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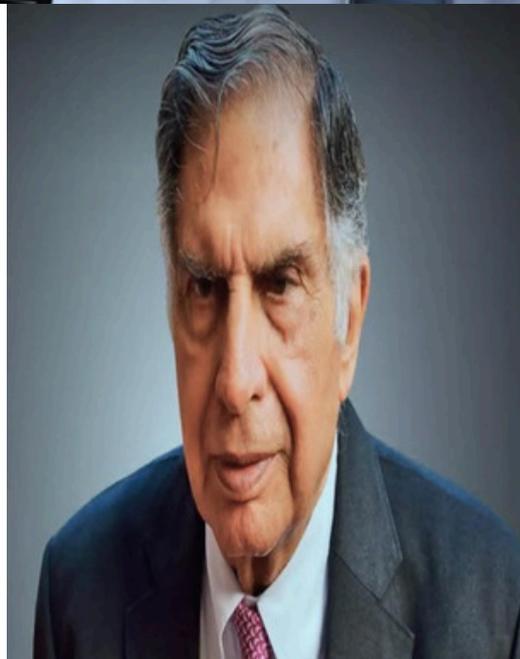
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## Dear Professionals

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 on or before 26th of current month.

The news includes, success stories, important and significant current affairs, organisation 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.

Editor

# ANNOUNCEMENT OF 70TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF ILA

**Dear LIS Professionals,**

*We are glad to inform that the 70th Annual Conference of Indian Library Association is being organized at the University of Agricultural Science, Raichur, Karnataka from 20-22 March 2025 on the following theme and Sub-themes:*

## Conference Theme:

**Libraries and Artificial Intelligence: Connecting Users for Sustainable Knowledge System”**

### Sub Themes:

- Sustainable Development Goals and its impact on libraries
- Impact of Emerging Technologies on Libraries.
- Use of Artificial Intelligence tools in Libraries
- Open Access Resources: e-resource development and management
- Information Literacy and its manifestations
- Green Libraries: Attracting Users
- Ranganathanism in the AI age
- Digital Archives- Institutional Repositories & Intellectual Property Rights – Cyber Security & Privacy
- Data Analytics - Measuring the research output & Professional Ethics
- Community Information Centres: Role of Public Libraries
- Impact of Emerging Technologies on LIS Education
- Agricultural Information Systems
- Scientometrics and usage of matrix analysis

## Call for Paper Presentation:

The LIS Professionals are invited to submit the original paper based on a research survey, practice, theoretical and empirical research, and case studies on the above theme or sub-theme of the conference. The full-text paper should be sent to the Editor at e-mail: [ilaindiaoffice@gmail.com](mailto:ilaindiaoffice@gmail.com) on or before 5th February 2025 along with proof of payment of Rs. 1000/- for a copy of proceedings to author (presenter only) of the article to be drawn in favour of “Indian Library Association” payable @ New Delhi, Account No-20024270299. IFSC code -MAHB0000901, Bank of Maharashtra, Dr. Mukherjee Nagar, New Delhi.

### Registration and Accommodation:

Registration fees on or before 1st March 2025

Rs. 2500 without accommodation

Rs. 3500 with accommodation

Research scholars/Students Rs. 2000 (Without kit and accommodation)

Foreign delegates US Dollar 250 (For Accommodation, contact Organizing Secretary)

### Registration fees from 2nd March 2025:

Rs. 3000 without accommodation

Rs. 4000 with accommodation

Research Scholars/students Rs. 3000 with accommodation and kit  
Foreign delegates US Dollar 350 (For Accommodation, contact Organizing Secretary)

### Who Should Participate:

Library and Information Science Professionals, Educationalist and Academicians, Researchers, Students and Distance Learners  
Important Dates:

**Date of Conference:** 20, 21, 22 March, 2025

Last Date of submission of Full Text Paper: 5th February, 2025

**Notification of Acceptance of Paper:** 10th February 2025

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## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF ILA AWARDS / FELLOWSHIPS 2024

Nominations are invited for the following ILA awards/fellowship latest by 30th January 2025



**1. ILA DR PSG KUMAR LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2024:** The Award, instituted by Dr. P. S. G. Kumar Felicitation Committee, Amrawati (Maharashtra), is for the professionals in the field of LIS in India. Age of the applicant should be 55 and above.

