

LISACON-2026: “Libraries as Experience Centres”

The Curtain Raiser Ceremony of the 6th LISACON-2026 – International Conference on “Libraries as Experience Centres” was held on 24 July 2026 at the Seminar hall of Dr. MSBCU. The event formally marked the commencement of preparations for the international conference through the launch of the official conference website and the release of the conference brochure.

Prof. S. R. Niranjana, Vice Chairman, Karnataka State Higher Education Council, was the Chief Guest of the function, launched the official website of the Conference. The website was unveiled digitally through an interactive presentation, revealing a thoughtfully designed online platform that will serve as the principal information hub for the conference. This was followed by the release of the conference brochure.

ence brochure by Prof. Ramesh B., Vice-Chancellor, Dr.MSBCU.



Dignitaries inaugurating curtain raiser program of LISACON - 2026

Prof. P.V. Konnur, Organising executive chair of the conference, delivered introductory remarks on the vision of LISACON-2026. He explained that the conference seeks to reimagine libraries not merely as repositories of books but as dynamic experience centres that promote learning, collaboration, innovation, and community engagement. He highlighted the importance of transforming library culture to meet

the evolving educational and technological needs of contemporary society.

In his inaugural address, Prof. S.R.Niranjana emphasised the indispensable role of books and libraries in strengthening higher education. Referring to globally renowned educational institutions as well as the ancient centres of learning at Nalanda and Takshashila, he illustrated how vibrant library ecosystems have historically attracted scholars and fostered intellectual excellence. He further observed that libraries

play a decisive role in enhancing the academic quality of educational

institutions. Highlighting the need for universities to periodically assess the quality and impact of their publications, he remarked that transparent evaluation would improve institutional credibility, enhance global competitiveness and encourage greater student engagement with libraries.

Delivering the first Guest of Honour address, Dr. S. Chandrashekar Shetty, President, Forum of Former Vice-Chan-

cellors of Karnataka, recognised the growing influence of digital technologies and advocated for their effective integration into library systems while simultaneously emphasising the principles of social accountability and scientific social responsibility in higher education.

The second Guest of Honour, Prof. Karisiddappa, Former VC-VTU, observed that the true stature of an educational institution is reflected in the quality of its library. He remarked that genuine learning often occurs beyond classrooms, within library spaces that encourage exploration and independent inquiry. In his address, Prof.T.D. Kemparaju, Founding Vice-Chancellor, Bengaluru North University and Organising Chairman of LISACON-2026, described the present era as one of rapid transition

and highlighted education and healthcare as the two sectors requiring immediate national attention. Prof. Maheshwarappa, Former Vice-Chancellor, VTU also graced the occasion.

Delivering the Presidential Address, Prof. Ramesh B., Vice-Chancellor, Dr.MSBCU, reaffirmed that libraries and their associated academic activities must occupy a central position within university culture. He observed that improving library infrastructure, services, and accessibility should be among the highest priorities.

The programme commenced with a warm welcome by Mr. Shivaram, member of LIS Academy Organising Committee and concluded with Vote of Thanks by Dr. T N Thandava Gowda, Organising Secretary of LISACON-2026.

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ABOUT LISACON CONFERENCE



LISACON is the flagship biennial international conference series of LIS Academy, recognized as a premier global platform for the exchange of ideas, research, and innovations in Library and Information Science (LIS). Since its inception, LISACON has consistently brought together thought leaders, academicians, practitioners, policy-makers, and technology experts to deliberate on emerging trends shaping the future of libraries.

The 6th edition of LISACON-2026 – builds upon this rich legacy and aims to redefine the role of libraries in the evolving digital and experiential knowledge ecosystem. The International conference on “Libraries as Experience Centers” with tag line “Explore | Engage | Evolve”, is jointly organized by LIS Academy, Dr. MSBCU, Department of Public Libraries, Government of Karnataka, and The Forum of Former Vice-Chancellors of Karnataka(FVCK). The event is being held from 12–14 November 2026 at Jnana Jyothi Auditorium, Central col-

lege campus, Bengaluru. **CONFERENCE THEME: “Libraries as Experience Centers”** In the 21st century, libraries are evolving from repositories of books into dynamic “Experience Centers” that foster active, immersive, and collaborative learning. As digital access to information expands, libraries must redefine themselves through Human-centered Design, Makerspaces, Media Labs, AI-driven personalization, and immersive technologies such as AR and VR. The 6th LISACON invites researchers, practitioners, architects, and policymakers to explore

the “Architecture of Engagement” and reimagine libraries as vibrant hubs of creativity, innovation, and interdisciplinary dialogue. The conference will deliberate on experiential learning, UX-driven spaces, sensory design, and policy frameworks needed to transform traditional “Silent Zones” into “Active Zones” of discovery and societal impact. This conference aims to redefine libraries as active knowledge ecosystems that foster creativity, collaboration, and lifelong learning in the post-AI era.

