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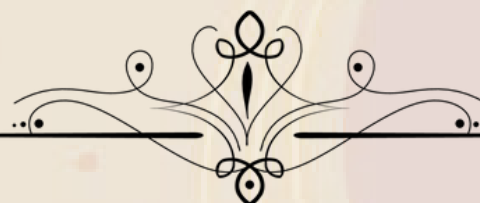
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## EDITORIAL



It gives me immense pleasure to present the maiden issue of the quarterly newsletter of the Department of Library and Information Science titled "ALU-LIBRI Bulletin". The newsletter will provide an easily accessible medium and a platform for disseminating news and information to our LIS community. "LIBRI Bulletin" will spotlight activities and events at the Department, highlight the talents of our students and faculty and feature information of general interest. In this issue, we recount the various activities in which Department of Library and Information Science, its faculty members and students were actively involved the last three months. I extend my sincere thanks to the entire team of the Editorial Board for their constant exertion and support in bringing out the news letter in the present form. Last but not the least; I acknowledge my gratitude to our Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. G. Ravi for his inspiration and co-operation to prepare this issue of Newsletter. We hope the Newsletter will cater to the need of all stakeholders. We also invite all your valuable input to make the newsletter more meaningful to all our readers.

**Prof. S. Thanuskodi**  
Professor & Head



## Two-day National Conference on Changing Information Landscape and Its Transformation in LIS Education

A Two-Day “National Conference on Changing Information Landscape and Its Transformation in LIS Education” (NCTLISE-2022) was inaugurated on 02.09.2022 at Alagappa University, Karaikudi. Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF)-sponsored Conference was hosted by the Department of Library and Information Science, Alagappa University.

Inaugurating the Conference Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, referred to the significance of a well-equipped modern library in rendering great help to a scholar who is passionate in his pursuit of innovative research. He said that the invention of printing made an enormous impact which is beyond human expectation and imagination. Printed materials can never be replaced, he added. But at the same time with the advent of digitization, getting information and acquiring knowledge have become easier for researchers. In today’s world of knowledge explosion, judicious use of resources is very important for focused studies. The modern technology helps in the selection of the right materials and it is a boon for the scholar.

Making a reference to the declining habit of reading among the modern youth, Prof. Ravi said that books are unfailing companions to lonely individuals. “Reading books can change the world; reading

reduces stress; reading strengthens the functioning of the brain; reading helps in acquiring knowledge; reading enhances one’s vocabulary in the subject concerned and reading builds confidence. In short, reading makes a full man, as said by an English essayist. He concluded his speech by saying that “changing scenario demands updating of knowledge on the part of LIS professionals.” He hoped this conference would help in this regard.



Dwelling on the impact of digitization and consequent transformation in library and information services in the present era, Prof. Pravakar Rath, Senior Professor from Mizoram University, in his keynote address, stated that the role and responsibility of the LIS Professionals have undergone tremendous changes in the changing information landscape; he added that quality services in this field can only be assured through innovative services and best practices to meet the changing needs of the users. “An innovative librarian explores, applies and discovers applications to change the system that provides impactful services. With the successful digital library initiatives, libraries have started connecting with each other through library network and

A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life.

~Henry Ward Beecher

share their resources to avoid duplication of money, manpower and material. In this regard, library resource sharing networks and consortia are a boon to academic and research community.



In detail, Prof. Pravakar Rath spoke about the important components that have changed LIS profession, He also deliberated on the advancement in ICT and its relevance in libraries covering library automation, networks and consortia, digitization and, domination of e- resources, open educational resources, growth and popularity of social media, technology-based teaching, learning and implementation of library security Technology. He added that today's society is known as information society, ICT driven society, network society. The major driving force of this society is knowledge and information. He explained about information seeking countries and the countries that are not seeking much information. So, this gap between these countries is called as digital divide. It can be minimized and eradicated through transformation in libraries and networking the libraries with INFLIBNET, DELNET and other Local Library Networks.

A dynamic library website provides

opportunities to the users to know the up-to-date information, subject to frequent change (addition, deletion, updation) so that the obsolete and outdated resources and services can be removed. An interactive website is a two-way communication process between library users and library staff.

