Prominent Alumni Members

1	Prof.	Ashu Shokeen	Professor & Chairperson (Retd.) Kurukshetra University Mob. 94164488939 Email: shokeen_ashu@rediffmail.com		Ashu Shokeen has superannuation as professor from the Department of Library and information science Kurukshetra University Kurukshetra. After successfully completing 36 years of teaching. She has wide Research and administrative experience during the distinguished career record at Kurukshetra University. She has been the Chairperson of the Department for 15 years, coordinator distance education for 18 years, Dean, Arts and Languages (2017_2020) Chief Warden (woman) for more than 3 years and has also been the officiating University Librarian twice. As far as concerned to the Research, she has got published more than 60 research papers, articles in refereed journals, proceedings of national and international conferences, chapters in edited books / monographs, edited 7 books and conference volumes, completed a major research project DRDO funded. 25 research scholars completed their Ph.D., 17 M. Phil. under her supervision. She is member of editorial Board of 6 National Journals. She has been the Director of orientation course for library professionals at Royal Institute of Bhutan for 16 days in 2016 and has organized more than 8professional seminars, conferences and workshops. She has been the steering committee member of International network emerging library innovation India of Swamina than Research Foundation, Chennai and Project Board member of Indian public library movement of NESCOM foundation, New Delhi (Both the projects are funded by Bill and Mellinda Gates Foundation). She is also the member of Technical Advisory panel of Indian Public Library Movement. Moreover she has been the President of India library Association- a premium body for LIS professionals, India. Chairperson Regional Federation of South Asian Library Associations, Board members of Raja Ram Mohun Roy library Foundation, Kolkata, Chairman nominee of State Library Planning Committee and State Library committee of Haryana and Himachal Pradesh and member of the standing committee of IFLA- Asia Oceania section and Member of UGC subject panel Curriculum Development Committee. She has been the recipient of "ILA promoter award-2002", "Naitik Samman Puruskar'2009" of Guljari Lal Nanda Memorial Foundation, Best women Librarian Award of Satkal Foundation-2010 and Life Time achievement award-2018 at National Law University, Delhi.
2	Dr.	Anil Kumar Siwach	Assistant Professor and Head, Department of Library and Information Science, Maharishi Dayanand University Rohtak Mob. 9996787203 Email: asiwach@gmail.com		Dr Anil Kumar Siwach received his M.Sc. (Anthropology), M.Lib.I.Sc. and P.G.D.C.A. from Panjab University, Chandigarh and Ph.D. (Lib. & Inf. Sc.) from Maharishi Dayanand University, Rohtak. He is presently working as Assistant Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Maharishi Dayanand University Rohtak since July 2010. Prior to this, he has also served on the post of Librarian in P.G. Govt. College for Girls, Sector 42, and Chandigarh from Jan 2008 to July 2010. He is also the Deputy Director, Digital Learning Centre at MDU Rohtak. He has also been involved in many administrative activities at MDU Rohtak like Member of University Court, Member Academic Council, Member of Executive Committee of MDU Teachers Association, Member Faculty of Social Sciences, Member P.G.B.O.S. Library and Information Science, Departmental Coordinator Career Counseling and Placement Cell (CCPC) and Departmental Coordinator M.D.U. Alumni Association. He has to his credit more than 30 publications in the form of Scopus indexed and UGC-CARE listed journal articles, book chapters and conference papers. He has participated in many conference/ seminars/ workshops. He is life member of Indian Library Association (ILA), Indian Association of Teachers of Lib. & Inf. Sc (IATLIS) and Haryana Library Association (HLA)..
