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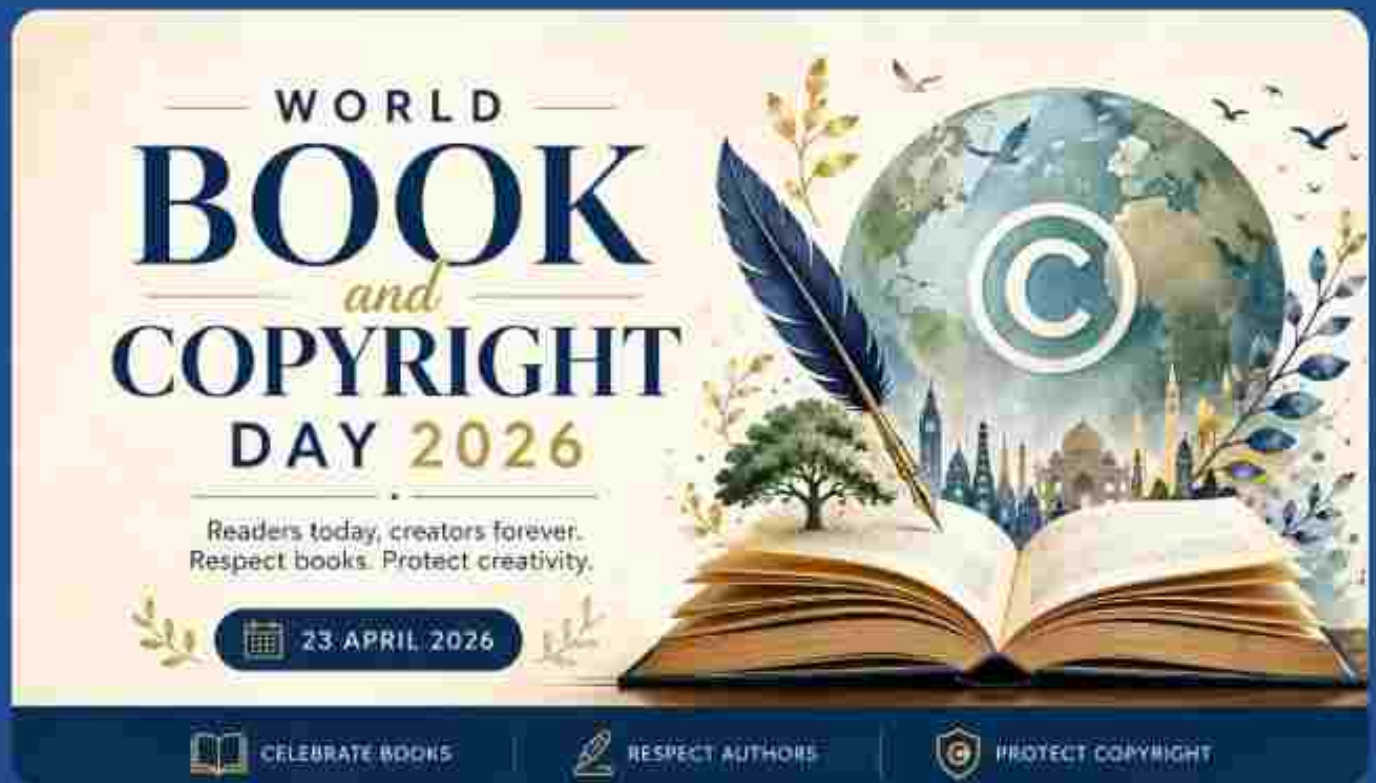


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Article

Legacy of Learning in Mysore State: Celebrating the Growth of Library Services and 60 Years of the MyDLIS

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In some corners of the world, every few seconds, some country or the other bites dust. Not with the invading army, not with a bang, not by an accident, but quietly – when the knowledge dies without a successor, when the manuscript rots unattended, when the libraries run out of people who cared.

This is a story about a kingdom that acted differently, introducing the library service inside the palace and later moving it to the public space.

The Princely State of Mysore, which stretched across some 29,000 sq miles of Southern India and today known as Karnataka State, governing 31 districts, made a series of decisions over the last 150 years by introducing knowledge-based learning which was the luxury for the few, but was a necessity for all, is the most consequential in the history of Indian civilisation. And then, which is rarer than the decision itself – they built the institutions to prove it.

This story is of those institutions – the libraries, once the manuscript rooms were confined to the palace, helped the kingdom in becoming the intellectual backbone of a state; the school of library science that grew up alongside them, training professionals who keep the motto alive 'Nothing is Equal to Knowledge' and it aimed at providing knowledge service to the nation. This is the story of a philosopher-kings, mathematician librarian, engineering statesmen and both men and women who spent their lives placing the right book in the right hand. It is also an unavoidable story about us, the library and information science professionals – what we choose to preserve and what we choose to forget.

S R Ranganathan taught us that the library is a living, evolving entity. From this story of libraries, we see that the Maharajas of Mysore understood this before he said it. The library tradition of the Mysore State once initiated across the two cities, spread to five types of institutions, a hundred and fifty years, and the full intellectual spectrum from Sanskrit palm leaves manuscripts to aerospace engineering specifications – is the proof.

Pre-1799

The 'Library' as a concept in this region can be traced back to the time of Tipu Sultan's personal library which housed 1,112 works in Persian, Arabic, Turkish, Hindi, and Kannada. The British officer George Stewart documented this collection during 1800 to 1805, before these collections were taken away by the Britishers. The collection which can stand out as evidence of the mind that ranged across the intellectual traditions, and which could be a precious collection of Karnataka State Archives got lost in the name of war and throne (Devika, 2023; Ehrlich, 2020; Sims-Williams, 2021).

The archives record the Mysore Palace Library was known as 'Saraswathi Bhandara' earlier to this. Many visitors and Britishers appreciated its collection till mid of eighteenth century. Chikka Devaraja Wadiyar who ruled from 1672 to 1704 had lists and copies made of the inscriptions throughout the country. Unfortunately, the collection of Mysore Palace Library was taken for boiling the gram or Kulti for the horses on the orders of Tipu Sultan (Rice, 1909).

The Long Root – the Tradition Before the System (1799–1868)

After Tipu Sultan fell at Srirangapatna, 12-year-old Mummadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar was installed as the ruler of Mysore in 1799. He was a polyglot scholar, at ease in Sanskrit, Kannada, Tamil, Telugu, English and Urdu (Gopal & Narendra Prasad, 2004). During his long sixty-nine years rule – longer than Queen Victoria, he made an honest attempt to rebuild the collection and housed reach treasure of knowledge and reestablished 'Saraswathi Bhandara' – the Treasury of the Goddess of Learning Saraswathi, the first systematic personal library of the Wadiyars of Mysuru (RBSI, 2013).



H.H. Mummadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar in 1866
Source: Wikipedia, 2026

Two rulers, two libraries, one land. The soil of Mysore was sown with the idea that structured knowledge signifies true learning through reading.

The Landmark of Beginnings (1891–1909)

Maharaja Chamarajendra Wadiyar X, the adopted son of Mummadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, was seventeen years old when he began a remarkable effort to promote democratised knowledge in the Mysore State. He established a library for scholarship itself – the Government Oriental Library (or) Oriental Research Institute (ORI) in the magnificent Victoria Jubilee Hall in Mysore city. This is the beginning of library services to the public by the Government.

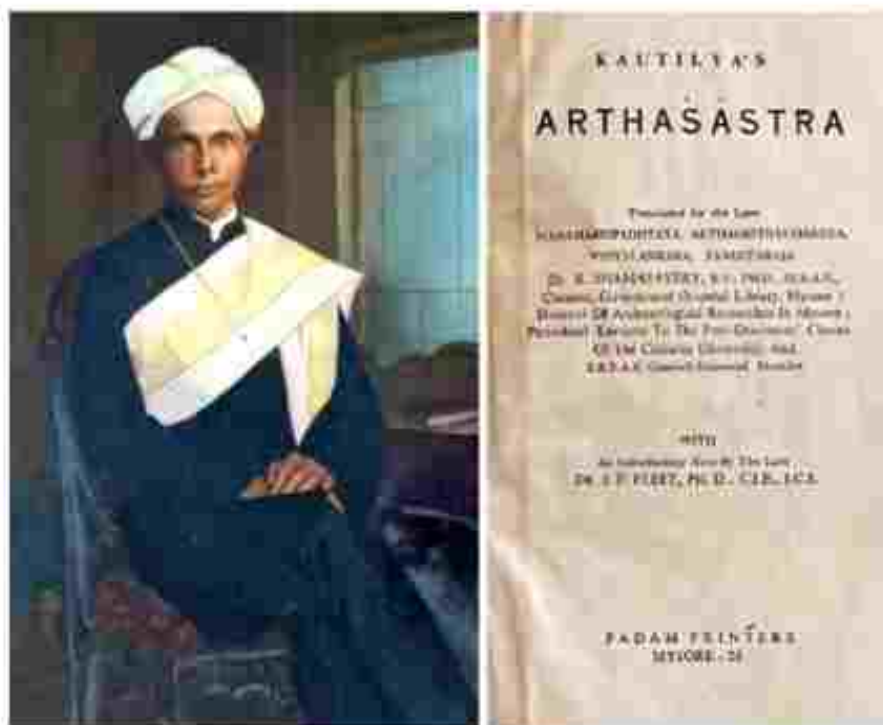


Oriental Research Institute (ORI), Mysore
Source: Oriental Research Institute Mysore, 2026

The library housed rare manuscripts of Kannada, Sanskrit and Pali telling the story of around 2000 years was catalogued and made open for reference which was hitherto unknown to the wider world. The public image was given to libraries with the start of 'Sarvajanika Library' at Belgaum in 1848 by J D Inverarity, in 1854 at Dharwad by L S Nagapurkar, at Hubli in 1865. During 1863-90, many libraries started serving the society with the support of businessmen and social reformers who contributed to the knowledge discovery (Rap, 1929).

