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## Editorial Desk

### From Editorial Desk.....

As we step into another month, we take a moment to reflect on our shared dedication to knowledge, integrity, and the values that bind our community of LIS together. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to our readers, contributors, and supporters whose continued involvement and encouragement keep this initiative meaningful and dynamic.

With this issue, we reaffirm our commitment to delivering content that is both rigorous and relevant. What began as a modest endeavor continues to evolve into a vibrant platform for scholarly exchange and professional dialogue. This growth is a testament to the passion and perseverance of our contributors and the engaged community we are privileged to serve. Your perspectives remain invaluable, and we warmly invite your continued contributions as we move forward together.

This month also invites us to reflect on our shared cultural and intellectual heritage. The celebration of Rabindranath Tagore Jayanti offers a meaningful occasion to revisit and appreciate the timeless contributions of one of our greatest literary and philosophical figures, whose ideas on education, creativity, and humanism continue to resonate across generations and disciplines.

As we look ahead, we remain dedicated to furthering thoughtful discourse, promoting meaningful engagement, and delivering content that informs and inspires. Together, let us continue to cultivate a culture of inquiry, awareness, and responsibility within and beyond our academic circles. Thank you for being an essential part of this journey.



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### Latest Vacancies

1. Recruitment for the Post of Research Assistant & Field Investigator at Department of Library and Information Science, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvavur, Tamil Nadu - 610 005 : Last Date - 06/05/2026 -[Click here for more](#)
2. Recruitment for the Post of Assistant Librarian at Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh - 221005, : Last Date - 07/05/2026 -[Click here for more](#)
3. Recruitment for the Post of Assistant Professor at Uttarakhand Open University, Teenpani Bypass, Near Transport Nagar, Haldwani (Nainital), Uttarakhand- 263139 : Last Date - 10/05/2026 -[Click here for more](#)
4. Recruitment for the Post of Junior Library Professional Assistant at Indian Institute Of Management Kozhikode, IIM Kozhikode Campus, P.O.-Kunnamangalam, Kozhikode- 673570 : Last Date - 10/05/2026 -[Click here for more](#)
5. Recruitment for the Post of Library Attendant at Indian Institute Of Management Kozhikode, IIM Kozhikode Campus, P.O.-Kunnamangalam, Kozhikode- 673570 : Last Date - 14/05/2026 -[Click here for more](#)
6. Recruitment for the Post of Library Trainee at Tata Institute Of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Homi Bhabha Road, Colaba, Mumbai- 400 005 : Last Date - 16/05/2026 -[Click here for more](#)
7. Recruitment for the Post of Library Trainee at Indian Institute of Management Tiruchirappalli Pudukkottai Main Road, Chinna Sooriyur Village, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu - 620 024 : Last Date - 18/05/2026 -[Click here for more](#)
8. Recruitment for the Post of Sr.Library & Information Assistant at Indian Institute of Forest Management, Post Box No. 01 (357), Nehru Nagar, Bhopal-462003 : Last Date - 20/05/2026 -[Click here for more](#)
9. Recruitment for the Post of Director at Knowledge, Resource Center of Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Mardi Road, Near Tapowan Gate, Amravati, Maharashtra - 444606 : Last Date - 25/05/2026 -[Click here for more](#)
10. Recruitment for the Post of Librarian at Department of Higher Education, Odisha : Last Date - 30/05/2026 -[Click here for more](#)

### UB Endeavour

#### Study Circle Reporting.....

**52<sup>nd</sup> Study Circle** of Universal briefing took place on 25th April at 7.30 pm. The speaker of the session was Dr. Rajesh Das, Assistant Professor & Head, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Burdwan and the president of this session was Dr. Sibsankar Jana, Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kalyani. The topic of the study circle was “Linked Open Data and Open Refine Tool”.