3	Prof.	A.S Chandel	former Professor & Head, Department of Library & Information Science North-Eastern Hill University, Shilong DLIS Mob. 9436103859 Email: nehushgmzu07@gmail.com		Prof. A S Chandel is a former Professor & Head, Department of Library & Information Science, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong. He completed his B.Lib.Sc from Department of Library and Information science, Panjab University, Chandigarh in 1971. He was UGC Emeritus Fellow during 2012-13 and has also served as a member of Advisory Board for NCERT and National Library of India. Prior to joining Sikkim University he was OSD (Library), Mizoram University), Chairman, Library Digitization UGC project under UPE (University with Potential for Excellence) NEHU, Shillong, Adviser Digitization, Central University of Jharkhand, Ranchi, University Librarian-cum-Head, Computer and Instrumentation Centre, In-charge ARIS Cell (ICAR) of Dr. Y S Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni, Solan, Himachal Pradesh. He was also selected and nominated for SAARC nations to represent India as Deputy Director (Information) to SAARC Agricultural Information Centre Dhaka (1994-1997). He has been a member of various Boards, Committees, and Councils of national importance. He has several publications to his credit which includes books and more than 70 papers published in national and international journals and several chapters in various books. His recent book publications are Knowledge Management in Digital Era (2012) and Gender Perspectives: South Asian Writings in English and in English Translation (Co-Editor).He is a recipient of PLA (Punjab Library Association). Award, Prof. Satija Award for Professional Excellence (2011) and Award of Honour by Association of Agricultural Librarians and Document artists of India (2011).
4	Dr.	Devinder Kaur	University Librarian (Retd.) Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar and Punjabi University, Patiala Email: dkaur45@icloud.com		Dr. Devinder Kaur completed her Master of library science in first batch (1970-71) from Department of Library and Information Science, Panjab University, Chandigarh. She has served as University librarian, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar and Punjabi University, Patiala. She has been a member of various Boards, Committees, and Councils of national importance. Dr. Kaur has to her credit numerous publications and projects including Coordinator, DELNET Pilot project for National Bibliographic Database, monitored microfilming of Indian Publications Project (MIPP) sponsored by Library of Congress and Ministry of Culture, initiated computerisation of Punjabi University Library under INFLIBNET Programme. She has been the President SATKAL (2002-2008).She is also the recipient of IATLIS-MRS RATNA LAXMAN RAO: BEST WOMEN LIS PROFESSIONAL AWARD 2002.
5	Dr.	Gurjeet Kaur Rattan	Librarian Bhai Kahn Singh Nabha Library Punjabi University Patiala. Mob. 8699245540 Email: gkr70pbiuni@gmail.com		Gurjeet Kaur Rattan currently works at the Bhai Kahn Singh Nabha Library, Punjabi University, and Patiala. Their most recent publication is 'Citation Analysis of Theses in Economics Submitted to Punjabi University, Patiala during 2000-2014'.
6	Dr.	Har Singh	Deputy Librarian Central Library, Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology, Patiala Mob. 7696215289 Email: harsingh@thapar.edu		Dr. Har Singh has done his Ph.D. (Library and Information Science) from the Department of Library and Information Science, Panjab University, Chandigarh in May 2017, under the supervision of Prof. Preeti Mahajan. He has done his MLIS (Gold Medal), BLIS, CICTAL, and PGDDA from IGNOU, New Delhi, and Graduation from the University of Delhi. He has also done Several MOOC Courses through the SWAYAM Platform, Faculty Development Programme from IIT Delhi, Summer Courses, Workshops, etc. Heal so qualified UGC NET cum JRF in June 2009 in his first attempt. He has more than 18 years of professional experience (5yearspostPh.D.) and presently working as Deputy Librarian at Central Library, Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology(TIET), Patiala, since 20th April 2022. He has also worked as Assistant Librarian at TIET, Semi-Professional Assistant at IGNOU, Senior Library Assistant at O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat, and Library Assistant at Indian Society of International Law, New Delhi. He received University Gold Medal in MLIS for obtaining the highest marks from IGNOU, IGNOU Regional Central Chandigarh (previous employer) gave him the Excellence Service Award, Qualified Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) Award by UGC.