The First Library Curator – Rudrapatnam Shamashastry

The effort for systematic organising of the knowledge treasure and the effort to identify the literature for proper cataloguing was attempted by Rudrapatnam Shamashastry. In 1905, he identified a significant text – a treatise on statecraft, economics and military strategy written in ancient Sanskrit attributed to Kautilya, the legendary advisor of Mauryan Emperor Chandragupta. In 1909, Shamashastry published his edition of the Arthashastra to worldwide academic acclaim, making the Library of Mysore State a topic of discussion in the knowledge world.



Source: Anima Anandkumar, 2024

The story of Shamashastry and Arthashastra stand out as evidence of the proposition that the rest of this history demonstrated repeatedly that the trained professional librarians do not merely store the knowledge but create it. The case for library science education had been in practice, even before anyone in Mysore thought of converting it into theory.

The Second Library: Mythic Society – Where Scholarship Found a Home (1910-1924)

The developments in Mysore made a huge impact in Bangalore, the industrial hub of Mysore State. In 1909, 15 Britishers and 2 Indians gathered at F H Richards, the Collector of the Bangalore Cantonment District, who called themselves the 'Mythic Society,' with a purpose to study the history, culture, philosophy and ethnology of South India. The rich donations from Sir Hugh Daly, Maharaja Krishnaraja Wadiyar IV, Oxford University Press, and the collections from the Smithsonian Institute and the Mysore Secretariat were transferred to the society.

The effort to gather the collection for a period of 8 years resulted in a scholarly library at the Daly Memorial Hall, opened for reference on 25 July 1917, by Maharaja Krishnaraja Wadiyar IV.

Mysore State got its Public Libraries (1912 – 1915)

In 1912, Dewan Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya – engineer, economist, visionary, and the man who became the only engineer to receive the Bharat Ratna – convened the Mysore Economic Conference. The conference recommended the establishment of public libraries in the State's two principal cities, Mysore and Bangalore. A sum of Rs 21,000 was sanctioned for the purchase of books. Public subscriptions and the Maharaja's grant were identified for funding the building and furniture.

The activities of the Mystic Society to develop a scholarly library instill the need for a library in the common, which was already experienced and functioning in Baroda with the effort of Maharaja Sayajirao Gaekwad III of Baroda, who pioneered the public library movement in India, starting in 1906. In 1914, Dewan Visvesvaraya was the man behind the construction of the hall between 1908 and 1915 in honour of Sir K Seshadri Iyer, the Dewan of Mysore (1883–1901) known as the 'Maker of Modern Bangalore'. The Seshadri Iyer Memorial Hall in Cubbon Park, for the establishment of the State Public Library in Bangalore. On May 1 1915, Sir Leslie Miller, the Chief Judge of Mysore, inaugurated the State Public Library with 4,750 books and 215 members, operating its services from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM, six days a week.



The State Central Library Collection at Glance



The front view of State Central Library known as the Seshadri Iyer Memorial Hall

Source: Wikipedia, 2026a

Five months later, on October 15 1915, the second Public Library started functioning with the inauguration of the Mysore Public Library by Yuvaraja Kanteerava Narasimharaja Wadiyar, in the premises of the Chamarajendra Technical Institute on Sayajirao Road.



The City Central Library (old building) at Chamarajendra Technical Institute, Mysore

Source: Sunil et al, 2024

The establishment of two libraries, two cities, the same year, the same Maharaja, the same Dewan and the dual inauguration in 1915, propelled the Mysore state library philosophy. It was a policy translated into buildings and books and open doors even during the time of world wars.

Formation of First Library Committee (1915)

This demanded that the professionals manage the libraries and body to monitor the activities – the Library Committee. This brought together – B M Srikantaiah, the great champion of Kannada literature, Roa Bahadur Ranga Iyengar, M Venkatakrishnaiah, Janab M Hamjad Hussain, N S Subbarao, Rev E W Thompson and B G Lakshman Rao – as the Members of the First Library Committee of the princely Mysore Sate in 1915 (Bhagirath, 2014).

Commencement of Library Training Program

Inspired by the Public Library Movement of 1910 in Baroda under Maharaja Sayaji Rao Gaekwad III and following the committee's decision, Dewan Sir M. Visvesvaraya launched a training course for librarians in Bangalore as part of a 'Programme of Library Development'. This initiative involved inviting experts from Baroda's public library to provide training for the State Public Library and the Mysore Public Library in 1917. It is also noteworthy that the first formal librarianship training program in India was established in Baroda in 1911, initiated by W A Borden at the invitation of Maharaja Sayaji Rao (Rao, 1929).

Establishment of Academic and Research Library

The idea of having libraries in educational institutions was conceptualized at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore. The IISc was established with the donation of 371 acres of land and Rs 5 lakhs by Maharani Kempunanjammani Vani Vilasa Sannidhana; to nurture the idea of industrialist Jamsetji Tata. The financial support extended by Tata and the administrative sanction of the British the IISc become operational in 1909. The IISc Library (later known as JRD Tata Library in 1995) was started to support the three departments of the institute. This unique specialized library gave rise to the concept of the Institute Library in particular and special libraries in general (Rao, 1929).

Establishment of the University Library

The University of Mysore officially started on 27 July 1916 – it was the sixth university in India and the first in the southern state provisions with a combined effort of Maharaja Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar IV, Dewan Sir M Visvesvaraya and Sirdar M. Kantharaje Urs who succeeded Sir MV as Dewan of Mysore. In 1918, the university library began its service to the academic and research world with a modest collection of 2,311 books gifted, and was housed in the Jubilee Building, which was later named as Oriental Research Library and began functioning. And it was only in 1932 the library moved to a well-structured with a wood furnished Maharaja College Library (now, the Maharaja Undergraduate Library) on the college campus (Krishnamurti, 1941).

The other noteworthy personal library, with the most updated editions during 1920-1930 was maintained by Dewan Kantharaje Urs. As a passionate reader, educationist and able administrator who proposed the 'Mobile Library' during 1922 Mysore Economic Conference to reach the rural India. During his tenure as Dewan, he incentivised the authors for their contributions and to support them for the research activities. Another important development was the involvement of women's only library committee and constituting to recommend books for its collection.

The first Library Association of the State

These developments influenced and attracted many intellectuals to the library culture in the princely state. What is remarkable about these developments is the connection it established with S R Ranganathan and brought into the Mysore intellectual sphere. Before becoming a librarian, he was teaching mathematics at the Government College in Mangalore earlier under Madras Presidency. He founded the Mysore Library Association (MLA), the first professional body for people working in libraries in the state. Later in 1923, he was appointed as Librarian at University of Madras and moved to University College London, in the library school run by W C Berwick Sayers for formal library education.

The year 1931 is a remarkable achievement for libraries with the introduction of library philosophy – the five laws – for library management and services by Ranganathan. The education and training were also formalised by the establishment of the Department of Library Science at the University of Madras. A new professional course was created. These developments made a great impact on Mysore State as it was administered under the Madras Proficiency of the British. Secondly, these establishments were started by Ranganathan, the man with the deep roots in the soil of Mysore State.

The celebration of 25 years and institutionalizing the library service

On 5 November 1940, the Mysore Public Library celebrated its Silver Jubilee – the 25 Years of its knowledge service. Here it is worth remembering that when the whole world was impacted with the war, the knowledge service to mankind continued without any disturbance. Dewan Sir Mirza Ismail presided over the celebration. This celebration made library as an essential civil amenity and an institution of the state. This was clear with the establishment of several academic and research libraries in the Mysore State Province.

The shift in administration, thoughts and priorities

The Indian freedom struggle intensified from 1940 onwards followed by the emergence of Independent India, in 1947 and later the division followed by the merging of the different state provisions as the independent state of the independent India, in 1952, it didn't give much room for a milestone development in this segment. Further, the administrative shift from the princely state by Maharaja's shifted towards democratic state, which demanded time for process establishment. There was also a shift in the priorities to the public services.

