

Librarians' Day 2025

Commemorating the birth anniversary of
Dr. S. R. Ranganathan
Father of Library Science Movement in India

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One day national seminar on
Sustainable Libraries for
Sustainable Rural Futures
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Jointly organized by ADINET and IRMA

Saturday, 23 August 2025

09.00 AM Onwards

**Venue: IRMA Auditorium, Institute of Rural
Management Anand (IRMA), Anand**

About the Host Institute (IRMA)

The Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA), established in 1979, is the pioneering academic institution in rural management education and research. It is committed to pursuing excellence along with creativity and integrity. The unique strength of IRMA lies in its ability to integrate development and management in all its endeavours and activities. This sets IRMA apart from other management and rural development institutions, which are largely concerned with either management or development, but not with both. Today, IRMA is recognized not only as an institution of excellence in teaching and research, but also acknowledged for having successfully created the new discipline of rural management. This path-breaking approach of IRMA is being emulated by other institutions in India and abroad. IRMA's educational and training programmes provide state-of-the-art pedagogy with an emphasis on experiential learning. The faculty comprises experienced academicians and practitioners of national and international repute. IRMA has state-of-the-art infrastructure, fully computerized activities, an excellent library, 24-hour internet connectivity and lush green campus providing a tranquil ambience for learning.





About Ravi J. Matthai Library (RJML)

"Building an educational institution is an act of faith, faith in your beliefs, in your vision, in those with whom you work and in their accomplishments."

– Ravi J. Matthai

Ravi J. Matthai Library (RJML) at IRMA is a premier resource hub dedicated to the field of rural management. As the country's most comprehensive library in this domain, RJML supports the institute's teaching and research activities with a dynamic collection that includes 45000 print books, 14000+ eBooks, over 18,600 eJournals, 121 print journals, government publications, and more. The library is housed in a spacious building with modern amenities, accommodating over 150 users at a time. With a vast array of online resources such as Euromonitor International Passport, Statista, CMIE, JSTOR, SCOPUS, and more, RJML ensures round-the-clock access to essential knowledge, supporting both academic excellence and research innovation in rural management.

About ADINET

ADINET (Advance Information Network of Libraries in Gujarat) is a network of over 3000 libraries and information centers in Gujarat that attempts to connect libraries to promote the sharing of resources and the dissemination of valuable information by networking libraries. It was set up in 1994 with a grant from DSIR, Govt. of India, Delhi, for just the initial years of its inception. The main vision of ADINET is to join libraries and enable them to achieve what cannot be done by one library alone. This will help them to harness their limited resources and collective strengths so that Libraries can continue to play their historic role as society's portal to information. ADINET organizes many webinars, an annual conference, focus group meetings, and workshops, where library professionals contribute their expertise in societal development and policy formation.



About the Seminar

"The soul of India lives in its villages," said Mahatma Gandhi, emphasizing the significance of rural communities in shaping our nation's future. Libraries play a transformative role in empowering these communities as vital hubs of knowledge dissemination, community engagement, and lifelong learning. However, they face challenges such as technological advancements and financial constraints.

ADINET's Librarians' Day seminar, "Sustainable Libraries for Sustainable Rural Futures," seeks to address these challenges by bringing together librarians from diverse organizations to explore innovative strategies for creating sustainable libraries. In Gujarat, the rural landscape is supported by 84 Taluka Libraries, 2,598 village libraries, 1,812 colleges, and 41,439 schools, all providing a foundation for knowledge dissemination and community development. Yet, the question remains: can these libraries truly drive the development of rural communities? How can they play a critical role in strengthening rural cooperatives and transforming lives through access to vital resources and information?

This seminar being organized in collaboration with ADINET seeks to explore these issues, delving into the ways libraries can be leveraged to promote sustainable development, support cooperative movements, and foster social change in rural Gujarat.

Indicative Themes (Not Limited to)

Role of Libraries

- Role of Libraries in Bridging Knowledge Gaps in Rural Areas
- Libraries and Rural Community Engagement
- Inclusive Libraries for Academic Excellence

Library Trends

- Emerging Trends in Library Science
- Libraries as Resources for Cooperative and Rural Growth
- Rural Library Collaborations for Sustainable Futures

Library Technology

- Innovations and Technology for Cooperatives
- Libraries and Rural Knowledge Networks
- Digital Transformation and Sustainability in Libraries

Empowering Libraries and Librarians

- Libraries and Capacity Building
- Libraries and Lifelong Learning for Rural Communities
- Libraries for Skill Development and Employability

Seminar Patrons

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Registration Details

Categories	Fees (in INR)
Institution Sponsored	1250
Individuals	750
ADINET Members	500
Students	200



Registration Link: <https://tinyurl.com/228x5bzd>

Please note:

- The last date for registration is 31 July 2025.
- Registration is a must for those who are submitting a paper.
- An additional late fee of Rs. 100 will be charged for registrations made after 31 July 2025.
- Registration fees include participation in seminar, kit, lunch, and refreshments.
- A certificate of participation will be provided.
- Spot registration will not be available.
- Payment Mode: NEFT or by Cheque.

Call for Papers

LIS professionals are invited to submit original research papers related to the seminar theme. Submissions must include an abstract and bibliographical references. Papers should adhere to APA style for in-text citations, references and similarity index should be less than 10%. Please email your submission in MS Word format to alibnet@gmail.com latest by **30 June 2025**.

Submission Guidelines:

- Paper Size: A4
- Margins: Top 1", Bottom 1", Left 2", Right 1"
- Font: Times New Roman (Bold for main and subheadings)
- Font Size: 14 for the title, 12 for the text
- Maximum Length: 6,000 words

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