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The speaker delivered an insightful presentation on a highly practical topic, focusing on the technical applications of linked open data in digital libraries. He began with an introduction to the concept of linked data and open data, gradually progressing to Linked Open Data (LOD) as an integration of linked data and open data. He clearly outlined the objectives of LOD and discussed the core technologies underpinning its development. Dr. Das then explored various implementations and key resources associated with LOD, providing a comprehensive understanding of its practical significance. To offer a conceptual framework, he explained the Five-Star Schema and the Four Design Principles proposed by Tim Berners-Lee, the pioneer of the concept. The discussion further extended to linked data vocabularies, emphasizing their role in structuring and standardizing data. He introduced OpenRefine as a powerful tool for data manipulation and transformation, highlighting its capabilities through AI and RDF extensions. Elaborating on the structure of RDF, he demonstrated how information is represented in triples- subject, predicate, and object, thereby enabling semantic interoperability. Through practical demonstrations, he illustrated the process of producing linked open data and showcased how AI extensions can be used to reconcile datasets from external sources such as Open Library and similar platforms. Overall, Dr. Das provided a detailed and hands-on exposition, effectively demonstrating the installation, configuration, and application of OpenRefine for leveraging linked open data in digital library environments.

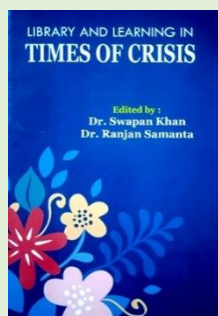
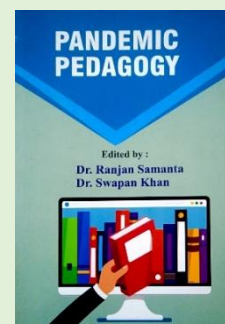
### Announcement.....

**UB-Study Circle (Forthcoming Notification)** The 53rd study circle of the Universal Briefing will take place on 30th May, 2026 at 7.30 pm. and the speaker for the session will be Dr. Narayan Chandra Ghosh, Librarian, IIM, Joka.

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### Our Publication.....

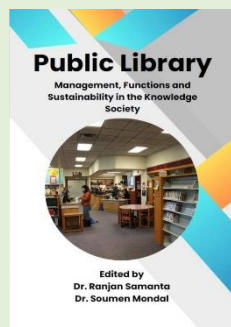
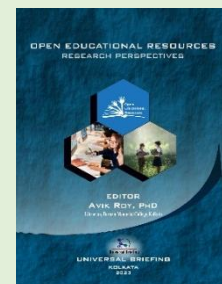
The book “Pandemic Pedagogy” was published by Prova Prakashani in collaboration with Universal Briefing in the year 2020. It was jointly edited by Dr. Ranjan Samanta and Dr. Swapan Khan. The book had informative eighteenth chapters. The outstanding contribution of authors presented an exceptional dimension on pandemic pedagogy in relation to academic library and pandemic pedagogy mainly in higher education. Thought content, practical experience and knowledge of authors would help the students, scholars, library professional and others to understand the situation of education during Pandemic and the challenge taken to overcome; teaching learning process of that situation; advancement of new technology; extension of online education and open educational resources; opportunities and threats of online education.



The book “Library and Learning in Times of Crisis” was published by Prova Prakashani in collaboration with Universal Briefing in the year 2021, edited by Dr. Ranjan Samanta and Dr. Swapan Khan. It contained seventeenth valuable research papers highlighted the role of libraries especially academic libraries and online teaching learning during the period of Global Pandemic of Covid-19. Some papers focused on Government initiatives for learners during Covid-19, effectiveness of social media for education; strength, weakness, opportunity, and threat of e-learning; importance of e-resources etc. The papers helped librarian to take various steps in every aspect of library services. Overall, all papers were very informative and insightful for learners, teachers, administrators, policy makers, and government.

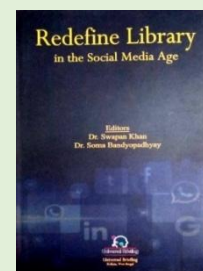
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A book was published in February 2023 by Universal briefing with the title “Open Educational Resources: Research Perspectives”, comprising selected articles from the two-day International Webinar of the same title, which was organised by Universal Briefing on 20th and 21st November, 2021 at Kolkata, India. The book contains 13 selected articles on different aspects of OER including SWOT analysis, NEP, copyright and license, sustainability of OER etc., written by LIS professionals from various fields. This conference proceedings volume is edited by Dr. Avik Roy, Librarian, Derozio Memorial College; and illustrated by Avijit Naskar.