**2. ILA SM GANGULY BEST SCHOOL LIBRARY AWARD 2024:** The award is meant for the best school library in the country. The libraries of high/higher secondary schools are eligible if they fulfill the following criteria:

- The applicant school may be an institution recognised/aided or run by the state government;
- The library is administered by a full time librarian possessing at least a BLISc degree;
- The library must be located in a separate room of its own and provide at least lending services to all classes in regular and systematic manner;
- A school library shall not get the award twice within five years.

**3. ILA - KAULA BEST LIBRARIAN AWARD 2024:** The Award, instituted by Prof. P.N. Kaula Endowment for Library and Information Science, Guntur (AP), is for the professionals in the field of LIS in India. The Award carries a shawl, citation and memento.

**4. ILA - DR. L M PADHYA BEST UNIVERSITY LIBRARY AWARD 2024:** The Award instituted by Mrs. Kantaben L. Padhya in memory of her Late husband Dr. L. M. Padhya who had retired as University Librarian, from Smt. Hansa Mehta Library, Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Gujarat. The Award carries a shawl, citation and memento. Applications received for the award must fulfill the following conditions:

- Only a state/central Government University recognized by the UGC can apply for the award.
- The Applicant University must be a Member of AIU.
- The Applicant Library should be the Institutional member of ILA.

**5. ILA - GIDWANI-DESHPANDEY BEST ACADEMIC LIBRARIAN AWARD 2024:** The award, instituted by Prof. K. Navalani, former Professor and Head, Department of Library and Information Science, Punjabi University, Patiala is for the professional in the field of Academic Libraries in India. The award carries a Shawl, citation, and a memento.

**6. ILA - VENDANAIKEE FELLOWSHIP 2024:** The ILA-Vendanaikkee Fellowship was instituted by Mrs. V. K. Sundaram, formerly Reader, DLIS, University of Delhi. The award is to be given to a candidate who has secured highest percent of marks in the qualifying examination on the basis of which the candidate has been admitted to the B. Lib. Sc. Course in the University of Delhi during the 2023-24 year. The award carries (Rs.1000/only or ILA Publication).

**7. ILA - DR. K. PADMA UMAPATHY AND K. S. UMAPATHY FELLOWSHIP IN LIBRARY & INFO. SCIENCE 2024:** Maximum Five Fellowships worth Rs.2000/- each are to be awarded annually out of the accrued interest on certain sum of deposit with ILA. The money has been donated by Dr. K. S. Umapathy, former Professor of Library and Information Science and Librarian of the Bangalore University. These Fellowships are given to the students doing M. L. I. Sc. from a recognized university. At least three Fellowships will be awarded to the woman candidate provided they satisfy the following conditions:

- Students securing at least 60% of marks in qualifying examinations may apply for Fellowship.
- Students getting any other type of assistance from Government/University, etc. will not be eligible for the award of the Fellowship.
- Not more than one Fellowship would be awarded to any one student from an institution during one year.

**Pl. Note:** Prescribed forms are available at [www.ilaindia.net](http://www.ilaindia.net)

Detailed C.V. along with duly filled in applications should reach to ILA General Secretary, Indian Library Association, A-40-41, Flat No. 201, Ansal Building, Dr. Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi-110009, latest by 30th January 2025.

The following awards are also given during the forthcoming 70th ILA conference, no nomination required as these awards will be decided by a committee as per ILA norms.

