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Editorial

In today's rapidly evolving digital landscape, the role of librarians is undergoing a profound transformation. With artificial intelligence reshaping how information is created, accessed, and consumed, librarians are no longer mere custodians of books but dynamic facilitators of knowledge. They help students, researchers, and the public navigate vast AI-powered databases, ensure ethical use of information, and promote digital literacy. By curating authentic resources and guiding users in distinguishing credible data from misinformation, librarians safeguard intellectual integrity in an era when information is abundant yet often unreliable.

At the same time, librarians are uniquely positioned to integrate AI tools into library services—whether through intelligent search systems, automated cataloguing, or personalized learning pathways. Yet, beyond the technology, their human touch remains indispensable.

SALIS 2025 Conference Report

The SALIS 2025RRRLF sponsored Two Day National Conference on “Reimagining and Transforming Libraries into Active Learning Hubs to Accelerate Global Education”, jointly organized by the Department of Library, B.S. AbdurRahman Crescent Institute of Science and Technology and SALIS, held at the vibrant and serene Crescent University Campus, Chennai on 27th and 28th June 2025.

The two-day national conference witnessed vibrant academic and professional discourse among librarians, educators, researchers, technologists, and information professionals from across India washed by women professionals which is a pioneering initiative of SALIS.

Day 1: June 27, 2025 (Friday)

The day one began at 8:00 AM with the registration of participants, followed by a welcome high tea session from 9:30 AM to 10:00 AM.

Graced by the presence of Almighty God and several distinguished academic and professional dignitaries, the Inaugural Function of SALIS 2025 commenced with an invocation and Qirath, followed by the rendition of Tamil Thaaivaazhthu.

Dr. P. Panneerselvam, Librarian, B.S. Abdur Rahman Crescent Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai and Organizing Secretary welcomed the gathering and has set the academic tone for the proceedings. Dr. A.M. Venkatachalam, President-SALIS and Librarian & Director (Library), K.S. Rangasamy College of Technology, Tiruchengode gave a brief note on the Vision, Mission and activities of SALIS. This was followed by an overview of the conference by Dr. A. Chitra Dhavaputhalvi, Conference Director, SALIS 2025 and Librarian, Chikkanna Government Arts College, Tirupur. Dr. T. Murugesan, the Honourable Vice-Chancellor of BSA Crescent Institute of Science and Technology (BSACIST), Chennai, presided over the function and has felicitated the SALIS awardees. The inaugural Address was given by Dr. N. Raja Hussain, Registrar of B.S. Abdur Rahman Crescent Institute of Science & Technology, Chennai.

He appreciated the role of libraries in enhancing digital access, innovative services and the contributions of SALIS in promoting reading habit through various activities across the nation.

Dr. S. Thanuskodi, Professor and Head, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur, the Chief Guest of the conference shared his insights on the evolving landscape of library and information science and the need for integrating modern technologies into library services and supporting research ecosystem of the institution. The librarians in this AI era must function as research enablers and strategic advisors, who enhance institutional visibility through bibliometric expertise and research analytics. He has also released the conference proceedings well compiled by a team of editors and associate editors and the first copy was received by Dr. N. Raja Hussain, Registrar of B.S. Abdur Rahman Crescent Institute of Science & Technology in the presence of other esteemed dignitaries. The conference souvenir was released by Ms. Ammu Jayaraj, IRS, Deputy Commissioner of Income Tax, Chennai and the first copy was received by Dr. N. Raja Hussain, Registrar of B.S. Abdur Rahman Crescent Institute of Science & Technology.



As part of the inaugural function, Dr. A. Hariharan, Founder President of SALIS, offered the felicitation, acknowledging the importance of the conference theme and the collective efforts of the organizing team.

Ms. AmmuJayaraj. IRS, Deputy Commissioner of Income Tax, Chennai, eloquently presented her experiences with libraries and learning in her keynote address.

Rev. Sr. Dr. Mary Fabiola, Principal, Nirmala College for Women, Coimbatore and delivered the Guest of Honour Address. She addressed the audience on the transformative power of libraries in nurturing socially responsible and globally competent learners.

Dr. S. Thanuskodi, Professor and Head, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvavur. And the Chief Guest shared his insights on the evolving landscape of library and information science and the need for integrating modern technologies into library services and supporting research ecosystem of the institution.

