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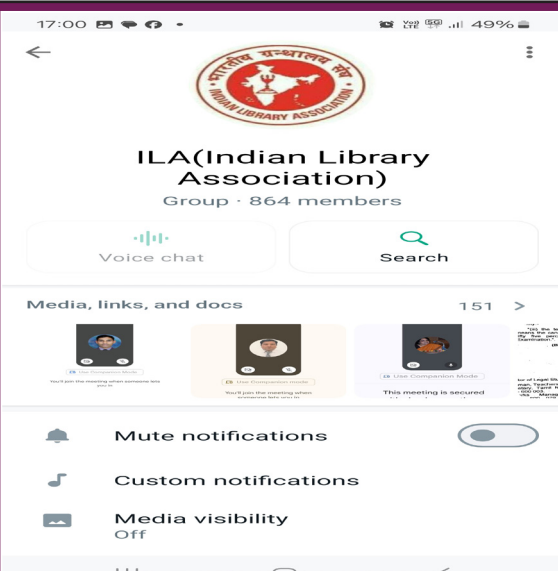
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## APPEAL TO MEMBERS

Dear Professionals

News from different regions/states are solicited from ILA members and other LIS Professionals for inclusion in the newsletter. News from 26th of previous month to 25th of current month (Ex: 26th July to 25th August) with photographs and brief reports may kindly be sent to [ilanewslettereditor@gmail.com](mailto:ilanewslettereditor@gmail.com) on or before 26th of current month.

The news includes, success stories, important and significant current affairs, organization of functions, conferences, seminars, webinars, planned future events, appointments/career advancements, awards, achievements, obituaries, noteworthy readings, forgotten writings, rare pictures, book reviews etc. Seeking cooperation from all professionals.

## Best Practices

# Redefining Learning Environments: The Paradigm Shift of Rajagiri's Rooftop Garden Cafe Library

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In a bold move towards redefining the conventional library experience, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences at Kalamassery has introduced a cutting-edge rooftop garden cafe library, becoming a trailblazer in educational spaces. Situated against the breath-taking backdrop of Kalamassery and its surroundings, this Rooftop Garden Cafe Library is not the typical reading nook. It represents a paradigm shift in how educational institutions can engage and inspire the next generation of learners. The library blends aesthetics, gastronomy, and intellectual exploration, creating a harmonious symphony that transcends traditional boundaries. The library's design is a visual masterpiece, with bookshelves creatively shaped like cups overflowing with the elixir of wisdom. This whimsical touch adds a unique charm to the space, making it a trending topic on social media and capturing the imagination of students and bibliophiles alike. What sets this initiative apart is its potential for widespread adoption. The Rooftop Garden Cafe Library is a beacon, showcasing that any library can embrace similar concepts to create an aesthetically pleasing space conducive to intellectual pursuits. Emphasizing the commitment to fostering a reading culture among students, the library transcends the traditional notion of academic reading. It provides students with a novel experience in a serene and inspiring environment, serving as a hub for intellectu-

al engagement and community building. Envisioned as a catalyst for sparking imaginative discussions among students, the Rooftop Garden Cafe Library goes beyond the conventional academic reading experience. It provides a haven for cultivating creative thoughts and fosters community, serving as a playground for minds to wander freely.

This initiative is about the physical space and redefining the educational experience. The library seamlessly blends the aromas of freshly brewed tea and cold beverages with the intoxicating fragrance of knowledge. Every sip and every page turn become a step towards enlightenment, making it an indispensable cornerstone of the college experience. In conclusion, the unveiling of the Rooftop Garden Cafe Library at Rajagiri College marks a significant milestone in the evolution of educational spaces. Its potential for widespread adoption and its unique blend of aesthetics and intellectualism makes it a model for future educational environments. The library teams and the administrators of Rajagiri College's efforts to create a space that attracts students and inspires a love for reading and intellectual exploration are commendable. Stay tuned as this innovative initiative continues to make waves in the educational landscape, setting a new standard for libraries worldwide.