#### 1. ILA - C D SHARMA AWARD 2024:

The Award is meant for the author of the best paper written and presented during the forthcoming 70th ILA Annual Conference. The Award was instituted by Mrs. Kamla Sharma w/o Dr. C. D. Sharma. The Award will be announced at the time of All India Library Conference. It consists of presentation of book worth Rs. 1000/-.

**Note:** The author will be selected by the Award Committee as per ILA norms during the Conference.

#### 2. ILA - A G MOTIWALE AWARD 2024:

The Award is meant for the young author of the best paper written and presented during the forthcoming 70th ILA Annual Conference. Author must be below the age of 40 years. The Award was instituted by Mrs. Sushila Motiwale w/o Late Dr. A. G. Motiwale. The Award will be announced at the time of All India Library Conference. It consists of cash award of Rs.500/- or Book worth Rs. 1000/-.

**Note:** The author will be selected by the Award Committee as per ILA norms during the Conference.

#### 3. ILA - P V VERGHESE AWARD 2024:

The Award has been instituted by Sh. P.V. Verghese and is meant to be given to the author of the best paper published in Journal of ILA in the year 2024. The Award will be given for the volume 60 at the time of the conference. It consists of cash award of Rs. 500/- or ILA Publication.

**Note:** The author will be selected from published articles in Journal of ILA by the Award Committee as per ILA norms



## EVENTS ORGANIZED



### One-day awareness programme on ORCID and INFLIBNET services for scholarly communities

The Department of Library and Information Science, University of Jammu, in collaboration with INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, successfully organized a one-day awareness programme on ORCID and INFLIBNET services for scholarly communities. The programme was attended by about 135 participants viz - faculty members, Research scholars, and Library Professionals from various Universities, Colleges and Research Institutions of J&K. The Programme was organized under the supervision of Prof. Sangita Gupta, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences and Head, Department of Library and Information Science.

The inaugural session was presided by the Chief Guest of the day, Prof. NeeluRohmetra, Dean Research Studies, University of Jammu and Prof R. L. Raina, Vice-chancellor, Jaipur National University, Jaipur, Rajasthan delivered the inaugural address where the relevance of visibility and credibility of research output through the usage of various tools and services was discussed. Welcome address was given by Prof. Sangita Gupta and emphasized the importance of ORCID and INFLIBNET services in promoting research and academic excellence. The programme was anchored the research scholars Miss Pooja Rana and Mr Kumar Chitraketu. The technical sessions featured insightful presentations by Dr. Kannan P and Dr. Abhishek Kumar on ORCID, Shodhchakra, IRINS and various other INFLIBNET services. The sessions aimed to create awareness among researchers, scholars, and librarians about the benefits and applications of these services. In the valedictory session Prof Meena Sharma, Dean Planning and Development, was the Chief Guest. Prof Sangita Gupta, Head, DLIS welcomed the chief guest and briefed about the workshop .The programme concluded with a feedback and vote of thanks by Mr. Ashwin Kumar Kushwaha.The session was anchored by Dr Reenu Arti Thakur, Lecturer in the Department.



## Workshop on “Digital Media Text Analysis

Today the Honorable Vice Chancellor Mizoram University Prof, Dibakar Chand Deka inaugurated Two Days In house workshop on “Digital Media Text Analysis”, jointly organized by the Department of Library and Information Science and Department of Mass Communication in collaboration with the DST-Technology Enabling Centre, MZU in gracious presence of Prof. Bhartendu Singh (Dean, SEMIS), Prof. NVR Jyotikumar, (Senior professor Department of Commerce), Dr. Vinit Kumar (DLIS BBAU, Lucknow), Prof. Irene Lalruatkimi ( Head i/c, Department of Mass Communication) Prof Manoj Kumar Verma (Head DLIS MZU), All the heads under the SEMIS, faculty members and 75 participants. After the inaugural, three technical sessions were conducted today.



