and down load the brochure for detailed information about the National Seminar and other details. All are welcome.

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Correspondence regarding papers should be addressed to Dr Banasree Roy, General Secretary, IASLIC, P-291, CIT Scheme No. 6M, Kankurgachi, Kolkata- 700054 or iaslic.sem@gmail.com and for Seminar update please visit: www.iaslic1955.org.in

Dr. Banasree Roy,
General Secretary, IASLIC





About SOADU

Siksha 'O' Anusandhan (Deemed to be University), Bhubaneswar, declared as university U/S 3 of the UGC Act, 1956. It is a leading university in India offering professional programs in the disciplines of Engineering, Medicine, Dental Science, Nursing, Pharmaceutical Science, Biotechnology, Management, Law, Hotel Management, Agricultural Sciences, and Veterinary Science. S'O'A (Deemed to be University) was reaccredited by NAAC with an A++ grade (highest grade) in 2022 also approved by UGC, AICTE, and NBA. Today, Siksha 'O' Anusandhan (Deemed to be University) has emerged as one of the fastest-growing universities in the country. The university has been ranked among the top 14th best in the country in the University category, 24th best as an Overall Institute, 26th best in the Engineering category, 21st best in the Medical College category, 9th best in the Dental College category, 9th best in the Law category, 50th best in the Research category, and 62nd best in the Management category in the country by the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India in 2024. In The Times Higher Education World Reputation Ranking 2025, for first time Siksha 'O' Anusandhan spot in the 201-300 range.

About Central Library, SOADU

The Central Library plays a pivotal role in advancing the academic, teaching, and research mission of Siksha 'O' Anusandhan (Deemed to be University) (SOA) by facilitating the creation, preservation, and dissemination of knowledge. All the eleven constituent institutions of the University have their own libraries, catering to the academic and research needs of students, faculty members and research scholars at their respective campuses. The Central Library, located at the Institute of Technical Education and Research (ITER), Campus 1, serves as the University's Principal Knowledge Resource Centre.

ITER, the Faculty of Engineering and Technology of Siksha 'O' Anusandhan (Deemed to be University), is the University's oldest constituent institute. Since its establishment in 1996, ITER has remained committed to providing quality education and has consistently excelled in teaching, research, innovation, and academic excellence. The institute strives to nurture students into enlightened, responsible, and globally competent professionals capable of contributing meaningfully to society.

At present, ITER comprises fourteen academic departments offering a wide range of undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programmes in engineering, technology, and allied disciplines. Established to support the academic programmes of the University, the Central Library initially focused on building a comprehensive collection of textbooks and reference materials for teaching and learning. The Library houses more than 420,881 printed volumes, representing over 42,456 unique titles, along with an extensive collection of scholarly journals, popular magazines, theses, dissertations, project reports, standards, and other reference resources. In addition to its rich print collection, the Library provides access to a wide range of electronic resources, including e-books, e-journals, and online databases covering Engineering and Technology, Medical Sciences, Basic Sciences, Humanities, Social Sciences, Law, Pharmacy, Nursing, Agriculture, and Management. Committed to promoting digital scholarship and research excellence, the Central Library has continuously strengthened its electronic information infrastructure. It subscribes to a comprehensive collection of internationally acclaimed scholarly databases and digital resources, including Scopus, Web of Science, IEEE Xplore, Springer Nature, Taylor & Francis, ASME, ASCE, ACM Digital Library, Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC), American Chemical Society (ACS), EBSCO, ProQuest, Bentham Science, Access Medicine, Access Engineering, Wiley

Online Library, CAB Abstracts (CABI) with Full text, J-Gate, JSTOR, Karger, SAGE Journals, and Policy Commons, among others. These resources provide seamless access to high-quality scholarly literature for students, faculty members, researchers, and staff, both on and off campus through authenticated remote access. To uphold the highest standards of academic integrity and scholarly communication, the Central Library also provides access to advanced research support tools, including Turnitin for plagiarism detection and Grammarly for writing assistance. These services help students, researchers, and faculty members produce original, high-quality academic and research publications.

About IASLIC

The Indian Association of Special Libraries and Information Centres (IASLIC) is a non-profit professional organization dedicated to the advancement of special librarianship and information services in India. Since its inception, IASLIC has played a significant role in promoting the development of library and information science by supporting and coordinating research, encouraging professional studies, and organizing short-term training programmes to strengthen the competencies of library professionals. The Association regularly organizes general and special meetings, national seminars, and biennial conferences on contemporary issues in librarianship, information services, and allied disciplines. These events provide valuable platforms for professional interaction, knowledge exchange, and discussions on emerging trends and best practices in the field.