Website address:
<https://lisacon.org>

ಸೆಂಟ್ರಲ್ ಕಾಲೇಜ್ ಗ್ರಂಥಾಲಯದ ಹಿರಿಮೆ

ಸೆಂಟ್ರಲ್ ಕಾಲೇಜಿನ ವಿಭಾಗಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸುಮಾರು 25,000 ಪುಸ್ತಕಗಳನ್ನು ಇತಿಹಾಸ ಹೊಂದಿದ್ದು ಸಂಗ್ರಹಿಸಿಡಲಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಆರಂಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಇದು ಹೈಸ್ಕೂಲ್ ಆಗಿದ್ದಾಗ ತರಗತಿ ಶಿಕ್ಷಕರು ಕೆಲವೇ ಪುಸ್ತಕಗಳನ್ನು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಾಕಷ್ಟು ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಬಳಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ನೀಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು. ಕಾಲಕ್ರಮೇಣವಾಗಿ ಗ್ರಂಥಾಲಯ ಬಲುದೊಡ್ಡದಾಗಿ ಬೆಳೆಯುತ್ತಾ, ವಿವಿಧ ವಿಭಾಗಗಳು ತಮ್ಮದೇ ಗ್ರಂಥಾಲಯಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಲಾರಂಭಿಸಿದವು. ಶತಮಾನೋತ್ಸವದ ವೇಳೆಗೆ ಗ್ರಂಥಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ 22,933 ಪುಸ್ತಕಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ವಿವಿಧ ಒದಗಿಸಲಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ.



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Int'l Conference on AI-Driven Management and Sustainable Business Transformation

The Department of Management Studies and Research, Dr.MS-BCU, in collaboration with International Institute of Business Studies (IIBS) and Mount Carmel (Deemed to be University) successfully organised two days international conference on "AI-Driven Management and Sustainable Business Transformation" at Jnana Jyothi Auditorium, Central College Campus, on 17th and 18th July 2026.

Inaugurating the conference, Dr. Ashok Dalwai, IAS, Chairman, Institute of Social and Economic Change (ISEC), analyzed that Artificial Intelligence is transitioning from an assistive role into an autonomous one, and the fear of job loss is naturally haunting the human society.

He opined that while the immense potential of Artificial Intelligence can contribute to the holistic development of hu-

man society, it can never be a substitute for human intelligence on ethical and emotional grounds.

He described AI as a breakthrough performance of five core areas, principles or parameters i.e. 1) AI is deep learning, 2) Identifying the problems just like human beings, 3) Human ability to hold conversations, 4) Human ability to innovate and 5) Emotional awareness/ human quotient.

Prof. K.R.Venugopal, Former Vice Chancellor, Bengaluru University, in his keynote address defined AI as cognitive ability of thinking, perceiving, learning, problem solving and decision making. He alerted that 'Quantum AI' is likely to dominate all sectors of employment in the near future and cited the example of a doctor-less, robot-controlled hospital already functioning in China.

He observed that the 5th Industrial Revolution

which has moved beyond conflict, cooperation and collaboration to the stage of competition now will create a scenario of 'Human-machine Integration and Singularity' by 2045. He also opined that by using Artificial Intelligence as an effective tool for the progress of human society, we can strive to maintain balance in the lives of future generations.

Prof. Eugene Aw Cheng Xi, Assistant Dean UCSI Graduate Business School Malaysia, expressed his views as AI is tool or a chat boot who answers human questions but intelligence is much more than human. He highlighted about AI's role in marketing, consumer behavior, branding, evaluating, creating and delivering value to our customers.

Prof. George Lekha, In-charge Vice Chancellor, Mount Carmel (Deemed University), opined that AI helps for better decision making and it is

people guided by vision, values, purpose who determine whether the

versity, while delivering the valedictory address analyzed that Arti-

sonnel Management, Karnataka Chapter, the Chief Guest, opined that while Artificial Intelligence has created fear of job loss, it does not have the power to replace human capability.

Prof. Nirmala M, Dean Commerce and Management, Director, BCUSMS, presented the conference report. She announced that the conference had received 280 research papers out of which 240 research papers will be published in 10 reputed journals. Prof. Ritika Sinha, Dr. Tripuraneni Jaggesh and Dr. S. RajKumar were present on the occasion.

Over the course of 2 days the conference featured 28 tracks including both online and offline presentations which highlighted advantages and challenges of intelligence enterprise, AI, sustainability, cost involved & its ethical usage across domains and sectors.

-Dr.Hemalatha.S,



Inaugural function of International Conference

technology becomes a force of E-commerce. Business sustainability is no longer an aspiration but a strategy imperative, she added.

Presiding over the event, Prof. Ramesh B., Vice-Chancellor, Dr.MSBCU, informed that appropriate curriculum and academic activities are being adopted to expose students to Artificial Intelligence technology.

Valedictory ceremony

Prof. Lingaraj Gandhi, Former Vice-Chancellor of Bengaluru City Uni-

cial Intelligence is rapidly permeating every sphere of human life and has become a boon for effective thinking.

At the same time, he clarified that Artificial Intelligence can never be a substitute for natural curiosity, imagination, emotional expression, dynamism, and creativity. He further explained that the ultimate goal of all discoveries and research is the progress and welfare of human society.

Sanjay Mitra, President, National Institute of Per-

Oracle Academy Programme

In a significant stride towards promoting digital excellence and strengthening industry-academia collaboration, the Oracle Academy Program was formally launched at Dr.MSBCU on 3rd July 2026.