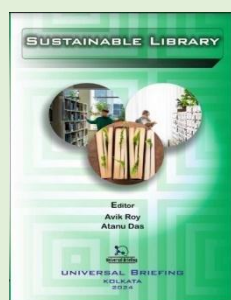
This book celebrates the profound impact of public libraries as vibrant spaces of learning, connection, and empowerment. In an era marked by rapid technological advancements and evolving societal needs, public libraries remain steadfast in their mission to provide equitable access to information and foster inclusive communities. Each chapter of this book is meticulously crafted to explore a different facet of the library experience. From the essential role of libraries in promoting literacy and lifelong learning to their innovative approaches to technology integration and community outreach, we aim to provide a comprehensive understanding of the multifaceted nature of libraries in the 21st Century.

Purpose of this book titled "Redefine library in the social media age", is to visualize a dramatic transformation of concept of libraries due to rapid development of technological innovations especially in post pandemic period. The human need for information is changing day by day. They seek information from varieties of sources and formats. For this purpose, the library staff and library professionals need to adopt themselves into this dynamic environment. Social media is becoming increasingly popular



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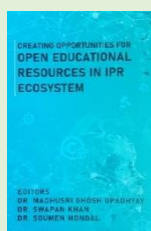
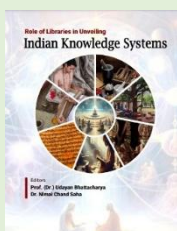
among all the stakeholders of the library. There is no doubt that the present library must be defined in the context of social media to satisfy the users in this social media age.



Any kind of scholarly work provides a serendipity of reading so many novel academic contents including books, book chapters, research articles, magazines, popular articles etc. Sustainability is the buzz of the day where almost every activity in the societal periphery culminates to the sustainable future. How can the library lag behind being one of the most important pillars of society? The present volume, "Sustainable Library" is an endeavour to add even an iota to the knowledge base of the global discourses on sustainable libraries. We remain grateful to Prof. Udayan Bhattacharya, Department of Library and Information Science, Jadavpur University, Kolkata to continuously inspire us to work on this compilation of the literature on sustainable

libraries and publish them in one volume.

### Our Latest Publication.....



## Research Spotlight

### **DLIS, Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar (Awarded Works 2026)**

- Thesis Title: Use of Author Identifier Services and Academic Social Networks Among Faculty Members and Researchers in India.
- Scholar: Sanjeev Kumar Jain
- Supervisor: Dr. Jignesh C Makwana

### **School of Studies in LIS, Jiwaji University, Gwalior (Awarded Works 2026)**

- Thesis Title: Satisfaction Level of Library Services Among Visually Impaired Users in Selected Central Universities in India A Study
- Scholar: Khushbu Rahat
- Supervisor: Dr. Hemant Sharma

### **DLIS, Karnataka State Womens Akkamahadevi Women University, Vijayapura (Awarded Works 2026)**

- Thesis Title: Assessment of Library Anxiety among Different Categories of Users: A Comparative Analysis of Selected Universities in Karnataka State
- Scholar: Shivaganga
- Supervisor: Dr P. G. Tadasad

- Thesis Title: Information Gathering Habits and Use Pattern among Faculty Members and Students in Selected Degree Colleges of Haveri District: A Study
- Scholar: Shantamma H
- Supervisor: Dr Gavisiddappa Anandhalli

### **DLIS, Swami Vivekanand Subharti University, Meerut (Awarded Works 2025)**

- Thesis Title: Impact of ICT on Library Services and Collection Development in Select Private and Government Medical College Libraries of Bihar: A Comparative Study
- Scholar: Madhavendra Abhinanda
- Supervisor: Dr. Sudhir Tyagi

### **DLIS, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat (Awarded Works 2026)**

- Thesis Title: One Nation, One Acquisition Policies, and Procedures in Libraries of Central Government & Institute of National Importance: A Critical Studies
- Scholar: Amit Prakash Gupta
- Supervisor: Dr. B. J. Ankuya

### **DLIS, Manipur University, Imphal (Awarded Works 2025)**

- Thesis Title: Dissemination of information through social networking sites among the library professionals in University of Delhi
- Scholar: Sanasam Sandhyarani Devi
- Supervisor: Dr. Ch. Ibohal Singh and Dr. Thoidingjam Purnima Devi

