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71st ILA Annual Conference

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Events Organised

71st ILA Annual Conference Organised at Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra



The 71st Annual Conference of the Indian Library Association was organised at Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra, on the theme Transforming Library Services in the AI Era: Library Services, User Engagement and Community Impact. The conference was jointly organised by the Indian Library Association and Kendriya Hindi Sansthan under the aegis of the Ministry of Education, Government of India.

The three day international academic event brought together library and information science professionals, academicians, researchers, policymakers, and technology experts from across India and abroad to discuss the evolving role of libraries in the context of artificial intelligence, digital transformation, and changing user expectations.

The programme included inaugural and keynote addresses, invited lectures, technical sessions, panel discussions, and research paper presentations on themes such as smart libraries, digital literacy, automation, user engagement, bibliometrics, accessibility, and professional development. The conference witnessed active participation and meaningful academic discussions, reaffirming the role of libraries as knowledge hubs in the AI driven era.

Hon'ble Governor of Rajasthan Inaugurates 71st ILA Annual Conference



The 71st Annual Conference of the Indian Library Association was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Governor of Rajasthan at Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra. The Hon'ble Governor was formally welcomed by Dr. Niranjana Singh, Organising Secretary, during the inaugural ceremony, which began with the traditional lighting of the lamp in the presence of distinguished guests, library leaders, and delegates from across the country. The Hon'ble Governor and other dignitaries on the dais graced the occasion.

In his inaugural address, the Hon'ble Governor emphasised the importance of libraries in preserving India's rich heritage

while adapting to modern technologies. He highlighted the growing role of artificial intelligence, digitisation of manuscripts, and digital library initiatives in strengthening access to knowledge. The Governor appreciated the efforts of the Indian Library Association and Kendriya Hindi Sansthan for organising the conference on a highly relevant theme in the AI era, and called upon library professionals to adopt technology responsibly while upholding the core values of librarianship.

Special Academic Lectures at 71st ILA Annual Conference Highlight AI and Standardisation in Libraries



The 71st Annual Conference of the Indian Library Association featured significant academic addresses focusing on artificial intelligence, standardisation, and the future of libraries.

Keynote Address by Dr. D. V. Singh

Dr. D. V. Singh, former Librarian, University of Delhi, delivered the keynote address. He emphasised that while Artificial Intelligence is a powerful and useful tool, human intelligence remains paramount. He stressed that AI should support, not dominate, human capabilities. He cautioned against excessive reliance on AI, noting its possible impact on human emotions and critical thinking, and advocated for ethical and balanced use of technology in libraries.

Dr. C. R. Karisiddappa Endowment Lecture by Prof. J. N. Gautam

The Dr. C. R. Karisiddappa Endowment Lecture was delivered by Prof. J. N. Gautam, Professor, Jiwaji University. He discussed the evolving role of academic libraries in knowledge creation, research support, and digital learning ecosystems, highlighting the need for innovation and policy support to make libraries future-ready.

Special Lecture on Standardisation by Prof. Shailendra Kumar

Prof. Shailendra Kumar delivered a special lecture on the role and relevance of standardisation in Library and Information Science in the context of digital transformation. He underlined the importance of adopting national and international standards to ensure interoperability, quality assurance, and efficient service delivery in modern libraries.

Half-Day INFLIBNET Centre workshop Highlights INFLIBNET Services



A special half day session was organised by the INFLIBNET Centre during the 71st ILA Annual Conference at Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra. The session focused on national digital initiatives aimed at strengthening academic and research libraries across the country.

The session was conducted by Dr. Abhishek Kumar, Scientist E (CS), INFLIBNET Centre, and Shri Hiteshkumar Solanki, Scientist C (CS), INFLIBNET Centre. The presentations highlighted key services and platforms including ORCID, One Nation One Subscription, VIDWAN, IRINS, Shodhchakra, Shodhprabha, InfyMeet, and other digital and training initiatives.

The speakers explained how these services support equitable access to scholarly resources, enhance researcher visibility, and improve research management and collaboration. The session was well received by delegates and provided practical insights into effective use of INFLIBNET services for improving library services, research support, and digital engagement.

Cultural Programme Enriches 71st ILA Annual Conference



A vibrant cultural programme was organised during the 71st ILA Annual Conference at Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra, adding a traditional and artistic dimension to the academic gathering.

The programme showcased Indian cultural heritage through music and performances, creating a warm and engaging atmosphere for delegates and guests. Participants appreciated the cultural presentation, which reflected the rich traditions of the region and strengthened the spirit of fellowship among library professionals.

The cultural evening provided an opportunity for informal interaction among delegates and contributed to making the conference a memorable and well-rounded event.

Technical Sessions Mark Academic Core of 71st ILA Conference-2026





The 71st Annual Conference of the Indian Library Association featured eight technical sessions covering themes such as LIS standards, automation, artificial intelligence, digital libraries, digital literacy, user engagement, accessibility, bibliometrics, and professional development. Each session was conducted under distinguished chairpersons, co-chairpersons, and rapporteurs.

In the conference Dr. O. N. Chobey, served as Conference Director, while Dr. Vinod Kumar Mishra served as the Rapporteur General of the conference.

Technical Session I was chaired by Dr. P. P. Rawal and co-chaired by Dr. Milind Anasane, with designated rapporteurs documenting the proceedings.