The Oracle Academy Program has been introduced through a collaborative partnership with 'Reach Much Higher' with the objective of equipping students with globally recognized technical knowledge, industry-relevant competencies, and professional learning opportunities that enhance their employability in the rapidly evolving technology sector.

The programme was presided over by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ramesh B. Registrar, Naveen Joseph A, was also present.

The event was graced by Dr. O. P. Goel, Chief Executive Officer, Reach Much Higher, Ms. Neema,

ma, Oracle Academy, Mr.Prabhu and Mr. Gaurav, representatives of Reach Much Higher.

Delivering the inaugural address, Prof. Ramesh B., underscored the importance of fostering strong industry-academia collaborations to prepare students for the demands of the rapidly evolving global technology ecosystem.

Dr.O.P. Goel, CEO, Reach Much Higher, presented an insightful overview of the Oracle Academy Program,

Ms. Neema conducted a comprehensive ori-

entation session on the Oracle Academy platform and demonstrated the registration process, explained the features of the online learning portal, and introduced various training programs.

Prof. Ritika Sinha and Prof. Medha Itagi Huilagol and TPO Harsha along with Principals, Training and Placement Officers of affiliated colleges, faculty members, and academic representatives from across the University also participated in the programme.

-Sushma K. Sharma,
Technical Asst.TAPC



Launch of Oracle Academy Training Programme

PLACEMENT DRIVE

The Department of Training and Placements successfully organized a Campus Placement Drive program on 10th July 2026 at the Central college campus. The event provided students with an excellent platform to interact with industry professionals and demonstrate their knowledge, technical skills and communication abilities.

The Drive was conducted under the guidance of Vice-Chancellor Prof. Ramesh B and the Registrar, Naveen Joseph A. Prof. Ritika Sinha, Director, Placement Cell, Dr. Medha Itagi Huilagol, Director, Skill Development, Dr. Nabi, Placement cell In-charge, and TPO Harsha. 'Growmint Global' company CEO Mahesh, and HR Managers Vivek Sagar, Siddharthan Muthura, and Mugunthan interacted with the students. and selected 20 of them for different roles at the recruitment.

Chemical Society Valedictory-2026

The Department of Studies and Research in Chemistry, Dr.MSBCU in association with ACCCA successfully organized the 'Chemical Society Valedictory' on 1st July to mark the conclusion of the academic activities for the year. The event began with the introductory remarks by the Dept. Chairperson and Dean of Science, Prof. P. R. Chetana.

Prof. Nagaswarupa H.P. from Davangere University, delivered an inspiring lecture emphasizing the importance of scientific research, innovation, and lifelong learning. He also released the department's News letter highlighting the academic, research, and co-curricular achievements.

This was followed by the prize distribution for the Sanjiva Rao Lecture Contest winners, and the felicitation of rank holders and KSET qualifiers. The programme also included the announcement of the Best Outgoing Students and distribution of certificates to the Chemical Society members.

Finance Officer of the University Vijayalakshmi M.V. graced the occasion. Faculty members, Research scholars, students, alumni, and distinguished guests attended the programme.

-Dr Afshan Banu, Faculty.



Chemical Society Valedictory function at C1 lecture Hall

Int'l Conference on Human-Centric Commerce in the Age of Intelligent Automation

The Department of Studies and Research in Commerce, Dr.MSBCU in association with the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), successfully organized a two-day International Conference on "Human-Centric Commerce in the Age of Intelligent Automation: Ethics, Trust and Value Creation in the Phygital Economy" at the Jnana Jyothi Auditorium, Central College Campus, on 8th and 9th July 2026.

Ms. Umareddy, President of the Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI) in her inaugural address, emphasized that while Artificial Intelligence has the potential to accelerate economic and technological progress, but it can never replace human-centric intelligence. She stressed that innovation must be guided by ethics, compassion, and responsibility, observing that technology with-

out humanitarian consideration cannot contribute to meaningful societal development.

Highlighting Karnataka's vision of becoming a one-trillion-dollar economy, she called for stronger collaboration between industries and higher educational institutions to develop a future-ready workforce. Delivering the keynote address, Prof. K.Eresi, Former Dean, Faculty of Commerce, Bengaluru University, underscored the importance of leveraging technology for social progress and community welfare. He advocated continuous curriculum reforms, innovative teaching methodologies, and enhanced industry exposure for both faculty members and students to bridge the gap between academic learning and professional practice.

Prabhanshu Mittal, ACCA Head-Education Partner Relationships, highlighted India's de-

mographic advantage and emphasized that the benefits of Artificial Intelligence and technological transformation should be inclusive and accessible to all sections of society.

Presiding over the function, Prof. Ramesh B., Vice Chancellor, Dr.Manhoan Singh Bengaluru City University, observed that commerce education has become one of the most

beginning. The Conference Souvenir was also released on the occasion.

The programme was attended by A. Naveen Joseph, Registrar, Dr.MSBCU, Ms. Althea Lee, South India Representative, ACCA Education Partnerships; faculty members, research scholars, industry experts, delegates and students from various institutions. The programme was compered

gence, digital commerce, financial technologies, governance, trust, sustainability, and value creation in the emerging phygital economy. Researchers and practitioners from diverse institutions presented papers that reflected contemporary developments in commerce, business, technology, and public policy.