Prof. M. Sadik Batcha of Annamalai University, who presented the overview of the conference, said this conference has been planned to provide a platform to enable interaction among library professionals and digital library experts, researchers, academicians, and students to discuss the needed changes to transform library and information science education and training and to adopt, implement and utilize the emerging Digital Library and all other available new technologies and their applications toward shaping information paradigm to bridge the digital divide through knowledge sharing and to provide an opportunity to identify the strengths and gaps in the library system and to suggest new models, policies and mechanisms for reshaping the traditional libraries into next generation libraries.

A Compendium containing 118 research articles was released by Prof. G. Ravi and the first copy was received by Prof. Pravakar Rath. 220 participants from across the country attended the conference.

Earlier Prof. S. Thanuskodi, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Head of the Depart. of Library and Information Science and Organizing Secretary of the Conference welcomed the gathering. Dr. C. Baskaran, Librarian,

Central Library, Alagappa University, proposed a vote of thanks.

## INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY CELEBRATION

The International Literacy Day was conducted on 16.09.2022 at Alagappa University under the auspices of the Department of Library and Information Science.



Presiding over the event Prof. G. Ravi, Vice – Chancellor, Alagappa University, said at the time of India’s Independence, only 2 out of 10 people were literates at the national level. But in 2022 India’s literacy rate is 77.7 percent owing to the efforts of the governments. He added that Tamil Nadu’s literacy rate 82.9 percent, with male literacy constituting 87.9 percent and female literacy rate is 77.9 percent. The overall enrollment rate in higher education in India is 27.1 percent. But the total enrollment rate in higher education in Tamil Nadu is twice the national average i.e. 51.4 percent. He further said that countries like Iceland, Norway, Sweden Denmark and Switzerland have achieved 100 percent literacy in the world. Countries like North Korea and Cuba excel in fields like agriculture and medicine only because of education. He also said that literacy means knowing and studying what is

necessary for life along with the curriculum prescribed for study. Japan is the third richest country in the world and it is because of people’s hard work and quality education system prevailing there.

Prof. V. Thiruvalluvan, Vice – Chancellor, Tamil University, Thanjavur, delivered the keynote address. He stated there is a correlation between literacy rate and all-round progress of a nation. Education enhances the quality of life of individuals and it is, indeed, a blessing. He dwelt on the qualities one has to nurture in his early education. “Besides learning subjects the youth should learn moral and ethical ways of living which ancient Tamil Literacy texts highlight. There should be gratitude and loyalty and these are the most important traits one has to cultivate. Purity of mind is very important. Experience is real life. Students should remember the saying that reading makes a full man. Education should be used properly for a righteous living and students should make reading a daily routine. Those who control the mind and concentrate on studies become scholars”.



Prof. A. Narayamoorthy, Dean Research, offered felicitation. He said no development without education. If literacy develops, the country will automatically progress in all

sectors. He exhorted the students to go to libraries and read a lot of books for their personal elevation and national development.

Earlier, Dr. S. Thanuskodi, Head of the Department of Library and Information Science, delivered the welcome address and Dr. V. Muthumari, Adjunct Faculty, proposed a vote of thanks.

## TEN-DAY RESEARCH METHODOLOGY COURSE CONDUCTED

A ten - Day Research Methodology course organised by the Department of Library and Information Science, Alagappa University, Karaikudi under the sponsorship of the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi, was inaugurated on 07.12.2022 at the Seminar Hall of the Central Library of the University.

While welcoming the participants, Prof. S. Thanuskodi, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Course Director, stated that the objective of the ten-day course in research methodology is to hone the research skills of the participants by focusing on the modern methodological tools to design and conduct research and to analyze research outcome for pragmatic action. He profusely thanked the Indian Council of Social science Research for its continued support and patronage for all earnest efforts taken by Alagappa University for enhancing the quality of research.

Inaugurating the course, Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, asked the researchers to explore the issues of

vulnerable and marginalized communities living in rural pockets of India. He also appealed to them to develop a proper perspective on the root causes of the social problems and conduct research and produce reliable results. Such results should ultimately help in framing policies for pragmatic action for the development of the society. He also said that all disciplines coming under the purview of Social Sciences should be given equal importance.

The Vice - Chancellor added that universities in India give much importance to disciplines like Economics and Management Science; and other Social Science disciplines like Anthropology, Public Administration, Sociology etc., are given only less importance but they are also the mainstream disciplines like Economics and Management Science.