The Law guaranteed the Right to Read

At the Karnataka Library Conference held in Belgaum in 1958, a resolution was moved calling for library legislation. A drafting committee headed by Dr S R Ranganathan was formed. The committee worked for five years and presented its recommendations which later came to be known as the Mysore Public Libraries Act – making the Karnataka the third state in India to legislate for the public libraries.

The gap addressed by formalising

The Mysore State had built magnificent libraries for over a century and a half; but a library without trained librarians is an achievement. For this the state depended on short-term training programs, qualified professionals from other states and people from the state started moving towards Madras for formal library science education. The interest and the initiatives by Dr. Radhakrishnan and the intellectuals at University of Mysore initiated the activities to establish a formal Library Science education in the state.

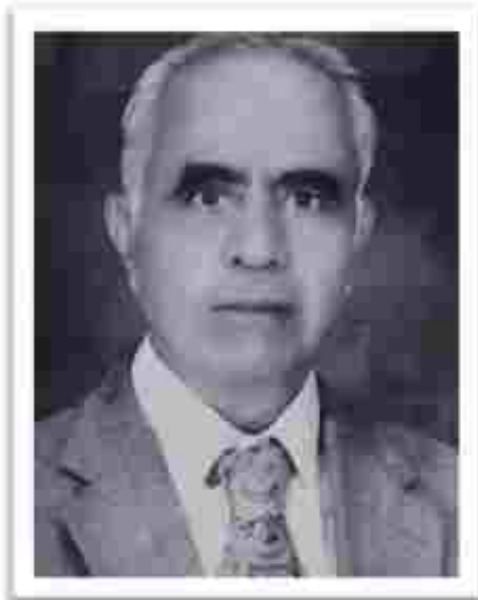
Setting the Benchmark – DRTC, ISI, Bengaluru

Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis (1893–1972) pioneering Indian scientist and statistician known as the 'father of statistics in India' and founder of the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) in 1931 in Bangalore; heard the requirements specified by the higher academic bodies of University of Mysore and invited Dr S R Ranganathan who was known as 'father of library science in India' in 1957 to frame a formal education and training courses in documentation and library science. On 1 January 1962, the Documentation Research and Training Center (DRTC) was established in a rented building near Ranganathan's Bangalore residence, as a unit of the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI).

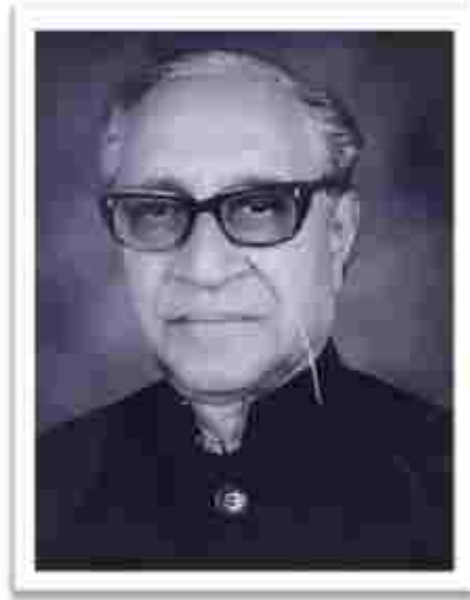
In 1962, DRTC introduced a two-year postgraduate programme in library science with a small class size and project-based learning curriculum.

Library Science Course at University of Mysore

The library science education in Bangalore propelled the activities in this direction in Mysore. On 24 June 1965, Prof P K Patil and Prof K S Deshpande laid the foundation and lead the establishment of Department of Library Science (DLS) in Manasagangotri.



Prof P K Patil

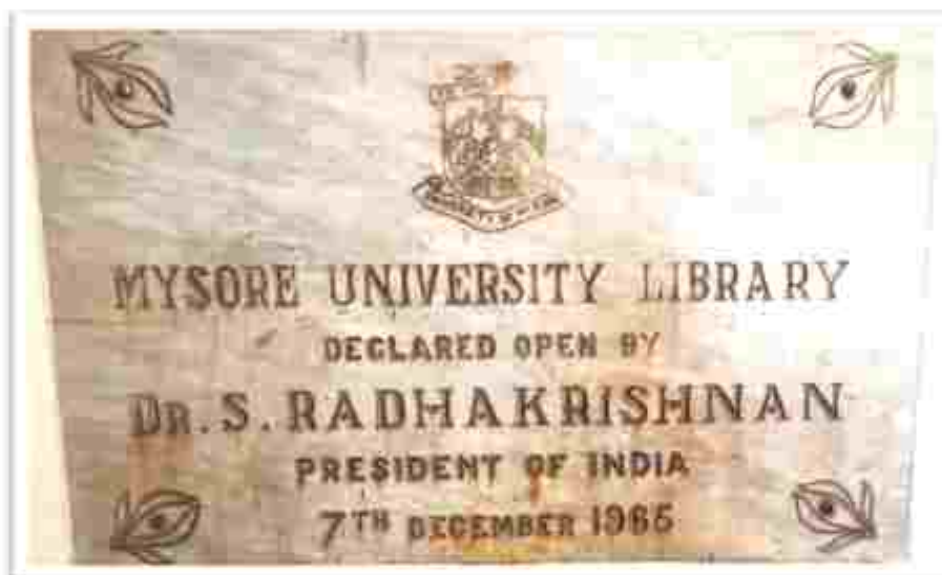


Prof K S Deshpande

The department introduced the one-year bachelor's degree in library science (BLISc) course with 20 graduate students in the first batch. This was the formal university degree awarded to library science program introduced in Mysore State.

Independent University Library in Independent India

Prof. P. K. Patil and Prof. K. S. Deshpande took on the responsibility for structuring and process implementation of the functioning of Mysore University Library (MUL) along with the DLS. It took six months of effort to move the books from Maharaja Undergraduate Library and the books housed in warden room of the Maharaja College Hostel. The library also attracted gifts from many scholars, authors, poets and industry people. The foundation stone was laid by Prof. C. D. Deshmukh who was the UGC Chairman on 11 July 1960 and Prof. N. A. Nikam was the vice chancellor. The library was formally inaugurated to start the services in the building measuring 1,15,000 sq. by Dr. S. Radhakrishnan inaugurated on 7 December 1965.



Inauguration plaque of Mysore University Library

Moving ahead with Master's and Doctoral Programme

Later in 1971, DLS introduced one-year master's degree in library science and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) programme in 1976 – again both the programmes were the first in Karnataka. In the same year the DLS was renamed as the 'Department of Library and Information Science' reflecting the profession's broadening scope. In 1992, the BLISc and MLISc amalgamated together to offer integrated two-year master's degree in library and information science (MLISc), deepening the quality of professional formation.

MyDLIS 60 Years

During the 40th year celebration of the Department of Library and Information Science and the Mysore University Library, held in 2005, Dr Shalini R. Urs, the professor of the department, coined the acronym to the department name as – MyDLIS to bring a sense of belongingness to the Mysore University Department of Library and Information Science (MyDLIS).

When MyDLIS is celebrating its 60 years on 27 and 28 May, 2026, the alumni community is proud as MyDLIS stands as an instrumental in framing, curriculum development and delivering the Certificate Programmes in Library Science offered by Undergraduate Colleges and Public Libraries. Over the 60 years, MyDLIS has trained hundreds of library professionals and semiprofessionals who have staffed public libraries, university libraries, special libraries and government information centers across Karnataka and beyond.

When every book is correctly catalogued, every reader correctly guided, every archive correctly organised in libraries of this state bears, in some sense, the invisible fingerprint of the MyDLIS and the tradition it embodies.

Both Documentation Research and Training Centre (DRTC) and MyDLIS, played a significant role in establishing special research libraries of NAL and ISRO. The public sector undertakings such as Hindustan Machine Tools (HMT), Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) others in the city of Bangalore. The special libraries and the educational institutions created demand; the university had created the supply. Education and services were together like gears in a mechanism, which drove the whole system forward.

One river, many tributaries:

The tracing of the library tradition of the Mysore State across a century and a half, across two capitals – Mysore and Bangalore, and six distinct types of institutions – Saraswathi Bhandara, the personal royal library; the Oriental Research Institute of manuscripts; the Public Libraries of Mysore and Bangalore; the scholarly society library of the Mythic Society; the academic libraries of Mysore and Bangalore; and the special libraries of Indian Institute of Science (IISc), National Aeronautics Laboratory (NAL), Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), and the public sector undertakings.

Running parallel to this library ecosystem was the development of library science education – off course, sometimes ahead of it, sometime behind, always in intimate relationships. The court pandits of the Saraswathi Bhandara; the scholarly archivist of Shamashastry at the Oriental library, the Mysore Library Association founded by Ranganathan, the Documentation Research and Training Centre (DRTC) established in Bangalore, the University of Mysore MyDLIS, the Karnatak University DLIS, the Bangalore University DLIS, and several industrial libraries, these are not parallel lines running in isolation, they are as Ranganathan said a 'Single growing organism'.

