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The Uttar Pradesh Library Association (U.P.L.A.), a registered society under the Societies Registration Act, 1960, was first established during the All India Library Conference held in Lucknow from April 19–22, 1935. Its first President was Dr. Wali Mohammed, and Mr. Fazal Illahi served as General Secretary. After becoming inactive due to limited library awareness, the Association was revived in 1948 under the leadership of Col. N. Rahman. It was revived again in 1956, in the presence of Chief Minister Dr. Sampurnanand, with Mr. C.G. Vishwanathan as President and Mr. K. Kumar as General Secretary. Since then, U.P.L.A. has actively worked to advance librarianship and library development across Uttar Pradesh. The association is working with its major objectives:

- To develop library movement within the State
- To improve the status and service conditions of library and information science professionals.
- To generate an appropriate public opinion for the Public Library law in the State
- To create reading habits amongst the general public in the State
- To coordinate with the Government and the Social organizations in the planning and execution of their policies towards mass education.
- To take all such actions as may be identical or conducive to the attainment of the objectives of the Association.

The Association adopted a federal structure in 1959 by amending its constitution to enable wider participation, establishing branches in major districts, including Lucknow, Allahabad, Varanasi, Kanpur, and others. It is governed by an elected Executive Committee, with more than 1950 life members.

In 1959, U.P.L.A. launched a Certificate Course in Library Science to train semi-professionals and school librarians. The course was later taken over by the U.P. Education Department in 1970. Currently, 13 Schools of Library Science operate under U.P.L.A., training around 550 students annually, and organizing refresher courses to strengthen professional skills.

CHIEF EDITOR'S NOTE



The U.P.L.A. Newsletter marks the revival of the publication initiative of the Uttar Pradesh Library Association (U.P.L.A.), Lucknow Branch, in collaboration with the Central Body. Originally launched in 1981 by the Lucknow Branch as the UPLA Newsletter, it continued publication until 1999, completing 19 volumes before being discontinued in 2000 due to unavoidable circumstances.



Dr. Maneesh Kumar Bajpai,
University Librarian, RMLNLU,
&
Vice-President, U.P.L.A.

After a gap of twenty-five years, the U.P.L.A. Newsletter was revived in 2025 as a quarterly publication in both print and digital formats. The revived series began with Volume 45, Issue 01 (July–September 2025), while the period from 2000 to 2024 has been treated as gap years (Volumes 20–44) to maintain continuity in the publication sequence.

The newsletter serves as a professional platform to showcase the achievements, innovations, and activities of libraries and Library and Information Science (LIS) professionals, while promoting knowledge sharing and professional collaboration at the state, national, and international levels.

I sincerely thank the U.P.L.A. leadership, Editorial Board, contributors, reviewers, and all stakeholders for their continued support. I also encourage active participation from U.P.L.A. members and the wider LIS community in strengthening this initiative. I extend my best wishes for the successful publication of Volume 45, Issue 04 (April–June 2026).

– Chief Editor



Inauguration of Uttar Pradesh Library Association (U.P.L.A.), Lucknow Building & Public Library: 19.04.2026

The Uttar Pradesh Library Association (U.P.L.A.), established in 1956, realized its long-cherished dream of having its own permanent headquarters with the inauguration of the U.P.L.A. Building and Public Library at Mirzapur, Jankipuram Extension, Lucknow, on 19 April 2026 (Akshaya Tritiya). The project was initiated in 2024 by the U.P.L.A. Central Body and Lucknow Branch to create a dedicated space for professional activities and public library services.

The day began with a Havan and Saraswati Puja, followed by the inaugural ceremony, which was graced by Shri Pawan Singh Chauhan (Hon'ble MLC) and Shri Yogesh Shukla (Hon'ble MLA, Bakshi Ka Talab). The dignitaries also inaugurated the Shri S. N. Agarwal Hall.

In his welcome address, Shri Vinod Kumar Mishra, General Secretary, highlighted the Association's journey and outlined plans to develop the library through digital cataloging, e-resources, and community reading programs. The chief guests emphasized the importance of libraries in the digital era and assured support for the library's future development.

A Book Exhibition featuring Britannica Education, Taxmann, and Rapid Book Service was organized during the event. Over 150 library professionals, academicians, scholars, and students from across Uttar Pradesh participated in the program.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks from Dr. Maneesh Kumar Bajpai, Vice President of U.P.L.A., who acknowledged the contributions of the Association's office-bearers and members in successfully establishing the Association's first permanent building and public library. The inauguration marked a historic milestone in U.P.L.A.'s seven-decade journey and reaffirmed its commitment to promoting library services, reading culture, and lifelong learning in Uttar Pradesh.