## Successful Expert Talk on "Spoken English: Challenges and Solutions"

The Central Library, SHUATS, successfully organized a talk on "Spoken English: Challenges and Solutions" on 30th Aug. at 3:30 p.m. The event saw an enthusiastic participation of students and faculty members, eager to enhance their spoken English skills.

This talk was started with a word of prayer by Mrs. Shweta Chaurasia, Assistant Librarian. Librarian of Central Library, Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences (SHUATS) Mr.Christofhar Sudhir George highlighted the objectives of the talk, emphasizing the library's commitment to the continuous development of its patrons. He reiterated that the Central Library is dedicated to offering valuable resources and opportunities that contribute to the personal and academic growth of the university community.

The expert speaker, Prof. Dr. Ashish Alexander, HOD English, SHUATS shared his personal experiences with spoken English and provided practical tips to overcome common challenges. He stressed the importance of daily practice and encouraged attendees to regularly listen to English speakers to improve their language skills. His insights were well-received and appreciated by all in attendance.

The expert speaker, Prof. Dr. Ashish Alexander was facilitated by Central Library staff Mrs. Meenakshi Robinson. There was tongue twister activity conducted by Librarian Mr. Christofhar Sudhir George for the participants. Participants have enjoyed this activity. This talk ended with a word of prayer by Central library staff Mr. Kishan. The program was led by Mrs. Rekha Patel, a member of the Central Library staff.



*‘God has chosen me as an Instrument, the honor done to me should act as an incentive to the younger generation to devote their lives wholeheartedly to library science and service’ – Dr. S. R. Ranganathan*

## Saraswati Poojan

Vivekanandha College of Arts and Sciences for Women, Elayampalayam, Tiruchengode, celebrated Saraswati Pooja and Ayudha Pooja with great enthusiasm on 09.10.2024. The event was headed by Prof. Dr. M. Karunanithi, Chairman, Vivekanandha Educational Institutions and Hospitals. Dr. C. Melvin Jebaraj, Librarian welcomed all participants to the program. Dr. P. Babyshakila, Principal, and Dr. G. Menaga, Vice-Principal, shared their thoughts on the significance of the occasion, encouraging students to seek wisdom.



### One Day Seminar on LIS job prospects in Mizoram: Opportunities and Challenges

The programme was held at the Dean's Seminar Hall, SEMIS, Mizoram University, on The seminar commenced with a welcome speech delivered by Prof. Manoj Kumar Verma, the Head of the Department of Library and Information Sciences, Mizoram University. Following the welcome address, the chief guest and special guests were felicitated. Dr. Ruth Lalthlamuanpuii, from the Department of Library and Information Sciences, Mizoram University, presented an in-depth analysis of the department's statistics, highlighting key metrics. She shared comprehensive data and figures on enrolment and employment rate of students.

Prof. RK Ngurtinkhuma, also from the Department of Library and Information Sciences, delivered a thought-provoking speech that pursuing Library Science and the work done is selfless work and addressed the current trends in the LIS job market. Adding to the discourse, Prof. Bhartendu Singh, Dean of the School of Economics, Management, and Information Science, Mizoram University, highlighted the impressive infrastructure developed by the State of Mizoram to establish well-resourced libraries at various levels. He emphasized that this initiative extends beyond the state level, reaching district and even village libraries.

The chief guest, Prof. Pravakar Rath, Pro Vice Chancellor of Mizoram University, shared his insights on the broader economic context affecting job opportunities in the LIS sector. He highlighted the emerging issue of job scarcity, not just in Mizoram but across India, emphasizing the challenges. Prof. Rath encouraged attendees to be proactive in their career pursuits, urging them to venture beyond their comfort zones and make necessary compromises and sacrifices to forge successful career paths.

Concluding the inaugural session, Dr. F. Chanchinmawia, organizing secretary, delivered a heartfelt vote of thanks. He expressed gratitude to all the speakers and participants for their invaluable contributions.