7	Dr	Harinder Pal Singh Kalra	Professor DLIS Punjabi university Patiala Mob. 9855943338 Email: hpskalra9@gmail.com		Dr. Harinder Pal Singh Kalra is Professor in Department of Library and Information Science (LIS)at Punjabi University, Patiala (India). He has23 years experience in teaching & research, and practice of librarianship and information work. He has taught various courses in LIS including Information, Communication, and Society; Information and Literature Survey in Social Sciences; Reference& Information Sources and Services; and Knowledge Organization & Information Processing. He has contributed about 50publicationsincluding articles, research papers, and book reviews in national and international peer-reviewed journals, and seminar and conference papers. He has been associated with Editorial Boards of journals and conference publications. He is Vice Chair of International Steering Committee of UNESCO-facilitated Global Alliance for Partnerships on Media and Information Literacy

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					(GAPMIL). He served as Country Coordinator- India for UNESCO-sponsored International Media and Information Literacy Survey.
8	Late. Prof.	Inder Veer Malhan	Former Dean Academic Affairs & Professor, DLIS, CUHP Email: imalhan_47@rediffmail.com		Late Prof. (Dr.) Inder Vir Malhan was former Dean, School of Mathematics, Computers and Information Science. He had a teaching and research experience of more than thirty-seven years at the Panjab University Chandigarh, University of Jammu, Jammu and the Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala. At the national level, he was member of the UGC expert committee set up for coordinating and vetting the development of model curricula for undergraduate studies in Library and Information Science. He was member of Research Advisory Board of Developing Library Network (DELNET) and a member of UGC National Committee on Electronic Submission of Theses and Dissertations. Prof. Malhan got third term as Vice-President of Indian Association of Teachers of Library and Information Science(IATLIS)(2014-16).He was member of ASIS, USA, ISKO, GERMANY, IAALD, LEXINGTON, KY, USA, and SLA,USA, Asian Chapter. He was life member of ILA, IATLIS and SIS.
9	Prof.	Jagtar Singh	Professor and University Librarian Guru Kashi University, Talwandi, Bathinda, Punjab Mob. 9855444785 Email: jagtardeep@gmail.com		Dr. Jagtar Singh is a one of the author soft he UNESCOMIL Curriculum for educators and learner (2021). He has41years of teaching and research he experience. He has served as a Professor, DLIS and Dean, Faculty of Education and Information Science, Punjabi University, Patiala. He is serving as Professor, University Librarian, and Director International Students at Guru Kashi University, Talwandi Sabo in the Bathinda district of Punjab. He has done MA English from Punjabi University, Patiala, and has beaten the previous record of Panjab University, Chandigarh in MLISin1980. He is indeed a gold medalist in MLIS from Panjab University, Chandigarh. He has done his PhD on rural libraries in Punjab in 1986 from Panjab University, Chandigarh. He has also done post-doctoral research on electronic publishing in 1992 from Loughborough University, Loughborough in the UK under the Commonwealth Academic Staff Fellowship awarded by the Common wealth Scholarship Commission in the UK. He has edited and authored 12 books and published around 100 research papers and articles. He is a member of 15 international peer reviewed journals and has also edited a special issue of the DESIDOC Journal of Information of Technology (DJLIT) on media and information literacy. He is also been invited to serve as guest editor of IFLA Journal on the theme of "Infodemic Disorder: Issues and Concerns." In collaboration with Dr. Alton Grizzle, Programme Specialist, Communication and Information, UNESCO HQ, Paris he has developed Five Laws of Media and Information Literacy. These laws have been adopted by UNESCO and translated into all its official languages. Besides, he has also developed the HIL-Health Information Literacy Model; eARTISTSMIL Model, and IFLA/UNESCO facilitated Empowering 8 Model of Information Literacy. Right now, he is developing the H5 Model of Learning. Dr. Singh has to his credit numerous projects and awards. He is the only Indian LIS professor who has been honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award both by the Indian Library Association (ILA) and Pakistan Library Association (PLA). He has been invited by the Pakistan Library Association as key note speaker on changing role of academic libraries at Lahore during the first week of November 2022. His main areas of interest are media and information literacy, knowledge management and organization, information and access management, open access, digital libraries, and resource sharing via networking. He can be contacted at dr jagtar singh .