APPEAL



JOIN THE UTTAR PRADESH LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (U.P.L.A.) – NEW MEMBERSHIP DRIVE OPEN

The Uttar Pradesh Library Association (U.P.L.A.) cordially invites Library and Information Science (LIS) professionals, library students, researchers, and academicians to become members of the Association and actively contribute to the growth of the library profession.

The online membership drive is now open. Interested applicants can apply conveniently through the official UPLA website: www.upla.in

To ensure transparency, accountability, and ease of processing, UPLA accepts membership applications only through the online portal. No cash transactions are accepted by the Association under any circumstances. Applicants are advised not to make cash payments to any individual or representative claiming to collect membership fees on behalf of UPLA.

We encourage all LIS professionals to become part of UPLA and join a vibrant professional community dedicated to promoting excellence in library and information services.

Your participation will strengthen the professional network and contribute to the advancement of the Library and Information Science profession in Uttar Pradesh and beyond. For more details, please visit www.upla.in.



LIFE MEMBERSHIP DETAILS UPDATION DRIVE

UPLA launched the Online Life Membership Updation Drive on 13 October 2025 to develop an updated digital database of its life members. To date, 52 members have updated their details through the online Google Form. Verified members will receive updated membership certificates. All remaining life members are requested to complete the mandatory updation process by **December 31, 2026** to ensure accurate records, effective communication, and continued membership services. For more details, please visit www.upla.in

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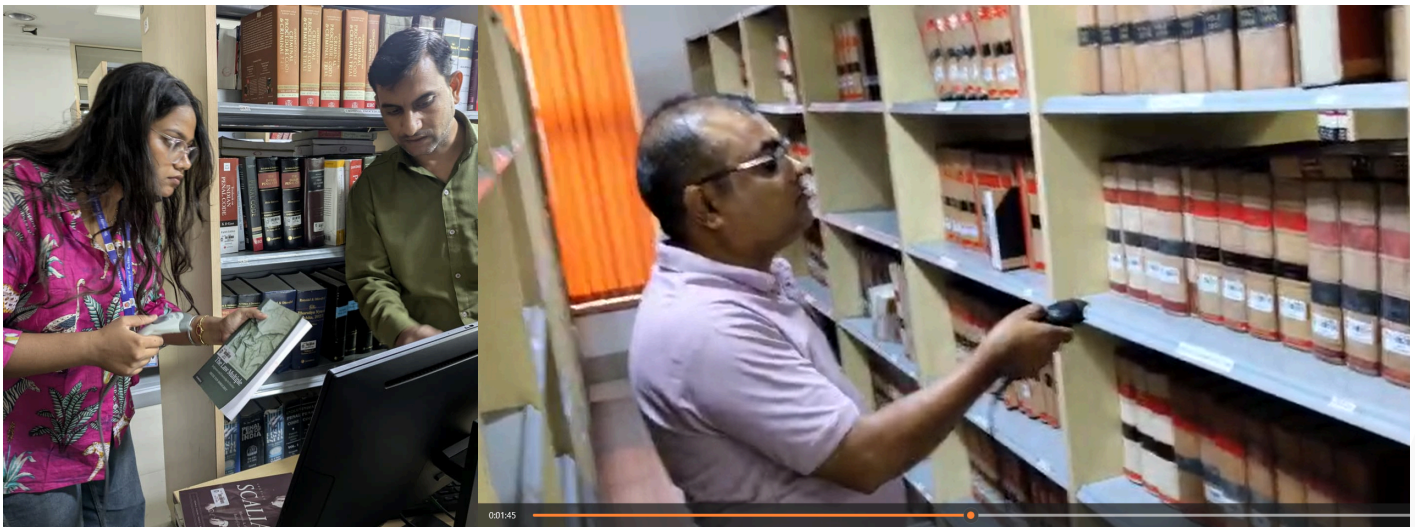
MADHU LIMAYE LIBRARY, RMLNLU, LUCKNOW ACTIVITIES

LIBRARY STOCK VERIFICATION 2026

The Madhu Limaye Library at Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University (RMLNU), Lucknow, completed its periodic physical stock verification process from June 20 to June 30, 2026.