The second session of the seminar featured insightful presentations from several esteemed resource persons, including Dr. Lallaisangzuali, Librarian, Mizoram University; Pu Zohmangaiha, Librarian, Govt. J Thankima College; Prof. RK Ngurtinkhuma; and Dr. S. Lalnunpuia, Librarian, Govt. T Romana College. The session included a lively Q&A segment. It concluded with a vote of thanks from Dr. Lallawmawmi, Department of Library and Information Sciences, Mizoram University.



## Session on “How to Write a Scientific Research Paper”



### Adichunchanagiri Institute of Technology Chikkamagaluru

Adichunchanagiri Institute of Technology Chikkamagaluru department of Library and Information Center was organizing program session on “How Write a Scientific Research Paper” in the eve of National Librarians Day Celebration. The date of program on 24th August, 2024 at 10:00AM. The event commenced with the lighting of the lamp by Resource Person and Chief Guest Dr.PraveenHulloli and the esteemed Principal Dr.C.T.Jayadeva, Librarian Dr.H.E.Prasanna Kumar and all the management members formally inaugurating the celebrations. Guest Speaker and Resource Person Dr.PraveenHulloli talk about contributions of Dr.S.R.Ranganathan in shaping the field of library science and delivered a session on the essential aspects of How Write a Scientific Research Paper. The session was well-attended by faculties, librarians and academicians. They began by emphasizing the significance of effective scientific communication and the role research papers play in advancing knowledge. Then delved into the key components of a research paper, including the introduction, literature review, methodology, reference tools, how to reduce plagiarism and conclusion.

Resource Person also provided practical tips and examples to help participants understand the nuances of writing a clear, concise, and impactful research paper. The audience was engaged and asked insightful questions, demonstrating their keen interest in the topic. Overall, the session was a valuable experience, It was rewarding to see the enthusiasm and appreciation for the topic among the attendees.

## SUCCESS STORIES

### Visit to France

An Indian delegation of 17 members from G B Pant University of Agriculture and Technology travelled to France to visit three French Agricultural Professional and vocational Institutions under Developing French Indian Exchange in Agro food and Agronomy (DEFIAA). Dr Neena Singh, university library, was part of Indian Delegation and visited different, farms food processing labs and libraries of Chartes La Saussaye Institute in Northern France, Perigueux farms and Beaulieu Lavacant Institute, Auch in Southern France from 5-12 October 2024.



### B Jagadish

B Jagadish has been awarded Ph.D from the Dravidian University on 19/09/2024 for his thesis “ Impactof Open Access Resources on the Students of Engineering Institutions in Telangana State : An Analytical Study” carried out under the supervision of Dr. M. Anjaiah, Assistant Professor , Dravidian University.

