

From the Desk of Managing Director



Kailash Balani

In our constant endeavour to serve our user community more effectively, we have been regularly strengthening our portfolio of products and reaching out to new users. As the focus shifts to technology based applications, we have brought for you two new solutions viz imagetwin and AllThatStats.

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Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics

From the Blog

Government Allocates Rs 1.48 Lakh Crore for Education and Employment Initiatives:

In the Union Budget 2024, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has announced a significant allocation of Rs 1.48 lakh crore towards education, employment, and skill development. This funding is aimed at enhancing the quality and reach of educational and training programs across the country.

The allocation includes Rs 1.12 lakh crore designated for the education sector, focusing on improvements in infrastructure, teacher training, and the integration of technology in classrooms. The budget also earmarks Rs 36,000 crore for employment and skilling initiatives, designed to support job creation and vocational training.

Key initiatives under this budget include the expansion of existing schemes and the introduction of new programs targeting skill development for youth and the underprivileged. The emphasis is on increasing employability through specialized training and creating opportunities for skill enhancement in various sectors.

Source: <https://www.financialexpress.com/budget/education-budget-2024>

Spotlight on Library Management Innovations:

Managing Director, BIPL, Mr. Kailash Balani addressed the PubliCon 2024, organised by FICCI, New Delhi on July 25th, 2024





At PubliCon 2024, held on July 25th at FICCI, New Delhi, Mr. Kailash Balani delivered a compelling presentation on "Emerging Library Management & Learning Web Tools," offering attendees a comprehensive look at the latest advancements reshaping the library and learning sectors. Mr. Balani's session illuminated how libraries are evolving in the digital age, focusing on several key areas.

Mr. Balani's presentation provided valuable insights into how these technologies are not only streamlining library operations but also enriching the learning experience. His expertise underscored the transformative potential of these tools in shaping the future of libraries and education. The audience at PubliCon 2024 was left with a deeper understanding of the tools and technologies driving change in the sector with these insights.

In the same session, Prof. (Dr.) Ramesh C. Gaur, Dean (Administration) & Head of the Kala Nidhi Division at IGNC, New Delhi, delivered a compelling speech on the Role of Technology in Library Management at PubliCon 2024

In his address, Prof. Gaur emphasized the critical importance of technology in library management. He highlighted that since the invention of computers, libraries have undergone a complete transformation, leveraging both existing and emerging technologies. The advent of the internet in the 1990s and the rise of mobile technology in the 21st century have revolutionized library operations. Today, approximately 80% of library activities are technology-driven, with only 20% relying on traditional methods.

Prof. Gaur expressed concern that Indian libraries have struggled to keep pace with technological advancements and emphasised the need to develop a modern public library system in the country and integrate this with urban development process.

Face-to-Face

Dr. Akhtar Parvez, a prominent library professional, has recently shifted base to Delhi and joined Jamia Hamdard, a deemed to be University. Biginfo spoke to Dr. Akhtar Parvez, on his professional journey and vision for Jamia Hamdard: Some excerpts:



BI: Please describe your professional journey.

AP: Before joining Jamia Hamdard on July 1, 2024, I served as University Librarian at Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU), and Librarian at the prestigious Indian Institute of Management Indore (IIM Indore). I have about 34 years of total professional experience of working in institutions like the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), The American Center-USIS-New Delhi, DELNET, India International Centre, and leading credit rating agency, ICRA. I have also been active at professional fronts, have been serving MANLIBNET as its General Secretary for last many years and regularly speaking on professional issues from various platforms.

BI: Please share with us your contribution to management education as a former Librarian of a top business school.

AP: A librarian can contribute significantly to management education in various ways. I believe that access to scholarly content is crucial for faculty and research scholars. When I joined IIM Indore, we had very few subscriptions to academic resources. At that time, the budget for resources was less than 1 crore. However, I successfully convinced the appropriate authorities that our faculty and research scholars needed access to the best resources available globally. By the time I left IIM Indore in December 2016, the budget had increased to approximately Rs. 5 crores.

As the Chairperson of the institute's website management committee, I ensured that the library and its resources were prominently featured on the website. I fostered a team spirit among the library staff, leading to long-term benefits like publishing the 'Research & Publications Annual Report' and the 'IIM Indore Quarterly Newsletter.' This initiative significantly encouraged our faculty and research scholars to contribute to these publications.

BI: What plan you have for your Jamia Hamdard library both in terms of resources and services in coming years. Please share your ideas.