Valedictory ceremony
The Valedictory ceremo-

ny and industry oriented approach to higher education. He advocated the integration of interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary curricula with employment-oriented technical competencies to equip graduates for the rapidly evolving global economy. Encouraging the youth to effectively use Artificial Intelligence and digital technologies to contribute towards the vision of Vikasith Bharat with the in driving national economic growth.

Prof.K.R.Jalaja, Chaiperson Dept. of Commerce presented a comprehensive report on the conference proceedings. The programme was attended by M.V. Vijayalakshmi, Finance Officer, Dr.MS-BCU, Mr. John Vincent and Mr. Suvash Singh from ACCA; and Prof. Paramashivaiah, Dean, Faculty of Commerce, Tumkur University. Dr. Deeksha S compered the valedictory finction.



Inauguration of conference on human centric commerce in the age of intelligent automation

sought-after disciplines due to its relevance in the modern economy. Prof. K.R.Jalaja, Chairperson of the Department delivered introductory remarks in the

by Dr. Suman Kumari. Over the course of two days, the conference featured multiple technical sessions that facilitated scholarly discussions on ethical Artificial Intelli-

ny was graced by Prof. S. R. Niranjana, Vice Chairman, Karnataka State Higher Education Council, who called upon universities to adopt a student-centric

Profits with Purpose: An Educational Journey Beyond the Classroom



Students visting radio astronomy centre as a part of their excursion

As commerce educators, we often teach students how businesses generate profits, create value, and contribute to economic growth. Equally important, however, is helping them understand that every successful enterprise carries a responsibility towards society and the environment. With this vision, we had the privilege of accompanying fifteen M.Com. (FinTech) students from the Department of Studies and Research in Commerce

on an educational tour across Ooty, Coonoor, Mudumalai, the Nilgiris, and Mysuru—an enriching journey that seamlessly blended industrial exposure with meaningful engagement in community and environmental initiatives.

Stop 1: Exploring the Frontiers of Science – TIFR, Ooty. Our first destination was the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Udagamandalam, home to the National Centre

for Radio Astrophysics (NCRA-TIFR), which has developed and operates one of the world's largest steerable radio telescopes. The visit exposed students to cutting-edge scientific research, technological innovation, and the pursuit of knowledge beyond conventional boundaries. It reinforced the importance of curiosity, precision, research, and lifelong learning—qualities that remain invaluable regardless of one's discipline.

Stop 2: From Farm to Market – Entrepreneurship in Action

The tea and chocolate manufacturing units in Ooty, along with the strawberry farms in Coonoor, offered students a practical understanding of entrepreneurship, production systems, branding, quality management, and value addition. A particularly insightful experience

was observing the modern warehousing and cold-chain technologies used in the perishable goods sector. Witnessing these advanced logistics systems enabled students to appreciate how technology, efficiency, and innovation are transforming agricultural value chains and supply chain management.

Stop 3: Where Compassion Meets Conservation – Mudumalai

One of the most unforgettable moments of the tour was our visit to the Mudumalai Elephant Feeding Camp. Students had the rare privilege of interacting with Bommi, the elephant caretaker featured in the Academy Award-winning documentary "The Elephant Whisperer", and witnessing Raghu, the elephant whose remarkable story touched audiences around the world. Observing the extraordinary relation-

ship between humans and wildlife offered lessons far beyond conservation—it demonstrated that empathy, patience, and compassion are among the most powerful forms of leadership.

Stop 4: Learning Through Service – Empowering Communities

Our journey continued to Urumula, an initiative of ACCORD in the Nilgiris, where students learned about tribal empowerment, sustainable livelihoods, indigenous knowledge systems,

and community-led development. The visit illustrated how social enterprises and grassroots organisations create lasting impact through inclusive development. At the People for Animals (PFA) shelter in Mysuru, students witnessed the commitment involved in rescuing, treating, and rehabilitating injured and abandoned animals. It was a powerful reminder that service extends beyond human communities.

-Dr. Deeksha S.



MBA students industrial visit to Kanakapura milk union as a part of corporate connect on 28th July 2026

ಗ್ರಂಥಾಲಯದ ಮೌನ... ಡಿಜಿಟಲ್ ಜಗತ್ತಿನ ಸಮ್ಮೋಹನ!

ಗ್ರಂಥಾಲಯಗಳ ಪಿತಾಮಹ ರಂಗನಾಥನ್‌ಗೆ "ಒಂದು ಕ್ಲಿಕ್ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ನೀಡಬಹುದು... ಆದರೆ ಒಂದು ಪುಸ್ತಕ ಬದುಕಿನ ದಿಕ್ಕನ್ನೇ ಬದಲಾಯಿಸಬಹುದು."