Technical Session II was chaired by Dr. Deepak Kapde and co-chaired by Dr. Mange Ram and Dr. Sunil Upadhyay, with rapporteurs summarising key discussions.

Technical Session III was chaired by Dr. Richa Tripathi and co-chaired by Dr. Ganesh Kulkarni, supported by session rapporteurs.

Technical Session IV was chaired by Dr. Sanjay Kumar Singh and co-chaired by Dr. Nitin Paliwal, with rapporteurs presenting session highlights.

Technical Session V was chaired by Dr. Abhijeet Singha and co-chaired by Dr. Prince Ajaykumar T. Agashe and Dr. Veenita Jain, with rapporteurs recording academic inputs.

Technical Session VI was chaired by Dr. U. C. Sharma and co-chaired by Dr. Rupesh Gaur and Dr. Projesh Roy, assisted by rapporteurs.

Technical Session VII was chaired by Dr. Hemant Sharma and co-chaired by Dr. Dhananjay Deote and Dr. Jitendra Srivastav, with rapporteurs summarising the discussions.

Technical Session VIII was chaired by Dr. Rajesh Singh and co-chaired by Dr. Akash Jain and Dr. Sanjiv Pawar, with rapporteurs documenting conclusions and recommendations.

The sessions reflected strong academic engagement and meaningful deliberations on future-ready, technology-enabled library services in the AI era.



Panel Discussion Explores Library Services and User Expectations in the AI Era



A focused panel discussion was organised during the 71st Annual Conference of the Indian Library Association at Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra, on the theme Library Services and User Expectations in the Era of Artificial Intelligence.

The panel brought together experienced library professionals and academicians who discussed the growing influence of artificial intelligence on library services. The panellists highlighted that AI should be used as a supportive tool to enhance efficiency, improve information retrieval, and provide user-centric services, while maintaining human judgment and ethical responsibility.

The discussion also addressed challenges such as skill gaps, infrastructure limitations, and the need for continuous professional training. The session concluded with an emphasis on balanced adoption of emerging technologies to meet evolving user expectations and strengthen the role of libraries in the digital age.

Dr. Niranjn Singh, Organising Secretary, Concludes the Valedictory Session of the 71st ILA Annual Conference 2026



The valedictory session, marking the successful conclusion of the 71st Annual Conference of the Indian Library Association at Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra, was formally concluded by Dr. Niranjn Singh, Organising Secretary. Speakers highlighted that libraries are evolving from traditional repositories into centres of knowledge creation, digital learning, and community engagement.

The session emphasised the need for responsible use of artificial intelligence, continuous professional development, and inclusive library services aligned with national initiatives such as NEP 2020 and One Nation One Subscription. Participants expressed satisfaction with the academic quality of keynote lectures, technical sessions, panel discussions, and research presentations.

Certificates of participation and appreciation were distributed to paper presenters, rapporteurs, and contributors. The conference ended with a vote of thanks to dignitaries, organisers, speakers, delegates, volunteers, and supporting institutions for making the event a grand success.

Library Week Celebrated at mLAC from February 14 to 20, 2026



Library Week was observed from February 14 to 20, 2026, at the mLAC Library with active participation from students and faculty members. The celebrations began with the screening of the international award-winning documentary Graffiti in association with Affectionate Hands NGO. Around 200 students from NSS, NCC, Sports, Students Union, Rotaract, and Literary Club attended the programme.

The NGO team encouraged students to engage in social initiatives such as community library setup and other outreach activities. A teaser of the upcoming documentary Beyond the Book was also released. From February 16 to 20, competitions including content writing on "Use of AI Tools in Education," wall poster making on cyber security and health, bookmark decoration, and knowledge games such as chess, quiz, cube solving, carrom, and scavenger hunt were conducted. More than 500 students participated in the events.

The programme concluded on February 21, 2026, with a prize distribution ceremony. Principal Dr. Nanda Kulkarni, Librarian Sowmya Sastry, and faculty members distributed prizes and certificates.

Amity Chennai Library Book Club Conducts Outreach Programmes with American Center



The Library Book Club of Amity Chennai organised two outreach initiatives in collaboration with the American Center, U.S. Consulate General, Chennai. On January 30, 2026, a “Chat with a Diplomat” session was held at the American Center featuring Ms. Gwendolyn Llewellyn, Management Officer, U.S. Consulate General, Chennai. The session provided students with insights into global management practices, diplomacy, and international cooperation. Participants gained valuable exposure to the professional roles and responsibilities within the U.S. diplomatic framework. On February 13, 2026, the Book Club organised an educational visit to the American Center for MBA and BBA students. The visit focused on exploring international library standards, digital resources, research databases, and membership procedures. Students were encouraged to effectively utilise global academic and digital learning facilities.

The programmes were coordinated by Ms. J. Vasanthi, Senior Librarian, Amity Chennai.

11th International Conference on Knowledge Commons Held at IIHMR University, Jaipur



The 11th International Conference of the Rajasthan Technical Library Association on Knowledge Commons: Libraries as Catalysts for Viksit Bharat 2047 was inaugurated on February 21, 2026 at IIHMR University, Jaipur. The conference was inaugurated by Dr. Pradeep Rai, President, Indian Library Association, in the presence of Dr. Dharam Kumar, General Secretary, ILA, Prof. P. R. Sodhani, President, IIHMR University, and Dr. D. V. Singh, former University Librarian, University of Delhi.

