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Quote of the Month

"Google can bring you back 100,000 answers, a librarian can bring you back the right one."

- Neil Gaiman
English fiction writer

Appeal to Readers

News from different regions / states are solicited from IASLIC members for inclusion in the newsletter. Send such news to the Editor.

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IASLIC ACTIVITIES

31st ALL INDIA CONFERENCE 2017: Call for Papers

The 31st All India Conference of IASLIC is schedule to be held at the Department of Library and Information Science, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi 221005, UP, India, during November 7-9, 2017. 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: Public Libraries in India in 21st Century

1. Public Library Philosophy

a) Public library as a social institution
b) Public library as open and democratic knowledge centre
c) Public library as a source of lifelong learning and cultural development
d) National public library policy
e) UNESCO Public Library Manifesto and its relevance in digital era

2. Public Library Development in India

a) Public library situation in different states: progress and regress
b) Barriers and factors affecting public library development
c) Public library legislation in different states: progress and pitfalls
d) Public library development in India and other countries: comparative study
e) Digital era vis-a-vis public library legislation in India

3. Roles of Public Library

a) Public library as a community information centre
b) Role of public library in rural development
c) Role of public library in promoting inclusive society and knowledge society
d) Role of public library in gender sensitization and creating awareness about social issues
e) Changing roles of public library and public librarian in digital era

4. Public Library Resources

a) Public library finance and financing
b) Changing format and changing mode of access of intellectual resources
c) Public library building, furniture and equipment
d) Manpower for public libraries: required competencies and competency development in digital era
e) Capacity building of public libraries

5. Functions and Services of Public Library

a) Planning and management of public library and public library system in digital era
b) Collection development policy for intellectual resources
c) Organization and maintenance of intellectual resources: traditional and digital
d) Preservation and conservation of intellectual resources
e) Marketing of innovative public library services

6. Public Library Standards and Guidelines

a) Review of existing public library standards and identification of new areas requiring standards
b) Comparison of Indian public library standards with standards published abroad
c) Best practices in public libraries
d) IFLA/UNESCO guidelines for public library service
e) Evaluation of public library services

7. Public Library Users

a) Public library users and their characteristics
b) Public library use survey
c) Public library users' need survey
d) Public library users' information seeking behaviour survey
e) Empowerment of public library users

8. Future Strategies

a) Automation of public libraries
b) Reengineering/rebooting of public libraries
c) Public library consortia and networking
d) Smart public libraries
e) Inclusive and green public libraries

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (SIG) MEETINGS

Convener: Dr. Saptarshi Ghosh

SIG 01: Social Science Information
Theme: Information Literacy Competency Development

A. **Information Literacy (IL) Competency**
Concept, need, scope; core competencies and desirable competencies

B. **Information Literacy Competency Development**
Objectives and components; methodology; resources; role of libraries and professional associations

C. **Information Literacy Competency Standards and Guidelines**
Information literacy competency standards for different sectors; IFLA Guidelines on information literacy

D. **Assessment of Information Literacy**
Impact of IL competency development on library users: case studies

SIG 02: Computer Applications in LIS
Theme: Digital India Initiative and Libraries

I. **Digital India Initiative/Programme**
Vision, objectives, programme pillars, approach, and methodology; schemes and projects; facilities and services; Digital India initiatives in states

II. **Digital Infrastructure Development**
Promotion of digital equality; National Digital Library: creation and progress; National Virtual Library: creation and progress

III. **Digital Empowerment of Citizens**
Creation of digitally empowered society: role of libraries; National e-Governance Plan: e-governance initiatives of centre, states, and local bodies

IV. **Progress and Evaluation of Digital India Initiative**

Important Dates	
Dates of Conference	**November 7-9, 2017**
Submission of Full Paper	**July 15, 2017**
Acceptance	**September 30, 2017**

Conference President:
Prof. A R D Prasad, *Documentation Research and Training Centre, Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore, Karnataka*

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Prof. Durga Shankar Rath, *Department of Library & Information Science, Vidyasagar University, Midnapore, West Bengal*