Dr. S. R. Ranganathan (1892 - 1972)

ಆಗಸ್ಟ್ 12 ಭಾರತದ ಜ್ಞಾನ ಪರಂಪರೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ವಿಶೇಷ ದಿನ. ಭಾರತದ ಗ್ರಂಥಾಲಯ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನದ ಪಿತಾಮಹ ಡಾ. ಶಿರಾಲಿ ರಾಮಾಮೃತ ರಂಗನಾಥನ್ (ಡಾ. ಎಸ್. ಆರ್. ರಂಗನಾಥನ್) ಅವರ ಸ್ಮರಣಾರ್ಥ ಈ ದಿನವನ್ನು ದೇಶಾದ್ಯಂತ 'ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಗ್ರಂಥಪಾಲಕರ ದಿನ' ವಾಗಿ ಆಚರಿಸಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಭಾರತೀಯ ಗ್ರಂಥಾಲಯ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆಗೆ ವೈಜ್ಞಾನಿಕ ಸ್ವರೂಪ ನೀಡಿದ ಮಹಾನ್ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣತಜ್ಞ, ಗಣಿತಜ್ಞ, ಗ್ರಂಥಾಲಯ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನಿ ಮತ್ತು ಶ್ರೇಷ್ಠ ಚಿಂತಕರಾಗಿ ಅವರು ವಿಶ್ವದಾದ್ಯಂತ ಗೌರವಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

1892 ರಲ್ಲಿ ತಮಿಳುನಾಡಿನ ಶಿರಾಲಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಜನಿಸಿದ ಡಾ. ರಂಗನಾಥನ್‌ರವರು ಆರಂಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಗಣಿತಶಾಸ್ತ್ರದ ಅಧ್ಯಾಪಕರಾಗಿದ್ದರು. ಮಂಗಳೂರು ಮತ್ತು ಕೊಯಮತ್ತೂರು ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಮದ್ರಾಸ್ ಪ್ರೆಸಿಡೆನ್ಸಿ ಕಾಲೇಜಿನಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಸೇವೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದರು. ಆನಂತರ ಮದ್ರಾಸ್ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯದ ಗ್ರಂಥಪಾಲಕರಾಗಿ ನೇಮಕಗೊಂಡ ಅವರು, 'ಗ್ರಂಥಾಲಯ ಕೇವಲ ಪುಸ್ತಕಗಳನ್ನು ಸಂಗ್ರಹಿಸುವ ಸ್ಥಳವಲ್ಲ; ಅದು ಸಮಾಜದ ಜ್ಞಾನವನ್ನು ಬೆಳೆಸುವ

ನುಡಿನಮನ - ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಗ್ರಂಥಪಾಲಕರ ದಿನಾಚರಣೆಗೆ ಮುನ್ನುಡಿ ಸಾಗಿಸಿದ ಈ ಪುಸ್ತಕಪ್ರೇಮಿಯು 1972ರಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಧಿವಶರಾದರು. ಇಂದು ವಿಶ್ವದಾದ್ಯಂತ ಗ್ರಂಥಾಲಯ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನದ ಮೂಲ ತತ್ವಗಳಾಗಿ ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟಿರುವ "ಗ್ರಂಥಾಲಯ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನದ ಐದು ನಿಯಮಗಳು" (Five Laws of Library Science) ಅವರ ಅಮೂಲ್ಯ ಕೊಡುಗೆ. ಅವುಗಳೆಂದರೆ: 1) ಪುಸ್ತಕಗಳು ಬಳಕೆಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರ, 2) ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಬ್ಬ ಓದುಗರಿಗೂ ಅವರದೇ ಪುಸ್ತಕ, 3) ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಂದು ಪುಸ್ತಕಕ್ಕೂ ಅದರದೇ ಓದುಗ, 4) ಓದುಗರ ಸಮಯವನ್ನು ಉಳಿಸಿ, 5) ಗ್ರಂಥಾಲಯ ಸದಾ ಬೆಳೆಯುವ ಜೀವರಾಶಿ.

ಇದರ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ರಂಗನಾಥನ್ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಪಡಿಸಿದ ರಂಜನ (Colon Classification) ಗ್ರಂಥಾಲಯ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾರತದ ಮಹತ್ತರ ಕೊಡುಗೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದಾಗಿದೆ. ಗ್ರಂಥಾಲಯಗಳನ್ನು ಆಧುನಿಕರಣಗೊಳಿಸುವುದು, ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಗ್ರಂಥಾಲಯ ಚಳವಳಿಗೆ ಉತ್ತೇಜನ ನೀಡುವುದು ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಂಥಪಾಲಕರಿಗೆ ವೃತ್ತಿಪರ ತರಬೇತಿ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆಯನ್ನು ರೂಪಿಸುವಲ್ಲಿ ಅವರ ಪಾತ್ರ ಅಪಾರವಾಗಿದೆ.