Dr. Rajkumar Bhakar, Dr. Shraddha Kalla, Dr. Qumar Abbas, Dr. Triveni Sharma, and Dr. Bhoop Singh were also present.

During the conference, edited volumes including Knowledge Commons: Libraries as Catalysts for a Developed India 2047 and Advancement of Library and Information Science: Trends, Technologies, and Smart Professionals' Practices were released. Over 80 research papers were presented, with participation of more than 200 delegates from India and abroad. International speakers delivered online lectures on the second day.

At the valedictory session, Dr. Roshan Lal Raina, Vice Chancellor, Jaipur National University, attended as Chief Guest. Awards presented included the RTLA Ratan Award to Dr. Rajkumar Bhakar, RTLA Shining Star Awards to Dr. Qumar Abbas and Dr. Bhoop Singh, RTLA Best Librarian Awards to Dr. Triveni Sharma and Mrs. Manju Jopat, and an RTLA Appreciation Award to Ms. Shefali.

Seminar on Role of Intellectuals in Development of Village Libraries Held in Nalgonda



A one-day seminar on the theme “The Role of Intellectuals, Writers, and Literary Figures in the Establishment and Development of Village Libraries Across Telangana” was jointly organised by the Telangana Library Association and Government Degree College Women Nalgonda on February 14, 2026, at Women’s College, Nalgonda.

The programme was presided over by N. Laxman Rao, State President of the Telangana Library Association, as Chief Guest.

Dr. Gona Reddy attended as Guest of Honour. Other distinguished participants included Dr. Belli Yadaiah, Dr. Ravi Kumar Chegoni, Gada Vinod Reddy, and Dr. Rajaram Sunkari.

The seminar witnessed active participation from poets, writers, artists, librarians, LIS students, and researchers across Telangana. The discussions highlighted the historical and contemporary role of literary personalities in strengthening village libraries and promoting reading culture at the grassroots level. The programme concluded with a strong call to revitalise rural libraries through collective community efforts.

Two-Day National Seminar on AI Tools for Academic Writing Held at Government Degree College, Mulugu



A Two-Day National Seminar on “Empowering Research Excellence: AI Tools for Academic Writing and Publishing” was held on February 6 and 7, 2026, at Government Degree College, Mulugu, Telangana, with the support of PM-USHA and the Telangana State Council of Higher Education.

On the inaugural day, Prof. G. Ram Reddy, Dean Academics, Sammakka Saralakka Central Tribal University,

attended as Chief Guest and stated that artificial intelligence serves as a support system to enhance research quality. The keynote address was delivered by Prof. P. Varalakshmi, who explained the ethical use of AI tools in academic writing. Dr. B. Radhika Rani, Head, Department of Library Science, Kakatiya University, spoke on digital resources and modern research practices.

On the second day, Mr. Iranna Shettar, Deputy Librarian, National Institute of Technology Warangal, addressed participants on emerging technologies in libraries. Dr. M. Anjaiah from Dravidian University attended as Guest of Honour. The seminar was presided over by Principal Dr. K. Mallesham, with Dr. B. Balaiah highlighting responsible use of AI in research.

The seminar was convened by Dr. B. Jagadish, Librarian. A total of 130 papers were received, of which 75 were selected after peer review and published. Around 150 participants from various states attended the seminar. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Kavitha.

Expert Session on Role of Library in Education and Research Held at BLDEA Engineering College



BLDEA's Vachana Pitamaha Dr. P.G. Halakatti College of Engineering and Technology organised an expert session on Role of Library in Education and Research on February 10, 2026. The programme was jointly conducted by the Central Library and the Research and Development Cell.

B. D. Kumbar, Vice Chancellor of Davanagere University, attended as Chief Guest. He observed that physical visits to libraries have declined due to excessive mobile phone usage and the growing use of AI tools such as ChatGPT.

He emphasised that librarians must adopt innovative practices including user orientation programmes, quizzes, content alert services, recognition of active users, and effective use of social media to reconnect users with libraries.

Principal Dr. Manjunatha P. stated that the library is the backbone of academic and research activities of the institute. Chief Librarian Dr. M. M. Bachalapur welcomed the guest and introduced the speaker. Faculty members and librarians actively participated in the interactive session.

Chhattisgarh Library Association Organises Grand Award Ceremony 2026 in Bilaspur



Chhattisgarh Library Association organised its grand Award Ceremony 2026 in Bilaspur, bringing together librarians, academicians, LIS students, research scholars, and distinguished guests from across the state.

The Chief Guest, Tokhan Sahu, Union Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs, highlighted the importance of libraries in higher education and nation building.

He stated that libraries nurture reading habits and research culture and remain highly relevant in the digital era. The programme was chaired by Pooja Vidhani, Mayor of Bilaspur Municipal Corporation, who described libraries as inclusive knowledge resource centers. Shri Rajneesh Singh, Chairman, Chhattisgarh State Cooperative Bank, and Shri Sushil Yadav also addressed the gathering.

During the academic session, Dr. U. K. Srivastava and Dr. Brajesh Tiwari discussed the evolving role of libraries and highlighted the significance of the Chhattisgarh Public Library Act, 2008. Association President Dr. Kundan emphasised that modern libraries have transformed into comprehensive knowledge centers.