### **DLIS, Banasthali Vidyapith, Vansthali (Awarded Works 2025)**

- Thesis Title: Exploring the Shift from Physical to Digital: An Investigative Study of Libraries in National Law Universities in the Northern Region of India
- Scholar: Sapna Ranawat
- Supervisor: Dr. Shesh Mishra

Are you a research scholar who just submitted their Ph.D thesis in LIS? Want to be featured in our next edition? [Click here](#) to add your details and get a chance to feature in our upcoming spotlight section

## Monthly Scholarly Highlights

- Ali, I., Warraich, N. F., & Butt, K. (2026). Is generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) trustable among LIS students? A study of ChatGPT using the stimuli-organism-response framework. *The Electronic Library*, 44(2), 459-477.
- Biswas, M. S., Hossain, T., & Mezbah-ul-Islam, M. (2025). Transformational leadership for service innovation in academic libraries in Bangladesh: a qualitative approach. *Library Management*, 46(8-9), 497-511.
- Choi, W., & Lee, H. S. (2026). Perceived importance and predictive power: key criteria for judging information credibility on social Q&A platforms. *The Electronic Library*, 44(2), 361-380.
- Jia, J., Xu, H., Guo, Y., & Gao, W. (2026). Chinese ethnic minority book classification by large language models within CLC. *The Electronic Library*, 1-20.
- Kalbande, D., Subaveerapandiyan, A., Ahmad, N., & Shimray, S. R. (2026). Ethical readiness and awareness of data reuse among LIS professionals. *The Electronic Library*, 44(2), 341-360.
- Kang, Y. J. (2026). User acceptance of AI chatbot services in public libraries. *The Electronic Library*, 1-20.
- Li, G., Zhu, M. X., & Kong, S. (2026). The effectiveness of smart knowledge services in libraries in Chinese Mainland: a mixed methods study. *The Electronic Library*, 44(2), 381-407.
- Li, M., Xie, P., Zhou, X., Ling, S., & Peng, S. (2026). User personal information protection in generative AI services: a perspective from the Chinese platform policies. *The Electronic Library*, 44(2), 433-458.
- Lyaka, M., & Ngulube, P. (2025). Role of a learning culture in overcoming barriers to knowledge retention in libraries. *Library Management*, 46(8-9), 529-542.
- Subuhpoto, S., Liu, G., Su, W., & Aziz, F. (2026). Research on the factors influencing the adoption of artificial intelligence technology by university librarians. *The Electronic Library*, 44(2), 408-432.
- Yuan, X. (2026). Factors fostering cloud-based services adoption in Chinese academic libraries. *The Electronic Library*, 44(2), 319-340.
- Zeynali-Tazehkandi, M., Nowkarizi, M., & Budd, J. M. (2025). Identifying essential soft skills for Library and Information Science students: a crucial component of the LIS curriculum. *Library Management*, 46(8-9), 512-528.

## Forthcoming Events

### Conferences, Seminars, Webinars & Summits

- A Three-Day National-Level Librarian Development Programme (LDP) on "Empowering Librarians for the Digital, Data-Driven, and Sustainable Knowledge Ecosystem", organized by the Library and Information Centre, Goa Institute of Management, in association with the Directorate of Higher Education, Goa, will be held from May 4–6, 2026. For Registration: [Click here](#).
- A National Webinar on "Understanding Importance of IPR and Digital Copyright in AI Empowered Knowledge Ecosystem," organized by the Indian Library Association (ILA) to be held on 06 May 2026 (Wednesday) at 02:30 PM. For Registration: [Click here](#).
- International Conference on "Transformative Role of Libraries in Education, Innovation and Research: Marching towards a Developed Nation" organized by School of Library & Info. Science - BDU and IATLIS. Dates: 7th-9th May, 2026. For more info: [click here](#)

