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### IASLIC 28<sup>th</sup> National Seminar: Report

The 28th national seminar of IASLIC on the theme “*LIS Education in India: Current Scenario and Future Strategies*” started on 27th November at 10 AM with a very unique event where a group of Divyang students from the famous Sangeet Bhavan sang the opening song. After lighting the lamp by dignitaries, Prof. Nirmalya Banerjee, In-Charge, Central Library, Visva Bharati University delivered welcome address, he elaborated the roles of Visva Bharati University in education and also explained the objectives and activities of library services and Visva Bharati Library Network. The release of the souvenir and the Abstract volume of the 28th national seminar of IASLIC took place next.



Smt. Kalpana Dasgupta, in her inaugural address raised some befitting issues like needs of internship in LIS education, seamless integration of academic libraries and public libraries for greater goods and needs of the joined-up information systems in the country. Prof. B.K. Sen, Guest-of-Honor released a book written by Dr. Partha Pratim Roy, Dy. Librarian, VBU and he also pointed out the needs of redefining library services in ICT environment. Prof. Sudhendu Mandal, ex-Director, National Library, Kolkata delivered his address as chief guest, where he narrated history and genesis of library development in the country and mentioned the philosophy proposed and contributions made by Rabindranath Tagore in developing libraries in India. The conference director Prof. Amitabha Chatterjee talked on the history and development of LIS education in India. Sri Sajal Kanti Goswami, General Secretary, IASLIC explained the objectives and activities of IASLIC in a nutshell. Dr. J N Satpathy in his presidential address talked on the future goals of IASLIC. The inaugural session ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. Partha Pratim Roy, Jr. Organizing Secretary of the 28th national seminar of IASLIC.

The keynote address started back-to-back just after the inaugural session where Prof. Sabahat Hussain as key note speaker nicely narrated the development of LIS education in India right from the inception. The IASLIC GB meeting took place immediately after the keynote address and then the poster session started after the lunch break at 2.30 PM. There were 19 papers selected for the poster session but only 3 papers in the poster session presented by the contributors.

The first and second technical sessions of the day started with the SIG meet on “Social Sc. Information” and SIG meet on “Computer Application” as parallel session during 3 PM to 4.30 PM. The first technical session i.e SIG 1 on Soc. Sc. chaired by Dr. Subodh Gopla Nandi, Retd. Librarian, VBU included a total of 9 papers and all contributors were present there for presentation. The second technical session on Computer applications in LIS took place in parallel at the Hall 1 which was chaired by Dr. S. Senapati, Principal Technical Officer, CSIR, CBRI, Roorkee. It included a total of three papers and two papers were presented by the contributors.

The SIG meets ended with vote of thanks to the chairs and followed by a unique session to felicitate superannuated LIS professionals in West Bengal. The organizing committee invited a total of 32 professionals but a total of 18 superannuated LIS professionals were present to attend the session. This session was chaired by Prof. Sabujkali Sen, Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Visva-Bharati University. This felicitation programme was followed by the tea break and cultural events focusing folk songs, baoul songs and instrumental numbers.

The second day sessions started with the technical session III and IV, which were organized in parallel. The technical session III dealt with the theme “Background: History and development of LIS education” chaired by Prof. Juran Krishna Sarkhel, Retd. Prof, DLIS, Kalyani University. It included a total of 9 papers and only one contributor was absent. The technical session IV chaired by Dr. V. K. Thomas, Retd. Librarian, VBU dealt with Curriculum design, development and evaluation and total of 9 papers and all nine papers were presented by the contributors.

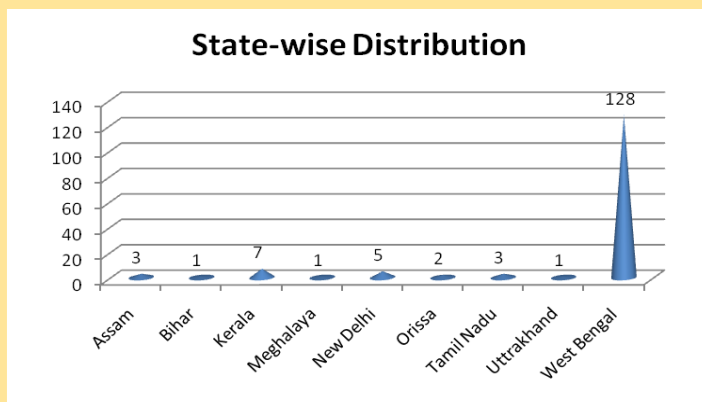
The much-awaited panel discussion took place next at Lipika auditorium at 12.30 pm with the noted contributor and mentor of LIS education Prof. Subal Chandra Biswas as chairperson. The panel members included eminent LIS teachers representing a cross section of the LIS schools in India. The panelists were Prof. Shabahat Hussain, former Prof, DLIS, AMU; Prof. Arjun Dasgupta former Prof, DLIS, CU, Prof. N. Lahkar, Prof. DLIS, GU, Prof. Sanjay Singh from the same university and Prof. Juran K Sarkhel, former Prof, DLIS, KU.