Highlights of the Exercise

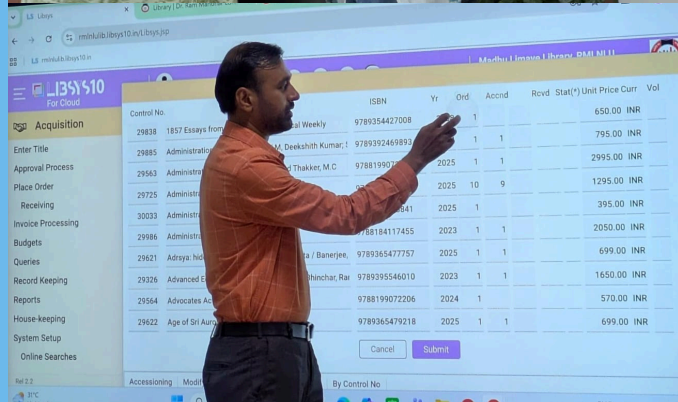
- **Compliance & Frequency:** Conducted in accordance with the General Financial Rules (GFR), 2017, marking the first physical verification in three years.
- **Supervision:** Overseen by a multi-disciplinary committee featuring representatives from the university's Faculty, Administration, and Finance departments.
- **Tech-Driven Efficiency:** Leveraged RFID technology (Radio Frequency Identification) to scan and verify titles rapidly, significantly improving speed and accuracy compared to manual checks.
- **Zero Service Interruption:** Despite the extensive physical audit across the stacks, library services remained fully operational for students and faculty throughout the 10-day period.



MADHU LIMAYE LIBRARY, RMLNLU, LUCKNOW ACTIVITIES

LIBRARY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM, 2026

The Madhu Limaye Library, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow, successfully conducted 'Library Internship Program-2026' for the B.Lib.&I.Sc. students of the Department of Library & Information Science, University of Lucknow, Lucknow, under the guidance of Dr. Maneesh Kumar Bajpai, University Librarian of the university. At the request of Dr. Pravish Prakash, HOD, DLIS, University of Lucknow, 11 students (Mr Aman Uttam, Mr Khalid Saifullah, Mr Raj Maddheshiya, Mr Rishi Raj, Ms Anjali Vishwakarma, Deepali Bisht, Ms Meghna Gautam, Ms Prakriti Rajeev, Ms Pratibha, Ms Shivangi Verma, Ms Sneha Devi) were allowed to undertake the internship during June 27-July 08, 2026. The students were trained on traditional and modern library technologies. After the successful completion of the internship, a certificate was issued to each intern. It was a good interaction with the students.



GSV CENTRAL LIBRARY, CSJM UNIVERSITY, KANPUR ACTIVITIES

AWARENESS AND TRAINING PROGRAMME ON “ACCESS TO E-BOOKS” (APRIL 11, 2026)

The Ganesh Shankar Vidyarthi Central Library, Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University (CSJMU), Kanpur, organized an Awareness and Training Programme on “Access to E-Books” on 11 April 2026 at the University Academic Auditorium under the patronage of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Professor Vinay Kumar Pathak. Professor Ashish Srivastava, Librarian and Programme Convenor, highlighted the objective of enhancing awareness and effective utilization of e-book resources for teaching, learning, and research. Addressing the gathering, the Vice-Chancellor emphasized the vital role of digital resources in promoting academic excellence and encouraged their extensive use by teachers, students, and researchers. A landmark announcement was made extending e-book access to all affiliated colleges for the first time in the University's history, significantly strengthening digital learning across the University system. During the programme, the second issue of the Udghosh Library Newsletter was formally released. The event was attended by senior University officials, faculty members, and library professionals, and was successfully coordinated by Dr. Shweta Pandey and Dr. Ravi Shukla.

ई बुक्स से रिसर्च को मिलेगा बढ़ावा

KANPUR (11 April): सीएसजेएम यूनिवर्सिटी में गणेश शंकर विद्यार्थी सेंट्रल लाइब्रेरी की ओर से 'ई-बुक्स तक स्टूडेंट की पहुंच' सब्जेक्ट पर सेंटरडे को अवेयरनेस और ट्रेनिंग प्रोग्राम का आयोजन किया गया। वीसी प्रो. विनय कुमार पाठक ने ई बुक्स की इम्पोर्टेंस बताई। उन्होंने कहा ई-बुक्स के प्रभावी उपयोग से एकेडमिक प्रैक्टिस और रिसर्च को बढ़ावा मिलेगा।