### Ph.D. AWARDED

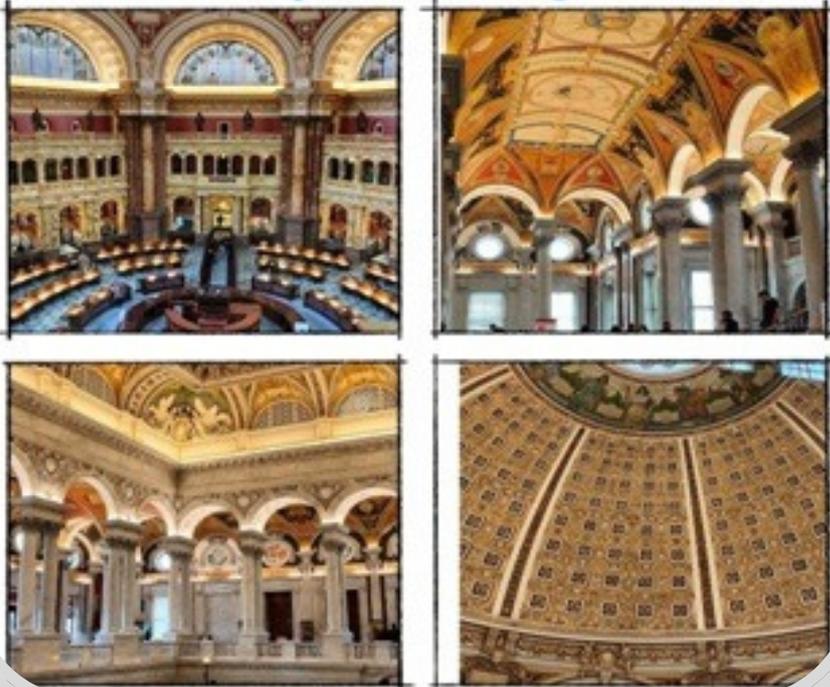
### Bhavana Vikram Maru

Bhavana Vikram Maru has been awarded Ph D from Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women University, Vijayapura for her thesis “ A comparative study of the current status and future needs of library automation and networking in delivering library services at Goa State Central Library and Karnataka State Central Library” under the supervision of Prof P G Tadasad, Senior Professor and Chairman, Dept of Library and Information Science, Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women University, Vijayapura.



## MESMERISED BY THE VISIT OF LIBRARY OF CONGRESS: VISIT OF DR. SARIKA SAWANT ON 18TH MAY 2024

### Library of Congress



The Library of Congress is the world's largest library. It was established in 1800, when President John Adams signed a bill transferring the seat of the U.S. government to Washington. With more than 173 million items, the collections, in some 470 languages, include more than 51 million books and other print materials, 4.2 million recordings, 17.5 million photographs, 5.6 million maps, 8.2 million pieces of sheet music and 75 million manuscripts.

These above facts were telling my mind to visit this library ever since I learned about it in my BLISc as a student of Dept of LIS, Shivaji University in 2000. I made a point to visit the library in my second US trip in the vacation period of May 2024. We family members including 10-year-old daughter, on very morning started from Maryland, our friend drove us to Washington and she made it exciting by showing us the amazing things on the road that we took to reach Washington DC. As a visitor we were allowed to see the following Thomas Jefferson's Library, Main Reading Room Overlook, Great Hall, The Gutenberg Bible. In addition to this I had requested to PRO of the library, to show the Asian section of the library months back before visiting to LC. In addition to this we also visited Gershwin Room, Reader Registration, Library Shop, Graphic Arts Galleries, Young Readers Center & Programs Lab.

On the first floor was situated a The Great Hall which is the grand centerpiece of this Italian Renaissance-style building, which is heavily ornamented in a Beaux Arts tradition. The ceiling, seventy five feet above the marble floor, is decorated with stained-glass skylights surrounded by aluminum leaf decorations. The triangular vaults contain names of the world's leading writers and thinkers. A large brass inlay of a compass rose is in the marble floor, surrounded by the twelve zodiac signs. After passing through the Commemorative Arch to see one of the Library's greatest treasures. Produced in Mainz, Germany, in the mid-1450s, the Gutenberg Bible is the first book printed using movable metal type in Western Europe. The half-moon wall paintings represent the Evolution of the Book. At the North end is the entrance to the Librarian's Ceremonial Office which looks like period room that takes someone back to 19th century grand office setting.

Floating 125 feet above the reading room floor is a mural by Edwin Blashfield. Twelve painted figures represent countries, cultures, and eras that contributed to the development of Western civilization as understood in 1897. The semi-circular stained-glass windows show the seals of forty-five states and three territories. (Alaska and Hawaii were not yet part of the nation.).

On the east side of the second floor, a staircase leads to a special gallery where visitors may view the Main Reading Room. From the base of the stairs, study Elihu Vedder's glass and gold-leaf mosaic of Minerva as she stands ready to defend a civilized society. A statue of Victory is to her left; at her right knee is an owl—the symbol of wisdom. Minerva holds a scroll that lists various fields of study. The scroll remains partially unfurled to represent the ongoing quest for knowledge and understanding.

After about spending 2 hours, capturing every corner and artistic piece of the Library of Congress with a very heavy heart we left for the another monument to see in DC area.