Dr. M. Mandhirasalam, Advisor, SALIS, Librarian, Dean (ARRA) and IQAC Coordinator, Coimbatore Institute of Technology, Coimbatore announced of the SALIS Awards for the year 2024. A total number of 48 awards were presented under 16 categories which includes Life time achievement award, National Best Librarian awards, Library ambassador awards etc. as a recognition for the outstanding contributions by Professionals, Women and Students to the field of library and information science. All SALIS awardees were honoured with a shawl, Memento and citation.

The inaugural function concluded with the Vote of Thanks, delivered by Major. Dr. T. Magudeeswaran, General Secretary, SALIS & Librarian, Chikkaiah Government Arts and Science College, Erode.



Sessions and Paper Presentations

After the inauguration of the National conference, four technical sessions were thoughtfully structured based on the major thematic clusters.

Technical Session I: The first technical session, on the topic "Reimagining and Transforming Libraries into Active Learning Hubs." was chaired by Dr. Sr. M. Jacqueline Mary, Librarian, Nirmala College for Women, Coimbatore along with Mrs. Lakshmi Priyaa, Librarian Soka Ikeda College of Arts & Science for Women, Chennai serving as Co-Chair. The session began with an invited talk on "Transforming Library Services with AI, ML and Data Science for Global Learning" by Dr. B. Dhanalakshmi, Associate Professor, Dept. of CSE., BS AbdurRahman Crescent Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai. It was followed by Invited talk- II presented by Ms. Charu Govindan, Founder Member and Convener, Voice of People on the topic "Educate, Empower, Elevate: The Social Role of Libraries". Then there was a product presentation by 2CQR Automation Private Limited, Chennai. A total of 22 papers were scheduled and 7 papers were presented. Exploring diverse topics such as the transformation of libraries into dynamic, self-learning, and inclusive spaces, with integration of AI, makerspaces, sustainability practices, and information literacy.



Technical Session II: The Second technical session on the theme "Application of AI in Library Services." was chaired by Dr. G. Amudha, Librarian VHNSN College, Virudhunagar and co-chaired by Mrs. K.R. Lavanya, Assistant Prof., Vellalar College for Women, Erode. In this session the third invited talk on "Future Forward: Transforming Libraries into Creative Spaces and Innovative Learning Hubs" was presented by Dr. Lis Sheba Rani J, Librarian, Women's Christian College, Chennai. It was followed by a Product presentation from PROQUEST and KnimbusOnline Private Limited. A total of 22 papers were scheduled 8 papers were presented, focusing on AI tools, digital infrastructure, intelligent agents, big data applications, blockchain technology, library chatbots, and accessibility solutions.

The evening was reserved for a series of special events. From 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM, the SALIS General Body Meeting and Discussion was held, followed by a Networking Dinner, which provided a platform for informal interaction among participants.

Day 2: June 28, 2025 (Saturday)

The second day commenced with **Technical Session III**, with the theme on "Application of Tools and Techniques in Libraries," chaired by Dr. N. Uma and co-chaired by Dr. C. Sujatha. The session began with an invited talk on "Transforming Libraries into Intelligent Libraries" by Ms. R. Lakshmi Poorna, Knowledge Resource Division, CSIR-Structural Engineering Research Centre, Chennai. It was followed by product presentations from IEEE and EBSCO. This session featured 21 papers in which 7 were presented, on topics such as digital content platforms, bibliotherapy in libraries, diversity and inclusion (DEI), occupational stress in the library profession, scientometric studies, and the use of virtual reality in autism research.

Technical Session IV: Following a brief tea break, with the focus on "Management and Analysis of Innovative Library Services." the fourth technical session began with an invited talk on "AI Augmented Librarianship: Evolving Roles and Responsibilities" by Dr. Fazlunnisa H, Assistant Professor, DLIS, University of Madras, Chennai. It was followed by Industrial presentation by Drillbit Softech India Private Limited. This session was chaired by Mrs. S. Jasmine, Librarian, SRM TRP Engineering College, Trichy and co-chaired by Dr. R. Vijayalakshmi, ADM College for Women, Nagapattinam. A total of 22 papers scheduled and 11 papers were presented. Also, two papers were presented through online mode by other state participants. The sessions addressed the areas such as user behaviour analysis, generative AI in libraries, remote access services, e-resource management, digital literacy, and the role of social media in promoting library services.