## Forthcoming Events

- 2026 International Conference on Library and Information Science (ICLIS-2026) will be held in Mombasa, Kenya during 15th May-16th May 2026. For more info: [click here](#)
- St. Paul's College, Kalamassery, Ernakulam, Kerala, is organizing an International Seminar on "Information Architects of Tomorrow: Addressing the Digital Turn" (Hybrid Mode), to be held on 22–23 May 2026 at Chittilappalli Square, Ernakulam, Kerala. For more info: [click here](#)
- ICLSKOM 2026: 20. International Conference on Library Science, Knowledge Organization and Management. Dates: May 25-26, 2026. Place: Crete, Greece. For more info: [click here](#)
- One-Day National Seminar on Intelligent Knowledge Ecosystems in Library and Information Science organized by Department of PG Studies and Research in Library and Information Science, Kuvempu University in collaboration with Kuvempu University Library and Information Science Alumni Association (KULISAA) & Kuvempu University Library. Date: 29th May, 2026. Venue: Prof. S.P. Hiremath Hall Kuvempu University Jnana Sahyadri, Shankaraghatta. For more info: [click here](#)
- The International Library Symposium on Knowledge and Communication (ILSKCOM–2026), titled 'Transforming Knowledge Frontiers: Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Open Access (OA) for Sustainable Library Development', is being jointly organised by SVKM's Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies (Deemed-to-be University), Shirpur Campus, Dhule–425405, Maharashtra, India; the Central Library; and Khon Kaen University, Thailand, on June 12–13, 2026. For more info: [click here](#)
- The International Conference on "Transforming Libraries through AI for Smarter Knowledge Future" (ICTL–2026) organized by Kalinga University in collaboration with International Institute of Information Technology Naya Raipur will be held on 19–20 June 2026 in hybrid mode (Online & Offline). Venue: Kalinga University, Naya Raipur. For more info: [click here](#)

### Workshops, Programmes, Training & Courses

- Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology (TIET), Patiala, is organizing a three-day workshop on "Writing and Publishing Bibliometric and Systematic Review Papers: Come Up with the Idea, Go with the Manuscript" (8th Batch), scheduled to be held from 08–10 July 2026 (9:00 AM to 5:00 PM) at Nava Nalanda Central Library, TIET, Patiala. For more info: [Click here.](#)
- SWAYAM Library and Information Science (LIS) courses currently open for enrollment are free to enroll in and learn from. For more info: [Click here.](#)
- Training Workshops for Public Libraries across Karnataka. Campaign by Science Gallery Bengaluru. For more info: [Click here.](#)
- The 2026 Core Fundamentals Web Course Schedule @ American Library Association (ALA). CHICAGO–Core is pleased to announce the release of the 2026 Core Fundamentals Web Course schedule. This series of related online courses covers basic topics that enhance skills in various areas of library work. Courses are 4 to 6 weeks in length and are repeated throughout the year. For Registration: [Click here.](#)

## Students Corner

### Chevening Scholarship

The Chevening Scholarship is a prestigious, fully funded programme offered by the United Kingdom (UK) government for international students, including India. It is funded by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office along with partner organisations. The scholarship supports a one-year master's degree at UK universities. Indian students interested in Library and Information Science (LIS) can pursue related courses such as Library and Information Management, Library and Information Studies; Digital Libraries, Archives and Records Management etc.

**Eligibility Criteria:** Candidates applying for the scholarship must meet specific eligibility requirements. For admission to the selected master's degree programme, a candidate must be a citizen of a Chevening-eligible country or territory; must commit to return to the home country for at least two years after the scholarship ends. The candidate must hold an undergraduate degree (equivalent to a UK 2:1) and have at least 2,800 hours of work experience after graduating (almost equivalent to two years of full-time work). The candidate must have finished the undergraduate studies at least two years before the application deadline. The candidate should apply to three different and eligible UK university courses and must have received an unconditional offer from at least one of these course choices by the cutoff date declared in the scholarship advertisement.

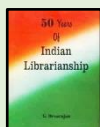
**Duration:** The Chevening Scholarship covers a full-time postgraduate programme of one year in the UK. This duration is fixed and the courses are designed to be completed within 12 months.

**Benefits:** The scholarship offers financial support to the selected candidates. The benefits include - Payment of tuition fees, Economy travel to and from home country by an approved route only, An arrival allowance, Cost of an entry clearance (visa) application for candidate only, A departure allowance, A travel top up allowance, A monthly personal living allowance (stipend) to cover accommodation and living expenses. The monthly stipend depends on whether the candidate is studying inside or outside London. These rates are subject to annual review.

**Application Procedure:** Applications are made online via the official Chevening portal, usually between August and November. The process involves: Completing the online application form and the writing should be compelling; the candidate must apply to three UK university courses related in the subject field and have offer letters; the shortlisted candidates are then required to attend an interview; Candidates are then finally selected to join the course.