Every library and information professional, historian, researcher much eventually ponder around the basic question – why here? Why did the princely state of Mysore build something the other Indian states, richer or more powerful, did not? Why did they focus on preserving the intellectual output? Why did library after library, school after school, law after law, and association after association emerge from this particular territory?

The answer this history suggests, is that there was no single reason. There was a philosopher-king and there was an engineer-dewan, who believed that public access to knowledge was as important as public access to water. There was a mathematician from Tamil Nadu, who had taught in Mangalore and never forgot what the learning from this soil, there was a dewan who understood that

what a king's generosity had created, there was effort to bring a republic's law to protect all these efforts. And there was, beneath all of these, a culture of civilization – that had written its own motto on its university's emblem: 'ನಹಿ ಜ್ಞಾನೇನ ಸದೃಶಂ', 'Nothing is equal to the Knowledge'.

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Character.AI: A New Tool for Interactive Library Services

Character.AI has introduced an innovative "Books" feature that is transforming the traditional reading experience into an interactive and engaging activity. Developed by former Google LaMDA researchers, the platform allows users to not only read but also interact with literary characters and participate in the storyline.

The feature includes classic public-domain texts such as *Pride and Prejudice*, *Dracula*, and *Frankenstein*, enabling readers to explore literature through conversation, role-play, and AI-driven storytelling. Users can follow the original narrative or modify it through different interaction modes.

For libraries, this development opens new possibilities in enhancing user engagement. It can support interactive learning, allowing students to better understand literary concepts by "talking" to characters. It also offers opportunities for digital reading clubs, AI literacy training, and inclusive services for diverse user groups.

Additionally, the tool can be integrated into academic settings to support curriculum-based learning and promote the use of public-domain collections. Libraries may also utilize such platforms to study user behavior and improve service delivery.

However, libraries must address challenges such as copyright limitations, data privacy, and accuracy of AI-generated content before implementation.

Overall, Character.AI represents a step toward Library 3.0, where reading becomes interactive, participatory, and technology-driven, aligning with the future of smart library services.

Explore more: [The Open Day 2026 at the INFLIBNET Centre commenced with an inaugural session graced by Prof. V. S. Chauhan, Arturo Falaschi Emeritus Scientist, International Centre for Genetic Engineering & Biotechnology, as the Chief Guest.](#)

[In his address, Prof. Chauhan appreciated the impactful initiatives of INFLIBNET and strongly advocated elevating the Centre to the status of a "National Institute," recognising its significant contribution to academic and research ecosystems.](#)

World Book and Copyright Day 2026: Celebrating the Legacy of Books and Reading

-By R. S. Venkata Raj

23 April holds a special place in world literature, being associated with the birth and death of several literary legends such as William Shakespeare, Miguel de Cervantes, and others who have shaped global literary heritage. Recognising this significance, UNESCO declared 23 April as World Book and Copyright Day in 1995 to promote reading, publishing, and copyright awareness worldwide.

The day highlights the enduring value of books as instruments of knowledge, imagination, and intellectual growth. Reading is not merely an activity but a dialogue between the reader and the writer, fostering critical thinking and cultural understanding. Nations that have embraced reading as a social movement have achieved remarkable progress in education and development.

Since 2000, UNESCO has also designated a World Book Capital City each year to promote literary culture. For 2026, Rabat (Morocco) has been selected, followed by Medellin (Colombia) for 2027, continuing a global tradition of celebrating books and knowledge.

The day also commemorates the legacy of William Shakespeare (1564–1616), whose works continue to influence literature across languages and cultures. His plays have been widely translated into Indian languages, including Kannada, reflecting his universal appeal. Shakespeare's unique ability to blend poetry and drama has made his works timeless, engaging readers and audiences across generations.

World Book and Copyright Day serves as a reminder of the importance of libraries, authors, publishers, and readers in sustaining knowledge societies. It encourages individuals to cultivate reading habits and reinforces the role of libraries as centers of learning, creativity, and cultural preservation.

Events Organised

Online Session on Ethical Use of Information Organised at Alliance University



The Library Department of BML Munjal University successfully organised an online workshop on "AI for Academic Libraries" on 27 March 2026.

The workshop featured expert sessions by Prof. Gang Shao (Purdue University, USA) and Dr. Nabi Hasan (IIT Delhi) as keynote speakers, along with Prof. Manoj Kumar Verma (Mizoram University) as the resource person.

The sessions focused on emerging applications of Artificial Intelligence in academic libraries, including AI-enabled research support, reference services, and the responsible use of AI in library environments. The session featured eminent speakers including Dr. Padmavati Manchikanti, Professor at the Rajiv Gandhi School of Intellectual Property Law, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur; Ms. Anumita Verma, Advocate at the Supreme Court of India and Delhi High Court and former Examiner of Trademarks and Geographical Indications (GoI); and Dr. Dhanu Pattanashetti, Senior IEEE Client Services and University Partnership Program Manager, IEEE, Bengaluru. The session was moderated by Dr. Sayantani Datta, Assistant Professor, Alliance School of Law.

World Book and Copyright Day Celebrated at Dr. C. V. Raman University



Dr. C. V. Raman University celebrated World Book and Copyright Day on 23 April 2026 at the Jagannath Prasad Chaubey Central Library with a series of meaningful activities to promote reading culture and intellectual growth.

A book exhibition was organised showcasing literature on eminent personalities, religious texts, and academic resources. Students and faculty actively participated and explored the diverse collection, encouraging regular reading habits.

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The programme was presided over by Prof. Pradeep Kumar Ghosh, Vice-Chancellor, who emphasised the importance of reading in personal and intellectual development. He urged students to move beyond distractions of digital media and cultivate consistent reading habits. Dr. Arvind Kumar Tiwari, Registrar, highlighted the role of books in knowledge transmission and mentioned the university's Pustak Yatra initiative promoting reading across schools.

The event began with a welcome address by Dr. Sangeeta Singh, University Librarian, who underscored the role of libraries in lifelong learning. The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, and staff, reinforcing the enduring value of books and reading in academic life.

Workshop on Library Automation and EasyLib Cloud Held at JBREC Hyderabad

A one-day workshop on "New Trends in Library Automation and EasyLib 6.4a Cloud Version" was organised at Joginpally B R Engineering College (JBREC), Hyderabad, on 2 April 2026, in association with EasyLib Software Pvt. Ltd.

The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. N. Seetharamaiah, Principal, who emphasised the importance of adopting modern technologies in library systems. Dr. TVS Arun Murthy, Vice Principal, was also present.

The technical sessions were conducted by Dr. Vasudev Deshpande, Go-founder of EasyLib Software Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru, who provided insights into cloud-based library automation and the implementation of EasyLib 6.4a.

Organised by Mr. P. Sudhakar, Librarian, the workshop offered practical exposure to modern library practices. The programme concluded successfully with active participation and positive feedback from attendees.

World Book Day Celebrated at KLE Society's P. C. Jabin Science College, Hubballi



KLE Society's P. C. Jabin Science College, Vidyanagar, Hubballi, through its Department of Library in association with the Readers and Relators Book Club, organised Storytelling and Bookmark Making Competitions on 22 April 2026 to celebrate World Book Day.

The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Sandhya R. Kulkarni, Principal. Smt. Medha Deshpande, Incharge of the Book Club, welcomed the gathering, while Smt. Vijayalaxmi Shivanigi briefed the participants on the significance of World Book Day.

Students actively participated in the competitions, and the event witnessed enthusiastic involvement from faculty members and students, making it a grand success.

Awareness Programme on “Sanatana Vidya-Vrkṣa” Organised at Pondicherry University



The Ananda Rangapillai Library at Pondicherry University organised a special awareness programme on “Sanatana Vidya-Vrkṣa: Roots of 64 Ancient Arts & Sciences (चतुःषष्टिः-कलाः)” on 24 March 2026. The Ananda Rangapillai Library at Pondicherry University organised a special awareness programme on “Sanatana Vidya-Vrkṣa: Roots of 64 Ancient Arts & Sciences (चतुःषष्टिः-कलाः)” on 24 March 2026. The event aimed to highlight India’s rich intellectual heritage and create awareness

about the traditional knowledge systems encompassing the sixty-four ancient arts and sciences. Participants gained insights into the relevance of these classical disciplines in contemporary academic and cultural contexts

National Seminar on OER and AI Concludes at Government Degree College, Godavarikhani



A Two-Day National Seminar on “Open Educational Resources (OER): Transforming Research and Academics in the AI Era (OER-TRAAI 2026)” was organised by the Department of Library and Information Science, Government Degree College Godavarikhani on 23–24 March 2026, with support from PM-USHA (RUSA) and the Government of Telangana.

The seminar brought together academicians, researchers, librarians, and students to discuss the role of OER and AI in education and research. Prof. Jai Kishan Ojha presided over the inaugural session, while Prof. S. Sudarshan Rao delivered the keynote address. Around 45 research papers were presented across disciplines.