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General Instructions

1. Contributed papers will have to be of qualitative value for publication.
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8. Pre-conference volume will have only abstracts of accepted papers.
9. Accepted papers which are presented in the conference, will only be published in the post-conference volume.
10. Pre-declaration by the author(s) should be made separately that the paper(s) has/have not been sent elsewhere for publication/presentation. This has to be sent in hard copy.
11. All accepted papers will be invited for presentation either in the main thematic sessions of the Conference or in the SIG Meetings. A presenter will be allowed maximum fifteen minutes for presentation, including introduction and conclusion.
12. **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. Poster papers will not be published in the post-conference volume.
13. There will be a provision for the Best Poster Presentation Award.
14. All registered participants will receive post-conference volume free of cost from IASLIC office. Additional Rs.150/- will be charged for postage and handling from those who wish to receive the volume through post.
15. **The decision of the Editorial Committee will be final and no communication regarding the acceptance of papers for presentation in the Conference or otherwise will be entertained**.
16. Correspondence regarding papers should be addressed to Shri Sajalkanti Goswami, Hony. General Secretary, IASLIC, P-291, CIT Scheme No. 6M, Kankurgachi. Kolkata- 700054 or *iaslic.sem@gmail.com* or 9433426495. For Conference update please visit: *www.iaslic1955.org.in*

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IASLIC Librarians' Day Seminar

IASLIC, jointly with Bengal Library Association (BLA), West Bengal Public Library Employees Association (WBPLEA) and Bangiya Sadharaner Granthagar o Karmi Kalyan Samity (BSGKKS), will organize a seminar on 'Role of Libraries and Librarians in Public Relations' on August 12, 2017 at Malda College, Malda, on the occasion of Librarians' Day. The speakers will be Prof. Pijush Kanti Panigrahi, Dean, Faculty of Education, Journalism and Library and Information Science, Calcutta University; Shri Pranab Hazra, Librarian, Sidhu Kanho Birsha University, Purulia; and Shri Soumyajit Mahapatra, Chairman, Public Relations Society of India, Kolkata Chapter. For registration to participate in the event, ring 033-23629651 (IASLIC), or 033-6533-2102 (BLA), or 9433927863 (WBPLEA), or 7003451760 (BSGKKS).

CONFERENCES / SEMINARS / WORKSHOPS

National

Event on Library Technology Solutions

Informatics Publishing Limited, Bangalore, is organizing an event 'Future of Library Services & Technology Solutions' at Sawai Man Singh Medical College, Jaipur, during July 8–9, 2017. The event will include hands-on workshop on Koha, discussion on new requirements (features) in Koha for library community, and brief overview of future of technology solutions for library community. For details visit: *http://bit.ly/LTS-Seminar*

Workshop on Library Automation

The Department of Library and Information Science, Maris Stella College (Autonomous), Vijayawada, in association with Verus Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad, is organizing a National Workshop on 'Automation and Networking of Libraries' on July 21, 2017. For details visit: *http://www.marisstella.ac.in*

Workshop on Paper Conservation

Roja Muthiah Research Library (RMRL), Chennai, is organizing a Workshop on 'Paper Conservation' during July 24– 27, 2017. For details visit: *rmrl@dataone.in*

Seminar on Role of LIS in Quality Teaching

A UGC Sponsored National Seminar on 'Innovations in Teaching and Learning Practices in Higher Education: Role of Library and Information Science in Quality Enhancement' is being organized by DLIS, Kakatiya Government College, Warangal, in association with IQAC of the college and in collaboration with Telangana Library Association, on July 29, 2017. For details visit: *gdcts.cgg.gov.in/hanamkonda.edu*

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Seminar on Transformation of Academic Libraries

Telangana Library Association, jointly with Sarojini Naidu Vanitha Pharmacy Mahavidyalay (SNVPM), Hyderabad, is organizing a National Seminar on 'Transformation of Academic Libraries in Technology Era' at SNVPM during August 12–13, 2017 to celebrate 125th Birthday of Dr. S R Ranganathan, as well as Librarians' Day. For details visit: *https://www.facebook.com/Telangana-Library-Association-TSLA-516612418469253/*