In addition to its academic and professional activities, IASLIC makes substantial contributions to library and information science literature through the publication of scholarly journals, monographs, manuals, newsletters, conference proceedings, research papers, and technical reports. These publications serve as important resources for researchers, practitioners, and students, while fostering innovation and professional excellence in the library and information science community.

About Seminar

The seminar emphasizes the evolving role of libraries in responding effectively to technological, environmental, social, and organizational challenges. It highlights how libraries can become resilient institutions by embracing innovation, digital transformation, and sustainable practices while continuing to meet the changing information needs of their communities. Libraries are no longer viewed merely as repositories of books and information. In the digital age, they have become dynamic knowledge centres that support education, research, innovation, and community development. The increasing frequency of natural disasters, public health emergencies, technological disruptions, cyber threats, and changing user expectations has made adaptability an essential characteristic of modern libraries. The seminar theme, "Adaptive Libraries: Resilience and Innovation," encourages library professionals to explore strategies that enable libraries to anticipate, respond to, and recover from disruptions while continuing to provide uninterrupted services.

Main Theme

Adaptive Libraries: Resilience and Innovation

1. Adaptive Libraries – Concept and Characteristics
1.1 Need and Importance
1.2 Coping Proactively with disasters
Natural, Human-Induced, Socio-political, Technological
1.3 Resilient Strategies – Reuse and Sustainability
1.4 Innovative Approaches in Adaptive Libraries
2. Adaptive Libraries in Promoting Social Well-Being
2.1 Advocating Social Inclusivity
2.2 Adaptive Activities to Maintain Community Bonds
2.3 Empowerment of the Vulnerable and Marginalised
2.4 Assistive Support for Differently Abled Individuals
3. Digital Integration
3.1. Adoption of New Technologies in Library Services

3.2. Promoting Ethical Use of AI
3.3. Developing Proactive Resilient Digital Strategies
3.4. Combating Misinformation
4. Utilisation of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS)
4.1. Preservation of IKS
4.2. Propagation of IKS
4.3. Leveraging IKS for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)
4.4. Integrating IKS with Emerging Technologies
5. Preparing for Future
5.1. Adaptive Leadership
5.2. Collaboration with Other Institutions
5.3. Developing Crisis Support Infrastructure
5.4. Preparing Workforce for Emergency Management

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) Meetings

SIG 01: Social Science Information

Theme: Research Data Management for Social Sciences

A. Research Data sources in Social Sciences
B. Collection and Curation of Research Data
C. Standards for Research Data Management
D. Research Data Repositories
E. Role of Libraries and Information centres in RDM
E Research Data Management sensitization plans and strategy in Social Sciences

SIG 02: Computer Applications in Libraries

Theme: Emergence of Artificial Intelligence in Library Services: Innovations, Opportunities and Challenges

A. AI and the Changing Role of Libraries
B. Generative AI Fundamentals - Large Language Models (LLMs)
C. AI in Classification and Cataloguing
D. AI-assisted metadata creation and knowledge discovery
E. Prompt Engineering for Librarians
E AI-powered User Services and Research Support

Important Dates

Date of Seminar: 28th – 30th December 2026
Last date of Submission of Full Paper: 15th September, 2026
Confirmation Letter of acceptance by: 15th October, 2026

Correspondence address regarding submission of papers

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Correspondence address regarding Registration

The Registration form along with payment details may be sent / e-mail to

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Registration Fees & Delegation Fees

Category	IASLIC Members		Non-Members	
	Residential	Non-Residential	Residential	Non-Residential
Individual & Research Scholar	Rs. 3500/-	Rs. 2300/-	Rs. 4500/-	Rs. 2700/-
On Deputation	Rs. 6000/-	Rs. 5000/-	Rs. 6500/-	Rs. 5500/-
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Students (Indian)	Rs. 1500/-	Rs. 1000/-	Rs. 2200/-	Rs. 1700/-
Accompanying Person (Without Kit)	Rs. 3500/-	Rs. 3000/-	Rs. 4000/-	Rs. 3500/-
Individual from SAARC/other countries	150$	120$	150$	120$

Registration fee includes compulsory attendance in all technical sessions, Seminar kit (provided you have paid delegation fee), food, local transport and certificate of attendance. Participants will get the post - seminar volume as instructed in Circular-1 issued by IASLIC. Accompanying person shall not be entitled for seminar kit. The residential category of registered participants will be allotted accommodation on a first-come first-served basis subject to availability.