Invited talks by Dr. T. S. Praveen Kumar and Dr. Radhika Rani highlighted academic writing and AI applications in research. In the valedictory session, Dr. Radhika Rani attended as Chief Guest. Dr. P. Shankaraiah presented the seminar report.

MJPRU Central Library Organises User Awareness Programme on World Book and Copyright Day



The Central Library of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Rohilkhand University (MJPRU) organised a User Awareness Programme on World Book and Copyright Day.

The programme aimed to sensitize students, research scholars, and faculty about the importance of reading, digital resources, and copyright awareness. Guided by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. K. P. Singh, the event began with the lighting of the lamp.

Dr. Mahesh Singh, Librarian, highlighted the role of books in knowledge and personality development. Dr. Subhash Chandra discussed e-resources and digital library services, while Dr. Vineeta Jain explained copyright rules, citation practices, and the need to avoid plagiarism.

A book exhibition was also organised, showcasing key academic resources. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks, encouraging participants to promote reading and respect intellectual property.

Sensitisation Workshop on Library Automation Held at TIET, Patiala



A one-day sensitisation workshop on "Library Automation with Koha Integrated Library Management Software and RFID" was organised by the Nava Nalanda Central Library, Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology, in collaboration with the Department of Library and Information Science, Punjabi University on 21 March 2026.

Dr. Navkiran Kaur, Associate Professor and Head, DLIS, Punjabi University, highlighted the importance of automation and emerging technologies in improving library services.

Dr. Bajjinder Kaur introduced the basics of Koha and RFID, while Dr. Shri Ram, Librarian, conducted technical sessions with live demonstrations and hands-on training.

Participants also visited the Nava Nalanda Library, gaining practical exposure to advanced library systems. The workshop aimed at enhancing ICT skills among LIS professionals and concluded successfully with positive feedback.

U.P. Library Association Building & Public Library Inaugurated in Lucknow



The Uttar Pradesh Library Association (U.P.L.A.), Lucknow Building and Public Library was inaugurated at Mirzapur, Jankipuram Extension, Lucknow, on the auspicious occasion of Akshaya Tithi. The inauguration was carried out by Shri Pawan Singh Chauhan, MLC, and Shri Yogesh Shukla, MLA (Bakshi Ka Talab).

Welcoming the gathering, General Secretary Shri Vinod Kumar Mishra highlighted the Association's journey and initiatives since its establishment in 1956. The newly inaugurated library features a rich collection of books covering literature, science, history,

competitive examinations, and children's literature, along with a dedicated Children's Reading Corner. Plans for digital cataloguing and e-book services were also announced.

The event witnessed the presence of prominent personalities including Prof. M.P. Singh (President) and Prof. U.C. Sharma (Former President), along with over 150 library professionals from across the state. A book exhibition featuring publishers like Britannica Education, Taxmann, and Rapid Book Service was also organized.

Dr. Manish Kumar Bajpai, Vice President of the Association, conducted the programme and delivered the vote of thanks. The Association further announced the commencement of free "Weekly Book Discussions" from next month, aiming to promote reading culture and community engagement.

Wikipedia Bans AI-Generated Articles to Protect Content Integrity



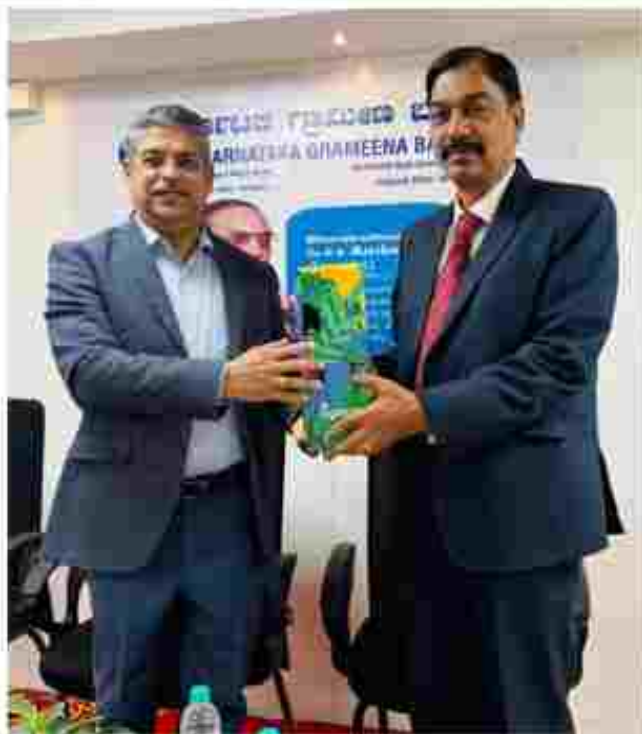
A one-day workshop on "Open Courses Beyond the Classroom" was successfully organised at Shri Sangameshwar Arts and Commerce College, Chadchan, Vijayapura District as an IQAC initiative.

The programme aimed to create awareness among students about the importance of learning beyond traditional classroom settings through open and flexible educational platforms. The session began with a welcome address by Mahantesh Biradar, Organizing Secretary, who highlighted the objectives of the workshop.

The keynote session was delivered by Dr. Manjula, Assistant Professor and Senior Librarian, BLDE (DU), Vijayapura, who emphasized the significance of open learning platforms such as MOOCs, online certification courses, and skill-based programmes. She encouraged students to adopt self-paced learning and effectively utilise digital resources.

The workshop served as a valuable platform to promote continuous learning and digital education among students.

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's 135th Birth Anniversary Celebrated at Karnataka Grameena Bank



The 135th birth anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar was celebrated on 14 April 2026 at the Regional Office of Karnataka Grameena Bank, South End Circle, Bangalore.

Prof. M. Krishnamurthy, Head of DRTC at Indian Statistical Institute, delivered the chief guest address. He highlighted Dr. Ambedkar's contributions to the Indian Constitution and economic thought, including his work "The Problem of the Rupee", which influenced monetary policy and the establishment of the Reserve Bank of India.

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The function was presided over by Shri Srikant M. Bhandiwad, Chairman, who spoke about the bank's role in rural development and acknowledged Dr. Ambedkar as a visionary economist and social reformer. Mr. Hariprasad, Regional Manager, welcomed the gathering and introduced the theme of the event.

The programme witnessed participation from nearly 100 staff members from across Karnataka and emphasized inclusive growth, social justice, and economic empowerment inspired by Dr. Ambedkar's vision.

mLAC Students Lead Cycling Initiative to Promote Library Awareness



Students of Maharani Lakshmi Ammanni College (mLAC), Bengaluru undertook a unique initiative to promote library awareness through a cycling drive on 12 April 2026.

As part of extension activities, Moksha U and Spoorthi Reddy, students of the B.Sc. (BCZMB) programme, actively participated in the event in collaboration with community groups such as Spectrum Physio and Wheels Sports. The initiative aimed to advocate for the establishment of a public library space in Cubbon Park, highlighting the need for accessible reading environments in urban areas.

The cycling campaign attracted attention across the city, encouraging public dialogue on the importance of libraries in community development. Alongside this outreach, the students also contributed academically by assisting in the cataloguing process at the college library.

R.G. Kedia College Celebrates World Book Day with Academic Gathering



R.G. Kedia College of Commerce celebrated World Book Day through a special programme organised by the Department of Library and IQAC Cell in the college library.

The event brought together faculty members and students to highlight the importance of reading culture in higher education. Prof. Dr. Vandana Samba, Director, addressed the gathering and emphasized the role of books in developing critical thinking and lifelong learning. Dr. Ramsha Khaliq, IQAC Coordinator, encouraged students to cultivate regular reading habits beyond the curriculum.

The programme was graced by Dr. A. Rupaveni (MBA Principal), Syeda Basser Unnisa Begum (MCA Principal), and Dr. Adil (Law College Principal), along with faculty from various departments. The Library Department, with the support of H. Ramakanth (MBA Librarian) and S. Vikitha (MCA Librarian), ensured the successful conduct of the event.

World Book and Copyright Day Celebrated at HITAM Library



On 23 April 2026, the HITAM Library celebrated World Book and Copyright Day with an engaging programme highlighting the importance of reading and libraries in academic life.

Dr. Umamaheshwar Singh, Assistant Dean – IQAC, delivered an insightful address, emphasizing the role of books in personal and intellectual development and encouraging the cultivation of a strong reading culture.

The event witnessed active participation from Dr. E. Ramesh, P. Narayana Rao (Librarians), and students, making it a meaningful celebration. The programme reinforced the institution's commitment to promoting reading habits and strengthening the library as a hub of knowledge and learning.

ILA Organises National Webinar on Preprints and Research Visibility



Indian Library Association
National Webinar
on
"Preprints: Their Role in Early Research Visibility"

Speaker of the Webinar
Dr. Bebi
Librarian
Ramanujan College,
University of Delhi

Monday 27 April 2026 | Time 02:30PM onwards

The Indian Library Association organised a National Webinar on "Preprints: Their Role in Early Research Visibility" on 27 April 2026 at 02:30 PM onwards.