In the afternoon, a **Panel Discussion** was conducted (from 2:15 PM to 3:15 PM) on the theme "**Transforming Libraries into Active Learning Hubs to Accelerate Global Education.**" The discussion was moderated by Dr. V. SakthiRegha, Former Librarian, MSSW, Co-Founder, Voice of People. The panel included an esteemed group of experts:

- Dr.M. Mahalakshmi, Librarian, Stella Maris College, Chennai
- Dr. K. Vinitha, Librarian, St. Mary's College, Tuticorin
- Dr. S. Kothainayaki, Assistant Librarian, Anna University, Chennai
- Dr.M.Y.Nazneen, Assistant Professor, BSA Crescent Inst. of S & T, Chennai
- Ms. Greeshma SS, Librarian, MOP Vaishnav College, Chennai
- Mrs. Anna PooraniViswanathan, Librarian, French Institute of Pondicherry

This engaging and insightful session emphasized libraries as inclusive, technologically integrated environments that promote critical thinking, global perspectives, and social equity.



The two-day RRRLF sponsored National Conference on "Reimagining & Transforming Libraries into active Learning Hubs to Accelerate Global Education" concluded with the Valedictory Function on 28-06-2025 at 3.30 PM in the CIIC Seminar Hall, BSACIST. The program began with a Welcome Address by Mr. S. Manikandan, Senior Vice-President, SALIS and Librarian, Anna Centenary Library, Chennai. Dr. D. Mercy Lydia, Conference Rapporteur General and Librarian, Karunya Institute of Technology and Sciences, Coimbatore presented the Conference Report. Dr.N.Thajuddin, Pro-Vice Chancellor, BSA Crescent Institute of Science & Technology, Chennai delivered the Presidential Address in the valedictory function. Dr. P.V. Konnur, President of LIS Academy, Bangalore, served as the Guest of Honour and commended the well-organized conference and SALIS activities. He emphasized the critical need for ONOS (Online Network for Open Science) implementation across all educational institutions and advocated for INFLIBNET to organize more programs, particularly in southern India. Prof. Devika P. Madalli, Director of INFLIBNET Centre, Gujarat, served as Chief Guest for the valedictory function and appreciated SALIS for organizing the first women-led conference. She pledged comprehensive support for promoting reading culture and library development, and presented Best Paper Awards across three categories: LIS Professionals, Research Scholars, and Students.



Based on the discussions from the two-day national conference SALIS 2025 “Reimagining & Transforming Libraries into active Learning Hubs to Accelerate Global Education” held at BSACIST, Chennai Dr. S. Swaminathan, Advisor, SALIS and Librarian, SRKMV College of Education presented the following are the **recommendations**:

- Recommendations to the apex bodies such as UGC and AICTE are:
 - o They may introduce a paper on 'E-Resources' to be included in the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) for all the Under Graduate programmes as foundation course to effectively foster a reading habit among the student community.
 - o A special grant be created for libraries across all academic institutions to explore and implement innovative technologies in libraries to connect resources with users.
 - o Library hours for full-time research scholars may be introduced as a mandatory one to ensure effective utilization through Information Literacy programs and online and offline library resources.
 - o Adequate funds may be allocated similar to previous grants, to government and government-aided higher education institutions.



1. The state government of Tamil Nadu may publish the draft copy prepared by the committee for revamping the Tamil Nadu Public Library Act.
 2. The state government of Tamil Nadu may restructure teacher requirements in Government and Government-aided schools by gradually incorporating qualified library teachers and library hour on par with Kendriya Vidyalaya Schools to promote reading habits and enhance knowledge skills among the teenage brains.
- The Ministry of Higher Education may draft a comprehensive policy specifically for libraries to enhance their infrastructure and services. This policy should focus on increasing funding, providing professional development for library staff, integrating technology, and promoting collaboration among libraries.
 - The Universities of Tamil Nadu allow librarians to serve as guides or supervisors for students interested in pursuing research in Library and Information Science. This would recognize libraries as research departments and address existing discrepancies between universities.
 - In light of the AICTE Draft Regulations 2024 for degree and diploma-level technical institutions concerning the qualifications, designations, and promotions of librarians, it is recommended that AICTE adhere to the UGC Regulations 2018 and its subsequent amendments.



The session also featured Feedback from Participants, Distributions of memento to Organizing Committee Members. Participants shared their positive experiences regarding the conference's hospitality, knowledge sharing, and overall enriching experience. The valedictory function ended with the Vote of Thanks by Dr. P. Panneerselvam, Organizing Secretary of the conference & Librarian, B.S.AbdurRahman Crescent Institute of Technology and Sciences, Chennai followed by the singing of the national anthem.