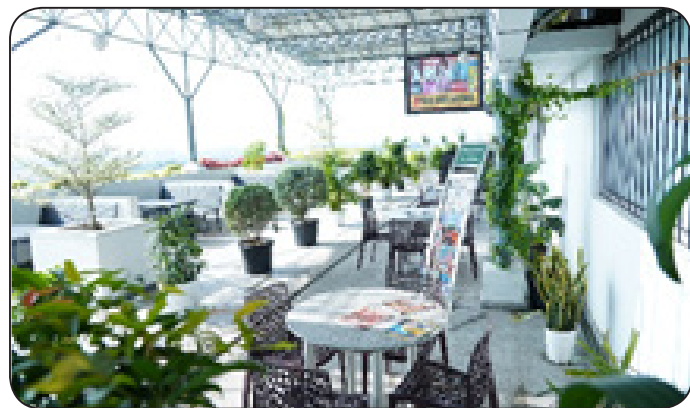
## About Fr. Moses Library - Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous)

The Fr. Moses Library, a vital component of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, is a testament to the institution's unwavering dedication to preserving and disseminating knowledge. Founded in 1981 and later located in the Carmel Block building, the library covers a vast 17000 sq. ft spread over four floors. Dedicated to the vision of its founding principal, Rev. Fr. (Dr.) Abraham Moses CMI institution is committed to preserving, enhancing, and sharing knowledge among its academic community. The library has extensive resources encompassing various academic fields, such as Social Work, Computer Science, Psychology, Sociology, and Library and

Information science. A symbolic structure known as the Tower of Wisdom stands proudly at the entrance. It symbolizes the foundational books from various departments, making it a significant feature to note. This remarkable architectural masterpiece, drawing inspiration from the renowned Belgian artist Jean Pierre Ghysel, is a powerful representation of this esteemed institution's rich intellectual legacy. The Rajagiri Finance Museum, found within Fr. Moses Library, is an innovative project that presents the rich history of trade and commerce in India and Kerala from the 3rd to the 20th century. The college library in India has introduced a unique digi-

tal financial museum. It showcases a collection of artefacts such as coins, documents, and instruments, all equipped with QR codes. This innovative museum aims to provide an engaging and educational experience for students, researchers, and visitors. The library's reading areas are meticulously crafted to facilitate an ideal learning environment. These spaces are thoughtfully equipped with contemporary furniture and large windows that allow ample natural light to permeate the room. Additionally, the areas are air-conditioned to ensure maximum comfort for the readers. The 7th and 8th floors are dedicated to the Periodical and Research Sections, each equipped with specialized facilities. The Periodical Section features a Confab facility, while the Research Section boasts an Information Navigation Centre. Confab is a space for informal discussions, promoting research-oriented activities and collaboration.

Meanwhile, the Information Navigation Centre offers a dedicated area for exploring online databases. The Fr. Moses Library has many resources available to its users. It provides access to prestigious national and international journals and various electronic resources such as Scopus, Web of Science, and institutional repositories. With its seating capacity 300, the library serves as a central hub for academic exploration and research, reflecting Rajagiri College's dedication to fostering scholarly excellence. Fr. Moses Library symbolizes academic excellence, nurturing a wealth of knowledge, scholarly exploration, and a vibrant cultural legacy as a testament to the institution's commitment to intellectual pursuits.



## Events organized

### IEEE Workshop 22-01-2024

One day Workshop on “knowledge at your fingertips: Mastering IEEE Xplore for Research excellence”. (Sponsored by IEEE and with EBSCO Information Services India Ltd.) was conducted on 22/01/2024 by Central Library, KITS Warangal for the benefit of students of CSE 3 years. The Resource person Mr. M.S.Srinivasa IEEE Training Manager (Bengaluru) highlighted about IEEE Xplore upgraded version, finding relevant information for literature/systematic review, basic and advanced search strategy to easily access the required content information, Finding the popular and latest information for their scholarly work, introduction of author digital tool box for aspiring researchers, publication recommender for new author, and Author profile account creation etc...