Conference on Ranganathan's Philosophy

A National Conference on 'Relevance of Ranganathan's Philosophy in Digital India' is being organized by the Department of Library and Information Science, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar Central University, Lucknow, in collaboration with Society for Promotion of Library, Uttar Pradesh (SPLUP), during August 12–13, 2017 to celebrate the 125th birth anniversary of Dr. S R Ranganathan. For details email to: *ncrrpdi2017@gmail.com* or *sksonker@yahoo.co.in*

Workshop on Impact of Mendeley

Mandsaur University Central Library, Mandsaur, is organizing a National Workshop on 'Plagiarism and Impact of Research and Reference Management using Mendeley' on August 19, 2017. For details visit: *www.mandsauruniversity.edu.in*

Conference Success Stories in LIS

The 4th National Level Social Conference on 'Success Stories, Learnings, Creativity, Case Studies, Best Practices and Failures in LIS and related areas' (SOFERENCE 2017) is being organized by Information Resource Centre, Tata Consultancy Services, Bhubaneswar, in collaboration with Odisha Library Academy, Bhubaneswar, on December 2, 2017. For details visit: *https://sites.google.com/site/soference2017*

Golden Jubilee of DLIS, Burdwan University

The Department of Library and Information Science, the University of Burdwan, Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal, completed its 50 Years of academic excellence in 2015. The Golden Jubilee of the department was celebrated during March 24–26, 2017. A UGC and RRRLF sponsored National Seminar on 'Efficient Library and Information Services in Digital Era' was organized on the occasion. The inaugural programme, held on March 24, 2017, was chaired by Prof. Sarasimohan Dan, Pro-Vice-chancellor of the university, who also declared the Golden Jubilee Celebration and the seminar open in the presence of a distinguished gathering. Dr. J N Satpathy, President, IASLIC, was the Special Guest, while Prof. Amit Bandyopadhyay, Retired Professor of the Department, was the Guest-of-Honour. Prof. Amitabha Chatterjee, former Professor & Head, DLIS, Jadavpur Univeristy, Kolkata, delivered the keynote address, in which he discussed the importance of LIS education in providing efficient library and information services in the digital era. All the teachers and other professionals who had been associated with the department at different times during its long journey were felicitated at the inaugural programme, which ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Tridib Tripathy, Organizing Secretary of the Golden Jubilee celebration. Altogether 56 papers out of 70 were presented in seven technical session of the seminar. Lively discussions followed each presentation. The 14th reunion of the department was organized on March 25, 2017. A renowned personality in the field of LIS education in the country, Prof. P B Mangla, delivered an illuminating lecture on 'Present Status of LIS Education and Services in Digital Era' on March 26, 2017. This lecture session was chaired by Prof. Amitabha Chatterjee. In the valedictory session of the seminar held later on the same day, Prof. Parthasarathi Mukhopadhyay of Kalyani University, who was the Rapporteur General of the Seminar, presented his report. Prof. Subol Chandra Biswas served as the convener of the golden jubilee celebration. Dr. Sukumar Mondal, Teacher-in-charge of the department, and other teachers, viz., Dr. Bijon Kumar Roy and Dr. Rajesh Das actively helped in organizing the programme.

Intellectual Property Day Observed

The DLIS, University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya (USTM), Baridua, Meghalaya, observed the World Intellectual Property Day under the theme 'Innovation - Improving Lives' on April 26, 2017 at the techno city, USTM campus. Prof. Sanjay Kumar Singh, HOD, DLIS, Gauhati University and Dr. Manoj Rana, Assistant Librarian, Central Library, NEHU, Shillong, were the guest speakers on the occasion. At the outset, Shri Gautam Gogoi, Head (i/c), of DLIS, welcomed the guests and dignitaries. Prof. Singh, in his address, discussed various factors causing plagiarism and why it was important for those who were in the academic field to avoid and protect themselves from plagiarism. He urged the students to be careful while copying from any document and asked them to always acknowledge the sources used. Dr. Rana, in his address, highlighted the scope of copyright and in this context illustrated various visible and invisible innovations and issues with multiple examples. He said that every section of our society, especially the academic fraternity, should play the lead role in spreading awareness in the the society about protecting new innovations and creative ideas of our people. Dr. Amit Choudhury, Dean School of Business Sciences, USTM, and Dr. Ranjan Dutta Kalita, Head, Department of Applied Biology of the University, stressed on the need to protect creations of different innovators through patent filing so that it could not be copied and could be used exclusively for the benefit of our society. Dr. P G Rao, Vice-Chancellor, USTM, Dr. R K Sharma, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, senior professors, HoDs, other faculty members and students of the university were present on the occasion. The programme ended with an interactive session attended by the faculty members, research scholars and students of the

university. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Ms. Amrita Devi, Faculty member of DLIS.

International

CALIBER 2017

The 11th International CALIBER 2017 is going to be organised by the INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, in collaboration with Anna University, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, during August 2-4, 2017. The theme of the convention is 'Re-Envisioning Role of Libraries: Transforming Scholarly Communication'. For details visit: *http://caliber.inflibnet.ac.in* or email: *caliber2017@inflibnet.ac.in*

Conference on Business Information System

International Conference on 'Business Information System and Knowledge' will be held in Bangkok, Thailand, during August 10-12, 2017. For details visit: *http://icbisk. core conferences.com/*

Conference on Information Science

The 3rd International Conference on 'Information Science' will be held at Langkawi, Kedah Darul Aman, Malaysia, during August 11-12, 2017. For details visit: *http://www.icis2017.org*

Conference on Social Sciences

The 3rd Academic International Conference on 'Social Sciences and Humanities' - AICSSH 2017 will be held in Oxford, United Kingdom, during August 17-19, 2017. For details visit: *http://aicssh.flelearning.co.uk/aicssh/call-for-papers*

MALIBNET 2017

MANLIBNET 2017 International Conference on 'Innovation in Library Technology, Services and Resources: Current Trends in Libraries Globally' will be held at Jaipuria Institute of Management, Noida, during September 15-16, 2017. For details visit: *http://jaipuria.ac.in/manlibnet2017/*

Conference on Big Data Research

The ACM-2017 International Conference on 'Big Data Research (ICBDR 2017) - Ei Compendex & Scopus' will be held in Osaka, Japan, during October 22-24, 2017. For details visit: *http://www.icbdr.org/*

Conference on Business Librarianship

Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad, along with Indian School of Business Hyderabad, is jointly organizing the third Global Conference on 'Emerging Trends in Business Librarianship' (ETBL2017) at IIM Ahmedabad during November 21-22, 2017. For details visit: *http://library.iima.ac.in/etbl2017/*

Workshop on Almetrics

The 2018 Workshop on 'Altmetrics for Research Outputs Measurement and Scholarly Information Management' (AROSIM 2018) will be held at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, on January 26, 2018. For details visit: *http://www.altmetrics.ntuchess.com/AROSIM2018/*

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

'People Ready to Pay for Good Content on Web'

Michael Golden, Vice-chairman, *The New York Times*, believes that the readers will pay for good and meaningful content on the web despite the fact that there is so much of free information on the web, says a report by Vinay Kamath published in *The Hindu Businessline.* The newspaper group had seen advertising revenues plunge in the last decade but digital revenues, more so subscriptions, where people pay to read the *NYT* on the web, had been growing, even faster than digital ad revenues, he informed. Speaking at a Digital Media summit in New Delhi, organised by WAN-IFRA, a world association of newspapers and publishers, recently, Golden said that the *NYT* was focussed on consumer (subscription) revenue as the main driver. "It's now 60 per cent of revenue, while 40 per cent is advertising. That includes its print subscriptions as well", he said. "Just 10 years ago, 70 per cent of our revenues was from advertising and 30 per cent was from consumer. It would be nice if advertising revenue stayed steady, but that's not happening," he added. For details visit: *http://www.thehindu businessline.com/news/variety/new-york-times-to-focus-on-paytoread-in-digital-offering/article9567887.ece*

