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## Hon'ble PM on 'Man ki baat'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi talked about people encouraging the spread of education and knowledge in society in his Mann ki Baat address and talked about Chandigarh's Sandeep Kumar Badsra apart from four more such examples, 28-year-old Badsra was busy in distributing free books and stationery from his mobile library at Babu Dham Colony in Sector 26, Chandigarh. Badsra, who had started collecting old books and stationery from door to door in Chandigarh and by his own money, has so far distributed more than 18,000 books to more than 8,000 students in the Tricity.

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International Conference  
on

Digital Landscape-Reinvention and Re-engineering  
of Libraries : Issues and Challenges

ICDLRRL - 2020



Annual Conference of Indian Library Association, 2020

February, 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> 2021

▼ **Venue**

Knowledge Resource Center,  
Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University,  
Amravati, Maharashtra.

**Virtual Mode**

▼ **Organized by**

Maharashtra University and College Librarians  
Association (MUCLA)

and

Indian Library Association, New Delhi

## Dear Professionals,

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Technological advances are transforming libraries. In midst of this constantly evolving environment, libraries need to ensure that they are still relevant to their users. For this the changes imposed by the technology must be properly dealt by the library professionals so as to keep them intact in the current context. Libraries must take action in order to provide a thorough service in the world which is increasingly impacted by developments in digital technology. The new landscape of the digital age and the impact it has on librarians is not without its challenges. Now, library and information professionals of the present generation must keep up-to-date with latest development across all technologies and mediums while still providing traditional onsite functions. Keeping these developments in mind, this International conference has been planned to provide a platform to discuss, debate and deliberate on the trends, issues and challenges related to the Digital landscape of the libraries in the context of innovating, re-engineering and reinventing the library services, products, infrastructure, resources and education and research in LIS.

In view of this, the Maharashtra University and College Librarians Association (MUCLA) has decided to provide the common academic platform for the library professionals in collaboration with Indian Library Association (ILA), New Delhi to discuss these points in the form of this conference.

## About MUCLA

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The Maharashtra University and College Librarians Association is established in the year 2012 and registered under Trade Union Act 1926 on dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2014 to discuss the professional issues collectively from the common platform. MUCLA has its head quarter at Jalgoan. For details you may refer the association's web site having URL [www.mucla.in](http://www.mucla.in). Till date, the association has attempted to solve many issues of librarians through correspondence or by discussion with the Government. It is a great pleasure to inform you all that in many cases, we succeed in large extent.

## About ILA

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The Indian Library Association is a premier association committed to the cause of Library Movement and Development. The Indian Library Association is the national association which represents those who work in or advocate for Indian libraries.

ILA has provided a wide variety of services and programs to its members and others in the library community since its formation on September 13, 1933. ILA's Executive Council and its divisions are advised by others groups and committees. The objectives of the Association are: promotion of research in library science, co-operation with international organizations with similar objectives, publication of Newsletter, Journal, Books etc., which tend to the realization of the objects of the association; establishment of libraries, documentation & information centres and assistance to their establishment and working; and promotion of appropriate library legislation in India

## Conference Theme

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Digital Landscape - Reinvention and Re-engineering of Libraries : Issues and Challenges

## Sub Themes

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- **Digital Library Applications** - Libraries in Digital Age, Digital Content Creation, Grey literature, Digital Library Software : Dspace, GSDL, E-prints; LMS : Moodle, Digital Repositories, Trends in Digitization and Archiving, Digital Preservation : Issues and Challenges, Digital Divides, Digital Literacy, Digital Library of India.
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- **Reinvention and Reengineering of Libraries** - Libraries as gatekeepers of trust worthy information, Transformation of libraries from traditional to hybrid to green library initiatives, Smart libraries.
- **Emerging and Innovative Technologies in Libraries** - Information and Data Analysis tools and techniques, ICT Models and Protocols, Cloud computing, Internet of things, Artificial Intelligence, Mobile applications for libraries, Big Data issues and challenges in library security.
- **Collection Development to Content Management** - Electronic Resource Management, Delivery and Resource Sharing, Consortia practice and models, Open access resources, Remote access to e-resources, Open Educational Resources, Major issues in Resource distribution.
- **Digital Library Services and Information Products** - Innovative library services, Mobile Apps, Web 2.0 to 4.0, Outreach services to the users in the digital context, Marketing strategies for library services, Discovery tools and services and information products, Marketing information products in digital environment.
- **Open Technology Movement** - Open source software and libraries, Open access resources and management, Open educational movement, Open access publishing, Open access strategies and policies.
- **Librarianship and Social Networking** - Social media application in libraries, social networking websites, Tools and technology of SNSs.
- **LIS Education and Research in Digital Environment** - Relevance of Ranganathan's philosophy in digital environment, Sustainable development of LIS Education in India, Research trends in LIS, Curriculum development for LIS, Information Literacy and its manifestation, innovative technologies for teaching LIS, Role of library associations in the development of LIS education.
- **IPR and Professional Ethics in the Digital Environment** - IPR as an educational weapon, Copyright and Digital rights management, Plagiarism, Anti-plagiarism tools, Role of libraries in plagiarism control, Professional ethics.

