



## Kailash Balani

July 2nd 1955 - November 2nd, 2024

With profound grief we share the passing of our beloved Kailash Balani, who left us on November 2nd, 2024. He was a beacon of strength, light and hope to our family and community. His sense of humor, passion for service, and unwavering spirit live on and will forever be remembered. His last rites were performed on 2nd November, 2024 at New Delhi in the presence of a large number of family members and friends.

### *Condolence Messages Pour in From Across the World*

*The entire library fraternity and publishing industry was deeply shocked by the sudden demise of Mr. Kailash Balani on November 2, 2024. A large number of condolence messages were shared on various social networking groups. Some of these messages are being shared with the readers.*

I am deeply saddened to learn of this shocking news of untimely passing of Mr. Kailash Balani. My heartfelt condolences to all in family and friends during this difficult time. Mr. Balani's contributions to libraries and library industry and dedication to his work have left an indelible mark. He was not only a respected professional colleague but also a source of inspiration and guidance to all who knew him. His commitment and passion will always be remembered, and his absence is a tremendous loss to all of us. May his soul rest in peace. Om shanti With deepest sympathies.

**Dr. Ramesh C Gaur - Indira Gandhi National Centre For the Arts, New Delhi.**

Extremely shocking and saddening to hear about the sudden demise of Shri Kailash Balani ji, a most towering figure in the publishing industry with an unparalleled contributions of more than fifty years. He was a great supporter of Libraries and will always be remembered for his remarkable work. A true gentle soul with his charismatic smile was always generous to support the library activities. May God grant peace to the departed soul and fortitude to the family members to bear the irreparable loss. Our sincere condolences to the family members and entire Balani Group officials.

**Dr. Sangeeta Kaul - DELNET, New Delhi.**

I was shocked to hear of the passing of Mr. Kailash Balani, a leading member of the publishing world and a close friend to the librarian fraternity. His support for libraries has left an indelible mark on our community. His absence will be profoundly felt by all who had the privilege of knowing him. My thoughts and heartfelt condolences go out to his family, friends, and colleagues during this difficult time. May his legacy continue to inspire everyone. He will be remembered with respect and gratitude for his invaluable contributions to the library and publishing community.

***Dr. Gopakumar V- National Digital Library, Kerala.***

Mr. Kailash Balani a good human being, good friend and loveable person who left for heavenly abode. Shadhanjali to the departed soul. My heartfelt condolences to the family.

***Dr. Satendra Singh Dhaka- President-Asian Library Association, India.***

Really shocking may his soul have sadgati. May god give the strength to his family and near and dear ones to bear the loss. The industry has lost a leader.

***Mr. Bharat Nagrecha- Beegees Computer Pvt Ltd. Mumbai.***

He was a great human being and always helpful to bring up library profession. His presence will be missed in the profession. Om Shanti.

***Dr. Suresh Jindal-University of Delhi, Delhi.***

It is really very sad that he left us for heavenly abode so early. A through gentleman whose smile and absence will be missed personally and in the profession by all. My heartfelt condolences to the family and friends. ***Sanjay K Bihani, MEA, Dhaka.***

I was deeply saddened to hear of Mr. Kailash Balani's passing. Please accept my heartfelt condolences. I would like to express my gratitude for the support Mr. Balani and his team provided in handling Nikkei's work. I also remember with appreciation the opportunity to visit the Noida office in July 2023 and to have meaningful discussions with him. Please extend my sympathies to everyone at the office and his family. My thoughts are with you all during this difficult time.

***Ryu OHSUMI-Nikkei Group Asia Pte Ltd.***

Saddened to know. Left too early. We had conversation regularly with each other. May Eshwar grant Peace to his soul and patience to bereaved family members and others.

***Dr. Abdul Majid Baba- Central University of Kashmir.***

Very shocking and deeply saddened to hear the untimely passing of Sh. Balani Ji. Praying for his soul to rest in peace. Om Shanti.

***Dr. M.G Sreekumar.-***

***JIO University, Mumbai.***

At this time, we would like to pause and reflect on the life of your founder, Kailash Balani, who we were informed sadly passed away over the weekend.

***David Elek-Brill Publishing.***

Very sad to hear shocking news of the passing of Kailash Balani who was blue eye for the LIS fraternity. My heartfelt condolences. May his soul rest in peace... Om Shanti Om Shanti.

***Dr. R K Sharma, UNO, New Delhi.***

Very sad news. Shradhanjali to the departed soul and deep condolences to the bereaved family members and friend.

***Prof. Manoj Kumar Sinha.***

Really a very sad news. A fun-loving gentleman. My sincere condolences to family and friends.

***Lata Suresh, Ministry of Corporate Affairs***

Very big loss to our profession as he was a legend in the publication industry and libraries supporter. RIP. Om Shanti Om.

***Dr.RK Bhatt, DU.***

Very Very Sad News for Library Fraternity, Vendors & Publishers Fraternity. He was a great support to Librarians and role model for Vendors and Publishers. My Heartfelt Condolences.***Dr.D.D.Lal, NBRI, New Delhi.***

Very shocking to see this sad news. He was very humble and gentle. My sincere condolences to his family members.