The panel discussion was followed by two parallel technical sessions namely technical session V and technical session VI. The technical session V, chaired by Prof. Lahkar, included a total of 9 papers covering two sub-themes - “Open and Distance Learning in LIS” and “Library and Information Research”. A total of 7 papers presented in this session covering issues related to e-learning in general, MOOCs and SWAYAM as online learning platform, learning support tools and services. On the other hand, the parallel technical session VI, chaired by Prof. Udayan Bhattacharya included a total of 6 papers and all 6 papers were presented by contributors. The papers of this session were distributed in two sub-themes namely “Quality assurance and accreditation in LIS schools and courses” and “Comparative LIS education and research”. The annual general meeting of IASLIC took place after the technical sessions and this event was followed by a cultural event.

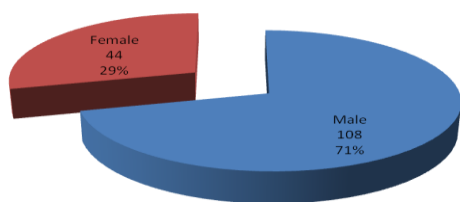
The final technical session i.e Technical session VII started at 10 Am as scheduled on 29<sup>th</sup> November. All the 5 listed papers in this technical session were related to the sub-theme “Future Strategies. It was chaired by Dr. P. R. Goswami, Former Director, ICSSR, IGNCA and CSL. A total of 3 papers were presented by the contributors.

The technical sessions (seven in number) formed the core part of the 28th national seminar of IASLIC and total of 46 papers presented against the selected 50 papers selected for the ten different sub themes related to the main theme LIS Education in India: Current Scenario and Future Strategies. In other words, almost 92% papers discussed in the core five technical sessions. Most of the contributed papers have double authors though single author has not as least as multi-authored. Total registered participants were 152 from nine (09) different states of India and only one international participant from Bangladesh. It is cleared from graph that highest number (128) of participants were from the home state i.e. west Bengal.

If we consider the gender wise distribution of participants male participants (108) were much higher than the female participants (45).



### Male / Female participants



After the technical session VII, valedictory session took place under the chair Prof. Debabrata Dasgupta, Formerly Vice Chancellor, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswa Vidyalaya (BCKV). Kalyani Nadia and Formerly Professor, Visva-Bharati while Prof. Durga Sankar Rath, Professor, DLIS, Vidyasagar University and Dr. S. B. Banerjee, Deputy Manager (Information), Hindusthan Paper Corporation Ltd., Kolkata were the Chief Guest and Guest of Honor, respectively. At the very beginning, financial assistance was given to five needy VB students as recommended by the Proctor, VB followed by the Report of the Rapporteur General. President and Secretary of IASLIC felicitated the Organizing Secretary and three Joint Organizing Secretaries with mementos. After delivering speech by the Guests on the dais, the

recommendation of the three-day National Seminar was placed for approval by the Rapporteur followed by the concluding remarks of the Prof. Amitabha Chatterjee, Seminar Director. The programme was ended with formal vote of thanks by Dr. Koushik Ghosh followed by Asharam Sangeet. Dr. Partha Sarathi Mukhopadhyay, Professor and Head, DLIS, Kalyani University was the Rapporteur General of the seminar.

The major features of the seminar which makes it differ from other seminars are as;

1. To establish the inclusive nature, the inaugural song has been performed by the visually challenged performer containing VB Teachers and students.
2. More than thirty noted LISian (experts of Library and Information Science) retired from Bengal have been felicitated which was for the first time in the history of IASLIC.
3. Offer Financial Assistance to five needy VB students (Rs. 5000/- each) based on the recommendations of the Proctor on saving money from the different heads of expenditure.
4. The cultural programme also contains tribal dance, baoul and other folk songs performed by the local people to make the different flavor of the event
5. QR (Quick Response) was inserted in each of the participation certificate for its fair use in future.
6. The recommendations summarized on the basis of discussions of the three-day seminar that took place during the technical sessions, panel discussion, question-answer sessions and valedictory session. A few of them are as follows:
  - The UGC be requested to ensure adherence to the provisions contained in its Notification No F.5-1/13(CPP-II), dated 21 August 2014, and Gazette Notification, dated 5 July 2014 by the institutions conducting LIS courses and not to allow any university to conduct any course not specified by it.
  - For ensuring minimum standard of LIS education, the Government of India be requested to urgently set up a suitable mechanism for evaluation and accreditation of LIS departments and/or courses in the line of Indian Medical Council.
  - The UGC be requested to ensure availability of minimum infrastructure in every LIS department and should have mechanisms to withdraw permission in running LIS courses if minimum eligibility criteria are not satisfied.
  - The UGC be requested to conduct a survey, through an appropriate agency, of the LIS education being imparted in the country and also the need for LIS professionals of different categories, as suggested by UGC Review Committee (1961), so that a realistic policy and programme for LIS manpower development can be formulated for the country.
  - LIS faculty members must initiate the use of e-learning tools and technologies to ensure blended learning in place of or in addition to the existing brick and mortar courses and LIS schools should come with a single framework to adopt courses from e-PG pathshala and SWAYAM.
  - Librarians with minimum eligibility (as specified by UGC from time to time) must be allowed to take part in teaching in LIS schools.