क्वालिटी को सुधारने पर जोर

वीसी ने कहा कि स्टूडेंट्स के ओवरऑल डेवलपमेंट में ई बुक्स लाभकारी हो सकती हैं। उन्होंने डिजिटल रिसोर्सेस के माध्यम से एजुकेशन की क्वालिटी को सुधारने पर भी बल दिया। सीएसजेएम द्वारा पहली बार संबद्ध इंस्टीट्यूट्स को ई-बुक संसाधनों तक पहुंच प्रदान की गई है। कार्यक्रम में लाइब्रेरी साइंस स्टूडेंट्स और इंटरन्स द्वारा बनाए गए उद्घोष न्यूज लेटर को रिलीज किया गया। प्रोग्राम में आरके द्विवेदी, प्रो वीसी प्रो. सुधीर अवस्थी, डॉ. राकेश मिश्रा मौजूद रहे।



Public Libraries of MATHURA

GOVERNMENT DISTRICT LIBRARY, MATHURA

The government district library is located in Dampier Nagar, Mathura in front of Dampier Park (Avanti Bai Park), or near the famous Mathura Museum. It was established on 14 February 1958. It serves as a key public space for books, newspapers, and magazines. It houses a collection of more than 75,000 books in Hindi, English, Sanskrit, and Urdu languages. The library has more than 600 life members.



**Dampier Nagar,
opposite Aanti Bai
Park, Mathura,
Uttar Pradesh - 281001**

**Timings: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
(Closed on Sundays)**

**Contact:
Mrs. Sharda Mishra
(In-charge Librarian)
Mobile: 9897162687**

A number of activities are organized by the library, such as quizzes, reading habit promotion programmes, Librarians' Day celebrations, career guidance sessions, stress management workshops, and guidance on preparing for competitive examinations. The library also provides free Wi-Fi facilities to its users.





Explore exciting career opportunities in Library and Information Science. These positions are available across various institutions including universities, government organizations, and specialized libraries. Some of the following portals may be useful for you-

- <https://lisportal.com/>
- <https://www.lisworld.in/>
- <https://employmentnews.gov.in/>
- <https://www.naukri.com/librarian-jobs>
- <https://www.lislinks.com/profiles/blog/list>



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TIPS

- **Check Eligibility:** Carefully review the eligibility criteria before applying
- **Prepare Documents:** Keep all required documents ready (certificates, ID proofs, etc.)
- **Follow Instructions:** Read and follow the application instructions carefully
- **Submit Early:** Don't wait until the last moment to submit your application
- **Keep Copies:** Maintain copies of your application and submission confirmation
- **Stay Updated:** Follow official websites for any updates or notifications

FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN LIS



LIB-VAHINI

VIRTUAL ACCESS HUB FOR INNOVATION,
NETWORKING, AND INTEGRATION

LIB-VAHINI is a dedicated digital platform that showcases the profiles, achievements, and expertise of Library and Information Science (LIS) professionals. It enhances professional visibility, supports career growth, fosters networking, and serves as a national repository of LIS talent to promote collaboration, mentorship, and institutional partnerships. By building a vibrant and inclusive professional community, LIB-VAHINI celebrates the contributions of LIS professionals and strengthens their role in advancing knowledge, innovation, and informed societies.

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Forthcoming conferences listed by INFLIBNET at LibVahini.

<https://libvahini.inflibnet.ac.in/conferences>

Workshops:

Forthcoming workshops listed by INFLIBNET at LibVahini.

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International Conference on Digital Transformation: Integrating AI for Next Generation Libraries

Date: 25th to 26th September 2026

<https://www.nlujodhpur.ac.in/event/410>

Organized by: NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, JODHPUR

National Conference on INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM: Bridging Traditional Wisdom and Modern Challenges for Viksit Bharat

Date: 10th October 2026

www.iks2026.weebly.com

Organized by: Library, G.B. Pant Social Science Institute, Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh

CSIR-NIScPR Training Programme Calendar for FY 2026-27

<https://niscpr.res.in/researchandeducation/hrd>

Organized by: Training Division, CSIR-NIScPR, New Delhi - 110067

Website: <http://niscpr.res.in>

FUTURE OF EUROPE IN PUBLIC LIBRARIES (FEPL)



The Future of Europe in Public Libraries (FEPL) was an Erasmus+ funded project (2022–2024) coordinated by Public Libraries 2030 (PL2030) to strengthen the role of public libraries in advancing Europe's priorities of digital transformation, sustainability, and democracy. The project brought together library professionals from across Europe to build knowledge, share best practices, and develop innovative community-focused services.

Through a series of international workshops and collaborative activities, FEPL equipped libraries to promote digital inclusion, environmental sustainability, civic participation, and media literacy. The project also produced practical resources, policy recommendations, and a shared framework to help libraries align their services with European values and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Overall, FEPL highlights the evolving role of public libraries as dynamic community hubs that foster lifelong learning, social inclusion, democratic engagement, and sustainable development.