He also suggested the searching methods e-journals like author wise, topic wise, keyword and title etc... have update and quick accessibility of the required the topics of the user. He has stressed on the importance of e-journals especially for the students who are involved in research activity and e-journals will help in updating in their field of research, mini project, major projects and teaching as well. He trained the participants how to access and search the e-journals available in the Digital library.

In this event Dean Academic Prof. K.Venu Madhav., Library committee Chairman Pro. M. Sreelatha, In charge H.O.D of CSE Dept, Dr. S.Venkatramulu and CSE faculty Abdul Moeed Syeed Dr. K.Indrasena Reddy, Librarian, Dr. M. Arun Kumar, Library Asst., Smt. P. Sumalatha, Library Asst., CSE 3 year students and Library staff also took part in the program.



## International Online Conference on Interdisciplinary Collaboration and Opportunities: Social Science, STEM and Information Science [IOC-ICO]

International Online Conference on 'Interdisciplinary Collaboration and Opportunities: Social Science, STEM and Information Science' was organized by Sankar Polytechnic College, India, San Jose State University, California, USA and SALIS, India IOC-ICO on 28th -29th February 2024. Dr A M Venkatachallam, President SALIS, Library Director, KSRCT, Tiruchencode introduced the organisers. Dr. Anthony Chow, Director and Professor and ISchool Director, School of Information, San Jose State University, California, USA welcomed on behalf of SJSU and acknowledged Co-Sponsorship of the Conference. Dr A Sankara Subramanian, Principal/SPC, India delivered Presidential Address and released the Conference Proceedings. Conference received 78 Papers. Out of those, 57 papers were published in the Conference Proceedings with International Serial Book Number. Dr. Susan Alman, Gateway PhD Program Coordinator, San Jose State University, San Jose, CA. delivered Keynote Address on Technologies and techniques in library and information science education. Dr. R.Gopalakrishanan, Principal, KSRCT, Tiruchengode delivered Keynote Address on Importance of Interdisciplinary Collaboration and Opportunities. Dr A Hariharan, Founder President proposed the vote of thanks.

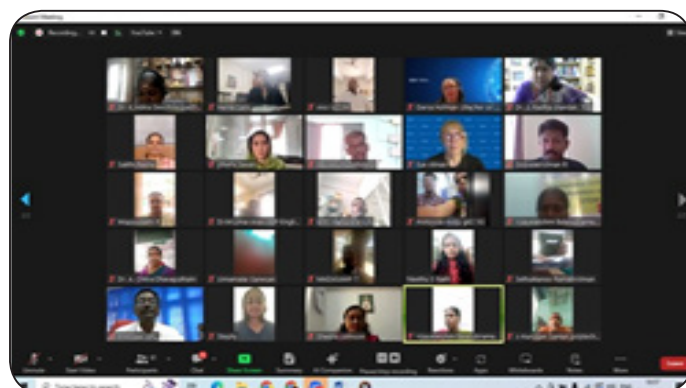
Zoom platform was used for online conference. Youtube live streaming also facilitated. Conference blog has received 7603 total page views. This Conference reached all over India and also abroad particularly the USA. Five technical sessions were held during the conference. Totally 5 plenary lectures and 30 contributory Papers were presented across India and abroad. 2 Papers are from Iraq, 1 Paper from USA, and other authors from all parts of India. Resource persons include 4 from USA, 1 from Thailand, 2 Professionals from New Delhi, Karnataka, 1 from Kerala, 1 from Lucknow and 2 from Tamilnadu.

Mr R V Srinivasan, Administrative Officer, SPC, India delivered presidential address. Dr. Souvick Ghosh, Assistant Professor, San Jose State University, San Jose, CA delivered special address about Artificial Intelligence and its applications. Professor Prabir G Dastidar, Former Scientist G/Advisor, Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), Govt of India, New Delhi delivered Valedictory Address. Dr. B Vijayalakshmi, Organizing Secretary, IOC-ICO & Librarian, SPC proposed vote of thanks.