## ■ Venue of the Conference

Knowledge Resource Center , Sant Gadge Baba Amaravati University Amravati, Maharashtra  
Through Online on Zoom platform.

Link will be circulated eight days before the commencement of the conference.

## Call for Paper Presentation

- The professionals are invited to submit the paper based on research survey, practice, theoretical and empirical research, case studies on the above theme or sub theme of the conference or any other topic falling within the main theme for presenting during the conference in online mode.
- Summary of the paper in 500 words (having such as short introduction, objectives, scope, methodology, conclusion, suggestions and recommendations) should be sent on mail [ilamucla.2020@gmail.com](mailto:ilamucla.2020@gmail.com) on or before 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021 along with the registration fee.
- Full text paper may be submitted on mail [ilamucla.2020@gmail.com](mailto:ilamucla.2020@gmail.com) on or before 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021. Authors are requested to send a Demand Draft/Multicity Cheque of Rs 1000 (Rupees One thousand only) drawn in favour of Indian Library Association, New Delhi or deposit cash in bank or transfer online in the name of Indian Library Association account no. 20024270299 to Bank of Maharashtra Branch, Dr. Mukharjee Nagar, New Delhi using IFSC code - MAHB0000901 and mail to [ila@ilaindia.net](mailto:ila@ilaindia.net) scanned copy of payment details along with the paper to be published in the post conference volume.

- Those who will send the Rs.1000/- and present the paper in online mode will get conference proceeding after conference by paying postal charges.
- Those who are already submitted their papers to ILA office need not submit again. But those not deposited Rs. 1000/- are requested to pay before 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021, otherwise their paper will be rejected and they are not allowed to present the paper.
- Without conference registration the professional will not be allowed to present their paper.

#### ■ **Who should Participate**

- Library and Information Science Professionals
- Professionals from IT and Knowledge Sector
- Educationalist and Academicians
- Researchers, Students and Distance Learners

#### ■ **Important Dates**

Date of the Conference : 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021  
Last date of submission of Summary : 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021  
Last date of submission of full text paper : 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021  
Last date of Registration for the Conference : 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021

#### ■ **Registration for the Conference**

All professionals are requested to register themselves to attend the online conference on or before 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021 by filling their information, in the form available at the link given below.

### Google Form Link

<https://forms.gle/wRYoe1ZzXaJQJxZE9>

#### ■ **Registration Fees**

For ILA Member	Rs. 300
For Non ILA Member	Rs. 350
Overseas	\$ 5

#### ■ **Mode of Payment**

The payment should be made by NEFT / RTGS ( funds transfer payable at Amravati ) or any mobile money transfer apps provided that the receipt need to be sent on [ilamucla.receipt@gmail.com](mailto:ilamucla.receipt@gmail.com) to the following Bank in favour of **MUCLA SGBAU Sectional Council**.

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E-certificate will be issued within ten days after the end of the conference to those who registered their names for the conference.

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## BOOKS EMERGING AS FARMERS' BEST FRIENDS AT SINGHU BORDER

Protesting farmers, who have been holding their fort at the Singhu border for over 20 days, are keeping monotony and boredom at bay by adding new books to their reading list -- day after day. For many, it is a new found love.

Thirty-two-year-old Harbans Singh, for instance, who has been camping for past one week, said he can't recall the last time he picked a book for reading.

His reasons for doing it now: "to keep tempers down" and "to get inspired by the greats".

"There are many like me who have started reading books during the protest only. Currently, I am reading 'Punjab Tera ki Banu' by novelist Jaswant Singh Kanwal. I look forward to finish this one and read another soon," said Singh, who hails from Barnala district in Punjab and has come with his friends to protest.

"Someone suggested me to read one on Fidel Castro. Kehnde hai bahut bada krantikari si woh (They say he was a great revolutionary)," he said.