The webinar featured Dr. Bebi, Librarian, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi, as the speaker. She elaborated on the significance of preprints in the modern research ecosystem, emphasizing their role in early dissemination of research findings, enhancing visibility, and promoting open science practices.

The session also highlighted how preprint repositories support faster scholarly communication, enable timely feedback from the academic community, and contribute to increased citation impact. Participants gained insights into best practices for using preprint platforms and their implications for researchers and libraries.

The programme was conducted under the leadership of Dr. Pardeep Rai (President, ILA), Dr. Dharam Kumar (General Secretary, ILA), Dr. Vineeta Jain (Chairperson of the Webinar) and Prof. Shivashankar Prasad (Convenor of the Webinar).

The webinar witnessed enthusiastic participation from librarians, faculty members, and research scholars across the country, making it an informative and engaging session.

Faculty Development Programme on Research Enhancement Held at Alliance University



The Central Library of Alliance University, in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and the Center for Research (CFR), organised a Faculty Development Programme on "Enhancing Research Output and Impact with Clarivate Solutions" on 11 April 2026.

The programme focused on improving research productivity, visibility, and impact through the effective use of Clarivate tools and services. Faculty members and researchers participated actively, gaining insights into research analytics, citation impact, and scholarly communication strategies.

The initiative reflects the university's commitment to strengthening research capabilities and supporting academic excellence through library-led training programmes.

Alliance University Honours Best Women Library Users on International Women's Day

On the occasion of International Women's Day 2026, Alliance University organised a special programme titled "Honoring the Best Library Women User" on 14 March 2026.

The event aimed to recognize and appreciate women users who actively engage with library resources for academic and research excellence. The programme began with an introduction highlighting the



importance of women's empowerment and the role of libraries in supporting knowledge and growth.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to selected users, including Ms. Sowmya S (BALLB, 2023 Batch, Alliance School of Law), Ms. Arpita Sinha (B.Tech, Alliance School of Advanced Computing), and Dr. T. Jayashree (Associate Professor, Alliance School of Law). The initiative encouraged effective utilization of library services and promoted a culture of reading and research. The event concluded on a positive note, reinforcing inclusivity, academic excellence, and lifelong learning within the university community.

Awards

Ms. Mamta Honoured for Research Paper Presentation

शोध पत्र प्रस्तुत करने पर शिक्षिका ममता सम्मानित

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भारतीय ज्ञान परंपरा की समृद्ध विरासत पर प्रकाश डालते हुए ऋषियोग सिद्धांत अक्षरों की 'पुस्तकालय खरोहर' का विशेष उल्लेख किया। उन्होंने बताया कि इन आश्रमों में संरक्षित प्राचीन ग्रंथ और पांडुलिपियां भारतीय संस्कृति और ज्ञान की अमूल्य निधि हैं, जिनका संरक्षण और संवर्धन अत्यंत आवश्यक है। उन्होंने वक्तव्य में 'भगवद्गीता अंभियान' का भी उल्लेख कर परंपरा संरक्षण और सांस्कृतिक खरोहर को बचाव गहरे सकार को रेखांकित किया।

Ms. Mamta, a teacher and research scholar, was honoured for presenting a research paper at a national/international seminar held at Aligarh Muslim University. Her paper focused on the Indian Knowledge System, highlighting the rich heritage of ancient texts and manuscripts preserved in traditional institutions. She emphasised the importance of preserving and promoting India's cultural and intellectual heritage.

Her research work received appreciation, and she was awarded First Prize for her outstanding presentation. The recognition reflects her significant contribution to promoting knowledge traditions and academic research.

Dr. Pritam B. Gedam Honoured with State-Level De-Addiction Service Award

Dr. Pritam Bhimrao Gedam, a noted author, social worker, and academician from Nagpur, has been honoured with the "Rashtrapita Mahatma Gandhi Rajyastariya Vyasnamukti Seva Puraskar" by the Government of Maharashtra. The award was conferred by the Department of Social Justice and Special Assistance in recognition of his significant contribution to de-addiction awareness and social service.

The award ceremony was held at the Yashwantrao Chavan Centre, Mumbai, in the presence of distinguished dignitaries including the Chief Minister and other senior officials. Dr. Gedam received a memento, certificate, cheque, and traditional shawl for his contributions.



Dr. Gedam is known for his extensive work in social awareness and holds a record for publishing a large number of bilingual articles on social issues. Currently serving as Library Department Head at Raisonl Group of Institutions, Nagpur, he has been actively involved in various social initiatives and has received several national and international recognitions.

Ms. Shazad Afia Conferred Lifetime Achievement Award at ICAL 2026



Ms. Shazad Afia, Retired Librarian of SECAB A.R.S. Inamdar College, Vijayapura, Karnataka, has been honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the International Conference of Asian Library (ICAL 2026).

The conference was organized by the Indian Institute of Management Kashipur in collaboration with the Asian Library Association, and was held from 16–18 April 2026.

The award recognizes her long-standing contribution and dedicated service to the field of Library and Information Science. Her achievement has been widely appreciated by the academic and library community.

Ms. Shivaganga Awarded PhD in Library and Information Science



Ms. Shivaganga has been awarded the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Library and Information Science from Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women University.

She conducted her research under the guidance of Prof. P. G. Tadasad, Senior Professor, DLISc and Librarian. Her doctoral thesis titled "Assessment of Library Anxiety among Different Categories of Users: A Comparative Analysis of Selected Universities in Karnataka State" explores various dimensions of library anxiety and its impact on user behaviour.

The study provides valuable insights into factors affecting library usage and suggests practical measures to enhance user experience, accessibility, and effective utilization of library resources and services.

The full thesis is available on Shodhganga:

<https://shodhganga.inflibnet.ac.in/handle/10603/705574>

Shantamma H Awarded Ph.D. in Library and Information Science



Shantamma H has been awarded the Ph.D. degree in Library and Information Science from Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women University.

Her doctoral research titled "Information Gathering Habits and Use Patterns among Faculty Members and Students in Selected Degree Colleges of Haveri District: A Study" was carried out under the guidance of Prof. A. Gavisiddappa, Professor in the Department of Library and Information Science.

The study examines information-seeking behaviour and usage patterns among faculty and students, offering valuable insights for improving library services and user engagement in academic institutions.

Dr. Raghavendracharya Awarded Ph.D. in Library and Information Science



Dr. Raghavendracharya, Assistant Librarian at N.V. Degree College, Kalaburagi, Karnataka, has been awarded the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Library and Information Science from Career Point University.

According to the certificate, the degree was conferred on 10 December 2024. His research titled "Use of E-Resources in Para-Medical Colleges in Gulbarga" focuses on the utilization of digital resources in paramedical education and contributes significantly to the LIS field.

Dr. Raghavendracharya's achievement has been widely appreciated, and it marks an important milestone in his academic and professional career.

Parameshappa Kenchakaller Awarded Ph.D. in Library and Information Science



Parameshappa Kenchakaller, Guest Assistant Librarian at Karnatak University, has been awarded the Ph.D. degree in Library and Information Science from Kuvempu University.

His research titled "Scientometric Analysis of Literature on Black Holes" was conducted under the guidance of Dr. B. S. Biradar, Professor (Retd.), Department of Library and Information Science, Kuvempu University, and Vice Chancellor of Bidar University.

The study contributes to the field of scientometrics by analysing research trends and scholarly output in the domain of black hole studies, marking a significant academic achievement in LIS research.

Devendrappa T. M. Awarded Ph.D. in Library and Information Science



Devendrappa T. M. has been awarded the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Library and Information Science from Kuvempu University.

His research titled "Web Indexing of Literary Works of Jnanpith Awardees of Karnataka" was carried out under the guidance of Dr. B. S. Biradar, Vice Chancellor, Bidar University.

Currently serving as Assistant Librarian (Senior Grade) at Indian Maritime University, Navi Mumbai, he has contributed to advancing research in digital indexing and literary information access.

This achievement marks a significant milestone in his academic and professional career in the field of Library and Information Science.

Seven PhDs Awarded Under Prof. Margam Madhusudhan at University of Delhi

Seven scholars have been awarded Ph.D. degrees in Library and Information Science under the supervision of Prof. Margam Madhusudhan, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Delhi, during the year 2025.

The awarded scholars and their research topics are as follows:

- Ms. Neha Suyal – Content Evaluation of Library Websites of Medical Institutions of India
- Mr. Umesh Kumar – Research Visibility of Medical Professionals Working in AIIMS, New Delhi
- Mr. Shahil Soni – Application of Social Media in Marketing and Promotion of Library Resources and Services
- Ms. Parbati Pandey – ICT Skills and Competencies of LIS Professionals in Select Universities of Nepal
- Mr. Kripa Nand Jha – Design and Development of Online Model Thesaurus of Maithili Language
- Mr. Brijpal Singh – Mobile-Based Applications for Enhancement of Library Services in IITs
- Mr. Hari Prakash – Research Visibility of Science Faculty Members at the University of Delhi

These research contributions reflect diverse and contemporary areas in Library and Information Science, including digital libraries, research visibility, ICT competencies, language resources, and technology-enabled services.