### For more details visit

1st day, [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m-oq\\_Zfz63o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m-oq_Zfz63o)

2nd day, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U8-QQug5FIw>



## Ten Days Research Methodology Course in Social Sciences Sponsored by ICSSR – New Delhi

Ten days research methodology course in social sciences sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi was organised by the Department of Library and Information Science, Periyar University, Salem from 15th March to 24th March 2024. After inaugurating the workshop, Dr. R Jagannathan, Vice Chancellor of Periyar University, stressed on the importance of research methodology in the conducting of every scientific research. Guest of honour, Prof. P.G Tadasad, Senior Professor, Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women University traced the history of research from the ancient period onwards addressing the crucial issues of conducting a research which moved from individual philosophers long lasting Tapas to the present team relay multi-disciplinary research. Dr. N.Radhakrishnan, Course Director of the programme spoke the themes of the workshop. In all 15 resource persons from different parts of the country handled 32 technical sessions on various topics. 28 participants from all over the country participated in the workshop.

The valedictory programme of the ten day course was presided over by Dr. C. Murugan, Professor & Head, Department of Library and Information Science, Periyar University, Dr. S. Kathiravan, Controller of Examinations, Periyar University, delivered the valedictory address. Dr. S. Kannan, Professor & Head, Department of Zoology, Periyar University, and Dr. B. Kathiresan, Professor & Dean, Department of English, Thiruvalluvar University, Vellore were present on the occasion.



## Unveiling India's Storied Legacy Exhibition

The Institute of Secretariat Training and Management (ISTM) Library hosted a week-long captivating book exhibition from 15-Jan-2023 to 19-Jan-2023. The exhibition was themed "Unveiling India's Storied Legacy," providing a vibrant platform for enthusiasts to explore the diverse tapestry of Indian literature. The exhibition, inaugurated by Smt. Rajul Bhatt, Director, ISTM, aimed to celebrate and showcase the rich literary heritage of India. Attendees were treated to an array of books spanning classical epics, regional masterpieces, and contemporary works.

The event featured Documents & Books related to History; Political Science; Biographies; Autobiographies of eminent personalities; Books on Indian Defence Forces; Freedom Fighters; and Hindi Classical Books, which also included a collection of rare books. The short yet impactful event fostered community engagement, extending its reach beyond the ISTM Library to other government offices situated on the same campus. The "Unveiling India's Storied Legacy" exhibition at ISTM Library successfully united literature enthusiasts, scholars, and government officers, leaving a lasting impression and fostering a deeper appreciation for India's diverse literary landscape.



## 7th MUCLA National Conference on Challenges and Opportunities in Adapting Digital Technologies in Libraries

The 7th MUCLA National Conference on Challenges and Opportunities in Adapting Digital Technologies in Libraries, scheduled for March 6th and 7th, 2024, hosted by University of Mumbai at its Kalina campus in Mumbai, marks a significant gathering for professionals and scholars in the field of Library and Information Science (LIS). Organized by the University of Mumbai Sectional Council and SNDT Women's University Sectional Council of Maharashtra University and College Librarians Association, in collaboration with the Indian Library Association, New Delhi, this conference continues the tradition upheld by MUCLA of addressing pertinent themes relevant to contemporary library practices. A total of 91 papers were received, out of which 89 were selected under six main themes of the conference. The conference saw the participation of 200 attendees. The MUCLA Best Librarian Award was bestowed upon Dr. D.B. Sutar, I/c Director of KRC at Shivaji University, Kolhapur, while the Best Article Award went to Dr. Yogesh Mate, a librarian at St. Vincent College, Pune. Dr. Rameshwar Pawar, Principal and former Librarian, was felicitated for receiving the Best Principal Award from the Government of Maharashtra (Best performance in Career Katta Principal). In inaugural speech, Prof. Rajnish Kamat, Hon. Vice Chancellor opened the conference by congratulating all the awardees for their outstanding performances. He drew parallels between the five laws of library science and contemporary computer science, emphasizing their importance. Dr. Mohan Kherde, in his presidential address, highlighted the generation gap between students and librarians, along with the opportunities and challenges in bridging this gap. He underscored the opportunities for library professionals arising from the National Education Policy 2020, emphasizing their role as information advisors and providers of reading materials tailored to users' needs.