Several books are seen at the protest site, including biographies of revolutionaries like Bhagat Singh, Che Guevara and Vladimir Lenin in English, Hindi and Punjabi as well.

There are also books on farmers distress, Punjab's rich history and on the teachings of Sikh Gurus who stood for national integration, peace, brotherhood and communal harmony.

Encashing on these new tribe of readers, some small time book stalls have also sprung up at the protest site.

Gargi, a Delhi-based publication house, is happily surprised to find some business for its books in a strange venue like this.

"They all are curious and have too many questions in their mind. Some of these books try to give them answers, others provide food for thought for more questions," said Kamal Joshi, a volunteer working at Gargi Publications.

"The fact they are at throwaway prices, and available in Hindi and Punjabi languages as well are also some of the reasons why protestors are keen on buying these books," he added. Their books include a Hindi quarterly magazine "Kisaan", Hindi translation of Russian writer Maxim Gorky novel "The Mother" -- which is a story about revolutionary

factory workers -- and a 24-page booklet on the contentious three agri laws costing only Rs 5.

Gurmeet Sandhu, 55, who is a farmer from Karnal district of Haryana, said he has read the booklet on farm laws and plans to send "50 copies" of the booklet to his village and spread the word.

"This book explains the laws in detail. I am now 100 per cent sure that these law are not at all in favour of farmers. I want more people to read it and will distribute it to more and more people," said Sandhu, who has been part of the protest since November 28.

A make-shift library at the border, run by Phd students from Punjab, welcomes visitors with a telling banner reading: "Udhta Nahi, Padhta Punjab".

With over 900 books already issued from their total stock of 1,300, the organisers are overwhelmed by the response and plan to replenish the stocks soon.

"Our purpose to have this library here is to educate farmers about the issues. They can come here, get the book and form an opinion about what is right and what is wrong themselves. This way they would protest peacefully and not fall for any wrong information," said Kiran Preet Singh from Jangi Library.

Books finding major tractions in the library are: "Pehla Adhyapak", the Hindi translation of Russian author Chingiz Atimatov story about a teacher who took on the responsibility to educate the children from poor families in his community, "Sikh Rajneeti" and "Shaheed Jaswant Singh Khalra: Soch, Sangharsh Te Shahadat" by author Ajmer Singh.

Just adjacent to the library is an ongoing poster exhibition by student organisation Bhagat Singh Chatra Ekta Manch.

The exhibition, which also provide stationery required to make posters, is becoming another go-to place for protesting farmers to try their hand at poster making.

Farmers favourite and in-demand selfie poster: a drawing showing wooden plough uprooting parliament.

Source: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/life-style/books/features/books-emerging-as-farmers-best-friends-at-singhu-border/articleshow/79795798.cms>

## SPOTTED ON HARYANA-DELHI BORDER: MOVING LIBRARY

A group of youngsters has set up a makeshift library on Haryana's Singhu border with Delhi, one of the venues of the farm protest against Centre's agri laws, and are encouraging farmers to read books on revolutionaries Bhagat Singh, Baba Sohan Singh Bhakna, Ghadarites and Kartar Singh Sarabha.

A basket, in which the books have been kept, is circulated across the venue for people who would want to browse the collection. The service is voluntary and free of cost. Veerpal Kaur, who is pursuing postgraduation from theatre department of Panjab University, said they wanted people

to love books and know more about freedom fighters who liberated the country. Jaspreet Kaur from Badhni in Moga said there were many farmers who were illiterate, but still evinced keen interest in books and wanted to know more about literature. "We feel we'll succeed even if some persons get hooked to books. We don't want anyone to look at farmers as naive," said Jaspreet Veerpal said they had been with the protesters for the past two months and had reached the Delhi border with them on November 27. She added they would stay there till the protest ended and were trying to add books to their collection by purchasing these from Delhi.

Source: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/amritsar/spotted-on-haryana-delhi-border-moving-library/articleshowprint/79540335.cms>

## DHALAOS IN NORTH DELHI GET FRESH LOOK WITH SELFIE POINT & LIBRARY

North Delhi Municipal Corporation has taken up the initiative of refurbishing and beautifying community bins that had become a cause of nuisance. The civic body is also installing compacting machines at the rear or corner of the dhalaos to end dumping of waste in the open.

In Rohini (Ward 57), one such dhalao has been redeveloped into a library. In Ward 53, a selfie point has been created by installing artefacts and flowering plants in vacant places around a dhalao, while another site is being developed into a senior citizens' centre.