***Dr.Rameh Yarnagula-MEA, New Delhi.***

Very sad news Bhagwan Balani Sahab ki aatma ko shanti pradan kare Om Shanti Om

***Dr.Zubair Mahmood, Jamia Millia Islamia.***

Kailash ji was a through Gentleman and stalwart of Publishing Industry,may his soul rest in peace.

***Dr.Sanjeev Kumar, Ambedkar University.***

Very shocking! It's very untimely. My deep condolences and prayers for departed soul.

***Dr.O.N Chaubey***

***General Secretary***

***Indian Library Association, Delhi.***

## ***A Beautiful Life Cut-Short***

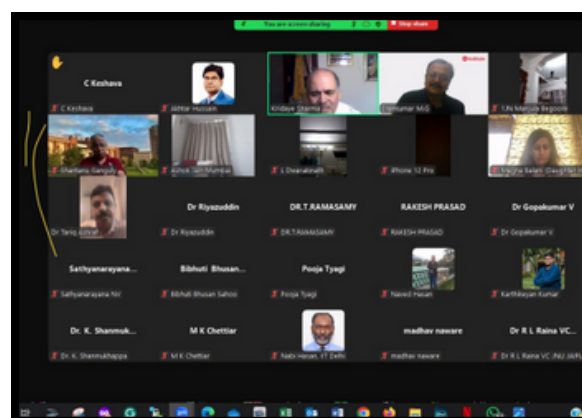


**Receiving the Golden Award on Completing 50 Years in Publishing Industry on September 28th, 2024**

## *Library Associations Across the Country Mourn the Death of Mr. Kailash Balani, Publisher, Friend and a Philosopher*

Shaken by his sudden demise, the Help-Library Mission, a charitable trust founded by Mr. Kailash Balani during the COVID-19 breakout to help the needy Library professionals, Management Libraries Network, New Delhi and Asian Library Association, New Delhi, India organised an online condolence meeting on 3rd November 2024 in the loving memory of Mr. Kailash Balani.

The meeting was attended by a large number of members of these associations who expressed their deep shock and sorrow in the sudden death of Mr. Balani. The participants shared their fond memories of Mr. Balani and how he played a pioneering role in providing services and resources to libraries in India and neighboring countries. He was a well-meaning and genuine entrepreneur who introduced a large number of products in Indian Market during the last 50 years of his illustrious publishing career. It was emphasised that he was ahead of his times in his thinking and was among very few globally to transform from print to electronic publishing at a very early stage. Mr. Balani was the one who introduced the concept of the consortium model of acquisition and laid the foundation of INDEST consortium which later merged with UGC- INFONET.



During the last decade, Balani Infotech, the flagship company of Balani Group introduced several web-based tools like turnitin, DrillBit, Lanquill, and Sciflow to leverage emerging technologies. Despite his strong business sense, Mr. Balani always emphasised on conducting business ethically and generously. He spent a huge amount on philanthropic activities. The meeting was attended, among others, by Prof. Roshan Raina, Mr. Sujan Sekhar Mr. N.V. Sathyanarayana of Informatics, Mr.M. Chettiar of Bharat Book Bureau, Prof.PV Kannur, Dr. MG. Sreekumar, Dr. Akhtar Parvez, Dr. Shantanu Ganguly, Dr. Tariq Ashraf, Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Dr. Nabi Hasan, Mr. Biraj Valia, Dr. Ramesh Yernagule, Dr. Lata Suresh, Dr. Akhtar Hussain.

The meeting was also attended by Ms. Megha Balani, Executive Director of Global Music Institute, a Balani Group company who shared her memories of Mr. Balani and spoke about his human nature and large-heartedness. She thanked the participants for sharing the grief of the bereaved family by organising the condolence meeting.

## *Messages Received During the Condolence Meeting*

Dear Balani Family, I am sad to hear about the sudden passing of Shri Kailash Balani ji. Please accept my heartfelt condolences during this incredibly difficult time. His warmth, kindness, and the positive impact he had on those around him will always be remembered. May you find strength and comfort in the love and support of family and friends. My thoughts are with you all.

With deepest sympathy,

***Dr. Akhtar Hussain Head-Library, IMT Ghaziabad.***

Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the passing of Shri Kailash Balani. In this difficult time, may you find comfort in cherished memories and strength in the support of family and friends. His legacy will be remembered with warmth and respect. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

***Biraj Valia & Bharat Nagrecha BCPL Mumbai.***

Please accept my heartfelt condolences. May his soul rest in peace.

***Dr. Neeza Singh, Chandigarh.***

I express my condolences and sad feelings.

***Prof. Roshan Lal Raina- Vice Chancellor, JNU, Jaipur.***

May his holy soul rest in Peace.

***Karthikeyan Kumar.***

My heartfelt condolences to all his family and friends. His loss is a great loss to LIS profession, associations and professionals. May his soul rest in peace.

***Dr. K. Shanmukhappa.***

We all miss you Sir.