ಗ್ರಂಥಾಲಯ ಯುವಜನ-ರಿಂದ ದೂರವಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆಯೇ? ಒಂದು ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಶಾಲೆ, ಕಾಲೇಜು ಮತ್ತು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯಗಳ ಗ್ರಂಥಾಲಯಗಳು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ತುಂಬಿರುತ್ತಿದ್ದವು. ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆ, ಸಂಶೋಧನೆ ಅಥವಾ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಜ್ಞಾನಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಗ್ರಂಥಾಲಯವೇ ಮೊದಲ ಆಯ್ಕೆಯಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಇಂದು ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಬದಲಾಗಿದೆ. ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ಕೈಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪುಸ್ತಕಗಳಿಗಿಂತ ಮೊಬೈಲ್‌ಗಳು ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಕಾಣಿಸುತ್ತಿವೆ. ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಬೇಕಾದರೆ ಗೂಗಲ್, ಯೂಟ್ಯೂಬ್, ಇ-ಪುಸ್ತಕಗಳು,

ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ತರಗತಿಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಕೃತಕ ಬುದ್ಧಿಮತ್ತೆ ಆಧಾರಿತ ಸಾಧನಗಳೇ ಮೊದಲ ಆಯ್ಕೆಯಾಗಿವೆ. ಡಿಜಿಟಲ್ ತಂತ್ರಜ್ಞಾನ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣವನ್ನು ಸುಲಭಗೊಳಿಸಿದೆ. ಈ ವೇಗದ ಬದುಕಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಗ್ರಂಥಾಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ತೆರಳಿ ಪುಸ್ತಕ ಹುಡುಕುವ ಬದಲು, ಮೊಬೈಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಉತ್ತರ ಹುಡುಕುವುದು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಹಜವಾಗಿದೆ. ಪರಿಣಾಮವಾಗಿ ಅನೇಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಮತ್ತು ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳ ಗ್ರಂಥಾಲಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಓದುಗರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಕಡಿಮೆಯಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಆದರೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಜ್ಞಾನ ಎರಡೂ ಒಂದೇ ಅಲ್ಲ. ಅಂತರ್ಜಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ದೊರೆಯುವ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಕ್ಷಣಿಕವಾಗಿರಬಹುದು; ಪುಸ್ತಕಗಳಿಂದ ದೊರೆಯುವ ಜ್ಞಾನ ಶಾಶ್ವತವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಂದು ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯೂ ವಿಶ್ವಸಾರ್ವತ್ರಿಕವಾಗಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಸಂಶೋಧನೆ, ಇತಿಹಾಸ, ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಆಳವಾದ ಅಧ್ಯಯನಕ್ಕೆ ಗ್ರಂಥಾಲಯ ಇನ್ನೂ ಅನಿವಾರ್ಯ. ಪುಸ್ತಕ ಓದುವ ಅಭ್ಯಾಸ ಏಕಾಗ್ರತೆ, ತಾಳ್ಮೆ, ವಿಶ್ಲೇಷಣಾ ಶಕ್ತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಉತ್ತಮ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿತ್ವವನ್ನು ಬೆಳೆಸುತ್ತದೆ. ಶಾಲೆಗಳು, ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯಗಳು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪುಸ್ತಕ ಓದುವ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಯನ್ನು ಮತ್ತೆ ಬೆಳೆಸುವ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ಹಮ್ಮಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು. 'ಗ್ರಂಥಾಲಯ ಓದು ದಿನ', 'ಲೇಖಕರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಸಂವಾದ', 'ಪುಸ್ತಕ ವಿಮರ್ಶೆ' ಮತ್ತು 'ಗ್ರಂಥವಾಚನ' ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆಗಳಂತಹ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಗಳು ಯುವಸಮೂಹವನ್ನು ಮತ್ತೆ ಪುಸ್ತಕಗಳತ್ತ ಸೆಳೆಯಬಲ್ಲವು. ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಂದು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಗ್ರಂಥಾಲಯದಲ್ಲೂ ಇ-ಪುಸ್ತಕಗಳು, ವೇಗದ ಇಂಟರ್‌ನೆಟ್, ಡಿಜಿಟಲ್ ಕ್ಯಾಟಲಾಗ್,

ಸಂಶೋಧನಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಸ್ಪರ್ಧಾತ್ಮಕ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಗಳ ಅಧ್ಯಯನ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗಾಗಿ ವಿಶೇಷ ಓದು ವಲಯಗಳನ್ನು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಪಡಿಸಬೇಕು. ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಭಾಗಗಳಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಆಧುನಿಕ ಗ್ರಂಥಾಲಯಗಳು ನಿರ್ಮಾಣವಾಗಬೇಕು.

ಗ್ರಂಥಾಲಯಗಳನ್ನು ಕೇವಲ ಕಟ್ಟಡಗಳಾಗಿ ನೋಡುವ ಮನೋಭಾವ ಬದಲಾಗಬೇಕು; ಅವುಗಳು ಜ್ಞಾನ, ಸಂಶೋಧನೆ ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ರಜಾಪ್ರಭುತ್ವದ ಚಿಂತನೆಯ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳಾಗಬೇಕು. ಡಾ. ರಂಗನಾಥನ್ ನಮಗೆ ಬಿಟ್ಟುಹೋದ ಪರಂಪರೆ ಕೇವಲ ಗ್ರಂಥಾಲಯಗಳಲ್ಲ; ಓದುವ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿ. ಆ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಯನ್ನು ಉಳಿಸುವ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿ ಇಂದಿನ ಯುವಪೀಳಿಗೆಯ ಮೇಲಿದೆ.