Dr. Satish Kanamadi, Librarian TISS, Mumbai, Mrs. Ravija Shrivastav from Image Consultant, Ms. Padma Sirohi, Librarian at D. Y. Patil University, Mumbai, Mr. Yogesh Mate, Librarian at St. Vincent College, Pune were the resource persons and delivered thematic addresses. During the conference a total of 25 out of the 89 submitted papers were presented, alongside three commercial presentations from sponsors. Following these sessions, a ceremony was



held to honor retired librarians from Mumbai for their invaluable contributions to the field of Library and Information Science (LIS). Dr. Vijaya Rajhans, Dr. Pratibha Gokhale, and Ms. Andria Pinto from Mumbai University, along with Dr. Shekhar Dongre from Mulund College of Commerce, Mulund, were felicitated by Dr. Mohan Kherde, President of MUCLA. Subsequently, the MUCLA General Body meeting convened to discuss pertinent matters related to the association. The Valedictory Function, commenced with a detailed presentation of the conference report by the Rapporteur General. Dr. Mohan Kherde, President of MUCLA and ILA, and Dr. D.K. Veer, Vice President of MUCLA, shared their insights on the themes discussed during the conference. Dr. Nandkishor Motewar, the Convener of the conference, then extended the vote of thanks. Recommendations from the Conference:

- 1. Continuous Professional Development:** Emphasize the need for ongoing skill development among library professionals to effectively adapt to emerging digital technologies and trends.
- 2. Collaboration and Networking:** Encourage collaboration among libraries, institutions, and stakeholders to share resources, expertise, and best practices in implementing digital technologies.
- 3. User-Centric Approach:** Prioritize the needs of users in the design and implementation of digital library services and resources, ensuring accessibility, usability, and relevance.
- 4. Data Privacy and Security:** Implement robust measures to safeguard user data and ensure compliance with relevant regulations and standards to maintain trust and confidentiality.
- 5. Advocacy and Outreach:** Advocate for the value and importance of libraries in the digital age through targeted outreach efforts and community engagement initiatives.
- 6. Research and Innovation:** Foster a culture of research and innovation within libraries to explore new technologies, methodologies, and solutions for addressing emerging challenges and opportunities.



## University of Calicut's Human Library Project: A Celebration of Diverse Narratives – Embracing the 'Beauty of Difference'

The Department of Library and Information Science at the University of Calicut hosted the much-anticipated Human Library Project on December 6th and 7th, 2023, as a standout feature of Library Week. This innovative initiative, under the profound tagline "Beauty of Difference," aimed to weave a tapestry of diverse voices and experiences through the engaging concept of living books.

The Human Library Project is an initiative designed to break down stereotypes and foster understanding by transforming individuals into "human books." Each living book carries a unique story, encouraging open and meaningful conversations that go beyond traditional storytelling. The tagline, "Beauty of Difference," encapsulates the essence of the project, emphasizing the celebration of diverse narratives that enrich the collective human experience.

Thirty "human books" took center stage at this unique event, each offering a distinct and compelling story. Ranging from insights into the secrets of happiness to anecdotes about marriage, and even experiences with artificial intelligence, the human books represented a cross-section of the university community, including professors, ward members, and canteen employees. The University of Calicut Park witnessed over 200 enthusiastic readers, comprising students, professors, and members of the local community, who actively participated in the two-day adventure. The event kicked off with an inspiring inaugural session, led by Mariyath, a human book on happiness, and featuring speeches by Dr. Vasudevan TM, Dr. Mohammed Haneefa K, Dr. Syamili C, and Dr. Lakshmi. Welcoming notes from students Veena and Arjun set a positive tone for the immersive experience.

Day one was marked by captivating conversations on a spectrum of topics including happiness, arti-



ficial intelligence, ex-military life, lesbian dating, Science and scientific temper, Depression, Marriage, Emotional First aid, and many more. It transcended mere story-sharing, evolving into a celebration of the rich tapestry of human experiences.