He said that migration of our intellectuals and highly skilled researchers to developed countries seeking higher job opportunities and better living conditions is a big loss in human resource utilisation in India. Many researchers usually acquire skills and training in India but their final contributions go to the developed economies.

As per the recent reports, he said every year around one lakh Social Science articles are published by the Indian authors and more than 80% of those articles are not indexed in Scopus / Web of Science. In this context, researchers should be keen on publishing their works only in indexed journals.

The Vice -Chancellor concluded his speech by saying that today in national or international institutional ranking systems 30 to 40 percent of weightage is given to publications, citations and their impact. Referring to research culture in Alagappa University, he said that “ we are endeavouring to promote the quality of publications among the faculty members, research scholars and students. As on date Alagappa University has contributed 5689 quality publications in Scopus database and scored about 92000 citations attaining an h-index of 100”.

In his keynote address, prof. R. Sevukan, Department of Library and Information Science, Pondicherry University, emphasised the need to sensitise the budding social science researchers on producing quality research. While conducting research or publishing research papers, he said, the outcomes of a research should be user-centric in order to get better visibility and greater impact. In comparison with number of academic institutions, R&D expenditure and research productivity of India, the relative impact is not upto the expectations. He exhorted the young researchers to concentrate on quality research. He warned that poor quality publications done to

inflate quantity would adversely affect the ranking of institutions to which they belong.

Prof. A. Narayanamoorthy, Dean, Research, Alagappa University offered felicitations. Dr. S. Kishore Kumar, Deputy Librarian and Co-Course director, proposed a vote of thanks, Dr. P. Veeramani (Assistant Professor, Centre for Women’s studies, Alagappa University) and Dr. R. Suresh, ( Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Rural Development), Organising Committee Members, were present on the occasion. Thirty Scholars representing different disciplines and from across the country participated in the ten-day programme.

The following senior academics delivered lectures at the 10-day programme—Dr. R. Sevukan, Dr. K. Alamelu, Dr. B.S. Mahanand, Dr. P. Sivakumar, Dr. T.T. Gurumoorthy, Dr. S. Thanuskodi, Dr. V. Manickavasagam, Dr. K. Gowri, Dr. R. Kasilingam, dr. Janarthanan Balakrishnan, Dr. K. Ramasamy, dr. A. Narayanamoorthy, Dr. PS. Velmurugan, Dr. K. Manimekalai, Dr. Sreejith V, Dr. M. Sadik Batcha, dr. G. Lankumaran and Prof. C. Raghava Reddy.



The 25 topics dealt with in the course were: Social science Research, Scientific Writing, Identification of Research Problems, Structuring Literature Review through Zotero and Latex, Data Collection Techniques, Creativity and novelty in Research, role of INFLIBNET Centre: Major Activities and services, Quality of Research, Basic Statistics (Descriptive and Inferential), Use of Parametric and Non - Parametric Test in Primary Data Analysis, views for econometric Analysis, selection of Research design: Sampling/Questionnaire/Scaling techniques, Free Online Tools for research, Mind Mapping: Tools and techniques, Writing quality Research Papers & Publishing in High Impact Journals, Report / Thesis Writing, Qualitative Research Methods, Feminist Methods in Social Research, Formulation and Testing of Hypothesis, Logic in Research /Wos/ Scopus Journal Selection, Reference Management System Tools & Techniques, Grounded Theory in Research, The Journey into research: A Philosophical Overview, Challenges in Social Science Research: Contemporary Perspective, Citation Metrics and Research Management System.

## RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

- Alagu A & Thanuskodi S. (2022) Challenges of Online Learning among school students during Covid-19 Pandemic: A Study of Higher Secondary Schools in Karaikudi. IALA Journal Vol.10(2)18-27. ISSN:2319-1392.
- Nishavathi, E., Jeyshankar, R. , Oh, D.-G. (2022). evaluating research output using scientometric and social network analysis

A case study of Alagappa University, India. International Journal of Information Science and Management (IJISM), 20(2), 325-345.

- Athulya, S., Thanuskodi, S., (2022) Sustainable Development of Libraries: Some Possibilities. Specialusis Ugdymas / Special Education .1 (43),7332-7344. ISSN: 1392- 5369.