## BharatGen: World's first multimedia LLM

By R S Venkatraj

## TECHNOLOGY

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## AWARDS

### Ramakrishna Rao Pulletikurty

Ramakrishna Rao Pulletikurty, a librarian at the Methodist College of Engineering and Technology in Hyderabad, has been honoured with the 'SALIS - Mr. G.G. Sivakumar Memorial Special Appreciation and Meritorious Service Award for 2023.' This recognition was presented during the National Conference on Connecting Users to Library Resources Through Innovative Technologies (SALIS 2024), held from October 4 to 5, 2024, organized by Nirmala College for Women in collaboration with the Society for the Advancement of Library and Information Science.

This esteemed award acknowledges Ramakrishna Rao's exceptional contributions to library and information science, highlighting his commitment to enhancing library services and promoting innovative practices. His efforts have significantly impacted the academic community, particularly in integrating modern technologies to better serve users.

BharatGen is a newly launched government-funded initiative aimed at building large-scale, generative AI models that are tailored to the socio-cultural and linguistic diversity of India. Announced on September 30, 2024, it is led by IIT Bombay under the National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems (NM-ICPS) of the Department of Science and Technology (DST). BharatGen is the world's first multimodal Large Language Model (LLM) project funded by a government, with a focus on creating AI models for language, speech, and computer vision, using datasets that are specific to India's diverse languages and cultural contexts.

The initiative will develop AI technologies that support both text and speech, covering India's linguistic landscape, which often lacks representation in global AI models. BharatGen's focus on data-efficient learning will also cater to Indian languages with limited digital presence. This project is designed not just for industrial and commercial purposes, but also to serve national priorities like social equity, cultural preservation, and inclusive technology development.

BharatGen is expected to be completed by 2026 and will support AI innovation across government, private, and educational sectors, while fostering an ecosystem of AI research in India. The platform is expected to provide open-source access and encourage collaboration with startups, researchers, and industries, ultimately reducing India's dependence on foreign technologies and strengthening the domestic AI ecosystem.

[ from different sources]

## NEWS YOU CAN USE

INew OCLC research offers libraries insights and strategies to help their users discover open access publications

Improving Open Access Discovery for Academic Library Users examines strategies for making scholarly, peer-reviewed open access (OA) publications more discoverable for your library community. The research findings shared in this report analyze the efforts made by library staff to make OA publications discoverable and explore user behaviors at seven institutions in the Netherlands. The findings can serve as a catalyst for academic libraries worldwide to engage in meaningful conversations about enhancing OA discoverability given local contexts and user needs.

Read this report to learn more about bridging the gap between the availability and discovery of OA publications. <https://oc.lc/oa-discovery>

### Many books and recordings will come into the public domain soon

Come the New Year's Day, you will be able to access for free a very large number of books and recordings (whose copyright expires this year). Please see

<https://everybodyslibraries.com/2024/11/01/the-remainder-of-the-roaring-20s-about-to-join-the-public-domain/>

## Obituary



### B Satyanarayana

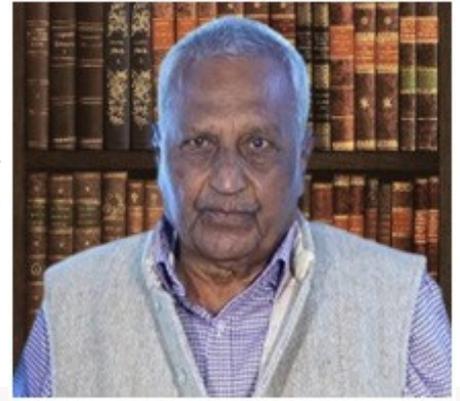
Prof. B. Satyanarayana worked in various categories of libraries. Initially, he joined at Nagarjuna Engineering College, 23-08-1971. He continued working at this college, which was subsequently upgraded as Institute of Postgraduate Studies and Research (IPGSR) Centre. After establishment of JNTU, Hyderabad, he continued as University Librarian, JNTU for 8 years. (IPGSR was upgraded as JNTU). He developed the Digital Library at JNT University to provide access to in-house and online digital resources and created a spacious learning ambience. He had established ERNET Internet facility with the support of UGC-INFONET and access to 17 e-Resources through UGC-INFONET. The Digital Library was established with the latest ICT infrastructure at that time with four SUN Servers and 45 Sunrays thin clients and 10 HP Workstations.