Awards were presented in 15 categories recognising excellence in Library and Information Science. A new LIS Lifetime Achievement Award was instituted in memory of late Dr. Ram Gopal Yadav. Under the Best Academic Library Award, Swami Atmanand Government English Medium Model College, IIHT Champa, PM Shri Kendriya Vidyalaya Kanker, Delhi Public School Bilaspur, and District Library Bilaspur were honoured.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Nidhi Gupta. The ceremony reinforced the message that libraries are vital institutions for education, research, and intellectual growth in society.

Two-Day National Workshop on KOHA Held at Osmania University



The Department of Library and Information Science, Osmania University organised a Two-Day National Workshop on KOHA on February 6 and 7, 2026.

The workshop was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Kumar M, Vice Chancellor, Osmania University. In his inaugural address, he emphasised the importance of libraries in the academic environment and highlighted how digital transformation is enhancing the quality of education. He also spoke about measuring individual and institutional research contributions.

Prof. Khasim, Principal, College of Arts and Social Sciences, Osmania University, addressed the participants and explained the objectives of the workshop. He appreciated the efforts of the department and extended continued support and guidance.

Prof. Laxman Rao Nagubandi, former faculty member of the Department of Library and Information Science, spoke on the achievements of the department, recent developments in the profession, and the importance of KOHA in modern library automation.

H.V.P. Mandal Engineering College Celebrates 'Vachan Sankalp Maharashtra' Initiative



The Library of H.V.P. Mandal Engineering and Technical College celebrated the Government of Maharashtra's "Vachan Sankalp Maharashtra" initiative from January 1 to 15, 2026, by organising a series of reading promotion activities.

A college-level committee was formed to implement the programme, and the library was cleaned and prepared for the initiative. The celebrations began with a Reading Pledge on January 1, followed by a Book Exhibition inaugurated by Principal Dr. Anjali Raut on January 2. She emphasised that knowledge gained through reading is a lasting wealth.

Activities included a Book Review Competition, Presentation Session, Group Reading Workshop on the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, a Writer and Student Reading Dialogue, and an Essay Competition on "AI: A Curse or a Blessing?". Students from various departments actively participated in all events.

Certificates were awarded to winners of the essay and book review competitions. The students were felicitated on January 26, 2026, in the presence of Hon'ble Sanjayji Saraf and college management members. Librarian Dr. Milind Anasane and the library staff coordinated the successful conduct of the programme.

Two-Day National Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Libraries Held in Phulambri, Maharashtra



A Two-Day National Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Libraries: Opportunities and Ethical Challenges was organised on February 27 and 28, 2026, at Shri Sant Savta Mali Gramin Mahavidyalaya, in collaboration with the Indian Library Association and the Department of Library and Information Science, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University.

The conference was inaugurated by Dr. Pradeep Rai, President, Indian Library Association. Around 120 delegates participated, with 71 research papers published and 44 presentations delivered across four technical sessions. Key themes included AI in cataloguing, chatbots, ethical concerns, and digital literacy for librarians.

The valedictory session concluded that Artificial Intelligence will not replace librarians but will strengthen their role and efficiency in modern library services.

Awards

Dr. Rajkumar Bhakar Conferred RTLA Ratan Award – 2026



Dr. Rajkumar Bhakar, Professor at Shri Jagdishprasad Jhabarmal Tibrewala University, Jhunjhunu, has been conferred the prestigious RTLA Ratan Award – 2026 by the Rajasthan Technical Library Association (RTLA).

The award was presented on 22 February 2026 during the 11th International Conference of RTLA on "Knowledge Commons: Libraries as Catalysts for Viksit Bharat 2047" held at the Indian Institute of Health Management Research (IIHMR), Jaipur.

Dr. Bhakar was honoured in recognition of his exemplary leadership, unwavering dedication, and remarkable contributions to the advancement of Library and Information Science. His sustained academic excellence, visionary guidance, and commitment to strengthening librarianship and higher education have significantly enriched the profession.

Dr. Tamal Kumar Guha Conferred ILA - Kaula Best Librarian Award 2025



Dr. Tamal Kumar Guha recognised for Distinguished Contribution to Academic Librarianship

Tamal Kumar Guha is presently serving as Librarian at the Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, a position he has held for over twelve years. With more than three decades of professional experience, he has significantly contributed to the development of academic and digital library services in India.

Dr. Guha began his career in the early 1990s and later served in various academic institutions before joining IIT Guwahati. He also served as University Librarian of Sikkim University, where he established the Central Library. A Fulbright Scholar at Syracuse University and an Erasmus Mundus Scholar at University College Dublin, he has been actively associated with national and international professional bodies.

At IIT Guwahati, he has led major modernisation initiatives including RFID-enabled 24x7 self-service circulation, implementation of IRINS services, and coordination of the North East Regional Centre of the National Digital Library of India. His contributions to digital libraries and research support services have strengthened academic library practices in the region.

Dr. Mange Ram Conferred ILA Gidwani–Deshpande Best Academic Librarian Award 2025



The Indian Library Association has conferred the ILA Gidwani–Deshpandey Best Academic Librarian Award 2025 on Dr Mange Ram, University Librarian, Dayalbagh Educational Institute, Agra. The award was presented during the inaugural function of the 71st ILA Conference held at Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra. Dr. Mange Ram, born on February 8, 1972, at Karnal, Haryana, completed his M.Lib. and Information Science from Kurukshetra University and earned his PhD from Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University,

Agra. With over 28 years of distinguished service, he has published extensively in national and international journals, authored books, contributed book chapters, and presented numerous conference papers.