ಗಲೆಯರಿಗೊಂದು ನಿವೇದನೆ ಪ್ರಿಯ ಸಹಪಾಠಿಗಳೇ, ನಿಮ್ಮ ಕೈಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮೊಬೈಲ್ ಇರಲಿ; ಆದರೆ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಜೀವನದಲ್ಲಿ ಪುಸ್ತಕವೂ ಇರಲಿ. ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಜಾಲತಾಣಗಳು ನಿಮಗೆ ಸುದ್ದಿ ನೀಡಬಹುದು, ಆದರೆ ಪುಸ್ತಕಗಳು ನಿಮ್ಮ ಚಿಂತನೆಗೆ ಆಳ ನೀಡುತ್ತವೆ. ಕೃತಕ ಬುದ್ಧಿಮತ್ತೆ ಉತ್ತರ ಹೇಳಬಹುದು; ಆದರೆ ಪ್ರಶ್ನಿಸುವ ಮನಸ್ಸನ್ನು ಬೆಳೆಸುವುದು ಓದುವ ಅಭ್ಯಾಸ ಮಾತ್ರ. ತಿಂಗಳಿಗೆ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಒಂದು ಪುಸ್ತಕ ಓದಿ, ವಾರಕ್ಕೊಮ್ಮೆ ಗ್ರಂಥಾಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಭೇಟಿ ನೀಡಿ. ನಿಮ್ಮ ಯಶಸ್ಸಿನ ಪಯಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಗ್ರಂಥಾಲಯವನ್ನು ಸಂಗಾತಿಯನ್ನಾಗಿ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡರೆ, ನಿಮ್ಮ ಜ್ಞಾನವೂ ವಿಸ್ತರಿಸುತ್ತದೆ. ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿತ್ವವೂ ಸಮೃದ್ಧವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

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ಆ ದಿನಗಳು!....

ಅಪೇಕ್ಷೆಗಳಿಲ್ಲದೆ ಹುಟ್ಟಿದ ಸ್ನೇಹಗಳು.. ಪರಸ್ಪರ ಹಂಚಿಕೊಂಡ ಭಾವನೆಗಳು.. ಬೆಂಚಿನ ಮೇಲೆ ಗೀಚಿದ ಕುರುಹುಗಳು.. ಅಲ್ಲೇ ಕೂತಾಡಿದ ಒಂದಿಷ್ಟು ಮಾತುಗಳು.. ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ ಕೇಳಿದ ತಕ್ಷಣ ತಿರುಗಿಸಿದ ಪುಟಗಳು.. ಹೆದರಿ ಮರೆಯಾದ ಉತ್ತರಗಳು... ಅಧ್ಯಾಪಕರೊಂದಿಗೆ ನಡೆದ ಮಾತುಕಥೆಗಳು.. ಪಾಠಮಾಡುವಾಗ ಮಾಡಿದ ನಿರ್ದೋಷ ಪ್ರತಿದಿನವೂ ನಡೆಯುವ ಗದ್ದಲಗಳು ಉತ್ತರವೇ ಸಿಗದಿರುವ ಆ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳು.. ಊಟದ ಬಿಡುವಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಆಡಿದ ಆಟಗಳು.. ಅದೇ ಲ್ಯಾಬಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಂದುವರಿದ ಪ್ರಸಂಗಗಳು... ಮೇಷ್ಟ್ರು ಬೈದಾಗ ತಲೆತಗ್ಗಿಸಿ ನಿಂತ ನೆನಪುಗಳು.. ಸಹಪಾಠಿಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ನಡೆದ ವಾದವಿವಾದಗಳು.. ಮತ್ತೆ ಮರಳಿ ಬಾರಲಾರದ ಆ ದಿನಗಳು.. ಜಾರುತಿಹ ಕಂಬನಿಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ಬೆರೆತ ಆ ನೆನಪುಗಳು .

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ನಾಲ್ವಡಿ ಕೃಷ್ಣರಾಜ ಒಡೆಯರ್

ಮೈಸೂರು ದೊರೆ ಚಾಮರಾಜ ಒಡೆಯರ್‌ರವರ ನಿಧನದಿಂದಾಗಿ ರಾಜ್ಯಭಾರದ ಹೊಣೆ ಅವರ ಪುತ್ರ ನಾಲ್ವಡಿಯವರ ಹಗಲೇರುತ್ತದೆ. ಅವರು ತಮ್ಮ 38 ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಆಳ್ವಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಲವಾರು ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ, ಆರ್ಥಿಕ, ರಾಜಕೀಯ ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಸುಧಾರಣೆಗಳ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ನ್ಯಾಯ ಆಧಾರಿತ ಸಮಾಜ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣಕ್ಕೆ ಭದ್ರ ಬುನಾದಿ ಹಾಕಿದರು. ಮೈಸೂರು ಪ್ರಾಂತ್ಯವನ್ನು