Day two commenced with a remarkable twist as the Vice Chancellor of Calicut University, MK Jayaraj, became the first human book, sharing his unique experiences in leading the university. Subsequent captivating narratives touched upon diverse subjects such as the Indian Constitution, Stories from Police officer, Research, Gender, the joy of reading, and challenges faced by tribal communities in education, among others.

The program received widespread acclaim, with readers describing the experience as "beautiful" and encouraging organisers to continue such commendable projects. The human books expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to be part of this extraordinary initiative, highlighting the profound impact of sharing their stories. The success of the Human Library Project at the University of Calicut reaffirms the power of storytelling in fostering understanding, empathy, and appreciation for the diversity that enriches our shared human experience, all encapsulated by the program's powerful tagline, "Beauty of Difference."



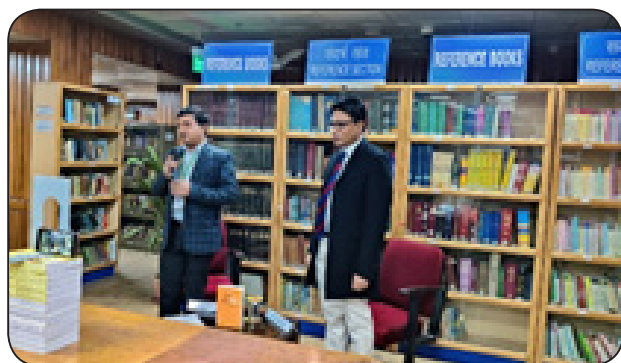
## Renowned Author Captivates Literary Enthusiasts at ISTM Library

A captivating evening of words, wisdom, and wonder unfolds as Dr. Aslam Wali, celebrated for his literary prowess, graces ISTM (Institute of Secretariat Training and Management, DoPT, GOI) Library for an exclusive talk.

Esteemed author Dr. Aslam Wali took center stage at ISTM Library on 29-Dec-2023, enchanting an eager audience with insights into his latest literary masterpiece and offering a glimpse into the creative process that fuels his imaginative storytelling.

The library's hallowed halls provided the perfect setting for an intimate gathering of book lovers and literary aficionados, who eagerly gathered to hear Dr. Aslam Wali discuss his literary journey, inspirations, and the themes explored in his latest work, *The Dawn of Post-Human World Order*. Dr. Aslam Wali graciously shared anecdotes from his writing journey, offering valuable insights for aspiring writers in the audience. As the discussion unfolded, Dr. Wali engaged in a lively Q&A session, responding thoughtfully to inquiries from the audience. The exchange of ideas and perspectives added an interactive element to the evening, fostering a sense of community among attendees. Attendees were also treated to meet the author personally and express their admiration for his literary contributions.

Library spokesperson Pawan Kumar Shrivastav, ALIO expressed delight at hosting such a distinguished guest, stating, "Dr. Wali's presence brought an added layer of literary richness to our library. Events like these underscore the importance of community engagement and the role libraries play as cultural hubs." The event left a lasting impression on attendees, who departed the library with a newfound appreciation for Dr. Wali's literary legacy and a renewed enthusiasm for the written word.



## Story of a Library

### Government Degree College Sindhanur Library and Information Center

**Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader**  
-Margaret Fuller

**'Fool Worshipful Swagraha Dhani Worshipful  
Swagrame King Worshipful Capital Vidwan  
Sarvatra Pujitaha.'**

An official mandate is that education has a world-renowned status. About 50 years ago, one such Jnana Yajna was started in Sindhanur of Raichur district. In 1971, as a result of the tireless efforts of the then MLA for Sindhanur Taluka, late Amaregowda Gadaratagi, the Second graduate college was started in the then Hyderabad Karnataka part of Kalyan Karnataka Granth Bandara Library, which is necessary for this knowledge, was started in 1971-72. Shri S.V Danappanavar started his duties as the first Librarian. The library which started with just a handful of books has 71452 books. 13 Daily newspaper 12 Magazines Several competitive exam preparation magazines are imparting knowledge to about 3000 students. EASYLIB Library management Software Using Computerization Library Data. It has well-furnished furniture for Undergraduate BA, B.com, BBA, B.sc, BCA and Postgraduate



MA, M.Com, M.Sc students and lecturers to sit and read in the separate Hall. Well-furnished chairs and tables are arranged for everyone.