He has provided dynamic leadership at Dayalbagh Educational Institute since 1998 and played a key role in establishing a modern and fully computerized library system. An active life member of ILA and editor of reputed LIS journals, Dr. Ram has also mentored young professionals and contributed significantly to academic librarianship.

Dr. Qamar Abbas Conferred RTLA Shining Star Award



Dr. Qamar Abbas, Deputy Librarian, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Ajmer, was honoured with the RTLA Shining Star Award during the two-day International Conference of the Rajasthan Technical Library Association held at IIHMR University, Jaipur.

The conference, themed Libraries as Catalysts for a Viksit Bharat 2047, brought together library professionals and scholars from across the country. Dr. Qamar Abbas served as Conference Director and presented his research papers for publication.

On the occasion, two edited books associated with him were released: Knowledge Commons: Libraries as Catalysts for a Developed India 2047 and Advanced Library and Information Science: Trends, Technology, and Smart Professional Practice.

Dr. Kalpana Singh Conferred ILA - C.D. Sharma Award – 2025



Dr. Kalpana Singh has been conferred the prestigious C.D. Sharma Award – 2025 by the Indian Library Association (ILA) during the 71st Annual Conference held at Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra, from 5–7 February 2026.

She received the award for her research paper titled “ए.आई. युग में अध्ययन की दिशा: एक विश्लेषणात्मक अध्ययन”, presented during the conference on the theme “Transforming Library Services in the AI Era: Library Services, User Engagement and Community Impact.” The award is presented to the author of the best paper written and presented during the conference. Dr. Kalpana Singh is currently serving as Librarian at B.S.F. Senior Secondary School, Kadamtala, Darjeeling, West Bengal. The award was instituted by Mrs. Kamla Sharma in memory of Dr. C.D. Sharma.

The recognition highlights her valuable contribution to Library and Information Science research in the emerging era of Artificial Intelligence.

Anila Singh Bhardwaj Conferred ILA - P. V. Verghese Award – 2025



Ms. Anila Singh Bhardwaj has been awarded the prestigious ILA P. V. Verghese Award – 2025 by the Indian Library Association in recognition of her outstanding scholarly contribution.

She received the award for her research article titled “Digital Right Management: The Challenges of Electronic Resource Accessibility for Blind and Visually Impaired Users in Libraries”, published in the Journal of Indian Library Association, Volume 61, No. 1.

The paper critically examines the challenges posed by Digital Rights Management (DRM) systems in ensuring equitable access to electronic resources for blind and visually impaired users. It highlights accessibility barriers, legal and technological constraints, and emphasizes the need for inclusive digital library practices.

The award recognizes excellence in research published in the Journal of Indian Library Association and acknowledges her valuable contribution toward promoting inclusive and accessible library services.

Dr. Vineeta Jain conferred ILA - C. D. Sharma Award – 2025



During the 71st Annual Conference of the Indian Library Association, the prestigious C. D. Sharma Award 2025 was conferred upon Dr. Vineeta Jain for presenting the Best Paper at the conference.

Her award-winning paper titled “69वें एवं 70वें ILA सम्मेलन कार्यवृत्तों का तुलनात्मक पुस्तकालयमितीय एवं संरचात्मक विश्लेषण” was recognised for its scholarly merit and analytical depth. The award is presented to the author of the best paper written and presented during the annual conference.

Dr. Vineeta Jain is presently serving as University Librarian at Teerthanker Mahaveer University, Moradabad. With over 19 years of professional experience, she specialises in strategic management of academic libraries, digitization initiatives, and research support services. The award was instituted by Mrs. Kamla Sharma in memory of Dr. C.D. Sharma.

Mr. Shubham Sanjeev Masurkar Conferred ILA A.G. Motiwale Award – 2025



Mr. Shubham Sanjeev Masurkar has been conferred the prestigious A.G. Motiwale Award – 2025 by the Indian Library Association (ILA) during the 71st Annual International Conference held at Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra, from 5–7 February 2026.

He received the award for his research paper titled “Marathi Literary Periodicals: Yugavani 2020 – A Study of Contents & Literary Trends”, presented during the conference on the theme “Transforming Library Services in the AI Era: Library Services, User Engagement and Community Impact.” The award is meant for the young author of the best paper written and presented during the conference.

Mr. Masurkar is currently a Research Scholar in the Department of Library and Information Science at Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Nagpur.

ILA Webinar Organising Team Honoured with Appreciation Certificates



The Indian Library Association honoured the ILA Webinar Organising Team with appreciation certificates during the 71st ILA Annual Conference held at Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra. The team was felicitated for its consistent efforts in successfully organising national-level webinars and professional development programmes for the LIS community.

The appreciation certificates were presented by Prof. Sunil Baburao Kulkarni, Director, Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra, in the presence of Dr. Pradeep Rai, President, Indian Library Association, Dr. Dharam Kumar, General Secretary, ILA, and Dr. Niranjana Singh, Librarian, Kendriya Hindi Sansthan.