Mayor Jai Prakash said more community bins that have a scope for redevelopment were being identified. "At least five such points will be developed in north Delhi. If the space is small, we will develop it into a green corner. This will help mitigate any smell coming from the dhalao.

Our staff will ensure that no dumping is done in the open, there is 100% sanitisation and segregated waste is collected through machines, compressed and sent to landfills or waste-to-energy plants," he said. On Sunday, Prakash visited the beautified dhalao at Rohini, which has

been renamed "Selfie Vatika", with the deputy commissioner.

Vivek Prakash, deputy commissioner of Rohini zone, said, "The dhalao in Ward 53 was identified three months ago. We decided to first regulate the process for management of garbage. The sanitation staff leveled the uncovered area around the dhalao to develop it into a green spot.

Carpet grass and flowering plants were planted, but we decided to decorate the place with artefacts made from waste materials. We created a wooden cart in the middle surrounded by circles made from old PVC pipes. The barricading was also done from waste materials."

The north civic agency is developing a green zone based on the same concept in Pocket 10, Sector 7 and Sector 3 in Rohini.

"The library was constructed after closing the dhalao in the market in Sector 18, Rohini. Former mayor and councillor Preeti Agarwal provided the books, mostly of competitive exams and school courses. However, the site couldn't be opened due to the pandemic," said an official.

Source: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/delhi/dhalaos-in-north-delhi-get-fresh-look-with-selfie-point-library/articleshow/79985480.cms>

## JISC LAUNCHES PLAN S-COMPLIANT REPOSITORY

Jisc is launching a new multi-content repository for storing research data and articles that will make it easier for university staff to manage the administration around open access publishing.

The repository offers simple, cost-effective ways to manage, store and share digital research outputs, and will allow institutions to meet all **Plan-S** mandatory requirements and other funder and publisher mandates for open scholarship.

Developed with input from the research sector, the research repository allows institutions to manage open access articles, research data and theses in a single system. The service is the most interoperable system on the market and permits integration with a wide range of Current Research Information Systems (CRIS), research management systems and digital preservation systems. This makes it easier to report against funder mandates, creating automated workflows that transfer data objects and metadata, which reduces re-keying information between systems.

Liz Bal, Jisc's director of open research services, said: 'We are delighted to offer institutions this service for the long-term management of all their digital research outputs, from articles, datasets and theses to metadata-only records and outputs that normally can't be added to subject or funder data repositories.'

Kellie Snow, research data manager at Cardiff University, commented: 'Cardiff University recognises the significant social and economic benefits associated with free and open access to publicly funded research.'

'That's why we welcome Jisc's research repository, which allows us to meet funder and publisher expectations for open data, aligning with our commitment to open research and our signature to the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA), supporting responsible research assessment and accountability. Jisc has worked closely with us to align their research repository with our workflows and to ensure that our connectivity requirements are met. Jisc's support around integration with our CRIS has been particularly responsive to our customisation needs.'

The research repository is a fully managed 'software-as-a-service' provision, which is hosted on a secure cloud platform. Included in the service is an in-built 'FAIR checker' to make sure research data is 'findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable'.

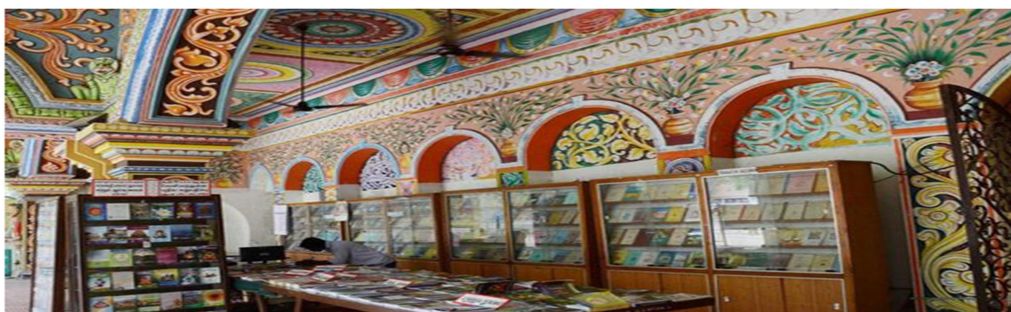
In support of open research, Jisc also offers research systems connect, a preservation service and research repository plus: a single service to manage, store, preserve and share digital research outputs.