The inaugural, technical and valedictory sessions of the 28th national seminar of IASLIC were coordinated and anchored by Dr. Nimai Chand Saha, Deputy Librarian and one of the Joint Organizing Secretaries of the Seminar while the cultural programmes were anchored by Reema Gupta, student of Department of Integrated Science Education and Research, VB.

### [New Arrivals \(Books and Periodicals\)](#)

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## SOME RECENT ACTIVITIES:

- **Exhibition and Celebration of Important Days** at Reference Section, Central Library: Organized special exhibitions of books and allied materials including quotations and photographs to celebrate;
  - a) 128th Birth anniversary of Former Prime Minister Pandit Jawarhar Lal Nehru on 14th November 2018.
  - b) 101th Birth anniversary of Former Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi on 19th November 2018
  - c) 130th Birth anniversary of Jatindranath Gandhi on 30th November 2018
- **Article Delivery Services:** During the month 12 no. of soft copies of the articles have been collected and delivered through mail as requested by the academics/scholars.
- **New Additions (Books) during the Month**
  - **Central Library**
    - Number of Books received as Purchased : 16 (Acc. No. 432034 - 432049)
    - Number of Books received as gift : 17 (Acc. No. G9795- G9811)
  - **Hindi Bhavana Library**
    - Number of Books received as gift : 04 (Acc. No. G255- G258)
  - **Chenna Bhavaan Library**
    - Number of Books received as gift : 02 (Acc. No. CG4718-CG4719)
- **Visitors:**
  - a) Prof. Bidyut Chakraborty has visited Central Library, Siksha Bhavana an Patha Bhavaan Library on 11 November and Sangit Bhavana Library on 13 November 2018.
  - b) Sri Surya Saikia, a recipient of 'Padma Shri' has visited Central Library on 11 Nov 2018 and gifted two books authored by him.
  - c) Shilpa Guru Ananta Malakar visited Central Library on 11 November 2018 and gifted one book titled 'Baul Rasiklal' (Bengali version).
- **Send off:** Sri Biro Kishore Pal, Peon, attached to Palli Siksha Bhavana (PSB) Library, retired from Visva-Bharati service on 30 November 2018. He has given a warm send-off by the Visva-Bharati Library Network at the Central Library. The Visva-Bharati Library Network wishes him all the best in the post-service life.



## CONFERENCES / SEMINARS

- TERI is organizing a workshop on **"Research Data Management Tools and Techniques** from 17-18 January 2019 "at TERI, India Habitat Center, New Delhi. This workshop is designed on the basis of current need of the research scholars and research support staff and other professionals who are involved in providing research services to his/her respective organization. For detail: <http://www.teriin.org/event/workshop-research-data-management-tools-and-techniques>
- **Two Days International conference on "Changing Scenario Publishing Industries and Role of Librarians" ICCSPIRL-2K19 Organised by Department of Library and Information Science & University Library, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, during January 23rd-24th 2019. For detail: <https://s4.sathyainfo.com/s/d0ea6e850fe6403/img> or <http://www.lislinks.com/events/two-days-international-conference-on-changing-scenario-publishing>**
- Sixth International Conference of Asian Special Libraries (ICoASL 2019) On Libraries and Librarianship in Digital Plus Era 14-16 February 2019 New Delhi, India Organizing by Special Libraries Association Asian Chapter **in Collaboration with Institute of Economic Growth, Ambedkar University Delhi and Society for Library Professionals.** For details: <http://www.slp.org.in/icoasl-2019/about-icoasl-2019/>

## IMPORTANT LINKS

- **MIT OpenCourseWare:** MIT OpenCourseWare makes the materials used in the teaching of almost all of MIT's subjects available on the Web, free of charge. With more than 2,400 courses available, OCW is delivering on the promise of open sharing of knowledge. MIT OpenCourseWare (OCW) is a web-based publication of virtually all MIT course content. OCW is open and available to the world and is a permanent MIT activity. The web site of the MIT Open Course Ware: <https://ocw.mit.edu/index.htm>
- **Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda:** Complete works of Swami Vivekananda is a set of 9 volumes and include separately his unpublished works. The web link for the access of his work is [http://www.ramakrishnavivekananda.info/vivekananda/complete\\_works.htm](http://www.ramakrishnavivekananda.info/vivekananda/complete_works.htm)



Group Photograph of IASLIC 28<sup>th</sup> National Seminar during 27-29 November 2018



Visit by Hon'ble Upacharya, VB: at Central Library



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