The webinar series was organised under the leadership of Dr. Vineeta Jain, Organising Chairperson,

with Dr. Milind Babarao Anasane as Convener, Dr. Sambhaji Patil as Co-Convener, while Dr. O. Sivsankar Prasad contributed as Webinar Moderator. Other team members who received appreciation certificates included Dr. Hitesh G. Brijwasi, Rahul Kohli, Mr. Shubham S. Masurkar, Harshit Singh, Saheli N. Atram, Dilip Janghel, and Ruby S. Takbhaure.

The felicitation acknowledged the team's valuable contribution in strengthening continuous learning, professional interaction, and digital engagement among library professionals across the country.

Bhuvaneshwari Patil Awarded PhD in Library and Information Science



Ms. Bhuvaneshwari Patil, Librarian, Library and Information Centre, BLDEA Shri B. M. Patil Institute of Nursing Sciences, Vijayapura, has been awarded the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy by Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women's University.

She received the degree for her thesis titled "Research Productivity of Web Technologies in Library and Information Science Literature (2001–2020): A Scientometric Analysis". The research work was carried out under the supervision of Prof. Gavisiddappa Anandhalli, Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, KSAWU, Vijayapura.

Shambhavi Awarded PhD in Library and Information Science



Mrs. Shambhavi has been awarded the PhD degree by Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women University, Vijayapura for her research titled "Reading Culture in Internet Era: An Analytical Study of Undergraduate Students of Vijayapura City."

The research was carried out under the guidance of Prof. Shanthadevi T, Professor and Chairman, Department of Library and Information Science. The study analyses the reading culture and habits of undergraduate students in the context of increasing internet and digital media usage, with special reference to Vijayapura City.

News You Can Use

Report Critiques Academic Publishing Model and Calls for Reform

A report by The Australia Institute highlights concerns about the current model of academic publishing, describing it as excessively profitable for a few large publishers and costly for research institutions worldwide. The report argues that major publishing houses generate substantial profits by relying on unpaid academic work while charging high subscription and publication fees.

According to the report, academic publishers do not pay authors or peer reviewers, yet they impose high access fees on universities and research bodies, which often use public funds to cover these costs. This creates a situation where publicly funded research ends up generating significant income for private publishers. In Australia alone, universities are estimated to spend hundreds of millions of dollars annually on journal subscriptions and related charges.

The report also notes that funding bodies' open access requirements have led to high article processing charges in some journals, further directing research funding to publishers. It suggests reforms such as revising research grant criteria, promoting open science practices, and strengthening institutional repositories to reduce dependency on costly publishing models.

The findings underline ongoing debates about equitable access to research, the role of open access, and the need for sustainable publishing practices in academia

Self-Learning Video Series on VirtualBox Installation and Server Management for Library Professionals

A self-learning video tutorial series has been prepared to guide library professionals on installing and configuring VirtualBox in Windows systems for managing library applications efficiently on the same server or system.

The video series covers key topics including:

- Installation of VirtualBox in Windows
- Configuration for different virtual machines
- Accessing virtual machines through a browser in Windows
- Increasing hard disk size of virtual machines
- Choosing between ISO and OVA images

- Useful Linux commands for server management

These tutorials are designed to help librarians and information professionals configure VirtualBox and run library applications easily.

- Watch the first video in the series here:
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o5ujwTdk23o>

Prof. Devika Madalli Elected to ORCID Board for 2026–2028 Term

The ORCID has announced the results of its 2026 Board election, with Prof. Devika Madalli, Director of the INFLIBNET Centre, elected as a Member for a three year term beginning in March 2026.

Prof. Madalli is a distinguished scholar in the field of Library and Information Science and currently leads the INFLIBNET Centre, an Inter University Centre of the University Grants Commission that supports digital library infrastructure and research information systems in Indian universities.

Before joining INFLIBNET, she served as Professor at the Documentation Research and Training Centre of the Indian Statistical Institute and as adjunct faculty at the University of Trento, Italy. Her research interests include open educational resources, digital repositories, data management, knowledge organization, semantic web technologies, and multilingual information services.

The ORCID Board elections are held annually to fill a portion of the board seats, and elected members contribute to strategic guidance and governance of the organization. In the 2026 election, six new board members were elected to serve from 2026 to 2028.

Prof. Madalli's election represents an important recognition of India's contribution to global research infrastructure and scholarly communication.

Nature Article Highlights Importance of Librarians in Scientific Research

A recent article in Nature titled "Why Every Scientist Needs a Librarian" emphasises the indispensable role librarians play in research workflows. The piece explains that librarians are key partners in helping researchers navigate the literature, manage data, support open science practices, and ensure effective access to scientific information—functions that enhance research quality and efficiency in the scientific community.

The article highlights how librarians contribute to literature discovery, data organisation, and research management, supporting scientists beyond traditional library tasks and strengthening research infrastructure in academia.

Source: Nature (23 February 2026)

International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions Report Highlights Role of Libraries in Universal Service and Access Funds

A new report by the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions examines Universal Service and Access Funds in 66 countries and finds that nearly half have supported libraries to advance digital inclusion goals.

Universal Service and Access Funds were originally created to ensure that remote and low-income communities could access essential services. Today, many of these funds focus on digital inclusion, supporting internet infrastructure, connectivity, and digital skills development.

The report reveals that 29 of the 66 countries studied currently support, or have previously supported, libraries through these funds. A further 27 countries finance activities aligned with library services, although libraries are not directly involved. The findings highlight strong examples of libraries contributing to digital access and inclusion through such funding mechanisms.