Delegation Fees

A delegation fee will be collected from each registered participant during the registration process at the IASLIC counter adjacent to the Registration Desk.

The applicable charges are :

- Rs. 300/- for IASLIC Members
- Rs. 500/- for IASLIC Non -Members
- 10$ for IASLIC Members from SAARC or other countries
- 15$ for IASLIC Non-Members from SAARC or other countries.
- Rs. 100/- for Students (Indian)

Special Provision

Participants who are not individual members of IASLIC but are deputed by IASLIC's Institutional Member institutes/organizations will be entitled to both the registration Fee and Delegation Fee at the concessional rates applicable to IASLIC members.

Author Guidelines for Paper Submission

1. Contributed papers must have to be of qualitative value for publishing in the IASLIC Special Publication (ISSN 0972-3668) Volume 63, a peer- reviewed post-Seminar publication. A generalised presentation, thus, should be avoided.
2. Full research paper within 2000 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 August 15, 2026.
3. Authors' declaration in prescribed format for the Seminar 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 hard copy that the paper has not been sent elsewhere for publication/ presentation.
5. Softcopy of the full paper composed in word format (.doc/.docx) 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 (https://www.iaslic1955.org.in/ fckeditor/ userfiles/ file/ Publication_policy_Authorship_Manual_final.pdf).
7. The paper should be accompanied with a DD/ multicity cheque amounting Rs. 1300/- as paper submission fees in favor of 'INDIAN ASSO SP LIB AND INFORMATI' payable at Kolkata (Bank name: SBI, Branch: Bagmari (Calcutta) A/C No.: 10247890167, IFSC: SBIN0003682) or a screenshot of payment using the QR code and should be addressed to Dr Banasree Roy, General Secretary, IASLIC, P- 291, CIT Scheme No. 6M, Kankurgachi, Kolkata -700054. Participants who pays the paper submission fees, need not to pay the

delegation fee during the seminar; however, they need to pay registration fee as usual. If the paper is not accepted, the paper submission fee will be refunded.

8. Once a paper is submitted, any kind of changes in authorship is not permissible.
9. Pre-Seminar 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 Seminar 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-Seminar volume.
12. There will be a provision for the Best Poster Presentation Award which is likely to be included in the post-Seminar volume. Other Poster papers will not be published in the post-Seminar volume.
13. Accepted papers which are presented in the Seminar, will only be considered for publishing in the Post-Seminar IASLIC Special Publication (ISSN 0972- 3668) Volume 63 subject to its merit of publication. IASLIC Special Publication 2026 is likely to be published within three months after the Seminar.
14. All registered participants will receive Post-Seminar IASLIC Special Publication (ISSN 0972-3668) Volume 63 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 Seminar or otherwise will be entertained.
17. Correspondence regarding papers should be addressed to Dr Banasree Roy, Hony General Secretary, IASLIC, P-291, CIT Scheme No. 6M, Kankurgachi, Kolkata- 700054 or iaslic.sem@gmail.comand for Seminar update please visit: www.iaslic1955.org.in

How to Reach

The SOA Deemed to be University (Campus-1) is situated in Bhubaneswar, the capital city of Odisha (India). It is well connected by air, rail and bus. It is hardly 6 km away from the airport, 8 km from the railway station and 3 km from the bus stand.

Accommodation

Accommodation (For Outstation Participants) will be arranged on payment basis against requisition by the registered delegates on sharing basis and first come first served basis.

Tourist Destination


Jagannath Temple, Puri


Konark Temple


Dhauli Shanti Stupa

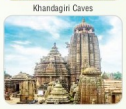

Khandagiri Caves


Puri Sea Beach

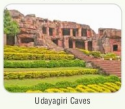

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ANNOUNCEMENT

72nd Annual Conference of the Indian Library Association (ILA) – FLARE 2027 will be held from 7–9 January 2027

Greetings from the Indira Gandhi Memorial Library (IGML), University of Hyderabad. It is our pleasure to invite your esteemed University/Institution and its academic and library community to participate in the 72nd Annual Conference of the Indian Library Association (ILA) – FLARE 2027, an International Conference on the theme "Future Libraries: Advancing Research & Excellence."