This library has been served by Librarian S.A Kalyani, SS Ainapur, KM Kumbar, Ekkale Vidyadhara, Bhavikatti, Jagannath humanabad, Rajkumar T. Present Mr. Yallappa Gonwar Selection Grade Librarian has been serving since 2010. Every day many students visit this library Associate Professors, Assistant Professors to read books and acquire knowledge. Nowadays most of the students read competitive exam books and several reference books daily during their free time. Librarians have started an



innovative project here. Students, Associate and Assistant Professors who visit the library most times are honored “ Best Reader Award’ by the library on the last day of the anniversary day of the college. In 2023, the NAAC team visited the college for the third cycle and inspected the library. The system of honoring the lecturers initiated in this library has been adopted by the NAAC team member in their state. Recently on 30-12 2023 the Commissioner of

Collegiate Education Mr. G Jagadish IAS visited Library and Information Center and expressed his appreciation infrastructure and Facilities and recorded in the visitor’s book for the inauguration ceremony of 50 Years Golden Jubilee. The librarians are informing the Digital Library will introduce more innovative technologies to the library in the coming days to provide more facilities to the students.

## Forthcoming events

The IFLA Bibliography Section is pleased to invite you to its upcoming webinar: Building a National Bibliography: Models From Around the World on 30 April 2024 at 2:00 – 3:30 pm CEST (GMT/UTC +2) on line through Zoom. For more details visit IFLA Website.

## News you can use

### SheRNI platform

Information and Library Network Centre (INFLIBNET), India has developed the SheRNI platform for Indian women professionals. It is the expert profile network system that connects and leverages the knowledge, skills, and expertise of women across various fields in India. For more details <https://sherni.inflibnet.ac.in>

### Android App for competitive examinations

Mr. Shivam Moradia Assistant Professor Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University, Ahmedabad and Navdeep Redhu Assistant Librarian at MNIT Jaipur with the support of Department of Library and Information Science, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University, Ahmedabad Developed Android App for various recruitment exam Preparation including SET and NTA NET.

For this Project guidance was given by Prof. Ami Upadhyay, Honourable Vice Chancellor Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University, Ahmedabad and Prof. Priyanki Vyas, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University, Ahmedabad and Subject Guidance was given by Dr. Mayank Trivedi, University Librarian, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda. this app is free forever without any charges. Any LIS Students or Professional can download app with below google drive link: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dJZpbV4b-\\_8EFSNhG-Zl-q2Zj0AaUjDoE/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dJZpbV4b-_8EFSNhG-Zl-q2Zj0AaUjDoE/view?usp=sharing)

### Ourlib Launches Koha’s Custom Android Mobile App for Patrons, Revolutionizing Library Engagement

In a groundbreaking move, Ourlib, a unit of Speech Markers Pvt. Ltd., a prominent provider of library technology solutions based in Pune, India, has unveiled the highly anticipated “Koha Custom Android Mobile App for Patrons.” The newly released app, designed to cater to the specific needs of Ourlib’s partner libraries, is set to transform the library experience by offering patrons a user-friendly, on-the-go solution for connecting and accessing library services and resources.

The Koha custom Android mobile app for patrons is now officially available on the Google Play Store, where interested libraries can subscribe to it and patrons can easily download and install it on their Android devices, Google Play Store link –

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/dev?id=7609944319300827741>

## Success Story

# A Symphony of Triumph: Navigating Adversity, Cultivating Resilience

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Growing up in the vibrant town of Calicut, Kerala, my academic journey has been a rollercoaster of challenges, setbacks, and ultimately, triumphs. It's a story that speaks of resilience, determination, and the transformative power of never giving up.