Best Paper Awards:

The first prize in the Best Paper Award for LIS Professional Category was awarded to Ms. S.S.Greeshma, Librarian, MOP Vaishnav College for Women, Chennai on her paper on “Bridging Barriers: Enhancing Library Services for People with Disabilities”. The second prize was awarded to Mr. T. Manoj Kumar, Deputy Librarian, K.S.Rangasamy College of Technology, Tiruchengode on his paper on “Empowering the Academic Community: A User-Centric Approach at KSRCT Knowledge Centre”.

The first prize in the Best Paper Award for Research Scholar category was awarded to Ms. Tintu Jose, Karunya Institute of Technology and Sciences, Coimbatore on her paper on “Transforming Libraries into Therapeutic Hubs through Bibliotherapy: A Psychosocial Intervention among Parents of Autistic Children”. The second prize was awarded to Mr. S. Vinoth, Research Scholar, Chikkaiah Government Arts & Science College, Erode on his paper on “Leveraging Artificial Intelligence for Engineering Collection Development in Academic Libraries”.

Best Paper Award in the Student Category was awarded to Sivakumar Balaji, Sweetha Gunasingh and Amirthini Ramesh, CSE Students, Eswari Engineering College, Chennai on their paper on “Design and Implementation of an AI-Powered Library Chatbot”.

Key Outcomes:

A total of 87 scholarly papers were published in an edited volume of Conference Proceedings with ISBN out of which 35 papers were presented across four technical sessions.

The conference featured four invited talks and six product presentations, enriching academic engagement.

The panel discussion added multidimensional perspectives on the future of libraries in global education.

Best Paper Awards were given in the categories of LIS Professionals (2), Research Scholars (2) and Student (1) participants.

Thus, the two-day national conference SALIS 2025 has paved the way for bold re-imagining of libraries as vibrant, equitable, and technology-empowered learning ecosystems. The knowledge shared and collaborations formed will undoubtedly accelerate the integration of global education standards in our libraries.



SALIS Awards for the Year 2024

List for Awardees

SALIS - Thirumathi K.Chellammal Memorial Life Time Achievement Award for LIS Professionals

- 1.Prof.P.V.Konnur, President, LIS Academy, Bangalore
- 2.Ms.Anurupa Naik, Chief Librarian, French Institute of Pondicherry, Pondicherry

SALIS - Dr. Harish Chandra-Sushila Chandra National Best Librarian Award

- 1.Dr Sudhir Kumar Jena, Librarian, University Librarian & Head (i/c) DLISc, Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar
- 2.Prof. Mayank Trivedi, University Librarian, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Vadododara

SALIS - AutoLib-National Best Librarian Award

- 1.Dr. Akhtar Hussain, Head - Library, Institute of Management Technology, Ghaziabad

SALIS - Lion Dr K.S.Rangasamy Memorial National Best Library Extension Services Award

- 1.Dr. P. PanneerSelvam, University Librarian, B. S. Abdur Rahuman Crescent Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai

SALIS - LIS Best Professional Award

- 1.Prof. Devika Madalli, Director, INFBLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat

SALIS - National Best LIS Teacher Award

- 1.Dr.R. Jeyshankar, Professor / DLIS, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry

SALIS - A.N.Marappan Memorial National Best Librarian Award

- 1.Dr. Sada Bihari Sahu, Assistant General Manager, Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), Mumbai

SALIS - EDUSYS - National Dynamic Librarian Award

- 1.Dr.V.J.Hema Reji, Librarian, Nanjil Catholic College of Arts and Science, Kaliyakkavilai

SALIS - Dr. N. Prabhakar National Best College Librarian Award

- 1.Dr. G. Muruganandham, Senior librarian, S. A. College of Art's & Science, Chennai

SALIS - Auto Lib-Tamilnadu - Best Young Librarian Award

- 1.Ms. S.S.Greeshma, Librarian, M.O.P.Vaishnav College for Women (Autonomous), Chennai
- 2.Mr. G.Lakshmikanth, Librarian, Dharmamurthi Rao Bahadur Calavala Cunnun Chetty's Hindu College, Pattabiram, Chennai

SALIS - S.M.Venkidusamy Memorial National Best School Librarian Award

- 1.Alok Jaiswal, Librarian, PM Shri Kendriya Vidyalaya Gill Nagar, Chennai

SALIS - Dr.A.Essaki - Memorial Special Appreciation and Meritorious Service Award (Tamil Nadu - Public Library)

- 1.Noolagar P. Vijayan, Librarian, Government Public Library, Kovaipudur Branch, Coimbatore

SALIS - Mr.G.G.Sivakumar Memorial National Special Appreciation and Meritorious Service Award