## NATIONAL CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS

- Athulya S & Thanuskodi S Attitude of Solo Librarian in Promoting Sustainable Development Goals National Conference on “Changing Information Landscape and Its Transformation in LIS, Education” at Department of Library and Information Science, Alagappa University, 2nd & 3rd September, 2022. 14-19 [978-93-92990-12-0].
- Sivaprasad P & Thanuskodi S Perception and Approach of Job Aspirants towards Misinformation in Study Materials National Conference on “Changing Information Landscape and Its Transformation in LIS Education” at DLIS, Alagappa University, 2nd & 3rd September, 2022. 58-63 [978-93- 92990- 12 0].
- Alagu A & Thanuskodi S Linear Regression Analysis to Prediction of COVID-19 Confirmed Case and Deaths in Southern States of India: A Metrics Study National Conference on Changing “Information Landscape and Its Transformation in LIS Education” at DLIS, Alagappa University, 2nd & 3rd September, 2022. 67-71 [978-93-92990-12- 0].

- Neethu Mohanan & Thanuskodi S Do Libraries Have a Role in Plagiarism Control: A Descriptive Study National Conference on “Changing Information Landscape and Its Transformation in LIS Education” at DLIS, Alagappa University, 2nd & 3rd September, 2022. 149-152 [978-93-92990-12- 0].
- Nanthakumar & Raja S Scientometric Analysis of Electric Vehicle Technology (EVT) for Sustainability Development Goal in India Trend Analysis 2015-2022 National Conference on “Changing Information Landscape and Its Transformation in LIS Education” at DLIS, Alagappa University, 2nd & 3rd September, 2022. 149-152 [978-93-92990-12-0]
- Rathika & Thanuskodi S Bibliometric Analysis of Green Library Publications Based on WOS Database 2017-2021 National Conference on “Changing Information Landscape and Its Transformation in LIS Education” at DLIS, Alagappa University, 2nd & 3rd September, 2022. 149-152 [978-93-92990-12-0].
- **Mr. R. Balakrishnan** was awarded Ph.D. from Alagappa University in September, 2022 for his work titled “Competencies, Skills and Habits of Library and Information Science Students and Scholars of Tamilnadu: An Analytical study” under the guidance of Dr. R. Jeyshankar, Associate Professor.
- **Ms. Jisha Antony** was awarded Ph.D. from Alagappa University in September, 2022 for her work titled “Scientometric Study of Poultry Industry Research Publications: A Global Perspective” under the guidance of Dr. S. Raja, Assistant Librarian.
- **Ms. M. Raja** was awarded Ph.D. from Alagappa University in October, 2022 for his work titled “demographic Differences in the Perceived Use of Social Media by the Researchers of Alagappa University” under the guidance of Dr. P. Ganesan, Librarian.
- **Mr. S. Radhakrishnan** was awarded Ph.D. from Alagappa University in November, 2022 for his work titled “Scientometric Analysis of Literature on Phytochemistry” under the guidance of Dr. C. Baskaran, Librarian.

## PHD RECIPIENTS

- **Ms. V.T. Jeeja** was awarded Ph.D. from Alagappa University in July, 2022 for her work titled “Mapping of Legal studies Research Publications: A Global Perspective” under the guidance of Dr. S. Raja, Assistant Librarian.
- **Mr. P. Alex** was awarded Ph.D. from Alagappa University in August, 2022 for his work titled “Research Publications on Entomology: A Scientometric Analysis” under the guidance of Dr. S. Kishore Kumar, Deputy Librarian.
- **Mr. K. Palanivel** was awarded Ph.D. from Alagappa University in November, 2022 for “Quantitative Analysis on Palaeontology Literature: A Scientometric Study” under the guidance of Dr. C. Baskaran, Librarian.
- **Mr. S. Jaishankar** was awarded Ph.D. from Alagappa University in December, 2022 for his work titled “An Evaluative Study on Library Websites of Selected Indian Educational Institutions” under the guidance of Dr. S. Kishore Kumar, Deputy Librarian.