Please [Click Here](#) for further information on eligibility, benefits, and application procedure.

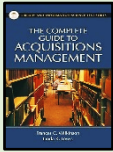
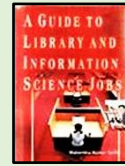
## Latest Publication



**50 Years of Indian Librarianship** by G. Deverajan. New Delhi: ESS ESS. ISBN (pbk) 978-8170002536; ₹850.00

## Latest Publication

**Guide to Library and Information Science Jobs** by Mahendra Kumar Seth. New Delhi: Abhijeet Publications. ISBN (hbk) 78-8188683925; ₹380.00



**The Complete Guide to Acquisitions Management (Library and Information Science Text Series)** by Frances C. Wilkinson & Linda K. Lewis. New Delhi: Libraries Unlimited Inc (Bloomsbury Publishing). ISBN (pbk) 978-1563088926; ₹2,630.00

**A Textbook of Cataloguing** by Leigh Gernet. New Delhi: Dominant Publishers & Distributors. ISBN (pbk) 978-8178881355; ₹650.00



### Trends on Tech

In April 2026, Microsoft announced its own **MAI (Microsoft AI)** foundation models, a historic shift from being mainly an OpenAI distributor to becoming a model developer in its own right. The MAI family includes models focused on speech, voice, and image understanding, giving industrial R&D teams a vertically integrated stack from data ingestion in real-world environments to analysis and reporting within Microsoft 365 and Azure. For applied research groups inside companies, MAI models can be used to mine internal documents, meeting transcripts, and sensor streams to surface design risks, customer pain points, or quality issues earlier in the product-development cycle. Because they are deeply integrated into existing enterprise tools, the step from “insight” to “implementation” is shorter: a finding in MAI can quickly become a documented requirement, project plan, or prototype code in the same ecosystem.

**Open-source stacks for experimental AI research** Beyond individual models, April 2026 solidified the idea of an open-source parity layer for cutting-edge AI research. Alongside Gemma 4 and Llama 4, Zhipu AI’s GLM-5.1 (a large MoE model under an MIT-style licence) and GLM-5V-Turbo for multimodal coding give research groups additional options for building reproducible experiments without proprietary lock-in. These open models are increasingly competitive with commercial systems on reasoning and coding benchmarks, yet can be fine-tuned on specific scientific corpora such as chemistry papers, legal judgments, or engineering manuals within a local or regional cluster. This enables national labs, consortia, and universities (including in the Global South) to construct domain-specialised “research copilots” that respect data-sovereignty requirements and can be distributed across collaborating institutions.

**Google’s NotebookLM** has quietly become one of the most trusted AI tools for research-heavy work, with a 2026 update adding interactive audio overviews and real-time question-answering during playback. Unlike general chatbots, NotebookLM restricts its responses strictly to the user’s own uploaded documents such as PDFs, research papers, reports, and notes making it well-suited for thesis projects, grant preparation, and internal technical reviews where introducing “outside” information would be misleading.

**Perplexity’s Comet browser**, which became free on major platforms in March 2026, embeds a research engine alongside normal web pages and can now generate ready-to-use deliverables such as PowerPoint presentations, spreadsheets, and dashboards from a single research prompt. For R&D teams, this means an engineer can, for example, ask for a competitive analysis of battery materials, receive a slide deck of key suppliers and patents, and immediately share it with colleagues, all within one integrated tool.

**Social Media News**

Berhampur University signs MoU the National Library, Kolkata (Ministry of Culture) towards promoting training, teaching, and collaborative research in library and information science and related fields. Main focus areas for this MoU are Academic engagement with the National Library’s unique special collections, Development of short-term academic and training programs, Organization of seminars, workshops, and training sessions. Main beneficiaries are postgraduate and undergraduate students, especially those in LIS, along with other departments. Tenure of the MoU in initial agreement set for five years. This MoU is significant because it strengthens institutional collaboration and gives LIS students direct exposure to under-explored collections and structured training opportunities.