- 1.Dr. A. Selvantony, Assistant Librarian, B. S. Abdur Rahuman Crescent Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai
- 2.Dr. T. Pattabhiraman, Assistant Librarian, B. S. Abdur Rahuman Crescent Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai
- 3.Dr. M.P.Srinivasan, Assistant Librarian (Law), B.S.Abdur Rahman Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai
- 4.Mr. J.Vinothkumar, Senior Assistant Librarian, K.S.Rangasamy College of Technology, Tiruchengode
- 5.Mr.S.Paramasivam, Librarian, KPR College of Arts Science and Research, Coimbatore

SALIS - Mrs. M.Jannath Najeemunnisa Beegum Memorial National Appreciation and Meritorious Service Award [for Women Librarians]

- 1.Ms. S.Salomi, Assistant Librarian, K.S.Rangasamy College of Technology, Tiruchengode
- 2.Ms. M.Sajitha, Assistant Librarian, Sri Sairam Engineering College, Chennai
- 3.Ms. Thamizharasi P, Assistant Librarian, M.O.P.Vaishnav College for Women (Autonomous), Chennai
- 4.Ms.K.R.Lavanyaa, Assistant Professor / DLIS, Vellalar College for Women, Nilgiris, Erode

SALIS - Library Ambassador Award

- 1.Dr. V. Krishnan, Principal, Chikkanna Government Arts College, Tiruppur
- 2.Dr. Nazneen.M.Y, Assistant Professor, B.S.Abdur Rahman Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai
- 3.Dr.M.Velumani, Assistant Professor / Civil Engineering, K.S.Rangasamy College of Technology, Tiruchengode
- 4.Dr. R. Sathesh Franklin, Director of Physical Education, ST. Xavier's College of Education (Autonomous), Palayamkottai
- 5.Dr. D. Dhinesh, Assistant Professor in Tamil, VET Institute of Arts and Science (Co-Ed) College, Thindal, Erode.
- 6.Dr.P.Jyothirmayi, Assistant Professor & Head / Geography, Nirmala College for Women, Coimbatore
- 7.Prof.V.Sivakumar, Professor, Ramco Institute of Technology, Rajapalayam

Dr. K.Vinitha

SALIS - Dr.S.R.Ranganathan Best Readers' Club Member Award (Students)

- 1.Mr.R Rajiv Raam, Second Year / B.E – Electronics and Communication Engineering, B. S. Abdur Rahuman Crescent Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai
- 2.Ms.Ragavi.G, Third Year, BBA, Nirmala College For Women (Autonomous), Coimbatore
- 3.Mr.Kaarmukilan K S, Second Year / B.Tech. – Biotechnology, K.S.Rangasamy College of Technology, Tiruchengode



4.Ms. J. Janani, Second Year / B.Tech. – Information Technology, National Engineering College, Kovilpatti

5.Ms.Pasithabanu.N, Second Year / M.Sc. – Mathematics, Chikkanna government art's college, Tirupur

6.Ms.Devadharshini V, Second Year / B.E – Electronics and Communication Engineering, K.S.Rangasamy College of Technology, Tiruchengode

7.Mr.G.Esakki Athi Vishnu, Second Year / B.Tech. – Information Technology, National engineering college, Kovilpatti

8.Ms.Ramya.L, Second Year / B.Tech. – Artificial Intelligence and Data Science, K.S.Rangasamy College of Technology, Tiruchengode

9.Mr.Nitheesh .P, Third Year, B.Sc. - Computer Science & Applications, VET Institute Of Arts & Science (Co-education) College, Erode

10.Ms. Deekshana C S, Second Year / B.E. – CSE (Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning) K.S.Rangasamy College of Technology, Tiruchengode

SALIS - Suresh Memorial Best Library User Award (Students)

1.Mr. Thirupathi S, Third Year / B.Sc. – Chemistry, Chikkanna government art's college, Tirupur

2.Ms. Saranya Devi R, Third Year / B.E. – Electronics and Communication Engineering, K.S.Rangasamy College of Technology, Tiruchengode

3.Mr.Joel kirubainathan S, Third Year / B.Sc. – Computer Science and Application, VET Institute of Arts and Science (Co-Ed) College, Erode

4.Ms. Kiruthika R, Student / MLIS, Nirmala College for Women, Coimbatore

5.Mr. Noorul Haashir, Second Year / Computer Science and Engineering, B. S. Abdur Rahuman Crescent Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai

6.Mr. V. Sanjay, Second Year / B.E – Mechanical Engineering, National Engineering College, Kovilpatti