AP: At Jamia Hamdard, there is significant potential to add value to the organization, particularly to the library. I am here on a three-year deputation, so my time is limited to achieve my goals. My priorities include streamlining library operations, training staff, providing user-centric library services, and enhancing the library's visibility. Jamia Hamdard possesses invaluable manuscripts. I plan to not only digitize these manuscripts but also conserve them and make them available on the internet for the broader academic community.

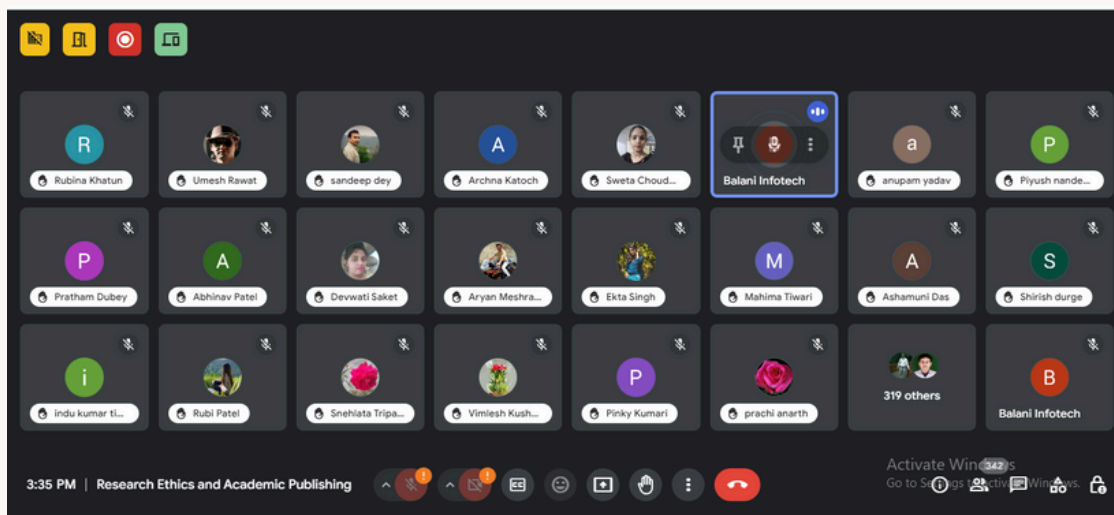
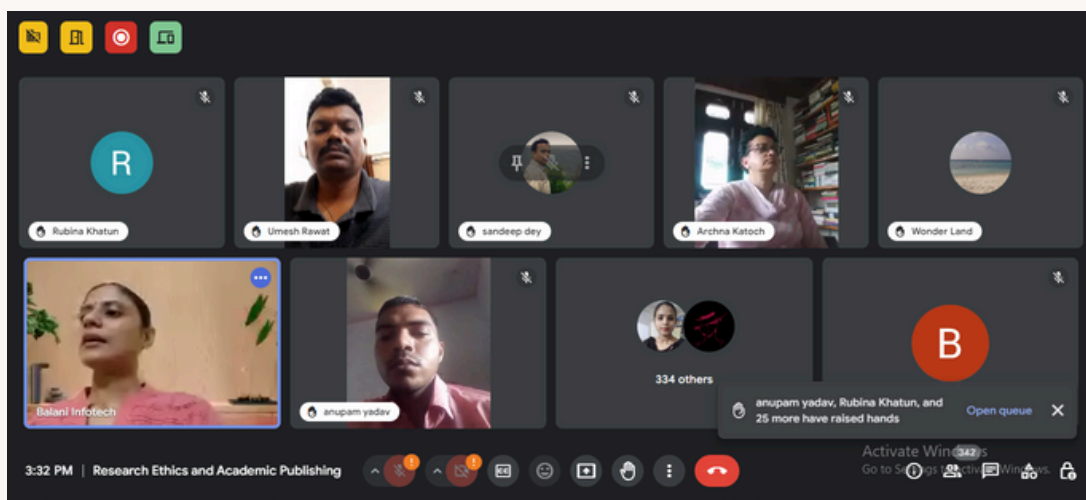
BI: Please share your views on challenges before library profession.

AP: The entire information landscape has shifted from print to electronic, largely. Libraries are no longer sole repositories of knowledge and information. Multiple channels are generating and disseminating information. Libraries need to diversify their services into new areas like information literacy promoting research ethics by effectively using image and text-based plagiarism tools and academic writings etc. An emerging area could be developing specific subject gateways out of huge electronic resources. The larger challenge before library professionals is to remain uptodate on new and emerging technologies.