Source: <https://www.researchinformation.info/news/jisc-launches-plan-s-compliant-repository>

## ICONIC LIBRARIES IN INDIA: SARASWATI MAHAL LIBRARY

One of the most beautiful libraries in India is the Sarasvati Mahal Library that is situated in Tanjore, Tamil Nadu, India. Known to be one of the oldest libraries in Asia, this library has a rare collection of various manuscripts written palm leaves in different languages. It also houses a collection of ancient parchment papers written in Indian languages like Tamil, Hindi, Telugu, Marathi, etc. With over 60,000 volumes listed as online holdings, on the display are some

of the classiest and most ancient volumes that are primarily related to history. Through prior intimation, viewing of some rare holdings can be arranged in this library. Furthermore, the history of the library is so rich that it is said that this library was used as a Royal Library by the Nayak Kings of Thanjavur for their private use during their rule between 1535 and 1675 AD.



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## UK COLLABORATION TO ACCELERATE GLOBAL OPEN ACCESS

UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), Wellcome and Jisc, the not-for-profit research and education technology provider, are among the first organisations supporting the establishment of a new independent body called Open Access Switchboard. The Switchboard will help the research community transition to full and immediate open access and simplify efforts to make open access (OA) the predominant model of publication of research.

Led by the Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association (OASPA), the OA Switchboard is a not-for-profit collaboration among funders, institutions, consortia and publishers to provide essential infrastructure, standards and back office services. The Switchboard will support information sharing as well as help reduce barriers to the open access market. It aims to allow funders, publishers and institutions to streamline their communications, improve transparency of data collection and storage, and reduce costs. Rachel Bruce, UKRI's head of open research, said: 'We are delighted to form this partnership to enable shared infrastructure, bringing transparency, efficiency and cost effectiveness to the OA ecosystem. The OA Switchboard has the potential to enable a breakthrough in the transformation to open access, supporting it as a predominant model of research publication.' Liam Earney, Jisc's executive director of digital resources, added: 'This working relationship

Source: <https://www.researchinformation.info/news/uk-collaboration-accelerate-global-open-access>

underscores Jisc's commitment to driving a sustainable and equitable transition to OA. Crucially, it will enable institutions to have clearer, automated reporting of OA publications, and it will help foster the inclusion of more publishers in the transition to OA, regardless of size or business model.'

'We believe the OA Switchboard has the potential to streamline the management of open access publishing for all parties. We look forward to working with Jisc and UK institutions to incorporate the OA Switchboard into Wellcome's open access reporting processes,' said Hannah Hope, open access project manager at the Wellcome Trust.

Development of the OA Switchboard began in 2020. The newly founded OA Switchboard will become operational as of the 1 January 2021 and will supersede the organisation and governance structure of the 2020 project. Jisc is working with the OA Switchboard to explore how UK institutions can best benefit from the shared data and infrastructure this service will provide. Institutions are encouraged to get involved by contacting Yvonne Campfens, project manager, or register for the OASPA webinar on Tuesday 8 December to find out how the Switchboard works and can help drive the transition to open access.

## PM MODI PROPOSES LIBRARY FOR BUDDHIST SCRIPTURES TO 'GUIDE MODERN WORLD'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has proposed to create a library for traditional Buddhist literature and scriptures in his sixth Indo-Japan Samwad conference via virtual conferencing. He said India would be happy to create this facility in the country and would allocate appropriate resources towards it.

This library will collect digital copies of Buddhist literature from across different parts of the world. The library will further translate these works and make them available for all scholars and monks of Buddhism.

PM added library's research mandate will also include examining how Buddha's message can guide the modern world in facing contemporary challenges, underlining the role of Buddha's teachings in turning the discourse from enmity to empowerment.

He appreciated the forum for propagating Lord Buddha's message among the youth. He added, "In this journey,

Samwad has remained true to its fundamental objectives which include: to encourage dialogue and debate; to highlight our shared values; to carry forward our ancient tradition of spiritual and scholarly exchanges."

Apart from proposing a library, the Prime Minister said in the past, humanity has often taken the confrontational path instead of a collaborative one and said, "We had dialogues but they were aimed at pulling others down. Now, let us rise together."

He also called for making humanism the fulcrum of policies and said, "We must make harmonious coexistence with nature as the central pillar of our existence."

The first conference- Samwad 1 was held in Bodh Gaya in 2015. Leading scholars, academicians, political personalities and religious leaders deliberated on conflict avoidance and environmental consciousness during Samwad1.

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