Source:

<https://publiclibraries2030.eu/project/future-of-europe-in-public-libraries/>



CENTURIES OF HISTORY GOES DIGITAL AT 162-YEAR-OLD GOVT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Centuries of history goes digital at 162-year-old Govt Public Library

Kenneth John

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PRAYAGRAJ: April 21, 2026, marked the 500th anniversary of the First Battle of Panipat (1526), a turning point in Indian history when Babur defeated Ibrahim Lodi and laid the foundation of the Mughal empire. Half a millennium after the historical battle, a state-of-the-art Digital Repository housing rare manuscripts and archival records from the Mughal and British periods is set to open to the public this week at the Government Public Library in Prayagraj, offering a peek into those historical eras.

Established in 1864, the 162-year-old library developed the hi-tech facility under the Smart

City project at a cost of Rs 2.5 crore.

Library officials claim the initiative is the first of its kind in the country. The digital repository will provide visitors and research scholars access to nearly 1212 invaluable works, some dating back to 800 to 1,000 years.

According to Dr Gopal Mohan Shukla, librarian of the Government Public Library located in Chandrashekhar Azad Park, the facility brings together rare literary and historical treasures under one digital platform. "Even the National Library in Kolkata does not have such a facility," he said.

Among the most prized manuscripts is the Shahnameh, the monumental Persian epic by



Home page of the Digital Repository

poet Ferdowsi, written between 977 and 1010 CE. Spanning over 250 pages and comprising nearly 60,000 couplets, the text chronicles the ancient history of Iran.

Other rare holdings include A Treatise on Mills (1795), Selected Letters of Tipu Sultan (1811), Institutes of Hindu Law (1796), and bound volumes of

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the Gazette of India and various provincial gazettes dating back to the 19th century.

The digital window of the library also has 21 Arabic manuscripts including the Tarikh-Ibn-e-Qutaiba, and Tarikh Taimuri of 1232, 19 Persian Manuscripts, 36 Urdu manuscripts and 6 San-

skrit 'pandulipis' including the Ganesh Puran, Jyotish Shastra and The Kashmirian Atharva Veda Part I, 2 and 3. Some other rare works to be made public through the digital platform include Mahabhrata (Persian) Manuscript, Abhigyan Shakuntalam by Kailadasa, etc.

Dr Shukla said many of the manuscripts had deteriorated over time, making conservation a delicate and time-consuming process. Restoration and digitisation were carried out in collaboration with the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi.

The conservation work followed the principle of minimum intervention and maximum preservation. Adhesive materials such as cello tape,

used in earlier repairs, were carefully removed using organic solvents like acetone or xylene.

"To restore flexibility to fragile sheets, conservators used ultra-fine 9 gsm Japanese tissue paper and gluten-free starch paste. All manuscripts and rare works have been digitised using German-made Book Eye scanners. Metadata software has also been integrated into the system, enabling precise keyword-based searches for researchers," he added.

Once opened, the digital repository will offer the public a rare window into centuries-old literary, legal and historical documents, strengthening Prayagraj's position as a major centre of archival heritage and scholarly research, said the official.

APPEAL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS



The Editorial Board of the U.P.L.A. Newsletter warmly invites contributions for the upcoming Vol. 46 issue 01 (July-September, 2026-27). We welcome notes and reports on library and information science activities, conference summaries, book reviews, and news items relevant to the library and information profession.

This newsletter aims to serve as a vibrant platform for knowledge sharing, professional dialogue, and dissemination of innovative practices among librarians, academicians, researchers, and students.

Contributors are requested to ensure that their submissions are original, concise (100-200 words), and written in a professional and engaging style. All submissions will be reviewed and edited for clarity and consistency.

Please send your contributions to:

 uplanewsletter.2025@gmail.com

 **Last Date for Submission: October 05, 2026**

Let us work together to make this newsletter a valuable resource for the entire library community. Your active participation and intellectual input will play a vital role in its success.

-Chief Editor



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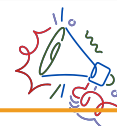
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His birthday is observed as **National Library Day**

In 1923 left his position of a Mathematics teacher at the University of Madras for that of the University librarian; later trained in library sciences at London

Known for his 2 greatest legacies: **The Five Laws of Library Science** and **Colon classification system**

Headed the Indian Library Association from **1944 to 1953.**

Became honorary member of the International Federation for Information and Documentation (FID) & vice-president for life of the Library Association of Great Britain.

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