The report provides an important evidence base for policymakers, library associations, and national libraries to strengthen collaboration with Universal Service authorities and expand the role of libraries in achieving universal access goals.

The full report is available through the IFLA repository.

Forthcoming Event

User Awareness Programme on ORCID, IRINS and INFLIBNET Services to Be Held on March 20, 2026

**User Awareness Programme on
ORCID, IRINS and INFLIBNET Services**
for Scholarly Communities
Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) Centre
Gandhinagar, Gujarat
In Collaboration With
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The Information and Library Network Centre is organising a User Awareness Programme on ORCID, IRINS and INFLIBNET Services for Scholarly Communities on March 20, 2026, in collaboration with Avantika University.

The programme will be conducted in offline mode from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Seminar Hall, Ground Floor, B-Wing, Avantika University, Ujjain. Eminent scientists from INFLIBNET Centre will deliver sessions on IRINS, SheRNI, One Nation One Subscription, Shodh-Chakra, LIB-VAHINI, and ORCID.

The programme is open to academicians, faculty members, LIS professionals, information scientists, and research scholars from all disciplines. There is no registration fee. Interested participants are required to register online on or before March 18, 2026, along with a nomination letter from the head of the institution or research guide.

User Awareness Programme on IRINS and INFLIBNET Services to Be Held on March 28, 2026

**User Awareness Programme On
IRINS and INFLIBNET Services for
Scholarly Communities**
Organised by
INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar
In collaboration with Central Library, MANIT Bhopal
Saturday, 28 Mar 2026
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The INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, in collaboration with the Central Library of Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology Bhopal, is organising a one-day User Awareness Programme on IRINS and INFLIBNET Services for scholarly communities on March 28, 2026.

The programme will be conducted from 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM at the Auditorium, Department of MME, MANIT Bhopal. Major topics include IRINS, VIDWAN, ONOS, SheRNI, Shodh-Chakra, and ORCID. The initiative aims to enhance awareness among faculty members, researchers, and scholars about national research information systems and digital services provided by INFLIBNET.

Interested participants are encouraged to register and take part in the programme.

IATUL 46th Annual Conference to Be Held in South Africa in November 2026

The 46th Annual Conference of International Association of University Libraries will be hosted by the University of Johannesburg from November 22 to 26, 2026, in South Africa.

The conference theme, Navigating the Future of Knowledge: Empowering Librarians Amidst Technological, Financial, and Role Transformation, will bring together library directors, academics, and innovators from across the globe to discuss the evolving landscape of academic librarianship.

Organisers have invited submissions on topics including academic library innovation, digital scholarship, open science, research support, and emerging technologies. Interested participants can access the call for submissions and registration details through the official conference website.

Paper Submission: <https://iatul2026.uj.ac.za/call-for-submission/>

30th International Conference on Theory and Practice of Digital Libraries to Be Held at University of Algarve, Portugal

The 30th International Conference on Theory and Practice of Digital Libraries will be organised from September 22 to 25, 2026 at the University of Algarve, Faro, Portugal.

The conference serves as an international forum dedicated to digital libraries and associated technical, practical, and social issues. It brings together researchers and practitioners from libraries, archives, museums, information science, and computer science to discuss advancements in digital scholarship and information systems.

The organisers have invited submissions on themes such as information management, FAIR data, digital preservation, bibliometrics, artificial intelligence applications in digital libraries, knowledge graphs, open access models, information retrieval, document analysis, and societal issues in digital environments.

The submission deadline is May 3, 2026. Notification of acceptance will be issued on June 29, 2026, and camera-ready papers must be submitted by July 19, 2026. Accepted papers will be published in Springer Lecture Notes in Computer Science and Communications in Computer and Information Science series.

1st International Conference on Global Dialogues on Interdisciplinary Research to Be Held in March 2026

The Academic Society for Humanities and Literary Research in collaboration with Government Degree College Budaun will organise the 1st International Conference on Global Dialogues on Interdisciplinary Research in Social Sciences, Humanities, and Literature from March 11 to 13, 2026.

The conference will be conducted in hybrid mode, allowing both online and offline participation. The last date for registration is February 10, 2026.

The conference aims to provide an inclusive international platform for academicians, researchers, faculty members, research scholars, and students to exchange innovative ideas and interdisciplinary perspectives across social sciences, humanities, and literary studies.

The registration fee ranges from ₹100 for UG and PG students to ₹600 for faculty members. Interested participants can register and submit abstracts through the official conference website and registration links provided by the organisers.

The offline venue will be Government Degree College, Budaun, Uttar Pradesh.

GRAPHIA Project Announces Webinar on Large Language Models and Call for Industry Use Cases

The GRAPHIA project, a European initiative developing an open knowledge graph for Social Sciences and Humanities data, has announced two engagement opportunities in 2026.

A webinar titled An Introduction to Large Language Models through GRAPHIA will be held on March 19, 2026 at 2 PM CET. The session will introduce the fundamentals of large language models, including tokenisation, embeddings, transformer architecture, and prompting.

It will also present the GRAPHIA LLM4SSH initiative and demonstrate access through the GRAPHIA LLM Gateway.