Pages of First Printed Book in England Discovered

The University of Reading in UK has discovered pages of one of the first books printed in England, dating from the 15th century, according to a report in *www.independent.co.uk* website. The pages of a mediaeval priest's handbook, dating to between 1476 and 1477, were found in the University's archives by Special Collections librarian Erika Delbecque while she was cataloguing thousands of items showing the history of print and graphic design. They were produced by English printer William Caxton and the two pages are valued at around £100,000. "This well preserved item is the only one of its kind, and one of just two surviving fragments from this mediaeval Caxton book in existence", said Ms. Delbecque. "The leaf had previously been pasted into another book for the undignified purpose of reinforcing its spine. We understand it was rescued by a librarian at the University of Cambridge in 1820, who had no idea that it was an original Caxton leaf", said Ms. Delbecque. Hundreds of years ago, printing was a costly and laborious process. Cloth was dissolved in water and the mixture was dried in thin sheets on which to write, and the pads used to ink the type were soaked in urine. For original report visit: *http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/caxton-book-first-printed-england- discovery-university-reading-a7724476.html*

ICC Digital Library

The Paris based International Chambers of Commerce has recently launched ICC Digital Library to promote innovative research and learning. Through this subscription-based online service, ICC's vast collection of essential reference materials will be accessible round the clock using laptop, tablet or even smart phones. For details visit: *https://iccwbo.org/media-wall/news-speeches/icc-launches-new-online-research-tool-icc-digital-library/*

Library on Palliative Care

In a first of its kind initiative, a library dedicated to books based on palliative care and treatment has been opened in Thiruvanthapuram, according to a report published in *The Times of India*. The Elisabeth Kubler Ross (EKR) Library was inaugurated by former Kerala chief secretary S M Vijayanand recently at the Arumana Hospital in West Fort area of the city. The library is named after Swiss-American author and psychiatrist Elisabeth Kubler Ross, whose books are based on the significance of providing proper care to terminally-ill patients. 'On Death and Dying', a book by Elisabeth Kuber Ross was handed over to S M Vijayanand by Pallium India founder Dr. M R Rajagopal at the event. For details visit: *http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/thiruvananthapuram/library-dedicated-to-books-on-palliative-care-opened/articleshow/58115897.cms*

Library in memory of Peasants' Movement

In the memory of '*Krishak Bidroha'* (peasants' movement), a part of historical freedom movement of India, a Public Library-cum-Research Centre has been inaugurated in Rangia sub-division of Kamrup district of Assam by Bhubaneswar Kalita, a Member of Parliament, on May 27, 2017. Prof Narendra Lahkar of Gauhati University was present as the Guest of Honour on this auspicious occasion. In his inspirational speech, Prof. Lahkar highlighted the need of books and library in a society. “Books bring light to reduce the darkness of a society”, he said.

Library for Locals in Police Building

The Deputy Commissioner of Police Zone-2 of Ahmedabad, Usha Rada, has taken a unique initiative of providing a room in her office at Karanj Bhavan in Karanj area for a library for locals, says a report by Sarfaraz Shaikh published in *The Times of India*. The library will have books regarding every subject that would help students of the area prepare for various exams. Gujarat Co-coordinator of NGO Helping Hand, Sajid Syed, said that they were getting books on subsidized rates from different publishers to keep in the library. "The library would just not be limited to students but also for candidates preparing for competitive exams such as police recruitment, etc. We are also gearing up for providing guidance to such candidates who are preparing for competitive exams" added Syed. He informed that apart from providing a room for library, the whole of Karanj Bhavan has been made a Wi Fi Zone. "The facility can be availed by policemen working in Karanj Bhavan and also visitors who come to Police station building", he added. For original report visit: *http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/ahmedabad/library-for-locals-in-police-building-in-ahmedabad/articleshow/57647474.cms*