Subscription Survey for Non-Government Institutions on the ONOS portal was Live. Last form submission date was 27 April 2026. For Beginning of Phase II Implementation of ONOS, many private institutes joined the Subscription Survey for Non-Government Institutions. The One Nation One Subscription (ONOS), a flagship initiative by the Ministry of Education, aims to provide equitable, affordable, and nationwide access to high-quality e-journals. Non-Government Institutions were invited to participate in the survey. Key purpose to assess the interest of non-government institutions in joining the programme. It will provide opportunity to be part of a national research ecosystem. Data Required for survey were submission of e-journal subscription details for the years 2024 and 2025. Key eligibility was Institutions must have a valid AISHE Code. Institutional participation in the survey will help in planning the next phase of ONOS.

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### Echoes of Excellence: India's Finest Writers Honoured in 2025



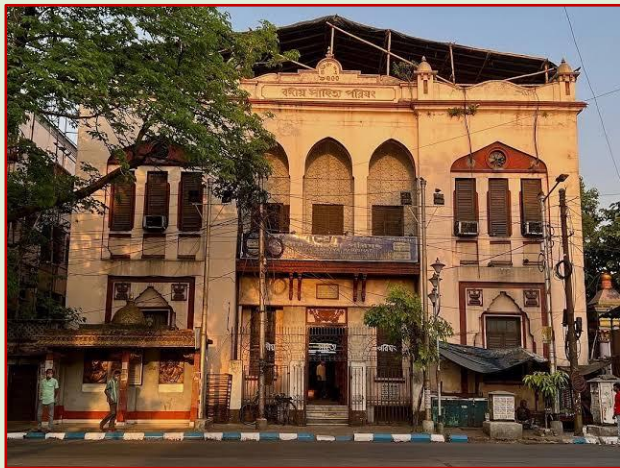
**The Sahitya Akademi Award 2025**, honours outstanding literary works across 24 Indian languages. Presented annually by the Sahitya Akademi, this prestigious recognition celebrates excellence in diverse genres such as poetry, novels, essays, memoirs, and short stories. The awards were formally conferred at a ceremony held in New Delhi on 31 March 2026, bringing together eminent writers and literary enthusiasts from across the country. The Sahitya Akademi plays a vital role in promoting literature through various initiatives, including publication and translation of literary works, organizing seminars and cultural events, and supporting the growth of regional languages. Its efforts continue to strengthen India's rich literary heritage while encouraging emerging voices. The 2025 awards reflect the remarkable diversity of Indian literature, with honours distributed across multiple categories: eight in poetry, four in novels, six in short stories, two in essays, and one each in literary criticism and autobiography, along with two awards for memoirs. Spanning languages such as Hindi, English, Tamil, Bengali, Marathi, Gujarati, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Santali, and Sindhi, the awards beautifully capture the linguistic and cultural richness of India.

#### List of all the Winners of Sahitya Akademy, 2025

Genre	Language	Work	Recipient
Poetry	Bengali	Shrestha Kabita	Prasun Bandyopadhyay
Poetry	Gujrati	Bhattkhadaki	Yoqesh Vaidya
Poetry	Odia	Padapurana	Girijakumar Baliyar Singh
Poetry	Telugu	Animesha	Nandini Sidha Reddy
Poetry	Urdu	Safar Jaari Hai	Pritpal Singh Betab
Poetry	Sanskrit	Prasthanacatustaye Brahmaghosah	Sadhu Bhadreshdas
Poetry	Kashmiri	Najdavanek's Pot Aalav	Ali Shaida
Poetry, Couplets	Dogri	Thakur Satsayie	Khajur Singh Thakur
Novel	Assamese	Karhi Khelar Sadhu	Devabrat Das
Novel	Bodo	Dwnanwi Lama Mwense Gathwn	Sahaisuli Brahma
Novel	English	Crimson Spring	Navtej Sarna
Novel	Malayalam	Maayaamanushyar	N Prabhakaran
Short Story	Kannada	Dada Seerisu Tande	Amaresh Nugadoni
Short Story	Punjabi	Safety Kit	Jinder
Short Story	Rajasthani	Bharkhama	Jitender Kumar Soni
Short Story	Sindhi	Waghoo	Bhagwan Atlani
Short Story	Manipuri	Kanglamdriba Eephut	Haobam Nalini
Short Story	Santali	Mid Birna Chenne Saon Inag Sagai	Sumitra Soren
Essay	Konkani		Henry Mendonca
Essay	Nepali		Prakash Bhattarai
Literary Criticism	Tamil		Sa. Tamilselvan
Autobiography	Marathi		Raju Baviskar
Memoirs	Hindi	Jeete Jee Allahabad	Mamta Kalia
Memoirs	Maithili		Mahendra