7.Ms. S. Swathi, B.Com. Corporate Secretaryship, Justice Basheer Ahmed Sayeed College for Women, Chennai

Certificate of Appreciation

1.Dr.P.Pannersalvam, University Librarian, S. Abdur Rahuman Crescent Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai



SALIS, Tirunelveli Chapter National Librarian Day 2025 and Felicitation Function to Retired Librarians

Salis Tirunelveli Chapter organized National Librarian Day and Felicitation for retired librarians, held on 12/08/2025 at St. Xavier's College of Education (Autonomous), Palayamkottai. The programme starts with a silent prayer followed by Dr. K. Mutharasan, Secretary, SALIS Tirunelveli Chapter and Librarian, Pope's College, Sawyerpuram welcomed the gathering. Dr. A. Muthukrishnan, Chairman, SALIS Tirunelveli Chapter, briefly presided over the programme and delivered a speech on the road map of retired librarians and their achievements and contributions in the public library department. Dr.P. Balasubramanian, Librarian and Head, Department of Library and Information Science, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli served as a special invitation and addressed the gathering. The retired librarian, Mr. S. Pirama Nayagam and Mrs. R. Violet was honored with a shawl and memento.



Mr. S. Pirama Nayagam, Librarian (Rtd), District Central library, Tenkasi and Mrs. R. Violet, Librarian (Rtd), District Central library, Tirunelveli addressed their own experiences and contributions to society briefly. Dr. R. R. Saravanakumar, Librarian, Sadakathullah Appa College (Autonomous), Tirunelveli and Vice chairman of SALIS Tirunelveli Chapter proposed the vote of thanks.

One-day Workshop on Analog to digital: the transformation 31st October 2025 (Friday)

**Organized by
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About the Institute

The French Institute of Pondicherry (IFP), UMIFRE 21 CNRS-MAE, is a financially autonomous institution under the joint supervision of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MAE) and the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS). It is a part of the network of 27 research centres under the MAE. It also forms part of the research unit 3330 “Savoirs et Mondes Indiens” of the CNRS, along with the Centre de Sciences Humaines (CSH), New Delhi. It works particularly in the fields of Indian cultural knowledge and heritage (Sanskrit language and literature, history of religions, Tamil studies...), contemporary social dynamics and the natural ecosystems of South India.

About the Library

The library of the French Institute of Pondicherry is a multi-disciplinary research library. It has a rich and varied collection (76000 books, 480 theses, 1700 articles and 770 journals of which 70 are currently received) pertaining to India's culture, society and environment. The library's catalogue is available online (<https://library.ifpindia.org/>) and enables search and display of Indian-language records in both the original Indian scripts and in Roman transliteration.).

In addition to the library collection, the IFP houses other rich and unique collections such as the manuscript collection (over 8000 bundles of palm-leaf mss), photo archive (over 135000 photos), herbarium and pollen collections. These specialized collections are also available online (<https://www.ifpindia.org/>).

About SALIS

SALIS is a registered national professional body, actively involved in the development of all spheres of LIS. It organizes various programmes such as conferences, seminars, workshops and training programmes on emerging topics throughout the year in various parts of the country through its chapters located in many places. SALIS publishes national and international journals, proceedings and newsletter for exchange of information and knowledge among LIS professionals. SALIS instituted many awards to encourage and motivate LIS professionals. One of the objectives of SALIS is to train LIS professionals in the country to handle the latest IT tools and techniques more effectively and efficiently and adopt the best practices in order to provide high quality library service to the users.

Aim and Objectives of the Workshop

This workshop will elucidate ways of preserving the physical collections in efficient and economic ways, explain the various steps involved in the digitization process and elaborate in detail the importance of the metadata schema and how to make use of them in information storage and retrieval.

Target Audience

Library professionals, Archivists, Museum employees, Students and Researchers of any discipline will benefited from this workshop.

Resource Persons

Digitization of Library materials

Mr. K. Ramesh Kumar, Head, Photo Archives, French Institute of Pondicherry

Preservation of Library Materials

Dr. R. Narenthiran, Former Librarian, French Institute of Pondicherry

Creation of Metadata for Digitized Resources

Mr. Gopinath SRICANDANE, Project Manager, French Institute of Pondicherry

Overview of the IFP's Digital Collections portal

<https://digitalcollections.ifpindia.org/s/ifp/page/portal>

Mrs. Anna Poorani & Dr. Nayana Nair, Librarians, French Institute of Pondicherry

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