In addition, GRAPHIA has issued a call for use cases inviting commercial and industry organisations within the European Research Area working with Social Sciences and Humanities content. Selected participants will receive early access to tools and infrastructure, opportunities for collaboration with SSH and AI experts, and visibility through project communications. The deadline for expressions of interest is March 5, 2026.

Further details and registration information are available through the official GRAPHIA platform.

International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions Invites Nominations for 2026 Honours and Awards

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions has announced the Call for Nominations for its 2026 Honours and Awards. These awards recognise individuals who have made distinguished contributions to IFLA and to the global library field.

The awards are conferred annually by the IFLA Governing Board and include:

Honorary Fellow

IFLA's highest honour, awarded for long and distinguished service to IFLA and the global library profession. Nominations require support from at least four nominators from different countries and three referee reports.

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IFLA Scroll of Appreciation

Presented to volunteers who have given distinguished service within IFLA committees or groups. It requires at least two nominators from different countries and one referee report.

Nominations are confidential, and nominees should not be informed of their nomination. The deadline for submission is April 30, 2026. Late submissions will not be considered.

Completed nomination forms must be sent by email to ifla@ifla.org. Awards will be presented during the IFLA Congress or General Assembly.

Electronic Theses and Dissertations 2026 Conference Invites Submissions on Artificial Intelligence in ETD Ecosystem

The Electronic Theses and Dissertations 2026 Conference invites scholars, researchers, library professionals, repository managers, technologists, publishers, and policymakers to submit original contributions for its upcoming global forum.

The theme of the conference is Electronic Theses and Dissertations in the Age of Artificial Intelligence. The event will focus on artificial intelligence enabled transformation within the global ETD ecosystem.

The organisers welcome research papers, case studies, and practice based contributions that explore innovation, technology integration, repository management, scholarly communication, and policy perspectives related to ETDs.

Submission guidelines and detailed information are available on the official conference website.

International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions Science and Technology Libraries Section to Host Webinar on Science Popularization

Science Popularization at the National Library of Public Information, Taiwan:
Reading x Science x Civic Literacy

Date: Mar. 30, 2026
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Register now: bit.ly/SciPop2026



Sophia Hsiang-Ping Ma
Director-General, National
Library of Public Information

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Technology Libraries

Webinar

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions Science and Technology Libraries Section will organise a webinar on March 30, 2026, at 15:00 Taiwan time, focusing on science popularization initiatives at the National Library of Public Information, Taiwan. The webinar will highlight how the National Library of Public Information has developed an

institutionalized Science Reading Platform integrating reading, science, and civic literacy. Through exhibitions, lecture series, hands-on activities, and curated resources, the library connects advanced research topics such as artificial intelligence, supercomputing, disaster prevention, energy, and health technologies with public learning.

The session will be delivered in Mandarin by Ms. Sophia Ma Hsiang-Ping, Director-General of the National Library of Public Information. Under her leadership, the library has promoted innovation, accessibility, and science education through technology-enabled services and long-term collaboration with research institutions.

Interested participants can register through the official webinar link <https://www.ifla.org/events/science-popularization-at-the-national-library-of-public-information-taiwan/>

Success Story

Dr. Om Prakash Gupta's Scholarly Contribution Featured in 'Smriti Chakra'



A significant academic contribution by Dr. Om Prakash Gupta has been published in the commemorative volume Smriti Chakra. His chapter titled "प्रजातंत्र में सूचना का अधिकार तथा पुस्तकालय अधिनियम : एक आवश्यकता" highlights the vital connection between the Right to Information and the need for effective Library Legislation in a democratic framework.

In the chapter, Dr. Gupta emphasizes that access to information is a fundamental pillar of democracy and that libraries play a crucial role in ensuring citizens' intellectual freedom and constitutional rights. He argues that strong library legislation is essential to guarantee equitable access to knowledge and to strengthen democratic values in society.

The publication of this chapter in Smriti Chakra reflects Dr. Om Prakash Gupta's scholarly engagement with issues of information rights, constitutional values, and the evolving role of libraries in democratic governance.

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| 6. School Libraries | |

I have read and understood the rules and regulations of the Indian Library Association (ILA) membership and hereby undertake to abide by them in letter and spirit.

Yours Sincerely

Signature _____ Place _____ Date _____

Recommended by:

Signature _____

Name & Address _____

Membership No. _____

Membership Subscription

S. No.	Type of Membership	Subscription fee (Offline)	Subscription fee (Online)
1.	Patron	To contribute to the ILA a single tranche either a sum of not less than Rs. 25,000/- in cash or property worth not less than Rs. 25,000/-	
2.	Life Member (Individual)	Rs.1500/- one time	Rs. 1550/-one time
3.	Library Association member	Rs. 600/- Per Annum	Rs. 640/- Per Annum
4.	Institution Member	Rs. 5000/- Per Annum	Rs. 5150/- Per Annum
5.	Ordinary/Associate Member*	Rs. 250/- Per Annum	Rs. 275/- Per Annum
Foreign Members and Institution Member			
6.1	SAARC Member (Individual member) Countries (Outside India)	\$ 50/- Per Annum	\$ 50/- Per Annum
6.2	SAARC Member Countries – Institution (Outside India)	\$ 100/- Per Annum	\$ 100/- Per Annum
6.3	Other Foreign Countries (Individual member)	\$ 100/- Per Annum	\$ 100/- Per Annum
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Membership granted

Yes / No

General Secretary