This achievement highlights the continued academic excellence and research contribution of the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Delhi.

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Key Library Milestones and Personalities Associated with May

May holds special significance in the history of Library and Information Science in India, marking important legislative, institutional, and intellectual developments.

One of the earliest milestones dates back to May 1808, when the Bombay Government enacted the Delivery and Registration of Publications Act, laying the foundation for systematic documentation and early public library development in India.

A major advancement came with the enactment of the Delivery of Books and Newspapers (Public Libraries) Act, 1954 in May 1954, which made it mandatory for publishers to deposit copies of their publications in designated national libraries, thereby strengthening the country's archival and bibliographic system.

Further strengthening the public library movement, the Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF) was established in May 1972 as a nodal agency to support and develop public libraries across India.

In recent history, the National Mission on Libraries (NML) was launched on 4 May 2012 by the Government of India to modernize libraries, promote networking, and improve access to knowledge resources nationwide.

May is also notable for the birth anniversaries of key figures in Indian librarianship, including T. S. Avinashilingam (5 May), a pioneer of the library movement in Tamil Nadu, and B. S. Kesavan (10 May), regarded as the father of the Indian National Bibliography.

These milestones collectively reflect the evolution of library legislation, institutional development, and professional leadership in India.

Library Welfare Association Delegation Meets ILA President

भारतीय पुस्तकालय संघ के अध्यक्ष से मिला लाइब्रेरियन वेलफेयर एसोसिएशन का प्रतिनिधिमंडल

पटना। ऑल बिहार ट्रेड लाइब्रेरियन वेलफेयर एसोसिएशन के न सदस्यीय प्रतिनिधिमंडल ने भारतीय पुस्तकालय संघ के अध्यक्ष प्रदीप राय एवं डा.ओ.एन. चौबे से ल्ली के संघ के कार्यालय में अष्टाचार मुलाकात की। इस क्रम में बिहार के हाई स्कूलों में लंबित लाइब्रेरियन बहाली प्रक्रिया का पात्रता परीक्षा अभिलंब शुरू करने को लेकर पत्र सौंपा। भारतीय पुस्तकालय संघ के अध्यक्ष ने बिहार के मुख्यमंत्री के



नाम से पत्र लिखा। जिसके माध्यम से उन्होंने बिहार सरकार से मांग किया कि लाखों अभ्यर्थियों के भविष्य की चिंता करते हुए अभिलंब बिहार में लाइब्रेरियन पात्रता परीक्षा कराया जाए। प्रतिनिधिमंडल में एसोसिएशन के प्रदेश अध्यक्ष विकास चन्द्र सिंह, खुदा बख्श ओरिएंटल पब्लिक लाइब्रेरी के लाइब्रेरियन अफरोज अहमद एवं जिला अध्यक्ष डा. जयेश कुमार शामिल थे।

A delegation of the All Bihar Trained Librarians Welfare Association met the President of the Indian Library Association, Dr. Pradeep Rai, and senior office bearers in New Delhi.

During the meeting, the delegation submitted a memorandum regarding the pending librarian recruitment process in Bihar, urging the authorities to conduct the librarian eligibility examination at the earliest. The representatives expressed concern over the future of aspiring candidates and emphasized the need for timely action by the Bihar Government.

The delegation included association representatives such as Vikas Chandra Singh, Afroz Ahmad, and Dr. Jayesh Kumar, who highlighted key issues related to librarian appointments and professional opportunities in the state.

The meeting focused on strengthening advocacy efforts for library professionals and addressing long-pending recruitment concerns.

Meta Launches TRIBE v2 AI Model for Predicting Human Brain Activity

Meta Platforms has released TRIBE v2, an advanced AI foundation model developed by its FAIR (Fundamental AI Research) team on 26 March 2026. The model is designed to predict human brain activity by integrating video, audio, and language data, making it a powerful multimodal system.

TRIBE v2 is trained on extensive fMRI datasets from over 700 individuals and can accurately simulate brain responses to real-world stimuli. It features zero-shot prediction capability, allowing it to generalise across new subjects and tasks without retraining. The model leverages transformer-based architecture and multimodal embeddings to create a unified representation of sensory inputs.

The initiative supports open science, with the model, code, and resources made publicly available to researchers. This development marks a significant step in in-silico neuroscience, enabling deeper understanding of cognitive processes and neural activity.

For the Library and Information Science field, TRIBE v2 opens new possibilities in user behaviour analysis, personalised information services, and intelligent information retrieval, while also raising important concerns regarding data privacy and ethical use of AI.

DLF Committee for Equity and Inclusion Launches Zotero Resource Library

The Digital Library Federation Committee for Equity and Inclusion (DLF CEI) has launched a Zotero-based resource library to support equity, inclusion, and diversity in GLAM (Galleries, Libraries, Archives, and Museums) sectors.

The curated collection provides valuable resources for professionals, researchers, and individuals working toward inclusive practices, as well as for personal and professional development. The initiative aims to sustain and strengthen equity-focused work in the current global context.

🔗 Access the Resource Library:

https://www.zotero.org/groups/2394367/dlf_cei_resources/library

The library has been collaboratively developed by members of the DLF CEI Resources Subgroup along with contributions from the wider community, making it a significant knowledge resource for inclusive library and cultural practices.

Tamika Barnes Elected President of American Library Association for 2027–2028

Tamika Barnes, a distinguished academic librarian and library leader, has been elected as the President-Elect of the American Library Association, and will serve as President for the 2027–2028 term.

Currently serving as Associate Dean of Perimeter College Library Services at Georgia State University, Barnes brings over two decades of professional experience in librarianship. She is also actively involved in professional leadership, including her role as President of the Georgia Library Association.

Barnes received significant support in the election, reflecting the confidence of library professionals in her leadership. As ALA President, she is expected to guide the association's strategic priorities and advocate for libraries, intellectual freedom, and equitable access to information globally.

Her election marks an important development in the global library community, highlighting her contributions to academic librarianship, leadership, and professional service.

ILA Submitted Memorandum to the 8th Central Pay Commission

The Indian Library Association has submitted a memorandum to the 8th Central Pay Commission (8th CPC) after collecting suggestions and feedback from Library and Information Science (LIS) professionals across the country.

The memorandum highlights various concerns and demands related to the professional growth, service conditions, pay structure, and career advancement opportunities of library professionals working in academic libraries, centrally funded institutions, government libraries, and public libraries.

The initiative reflects ILA's continued commitment to representing the interests of the LIS community at the national level and advocating for the recognition and strengthening of the library profession.

Forthcoming Event

Global Call for Papers Announced for ETD 2026 at IIT Delhi

Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, through its Central Library in collaboration with ND LTD, has announced a Global Call for Papers for ETD 2026, a premier international forum on Electronic Theses and Dissertations.

The conference invites contributions from academic librarians, LIS faculty, AI and data science experts, repository managers, policymakers, and scholarly publishers to explore AI-enabled transformation in scholarly communication and ETD ecosystems.

Key Dates

- Paper Submission Deadline: 15 May 2026
- Early-Bird Registration: 30 July 2026

The conference aims to provide a global platform for sharing research, best practices, and innovative approaches in digital repositories, artificial intelligence, and research data management.

Paper Submission: Building on the achievements of the OA2020 movement, OA Forward aims to coordinate efforts among publishers, institutions, and stakeholders to accelerate the transition towards open and accessible scholarly publishing.

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The initiative highlights the growing role of AI and data science in shaping the future of academic research and knowledge dissemination.

MyDLIS Diamond Jubilee Summit 2026 to be Held at University of Mysore

The Department of Studies in Library and Information Science (MyDLIS), University of Mysore, in collaboration with the Mysore University Information and Library Science Alumni Network (MILAN), will organise the Diamond Jubilee Summit 2026 on 29–30 May 2026 at Vijnana Bhavana, Manasagangotri, Mysuru, marking sixty years of academic excellence.

The summit is themed "Transforming Information Ecosystem: Ensuring Secure, Ethical, and Inclusive Knowledge for the Future." It aims to address critical issues such as misinformation, cybersecurity, data privacy, and ethical information practices.

The programme will feature an inaugural address by Dr. Vikram Sampath, a workshop on Data Carpentry by Prof. Parthasarathy Mukhopadhyay, invited talks by experts from diverse fields, panel discussions, and interactive sessions.

The summit is expected to bring together academicians, LIS professionals, researchers, and students for meaningful discussions on the future of information ecosystems.