My first major hurdle emerged in the 6th grade, a time when I found myself struggling with the demanding Oxford-standard syllabus at one of the district's prestigious schools. The school principal expressed doubts about my ability to keep up, suggesting a change of schools or an extra year to catch up. This was a pivotal moment for my family. Instead of succumbing to the perceived failure, my parents took a bold step and transferred me to Government school, Gvt. Ganapath Boys High School, Calicut. The shift marked a fresh start, a turning point where I could shed the misfit label that had haunted me. The freedom to be myself, without the stringent regulations of my previous school, allowed me to navigate the 10th grade as an average student. What mattered most to my parents was not extraordinary academic achievement but the simple success of moving forward.

As I moved into higher secondary education, the burden of societal expectations became apparent. My modest 59.5% in the final exams triggered skepticism among relatives, transforming family gatherings into stages where I felt judged as a below-average student. Yet, amid these challenges, my parents' unwavering support remained a constant source of strength.

College introduced a new set of challenges, marked by conflicts with seniors and biased management practices which supported those seniors led to my suspension. Departing from the institution was a disheartening crescendo, a low point in my life. However, this wasn't the finale; it was a bridge to self-reflection and personal growth, turning the stigma of being a college dropout into a catalyst for change. For the next four years, I grappled with societal judgments and the challenges of being labeled as a college dropout which painted a backdrop in my life. Recognizing the importance of a degree, I humbled my ego and returned pursue degree in another college, determined to complete my journey without stirring conflicts. The reprise of my academic pursuit, though marked by humility. This time with a singular focus on completing my degree without stirring conflicts.

Post-graduation, at a crossroads in my life, a suggestion from my father. Introduced a new beginning. Library and Information Science, an unfamiliar stream, became the focal point. With minimal knowledge, I embarked on a month-long preparation for the CUET exam, a prelude to my enrollment in Central University Punjab. This marked a significant turning point, a modulation towards uncharted territories. The faculty at CUPB became mentors, such Dr. Raj Kumar Bhardwaj and Dr Syamili inspiring me to not only clear UGC NET but also achieve JRF and a Gold Medal. These achievements, once thought unattainable, shattered preconceived notions about my academic capabilities and freed me from the label as an college dropout.

A stint as a Library Professional Trainee at IIT Gandhinagar became a crescendo of practical insights, under the guidance of Dr. TS Kumbar. This phase not only expanded my horizons but also introduced the research side of library science, adding a new layer to my evolving career. With the call for PhD candidates at Panjab University, Chandigarh. Resigning from IITGN, I presented my proposal, drawing on skills honed during presentations at the Central Library. Selected as a PhD scholar, under the guideship of Dr. Shiv Kumar.

However, destiny had more surprises in store. While in the midst of my research journey, an unforeseen opportunity emerged – the chance to become a Librarian (UGC Grade) at Malabar Christian College, Kozhikode, Kerala. Recognizing the potential for professional growth and excited about the challenges that lay ahead, I made the courageous decision to transition from my PhD commitment to part-time and seize the new role. My journey, marred by initial setbacks, is a testament to the power of resilience and determination. From being labelled academically challenged to becoming a College Librarian (UGC Grade), my story aims to inspire others facing adversity. It underscores the belief that setbacks are not the end but rather the beginning of a remarkable journey.



## Appointments

Prof P G Tadasad, Professor and Chairman, DLISc, Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women University, Vijayapura has been promoted as Senior Professor with effect from 25th September 2022. He received the order from the honourable Vice Chancellor Prof B K Tulasimala.

## Ph D Awarded



Ph.D. was awarded to Dr. Vinod Kumar Mishra, Assistant Librarian, NIT Rourkela on the topic “Designing a Standard-Driven Framework for ILMS Data Migration in India”, Under the Supervision of Prof. Durga Sankar

Rath, Department of Library and Information Science, Vidyasagar University, Midnapur, West Bengal. The study focuses on the migration of libraries from commercial Integrated Library Management Systems (ILMS) to Open-source ILMS (OSILMS) due to their advantages. The study aims to investigate various aspects, including target ILS selection, migration tools, and reasons for migration, library automation quality, post-migration user satisfaction, RFID device use, and library professional competency. Full Thesis at Shodhganga: <https://shodhganga.inflibnet.ac.in/handle/10603/538323>



### Continuing Education Program

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