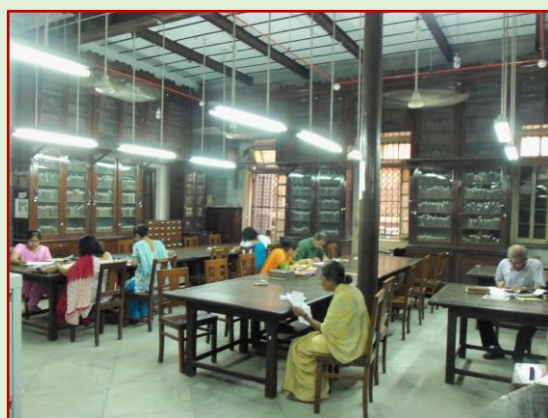
## Library in Focus

### Century Old Bangiya Sahitya Parishat Library: Dedicated to the Study, Development, and Promotion of Bengali Language, Literature, and Culture



Bangiya Sahitya Parishat established on 23 July (8 Shraban 1300 BS), 1893. Then it was known as The Bengal Academy of Literature and changed to Bangiya Sahitya Parishat on 29 April 1894. Shri Romesh Chunder Dutt as the first president and Rabindranath Tagore and Nabinchandra Sen were vice presidents. Within one-year Bangiya Sahitya Parishat Library was established in 1894 (1301 BS) mainly at the inspiration of Acharya Ramendrasundar Trivedi. The library, which started with a handful of books donated by a few authors, publishers, editors of periodicals and well-wishers has now in its collection 1,01,719 books and 17,558 journals. The collection includes very rare and

valuable books as well as many rare 19th century periodicals in Bengali and English such as 'Digdarshan', 'Samachar Darpan', 'Samachar Chandrika', 'Friend of India' etc. Besides Bengali books, the library has a fairly good collection of books in Sanskrit, English and Hindi also. The library has been enriched by many personal collections, family collections and library, especially extinct library collections. The most notable collections are Satyendranath Dutta collection, Benoy Krishna Deb collection, Writendranath Tagore collection, Prem Sundar Basu collection, Ramesh Chandra Dutta collection, Jatindranath Pal collection, Umesh Chandra Bhattacharyya collection, Kailash Chandra Sinha collection, Rampran Gupta collection, Bhudev Sushila collection, N.C.Moitra Family Library collection, Savitri Library collection etc. Of these collections the most important is the Vidyasagar collection which the Maharaja of Lalgola presented to the Parishat. Important essay proofreading collections like Tagore collection, Aurobinda collection and Gandhi collection have been kept separately in the library. The collections contained in the library are on a wide variety of topics of literary, social and cultural interest. After four years of library Bangiya Sahitya Parishat Picture Gallery known as 'Bangiya Sahitya Parishat Chitrasala' was founded in 1908 (1315 B.S.). The establishment of this 'Chitrasala' was inspired by the exhibition of ancient objects held at the initiative of the Parishat in the 'Industrial and Agricultural Fair' organised on the occasion of the Calcutta National Congress Session from Pous 4 to Phalgun 14 of 1313 B.S. (1906-07). Initially most of the objects of this gallery were collected at the endeavour of the then Assistant Secretary of the Parishat Rakhaldas Bandyopadhyay. It was also at his initiative that a list of illustrations entitled 'Descriptive Catalogue of Sculptures and Coins in the Museum of the Bangiya Sahitya Parishat' was prepared. Another section, the museum called 'Bangiya Sahitya Parishat Puthisala' boasts a collection of 9427 manuscripts in Bengali, Sanskrit, Hindi, Assamese, Oriya, Tibetan, Persian and Ceylonese including manuscripts written on ancient writing materials like palm-leaf, paper made of cotton pulp, bark of trees etc. The museum has also in its collection a fairly good number of decorated manuscripts ('Chitrta Puthi'). Also, some painted manuscripts ('Bichitra Puthi') are also on display in this museum. The library attracts scholars from India and abroad as well as students.



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