Pre-Conference Tutorial on FRBR, RDA and AI Tools to be Held at Bharathidasan University

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Pre-Conference Tutorial

07th May 2026 **Time: 10.00 AM**

The School of Library and Information Science, Bharathidasan University, in collaboration with the Indian Association of Teachers of Library and Information Science, is organizing a Pre-Conference Tutorial on 7 May 2026 at 10:00 AM.

The tutorial is part of the International Conference on "Transformative Role of Libraries in Education, Innovation and Research: Marching Towards a Developed Nation."

The programme includes sessions on FRBR and RDA by Dr. N. S. Harinarayana, followed by a demonstration session by Dr. Ramasamy K, and a session on AI tools for academic research support by Dr. Arumugam J.

Additionally, an advanced tutorial session will be delivered by Prof. Ibrahim Kushchu on "Post-Organic Information: A Practical AI Tutorial for Global Media and Information Professionals," focusing on AI capabilities, limitations, and its role in transforming knowledge ecosystems.

The tutorial aims to enhance participants' understanding of modern cataloguing standards, metadata frameworks, and emerging AI applications in library and information science.

Registration Extended for International Conference at Bharathidasan University

The Bharathidasan University, in collaboration with the Indian Association of Teachers of Library and Information Science, has announced the extension of registration dates for its upcoming International Multidisciplinary Conference scheduled from 7–9 May 2026.

The conference will be conducted in hybrid mode, allowing participants to join both offline and online. The deadline for submission of abstracts and full-length papers has been extended to 25 April 2026.

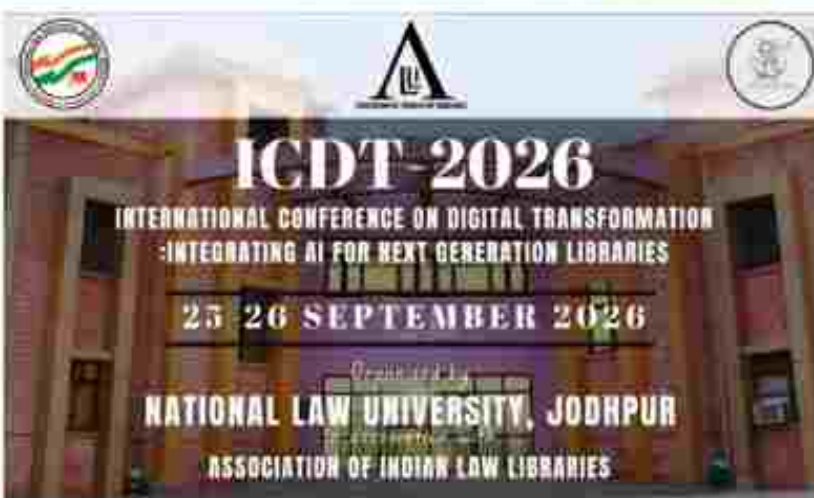
The event will include expert sessions and hands-on tutorials on the use of AI in teaching, learning, and research. Selected papers will be published in indexed peer-reviewed journals, while conference proceedings will be released as an ISBN-edited volume.

The conference aims to provide a platform for academicians, researchers, and LIS professionals to engage in interdisciplinary discussions and explore emerging trends in education, research, and technology.

International Online Conference on Intelligent Futures for Libraries to be Held on 9 May 2026

The Library Professionals Foundation is organizing an International Online Conference on "Intelligent Futures for Libraries and Organizations: Integrating Artificial Intelligence, Data Analytics, and Digital Innovations" on 9 May 2026.

ICDT-2026: International Conference on Digital Transformation to be Held at NLU Jodhpur



The National Law University Jodhpur, in association with the Association of Indian Law Libraries, will organize the International Conference on Digital Transformation (ICDT-2026) on 25–26 September 2026.

The conference is themed "Integrating AI for Next Generation Libraries" and aims to explore the transformative role of artificial intelligence and digital technologies in modern library systems.

ICDT-2026 will bring together academicians, researchers, librarians, and technology experts to discuss innovations in digital libraries,

AI integration, legal information systems, and future-ready knowledge services.

The event is expected to serve as a significant platform for exchanging ideas and advancing research in the evolving landscape of library and information science.

INFLIBNET Regional Training Programme on Library Automation to be Held at Gauhati University

The INFLIBNET Centre is organizing a Regional Training Programme on Library Automation (IRTPLA) in collaboration with Gauhati University from 11–15 May 2026 at Gauhati University, Guwahati, Assam.

The programme aims to enhance professional skills in library automation and digital library management. Key topics include SOUL 3.0 modules (cataloguing, circulation, OPAC, administration) and DSpace (repository creation, administration, and workflow), along with INFLIBNET services. The training will provide hands-on experience to librarians and information professionals, helping them adopt modern technologies for efficient library operations and digital resource management.

The programme will be coordinated by experts from Gauhati University and INFLIBNET, making it a valuable opportunity for skill development in the LIS domain.

ALA 150th Anniversary Annual Conference to be Held in Chicago

The American Library Association will host its 150th Anniversary Annual Conference & Exhibition from 25–29 June 2026 in Chicago, USA.

The conference will bring together thousands of library professionals from across the world to exchange ideas, explore innovations, and discuss the future of libraries. The event aims to foster collaboration, inspire new approaches to library services, and address emerging challenges in the profession.

A key highlight of the conference will be the Library Marketplace, featuring exhibits, author interactions, and access to cutting-edge tools and resources for modern libraries.

Participants are encouraged to register early, with discounted registration deadlines announced in advance. The conference is expected to be a landmark event celebrating 150 years of ALA's contribution to global librarianship.

Success Story

Dr. Mahesh Singh Joins as University Librarian at MJPRU, Bareilly



Dr. Mahesh Singh has joined as University Librarian at Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Rohilkhand University (MJPRU), Bareilly, he is a highly accomplished library professional with over 34 years of experience in academic librarianship.

Prior to his current position, he served as Deputy Librarian at the National Institute of Technology, Patna. He holds a Ph.D. in Library and Information Science and a Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Applications (PGDCA). He has also contributed significantly as an Academic Counsellor for IGNOU, guiding B.Lib.I.Sc. students at Lajpat Rai (P.G.) College, Ghaziabad, and at the Patna Regional Centre.

Dr. Singh has actively contributed to teaching and evaluation as a question paper setter and examiner for BLIS and MLIS programmes at Patna University. His academic contributions include one book, several book chapters, and research articles published at national and international levels.

Under his guidance, five M.Phil, two PGDLAN, and over 30 MLIS projects have been successfully completed, reflecting his mentorship and academic leadership.

He has been honoured with several prestigious recognitions, including the Certificate of Expertise for Academic Library Awards (2022), Excellence in Academic Librarian Award (2021), and Most Dynamic Librarian Award (2020) by Golden AIM Awards.

Dr. Singh has also represented India at international platforms, including the Southeast Asia E-Books Forum (Singapore, 2016) and the South Asia E-Books Forum (Sri Lanka, 2018). He is an active member of professional bodies such as ILA, UPLA, and MANLIBNET, contributing to the advancement of the LIS profession.

Dr. Subhash Chandra Promoted as Deputy Librarian at MJPRU, Bareilly



Dr. Subhash Chandra, Central Library, Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Rohilkhand University (MJPRU), Bareilly, has been promoted to the position of Deputy Librarian.

He joined the university as Assistant Librarian in 2001 and was later promoted to Assistant Librarian (Senior Scale) in 2019 (w.e.f. 11 October 2007). In 2026, he has been promoted to Deputy Librarian (AGP ₹8000) (w.e.f. 11 October 2014) and further to Level 13A (w.e.f. 11 October 2017).

This progression reflects his long-standing dedication, experience, and significant contribution to library and information services at the university.

Obituary

Shri N. Sukumaran Nair Passes Away: KLA Organises Condolence Meeting



The Library and Information Science community mourns the sad demise of Shri N. Sukumaran Nair, a distinguished library professional, who passed away on 17 April 2026.

He had a long and impactful career, beginning with the University of Kerala, where he served in various capacities and later retired as Deputy Librarian. He also served as State Librarian and made significant contributions to the development of the State Central Library. His association with organizations such as the Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF) and the Kerala Library Association (KLA) reflected his deep commitment to strengthening public library systems and professional development.

Within the Kerala Library Association, he held key leadership roles including General Secretary and President, guiding the association through significant growth. He was widely respected as a mentor, administrator, and visionary leader in the LIS field.



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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. 5130/- 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 - (Outside India)	\$ 100/- Per Annum	\$ 100/- Per Annum
6.3	Other Foreign Countries (Individual member)	\$ 100/- Per Annum	\$ 100/- Per Annum
6.4	Other Foreign Countries - Institution	\$ 120/- Per Annum	\$ 120/- Per Annum

Pl. Note : The cheque / demand draft may be drawn in favour of Indian Library Association at any Bank in Delhi. Outside cheques must include Rs 100 /- as bank commission charges.

* Annual membership 'year' shall be the 'financial year' commencing with effect from 1st April and ending on 31st March

(For Office Use)

Membership granted

Yes / No

General Secretary