Prof. B.Satyanarayana had M.B.A. from JNTU and M.L.I.Sc. from University of Madras and also PGDLAN from University of Hyderabad. He had published 9 articles of National and International and he has attended and contributed papers in many National and International Seminars/ Conferences. He has 3 books edited to his credit and has conducted 4 workshops for the benefit of library community. He has undertaken and executed one MHRD project, one AICTE Project and two UGC-INFLIBNET Projects.

He was a Life member of ILA, ISTE, and ALSD and was regular contributor for CALIBER Conventions from 1997 till 2004. He retired from JNT University service as University Librarian on 31-05-2008 and later served as a Chief Librarian & Prof. of LISc at M.J.College of Engineering and Technology, Hyderabad till 2019. Prof. B.Satyanarayana was a passionate librarian and his contributions to the University Library, JNTUH has been immense. He left us for his heavenly abode on 30-09-2024 at Hyderabad.

### Shri B BHosamani

Shri B BHosamani passed away in Belagavi at the age of 82. He was the first generation library professional in the public libraries of Government of Karnataka. He was also the former Director of Dept of Public Libraries, Govt of Karnataka.



### B S Nigam

Prof (Dr) Bir Singh Nigam is no more. He was a remarkable Professor and Director at Makhanlal Chaturvedi National University of Journalism and Communication, but also a true mentor to many LIS professionals. He has an illustrious career as academician, administrator at various levels spreading more than four decades. He has authored 5 books and more than 30 journal articles. Dr. Nigam's dedication as a teacher, writer, film producer, and social reformer inspired countless individuals. His positivity and hard work will always be remembered. As he often said, "The legacy of a true mentor lies in the lives he has touched".



### C R Hiremath

Shri. Channabasavaiah R Hiremath former Librarian passed away on 10th November 2024. He served M G C College, Siddapur and M E S College, Sirasi for more than three decades. He was 78.

### Prof. Sudhir Kumar

Former Professor, Chairman Board of Studies & Dean Faculty of IT, Vikram University, Ujjain (Madhya Pradesh) (India) With 38 years of teaching experience to postgraduate classes and 7 years to M.Phil. 25 years experiences in guiding Ph.D. & research, successfully guided 11 Ph.D. scholars. Life member of COLLNET, ILA, IATLIS (also Vice President and Treasurer for 6 years), MPLA, RLA, UPLA and Association of Library Professionals Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh (India). Member of various Committees in Vikram University as Faculty, Academic Council, Examination Committee, etc. Had been in-charge university librarian for one year. 2 books and more than 200 published papers in journals, conferences and seminars volumes. Presented papers in 49th FID (Jaipur) 1998 and International Congress on Digital Libraries (New Delhi) 2004. Besides 35-45 papers presented in other International & National Conferences and Seminars. Won Award of Commendation for paper presentation in National Conference in ILA. Paper also published in IFLA World Library Conference at Argentina, 2004, Oslo (Norway), 2005 and Seoul (Korea), 2006. Visited and Presented paper in 4th International Conference on Web metrics ...etc COLLNET Meeting in Berlin, 2008. Singapore in 2019. He passed away on 12th November 2024 at the age of 78.



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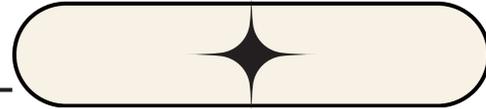
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