Webinars Held:

Following webinars were held in association with Balani Infotech Pvt. Ltd. Noida.

1. National Webinar on "Research Ethics and Academic Publishing" organized by the Directorate Research APSU, IQAC APSU, and APSU NDLI Club, Awadesh Pratap Singh University, Rewa on July 18th, 2024.
2. National Webinar on "Research Ethics and Academic Publishing" organized by the Bhabha University, Bhopal on July 22nd, 2024.
3. National Webinar on "Research Ethics and Academic Publishing" organized by the Career Point University, Hamirpur, on August 6th, 2024
4. Webinar on "Enhancing the value of the experience with Project MUSE: A User Awareness Session" organized by Chaudhary Devi Lal University on August 7th, 2024.



Upcoming Webinars & Conferences:

Being organised in association with Balani Infotech Pvt.Ltd.Noida.

- National Webinar on "Research Ethics and Academic Publishing" organized by Guru Kashi University, Punjab on August 9th, 2024.
- National Webinar on "Research Ethics and Academic Publishing" organized by Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management (GITAM), on August 12th, 2024.

Meet us at the Following Conferences:

Planner 2024

(Promotion of Library Automation and Networking in North-Eastern Region)

September 19-21, 2024

Organized by
**INFLIBNET Centre,
Gandhinagar, Gujarat**
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“Smart Libraries:
Inspiring, Engaging,
Enabling and Connecting
Users, Communities for
Building Knowledge
Societies”

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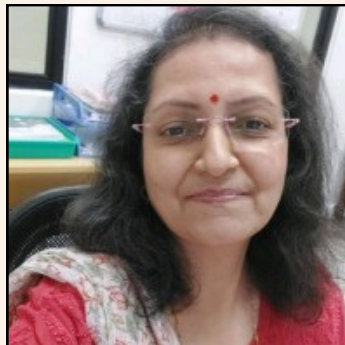
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successful tenure.



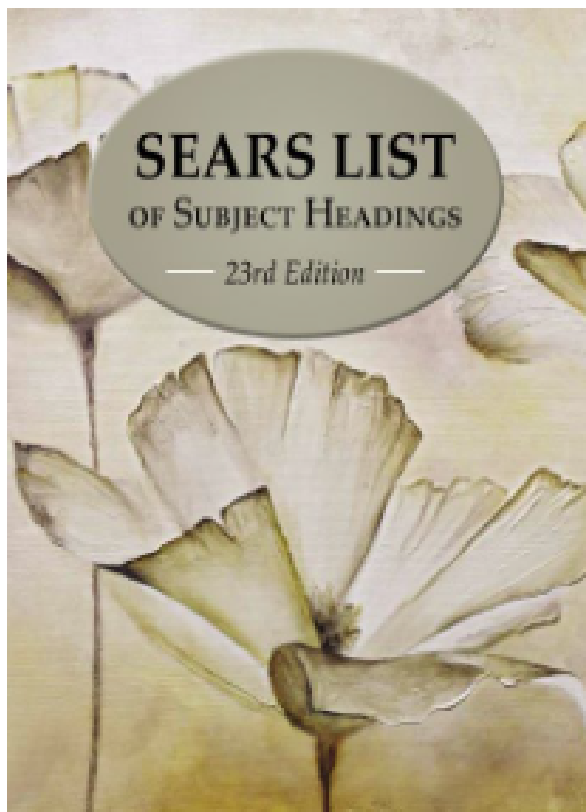
Balani Group congratulates
**Dr. Vikas Sitaramji
Nagrale**
for being nominated as
member of Governing Board
of INFLIBNET Centre,
Ahmedabad. Dr. Vikas
Sitaramji Nagrale is currently
holding the post of University
Librarian, Jamia Millia
Islamia, New Delhi.



Balani Group congratulates
Dr. Kshema Prakash,
Deputy Librarian
Indian Institute of Technology
Jodhpur
for being conferred Group A,
Staff Meritorious Award for year
2023-24 by
Indian Institute of Technology
Jodhpur.
Dr. Kshema Prakash has been
overseeing the coordination of the
NIRF, AISHE and QS Ranking
work. Her innovative thinking
and unwavering dedication
towards responsibilities exemplify
her exceptional commitment to
the Institute.



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years of SLA at SLA 2024
conference held at
University of Rhodes
Island, Rhodes Island,
USA on July 13, 2024.



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