ಭಾರತದ ಮಾದರಿ ರಾಜ್ಯವಾಗುವಂತೆ ಮಾಡಿದ ಹಿಂದುಳಿದವರ ಹಾಗೂ ದಲಿತರ ಆಶಾಕಿರಣವಾಗಿದ್ದ ಅವರು ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಕ್ರಾಂತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಮ್ಮದೇ ಆದ ವಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಭಾಷೆ ಮೂಡಿಸಿದರು. ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಸುಧಾರಣೆಗಳು : ಬುಡಕಟ್ಟು ಅರಣ್ಯವಾಸಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಮೊಟ್ಟಮೊದಲು ಶಾಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆದರು. ಅಸ್ಪೃಶ್ಯರಿಗಾಗಿ ಹುಸ್ಕೂರು ಹಾಗೂ ನರಸೀಪುರದಲ್ಲಿ ಶಾಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸಿದರು. ಇವರ ಆಡಳಿತಾವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂತಹ 800 ಶಾಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಆರಂಭಿಸಲಾಯಿತು. ಮೊಟ್ಟಮೊದಲ ಬಾರಿಗೆ ಸ್ತ್ರೀ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಜಾರಿಗೊಳಿಸಲಾಯಿತು. ಹೆಣ್ಣುಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕ ಕೊಠಡಿ ಮತ್ತು ಶೌಚಗೃಹಗಳನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸಲಾಯಿತು. 1916ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರತಿಷ್ಠಿತ ಮೈಸೂರು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ ಸ್ಥಾಪಿಸಿದ ಕೀರ್ತಿ ಇವರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲುತ್ತದೆ. 1918ರಲ್ಲಿ ಶಾಲಾ ಪ್ರವೇಶಕ್ಕೆ ಜಾತಿ ನಿರ್ಬಂಧ ರದ್ದಾಯಿತು. ಅಸ್ಪೃಶ್ಯರು ಮತ್ತು ಹಿಂದುಳಿದ ಜಾತಿಗಳ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿನಿಲಯಗಳು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭವಾದವು. ಮುಸ್ಲಿಂ ಸಮುದಾಯದ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಉರ್ದು ಶಾಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯಲಾಯಿತು. ವಯಸ್ಕರ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಆಂದೋಲನವನ್ನು ಆರಂಭಿಸಿ ಸಾಕ್ಷರತಾ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ಥಾಪಿಸಲಾಯಿತು. ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಸುಧಾರಣೆಗಳು: 1909 ರಲ್ಲಿ ದೇವದಾಸಿ ಪದ್ಧತಿ ನಿಷೇಧ ಕಾಯಿದೆ ಜಾ-

ರಿಗೊಳಿಸಲಾಯಿತು. 1910ರಲ್ಲಿ 'ಗಿಜ್ಜೆಪೂಜೆ' ಪದ್ಧತಿಯನ್ನು ನಿರ್ಮೂಲನೆಗೊಳಿಸಲಾಯಿತು. 1927ರಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ತ್ರೀಯರಿಗೆ ಮೊದಲ ಬಾರಿಗೆ ಮತದಾನದ ಹಕ್ಕು ಪ್ರಾಪ್ತವಾಯಿತು. 1918ರಲ್ಲಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಮುಖ್ಯ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಧೀಶರಾಗಿದ್ದ ಸರ್ ಲೆಸ್ಲಿ ಮಿಲ್ಲರ್ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಮಿತಿ ನೇಮಿಸಿ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಹಿಂದುಳಿದ ಸಮುದಾಯಗಳಿಗೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಉದ್ಯೋಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಾತಿನಿಧ್ಯ ದೊರಕುವಂತೆ ಅಧ್ಯಯನ ಮಾಡಿ ವರದಿ ನೀಡಲು ಆದೇಶಿಸಲಾಯಿತು. ಹೀಗೆ ನಾಲ್ವಡಿಯವರು ಅನೇಕ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಜಾರಿಗೆ ತಂದು ನವ ಮೈಸೂರಿನ ನಿರ್ಮಾತ್ಮ ಎಂಬ ಮಣ್ಣಿನಿಗೆ

ಪಾತ್ರರಾದರು. ಬ್ರಿಟಿಷರಿಂದಲೇ ಭರತಖಂಡದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಪಾರ ಪ್ರಗತಿ ಸಾಧಿಸಿ ಮುಂದುವರಿಯುತ್ತಿರುವ ರಾಜ್ಯವೆಂಬ ಮೆಚ್ಚುಗೆಯನ್ನು ಪಡೆದ ಮೈಸೂರು, ಮಾದರಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನವೆಂಬ ಹೆಗ್ಗಳಿಕೆಗೆ ಪಾತ್ರವಾಯಿತು. "ನನ್ನ ತಿಳುವಳಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ 1881 ರಿಂದ 1940ರ ಅವಧಿ ಮೈಸೂರಿನ ಸುವರ್ಣಯುಗ" ಎಂಬ ದಾರ್ಶನಿಕ ಕವಿ ಡಿ.ವಿ. ಗುಂಡಪ್ಪನವರ ಮಾತುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅತಿಶಯೋಕ್ತಿಯೇನಿಲ್ಲ. ಮಹಾತ್ಮ ಗಾಂಧಿಯವರಿಂದ 'ರಾಜರ್ಷಿ' ಎಂಬ ಪ್ರಶಂಸೆಗೆ ಪಾತ್ರರಾದ ನಾಲ್ವಡಿ ಕೃಷ್ಣರಾಜ ಒಡೆಯರ್ 1940 ಆಗಸ್ಟ್ 3 ರಂದು ನಮ್ಮನ್ನಗಲಿದರು.