The conference is being organized by the Indira Gandhi Memorial Library (IGML), University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, India, in collaboration with the Indian Library Association (ILA), New Delhi, India, and will be held from 7–9 January 2027 at the University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, Telangana, India. Supported by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), the conference is envisioned as an international platform bringing together library and information science professionals, librarians, academicians, researchers, LIS educators, scholars, policymakers, publishers, technology experts, industry leaders, and practitioners from India and abroad. The conference will deliberate on the evolving role of libraries in an era shaped by artificial intelligence, digital transformation, open science, research data management, digital preservation, and emerging scholarly communication ecosystems, while providing opportunities to share research, exchange professional experiences, explore innovations, and strengthen academic and professional collaborations.

Major Themes

- Libraries & Sustainability Agenda
- Collaboration, Consortia & Knowledge Ecosystems
- Digital Transformation in Libraries
- Digital Preservation & Cultural Heritage
- Scholarly Communication & Open Science
- Ethical & Legal Frameworks for Information Access
- Capacity Building & Future-Ready Librarianship
- Social Media & Digital Engagement in Libraries
- Assistive Technologies & Inclusive Library Services

The event is expected to bring together distinguished delegates from universities, research institutions, libraries, and knowledge organizations. Participants will have opportunities to present their scholarly work, engage in academic and professional discussions, establish collaborations, and explore emerging developments in the library and information science profession. A Best Paper Award will also be presented in recognition of an outstanding research contribution based on the prescribed evaluation criteria.

Important Dates

Abstract Submission: 15 October 2026

Full Paper Submission: 15 November 2026

Registration: 15 December 2026

Conference Information

Official Conference Website:
https://ila72flare.uohyd.ac.in/

Conference Brochure:
https://ila72flare.uohyd.ac.in/files/ILA72Brochure.pdf

Abstract Submission:
https://forms.gle/Y46A2iQNtLGfsMFi9

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https://ila72flare.uohyd.ac.in/registration.html

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https://ila72flare.uohyd.ac.in/registration.html.



4th ASLIP Conclave, New Delhi 16-18 December, 2026

The Association of Senior Library and Information Professionals (ASLIP) is jointly organising its 4th Conclave with Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), Maidan Garhi, New Delhi, from 16–18 December 2026.

The theme of the Conclave is "**AI Revolution and Future Libraries: Learning, Leadership and Legacy**" and *Dr. V. K. J. Jeevan*, Librarian, IGNOU, New Delhi, is the Organising Secretary of the Conclave. The Conclave aims to provide a forward-looking platform for library and information professionals, academicians, researchers, educationists and students to deliberate on the rapidly changing library ecosystem shaped by Artificial Intelligence and emerging digital technologies.

Its sub-themes are: 'AI Revolution and Libraries', 'Moving on with Tradition and Technology', 'Preservation of Cultural and Documentary Heritage', Libraries for Sustainable Development', 'Ethics, Privacy and Responsible Research in AI Era', 'Librarianship, Policy and Knowledge Management in AI Era', AI Oriented Skills and Competencies', 'Future of Libraries with AI and Beyond'.

The event will witness a range of academic and professional activities, including keynote address and invited lectures, Foundation Day lecture, award ceremony, panel discussion, poster and product presentations, quiz, talent hunt, fireside chat, and "□□, □□□□□□". ASLIP invites original research papers, empirical and theoretical studies and case studies from library professionals, academicians, researchers and students. Selected papers will undergo peer review and invited and contributed papers will be published in the ISBN bearing conference proceedings.

Conclave Timeline - Key Dates at a Glance:

Date of Conclave: December 16-18, 2026.

Last Date for Submission of Abstract: October 10, 2026.

Notification for Acceptance of Abstract: October 20, 2026.

Last Date for Submission of Full Text: November 15, 2026.

The Conclave is expected to provide a platform for examining how libraries can balance tradition, technology and human intelligence while preparing for an AI-driven information environment.

For more information, visit :- https://www.aslip.in

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ASLIP Awards to Honour Library Professionals

ASLIP Conclave 2026, IGNOU, New Delhi, December 16–18, 2026

The Association of Library and Information Professionals (ASLIP) has instituted various awards to recognise and honour the exemplary contributions and professional excellence of library and information science professionals from India and abroad.

The major award categories include

- **ASLIP @80 Honour** (Age – 80 years on November 30, 2026),
- **ASLIP International Library Ratna Award** (Age – 70 years and above),
- **ASLIP–Neena Kumar Best LIS Teacher Award** (Age – 65 years and below),
- **ASLIP–Jang Pannu Best Senior Librarian Award** (Age – 54- 60 years),
- **ASLIP Best Progressive Librarian Award** (Age – 53 years and below)
- **ASLIP Best School Librarian Award** (Age – 40 years and above).