Braille Library set up at Kochi

In an attempt to make educational and literary materials available to blind and dyslexic children, the Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled has set up a braille and audio library in Kochi, which was inaugurated recently, says a report published in *The Times of India*. The library located at the Raksha Society premises in Mattancherry, Kochi, currently has 600 books under various categories including academic, fiction, self-help and general knowledge. The library also has an MP3 player which will allow students to access audio books. "The main idea of the centre is to assist the educational needs of visually impaired kids who have to go from pillar to post to get their books read," said Mahantesh, founder and managing trustee of Samarthanam Trust. For details visit: *http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kochi/braille-library-opened-in-mattancherry/articleshow/57699437.cms*

Sale of e-Books goes down in USA

After reaching a peak in 2014, sales of e-readers and e-books have slowed and hardback sales have surged in USA, says a report by Alex Preston published in *The Guardian*. The latest figures from the Publishing Association showed e-book sales falling 17% in 2016, with an 8% rise in their physical counterparts. At the same time, publishers' production values have soared and bookshops have begun to fill up with books with covers of jewel-like beauty, often with gorgeously textured pages. As the great American cover designer Peter Mendelsund puts it, books have “more cloth, more foil, more embossing, page staining, sewn bindings, deckled edges”. For original report visit: *https://www.theguardian.com/books/2017/may/14/how-real-books-trumped-ebooks-publishing-revival? CMP=twt_gu*

LC to partner with DPLA

The Library of Congress has recently signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Digital Public Library of America to become a “content hub partner” and will ultimately share a significant portion of its rich digital resources with DPLA's database of digital content records, according to a post on Library of Congress website. The first batch of records will include 5,000 items from three major Library of Congress map collections – the Revolutionary War, Civil War and panoramic map collections. “We are pleased to make the Digital Public Library of America a new door through

which the public can access the digital riches of the Library of Congress", said Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden. "We will be sharing some beautiful, one-of-a-kind historic maps that I think people will really love. They are available online and I hope even more people discover them through DPLA. We couldn't be more thrilled to collaborate closely with the Library of Congress, to work with them on the important mission of maximizing access to our nation's shared cultural heritage", said DPLA's Executive Director Dan Cohen. The Digital Public Library of America is a portal effectively, a searchable catalogue that aggregates existing digitized content from major sources such as libraries, archives, museums and cultural institutions. It provides users with links back to the original content-provider site where the material can be viewed, read or, in some cases, downloaded. For details visit: *https://www.loc.gov/item/prn-16-207/library-of-congress-digital-public-library-of-america-to-form-new-collaboration/2016-11-29/*

TECHNOLOGY NEWS

New Technique to Prevent Illegal Copying

Scientists have developed an innovative light-based technique to create secure, invisible watermarks that can be used to prevent photos, videos and books from being illegally copied and distributed, according to a *dnaIndia.com* report. "In our research, we use a complex pattern of light, or diffraction pattern, as a unique watermark," said Yishi Shi, from the University of Chinese Academy of Sciences. "The invisible watermark is embedded into the content we are trying to protect. Imperceptibility is one of the most significant advantages of optical watermarking", said Shi. The new approach encodes the optical watermark in a single step. It is faster and uses a less complex optical setup than other optical watermarking approaches previously pursued, researchers said. The technique can also be used to optically encrypt data or to hide information within images. The method is based on a technique called single-shot ptychography encoding (SPE) that uses multiple partially-overlapping beams of light to generate a diffraction pattern from a complex object. Unlike other methods, SPE can encode the optical watermark in a single exposure with no mechanical scanning. For details visit: *http://www.dnaindia.com/scitech/report-new-technique-to-prevent-illegal-copying-of-photos-and-videos-2276770*

PERSONALIA

Shri Koushik Ghosh has been awarded Ph D degree by Visva-Bharati University for his thesis entitled 'Realizing Tagore's Dreams of Taking Library Movement to Rural India'. He pursued his research work in the Department of Culture Studies of the university under the supervision of Prof. Udaya Narayan Singh, former Professor, Rabindra Bhavan, Visva-Bharati, and Dr. V K Thomas, former University Librarian, Visva-Bharati. Dr. Ghosh is presently serving as an Assistant Librarian in the Central Library of Visva-Bharati University. He is a life member of IASLIC.

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