***R Sunil Kumar, BIPL.***

I am deeply shocked and saddened by Kailash' passing, so unexpected. It's hard to find the words to express my sorrow. His generosity was endless, his optimism and positivity contagious, his smile heartwarming. He was always there to help and guide me. We've shared many meals, drinks, and laughs. I loved it when he would take the stage to sing. My heart goes out to Bina and the whole family, and to all the Balani co-workers. I wish them all the strength.

***Peter Hoving-ACS.***

This is an irreparable loss to the entire academic community. It is a personal loss to me since I have been immensely benefitted by the benevolence of Shri.Kailash Balani Ji. May the Noble Soul rest in peace. Grieved by Dr.T.RAMASAMY, Law Professor/Advocate, madras High Court.

***Dr. T.Ramasamy Hyderabad.***

Heartfelt Condolences on this great loss of Balani Family.

***Ashok Jain, Mumbai.***

Our heartfelt condolences. We will miss your smile and support to everyone. Om shanti.

***Manjula, Bangalore.***

Will always be missed in our book trade.

***Kushal Books.***

He will always be remembered as a mentor who helped many people to excel in their lives. May God bless his Soul. My condolences to the family and friends. Om Shanti.

***Pooja Tyagi.***

Heartfelt condolences.

***Nabi Hasan, IIT Delhi.***

Please accept my deepest condolences. Balani Sir was not just our boss; he was a mentor, teacher, and an inspiration. Who we are today and the positions we hold are a testament to the training and guidance we received under him, definitely his memories will live on in our hearts forever. Sir; you will never be forgotten, we will cherish the times we shared and will carry your spirit with us ... Always. Om Shanti.

**Kanika Rai.**

Big loss for all of us My heartfelt condolences.

**E. Ramesh, Librarian HITAM.**

Big loss for all of us My heartfelt condolences. **Avinash Kumar.**

A beloved soul who touched many lives", "A life well-lived" **Dr. Tariq Ashraf-BIPL.**

Dear Mrs. Balani On behalf of our team at AAS/Science, please accept our deepest sympathies on the sad loss of Kailash Balan. Our thoughts are with you, your family, and the Balani staff.

**AAAS/Science staff.**

I had the privilege of knowing Balani Sahab for over two decades, and hearing of his sudden passing was deeply shocking. It's hard to accept that someone so vibrant and full of life is no longer with us. He was a true inspiration, rising from humble beginnings to become a successful and respected businessman. His legacy will live on through the profound impact he made in his field and in the lives he touched. May he rest in peace, and his memory serve as a source of strength and comfort to his loved ones.

He will be missed profoundly and remembered always.

**Dr. Akhtar Parvez, Jamia Hamdard.**

My heartfelt condolences to all family members and the Balani team for this great loss. Balani Sir has been a source of great inspiration and support to many people over the decades and he will continue to guide through the people he has left behind with his aura. I personally had the opportunity to work him on professional front as well as personal front when he interacted with my family with great love and affection. May his soul rest in peace. **Sujan Sekhar Gadepalli-ACS.**

Balani Sir's mentorship and guidance had a lasting impact on our lives! My condolences to the family. **Nidhi Bhan.**

Very sad news that Kailash Balani sb no more i pray god for vinarm shredanjali. **Amitabh Saran.**

We are very sorry to hear about Mr Kailash's passing. **Stephanie Liew Hui Ping-Nikkei Asia.**

I was heartbroken to learn about Balani sir's passing. He was a remarkable leader and an incredible individual who will be greatly missed. My thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. With deepest sympathy. **Deepa Bisht, BIPL.**

Sad and Shocking! was such a vibrant personality, hard to believe he is no more!

a big big loss for the industry and his family.

May his soul rest in eternal peace

**Ajit Kohli, Thieme.**

That is very sad to hear—my sincere condolences to his family and the Balani Infotech team. **Dr. Carsten Borchert- Co-Founder and Managing Director, SciFlow.**

The news to me of Mr. Kailash Balani's passing. I feel for your loss as individuals and as an organization, and I send you all warm and supportive feelings.

**Ann-Project Muse.**

Very sad to hear the news of Mr Balani. We used to know him from his Butterworths days which was about 4 decades ago. What I appreciate is he used to Stock many imported books, when people hesitated to stock them, bcoz of the exorbitant stocks. He has always supported us to do business by offering books on Credit and so on. I personally feel he was a giant of publishing business God bless, *Anand Gopinath*.

Very shocking indeed. Over the years I had developed a good professional as well as personal rapport with Mr. Balani. He was a versatile personality and loved what he did. He was very straight forward as a person and would never shy away from calling a spade a spade. Will miss his melodious songs for which he used to share online links. May his soul rest in peace. Om Shant  
*Sanjay Goswam, EBSCO.*

***...Family Committed to Carry Forward His Legacy...***

“As we mourn the loss of our beloved Kailash Balani, our hearts are comforted by the outpouring of love we have received from all of you—those whose lives he touched so deeply. In this difficult time, we find strength in knowing how many people admired and respected him. Our family is committed to honoring his legacy with dedication and integrity. His passion for the industry he loved so much will remain our guiding force.”  
We thank you for standing with us during this challenging time. Your support means the world to us.

*Balani Family*

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