Both Indian nationals and Indians settled abroad are eligible. Self-nominations as well as recommendations from senior professionals are accepted.

There is no nomination fee and both ASLIP members and non-members may apply, with preference given to ASLIP members.

Nominations along with the detailed biodata may kindly be sent on email – aslip2020@gmail.com on or before **October 15, 2026**.

The selections will be made by a confidential five-member committee and selected professionals will be informed individually.

The awards will be presented in-person during exclusive ASLIP Award Ceremony which has been a regular feature of every ASLIP Conclave. No award will not be conferred in absentia.

National Conference on "Intelligent and Smart Digital Library (ISDL-2026)" at IIT Kharagpur, 21–22 December 2026

The Central Library, IIT Kharagpur, in collaboration with the National Digital Library of India (NDLI), IIT Kharagpur, is pleased to announce the National Conference on **"Intelligent and Smart Digital Library (ISDL-2026)"**, to be held on 21–22 December 2026 at IIT Kharagpur.

Call for Papers: The main theme of the conference is amenable to the following five broad areas:

- AI-Enabled Library Services
- Smart Libraries and Smart Infrastructure
- Digital Library Design and Management
- Information Management in Intelligent Libraries
- Research Integrity and Ethics in Scholarly Publication

Submission Process: Authors are requested to submit their papers by visiting the conference's official website:

https://libevent.iitkgp.ac.in/

For any inquiries contact: libevent@library.iitkgp.ac.in.

Conference Dates: 21–22 December 2026

Contact Details: ***Dr. Samir Kumar Jalal***, Organizing Secretary, ISDL-2026, Deputy Librarian & Library (I/C), Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, India – 721302. Call +91 3222 282430/32/40;

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Exploring Job Opportunities in the Field of LIS

LIS professionals and newly pass-out candidates who are seeking employment opportunities should have an inclination to scan the pages of *Employment News* and daily newspapers. They should also carefully see the notifications appearing in various social media platforms.

They should also see the details of bulk-recruitment advertisements released by various government agencies. There are positions for which data entry skill and database creation and database management related proficiency matters. Candidates having LIS degree are better suited for such jobs.

Ministry of Railways have released an advertisement for Graduates and Under Graduates in its non-technical popular category. Number of vacancies (tentative) is **3477+1688.** https://www.rrbapply.gov.in (closing date 6.11.26) and https://rrb.Indianrailways.gov.in Advt. date 14.10.26. (closing date to be checked on the website)

Other notable vacancies advertised are:

1. ***Chief Librarian***, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Patna. Level 13 (Rs.1,23,000-2,15,900). on deputation. Date 14.10.26. Apply within 45 days. www.aiimspatna.edu.in
2. ***Librarian Grade 1***, Documentalist, AIIMS, Patna. Level 7. (Rs.44900-142400) on deputation. www.aiimspatna.edu.in
3. ***Assistant Librarian-1 Academic Level 10***. Tata Insitute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai. https://tiss.ac.in/uploads/files/Final_Advertisement_dtd_07.10.2026_Non-Teaching_Positions.pdf
4. ***Senior Library and Information Assistant-2*** Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal. On deputation. Closing date 21.11.26. https://iifm.ac.in/vacancies

I would like to mention that it is comparatively easy to get a deputation based tenure positions as the number of candidates are much less than direct recruitment positions. One has to fulfill the terms and conditions laid down. The application for deputation position must be forwarded by the parent body of the candidate(s).

There are many other positions advertised during the month of October. I have listed only a few of them. I will be pleased to guide candidates who want to apply for deputation positions.

PERSONALIA/ AWARD

Prof (Dr) A T Francis, Former University Librarian, Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur, Kerala has been awarded the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award of Association of Agricultural Librarians and Documentalists of India (AALDI), 2026 in recognition of his distinguished service, exemplary leadership and enduring contributions to the advancement of agricultural librarianship. The award was presented on the occasion of the Fifth International Conference of AALDI, 2026 held at Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (TANUVAS), MVC Campus, Vepery, Chennai during 23 – 24 October 2026. A Governing Body Member of IASLIC, Dr Francis is presently Professor and Chief Librarian of Amala Institute of Medical Sciences, Thrissur, Kerala. IASLIC congratulates Dr A T Francis.

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