- Ms. K. Senthur Selvi was awarded Ph.D. from Alagappa University in November, 2022 for her work titled “Information Literacy competency For Accessing Electronic Resource: A Study among the Research Scholars of Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, Tamilnadu” under the guidance of Dr. P. Ganesan, Librarian.
- Ms. H.K. Nagajyothi was awarded Ph.D. from Alagappa University in December, 2022 for her work titled “Use and Evaluation of Web- Based Information Services in Autonomous Engineering Colleges Affiliated to Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi, Karnataka State” under the guidance of Dr. P. Ganesan, Librarian.
- Rohini Nayyar prize: Sethrichem Sangtam, who helped triple the incomes of 1,200 marginalised farmers in Eastern Nagaland, was awarded the first Rohini Nayyar prize.
- Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs has won the Platinum Icon in the Digital India Awards 2022 for their initiative “Data Smart Cities: Empowering Cities through Data”.
- National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) won the coveted IEI (Institution of Engineers, India) Industry Excellence Award 2022 in Chennai.
- PETA India’s 2022: Bollywood actress, Sonakshi Sinha has been awarded PETA India’ 2022 Person of the Year title.
- Mrs World 2022: India’s Sargam Koushal created history as she finally won the Mrs World 2022 title after 21 years while competing for India in the pageant.
- SpiceJet has been awarded the ‘Safety Performer of the Year’ award by GMR Delhi Airport Awards.
- Srishti Bakshi has won the ‘Change maker’ award at the UN SDG (United Nations Sustainable Development Goals) Action Awards.

## NET /SET QUALIFIED

- Mr. P. Sivaprasad, Ph.D. research scholar qualified the UGC NET (JRF) exam in November 2022.
- Mr. M. Nanthakumar, Ph.D. research scholar qualified the UGC NET (JRF) exam in November 2022.
- Mr. C. Manikandan, M. Lib. I. Sc, qualified the UGC NET (JRF) exam in November 2022

## CURRENT AFFAIRS

### Awards

- National Intellectual Property Award won by IIT Madras for 2021 and 2022
- The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has won the prestigious GRIHA Exemplary Performance Award 2022, a top national level Green Building Award.

## PERSON IN NEWS

- Young Player Award went to Enzo Fernandez.
- Canada won their first Davis Cup Title after defeating Australia.
- Cristiano Ronaldo creates history as he became the first male player to score in five World Cups.

- ManikaBatra became the first Indian woman to win a medal at the Asian Cup Table Tennis Tournament.
- Achanta Sharath Kamal has become the first player from India to get elected in the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF).
- Former ISRO Chairman K Sivan, actors Dattanna, Avinash and SihiKahi Chandru are among 67 personalities who will be awarded Rajyotsava Award this year, by the Karnataka government.
- Giorgia Meloni become Italy"s first woman prime minister.
- Physicist Professor, Deepak Dhar has become the first Indian to be awarded the Boltzmann Medal.

## Sport Awards

- India to host the IBA Women"s World Boxing Championship 2023.
- In 2022, MirabaiChanu won the Sportstar of the Year (Female) Award, and Neeraj Chopra won the Sportstar of the Year (Male) Award.
- Tokyo Olympic Games silver-medallist weightlifter MirabaiChanu has bagged the 2022 'BBC Indian Sportswoman Of The Year' award after a public vote.
- The Indian women's hockey team has emerged victorious in the Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2023, securing the gold medal for the second time in the competition's history.
- ICC Cricket World Cup 2023, Australia has lift the world cup trophy by defeating India.
- Neeraj Chopra secured the gold medal and Kishore Kumar Jena clinched the silver in the

Men's Javelin Throw competition at the Asian Games 2023, held at Hangzhou.

- Spain, defending champions won the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup against the first-time finalists Colombia. The host country of the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup was India.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- India-based Kalyani Group has launched India's first "green" steel brand called Kalyani Ferresta.
- IIT Madras has become the first Indian Institute of Technology to establish an international campus on the picturesque Zanzibar Island in East Africa.
- World's first Palm-leaf Manuscript Museum has recently opened in Kerala.
- A SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket carried into space the first ever Arab-built lunar spacecraft. It was launched from the Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida. The Rashid Rover was built by Dubai's Mohammed bin Rashid Space Centre (MBRSC), in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and is being delivered by the HAKUTO-R lander, engineered by Japanese lunar exploration company space.
- Project Vaani will be implemented jointly by the Indian Institute of Sciences (IISc), ARTPARK (AI and Robotics Technology Park), and Google to gather speech data from across India for the creation of an AI-based language model that can understand diverse Indian languages and dialects.

- NASA has launched the newest Surface Water and Ocean Topography (SWOT) spacecraft to track nearly all the water on the surface of the Earth.
- China launched the Shenzhou-17 manned spaceship from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center.

## International Current Affairs

- Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky was chosen as the 2022 Person of the Year by the Time Magazine.
- Spain won the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup.
- The city of Hyderabad, Telangana, has been honoured as the Grand winner of the AIPH (International Association of Horticultural Producers) World Green City Awards 2022.
- Britain's Indian-origin Home Secretary, Suella Braverman has been named as the winner of the first ever Queen Elizabeth II Woman of the Year award at a ceremony in London.
- Veteran actress Asha Parekh has been declared the recipient of the 52nd Dadasaheb Phalke Award for the year 2020.
- Breakthrough Prize (dubbed the "Oscars of Science") 2023 in Mathematics awarded to Daniel Spielma.
- The Pacific Area Travel Writers Association (PATWA), a part of the United Nations World Tourism Organization, has given West Bengal the International Travel Award 2023 for Best Destination for Culture (UNWTO).

## STUDENT'S CORNER

### The Library: A Paradise for Knowledge and Exploration

In the heart of every town, nestled amidst the hustle and bustle of daily life, stands a sanctuary of intellect and imagination – the library. With its grand architecture and rows upon rows of books, the library beckon to all who seek knowledge, solace, and adventure. Let us embark on a journey through the hallowed halls of this revered institution, where the past and present converge in a celebration of human thought and discovery. The library is a place of boundless exploration, where every book is a gateway to another world. From the classics of literature to the latest works of science and technology, the collection spans the breadth of human knowledge and imagination. History comes alive in the pages of ancient tomes, while the future unfolds in the words of visionary thinkers. Here, the curious mind can roam freely, unfettered by the constraints of time or space. But perhaps the true magic of the library lies not in its shelves of books or its quiet corridors, but in the connections forged within its walls. It is a place where strangers become friends, where ideas are shared and debated, and where the bonds of community are strengthened through a shared love of learning. In an increasingly digital world, the library remains a bastion of human connection, a reminder of the power of words to unite and inspire.

**R. Sargunapathi**  
Research Scholar

## Pollution Prevention and Mitigation

To mitigate pollution, adopting various strategies is essential. Implementing sustainable practices such as reducing, reusing, and recycling materials can minimize waste production. Moreover, transitioning to cleaner energy sources like solar or wind power helps reduce harmful emissions. Encouraging the use of public transportation, carpooling, or biking reduces reliance on fossil fuels and decreases air pollution. Implementing strict regulations on industrial emissions and waste disposal ensures businesses adhere to environmentally friendly practices. Lastly, raising awareness through education campaigns promotes individual responsibility and collective action in combating pollution. By employing these strategies, communities can work towards a cleaner and healthier environment for future generations.

**Sathayapriya B**  
M.Lib.I.Sc I Year

## Librarian

The library, often referred to as the box of heaven, contains valuable information curated by the librarian. The librarian maintains and safeguards this knowledge, providing guidance to students. Without the librarian, there would be chaos in bookkeeping and a lack of guidance for students. They preserve books, ensure systematic record-keeping, and facilitate access to information. Their role extends to tracking student data and aiding

management decisions. Acting as a bridge between students and administration, the librarian plays a crucial and challenging role in preserving and disseminating knowledge for future generations.

**Porkodi M**  
M.Lib.I.Sc I Year

## Water Sanitation

Every child deserves a safe and clean environment to grow up in, with access to basic sanitation, clean water, and proper hygiene practices. Despite the attention brought by COVID-19 to hand hygiene, millions lack access to soap and water. The WASH initiative aims to provide safe water, sanitation, and hygiene globally. Alarming, inadequate water and hygiene lead to numerous deaths annually, particularly affecting children under five. The WHO WASH Strategy, aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals, emphasizes the right to safe water and sanitation. It focuses on improving water quality, monitoring healthcare facilities, and enhancing sanitation safety. Collaboration with partners and integration with health programs aim to maximize impact. Ultimately, ensuring safe water, toilets, and hygiene is vital for children's health and survival.

**Safe water, toilets and good hygiene keep children alive and healthy.**

**Preethi J**  
M.Lib.I.Sc I Year

“Change is the end result of all true learning.”

~Leo Buscaglia