10	Dr.	Kishor Satpathy	Chief Librarian Indian Statistical Institute203, B T Road, Kolkata-700108 Mob.9435175531 Email: ksatpathy@gmail.com		Dr. Kishor Chandra Satpathy is presently the Chief Librarian and Head of Library, Documentation and Information Science Division at the Indian Statistical Institute Kolkata. He is also the In-Charge of Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Memorial Museum and Archives at the Institute. He came to the present position with more than twenty-four years of professional experience serving as the Librarian in prestigious national institutions like the National Institute of Technology Silchar and the Indian Institute of Management Indore. He was a Mortens on Associate at the University of Illinois, USA in 2014. In December 2013, he attended the "Higher Education Leadership Programme" at the University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign, USA. He has successfully completed several projects Funded by MHRD, Govt. of India, World Bank /IIM Kashipur. Recently in collaboration with Google Arts & Culture, he has curates a virtual exhibition showcasing the early life and contribution of Prasanta Chandra Mahalanob is to the field of Statistics. He has coordinated several national-level training programs, workshops & seminars sponsored by CSIR,DST,SICI, NCTE,ISTE,AICTE, USEFI,MHRD, MoC, MPA, MYAS, etc. He was the Indian Ambassador of International Librarian Network Australia; Ambassador, GAPSUK, Associate Editor, DOAJ and Founder Core Committee Member of NIT Consortia & currently he is the expert member of the National Library Digitization project & Price Negotiation Committee. He has published more than 50 papers and has presented several papers at national and international conferences. He has edited eight books and five proceedings. He has visited the Czech Republic, Portugal, SriLanka, Spain, UK& USA for academic purposes. For his outstanding contribution to the field of Library& Information Service Profession, he was awarded Society for Information Science (SIS)-Young Information Scientist award for 2006; SATKAL Young Librarian Award for 2008 and felicitated by Panjab University Library Chandigarh in 2015.
11.	Prof.	MP Satija	Professor, UGC Emeritus Fellow and Former Dean Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar Mob. 9877486160 Email: satija_mp@yahoo.com		Prof. M. P. Satija (UGC Emeritus fellow) did his M.Lib.Sc. From the Department of Library and Information Science, Panjab University, Chandigarh in 1980. He has served as Professor in Library and Information Science (1999-2010), UGC Emeritus Fellow (2011-2013) and is currently Honorary Professor (since2019) in the Department of Library and Information Science (Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar). He has also been a Visiting Professor (University of Maastricht, the Netherlands), Konkuk University (South Korea), University of Kelaniya (SriLanka) and Documentation Research and Training Center (DRTC, Bangalore) from time to time. He has authored 25 books which have been published from India, USA, UK, Canada, etc. He has over 150 papers to his credit which have been published in peer-reviewed national and international journals. He has also contributed articles in Encyclopedia of Lib. and Inf. Science (Marcel- Dekker) and Taylor and Francis Encyclopedia of Library and Information Science, ISKO Encyclopedia of Knowledge Organization (IEKO), and Indian Encyclopedia of Library and Information Science. He has been the Subject Coordinator for the paper on Knowledge Organization (Classification for e-PG Pathshala of Inflibnet/MHRD). He is closely associated with many journals as a member of the editorial board including Library Times International, Knowledge Organization, Information Management Report, Pakistan Journal of Library and Information Science, International Journal of Knowledge Content Development & Technology and Journal of Information Science Theory & amp; Practice, ILA Bulletin, Lucknow Librarian, Library Herald, Herald of Library Science, Library Progress (International), Trends in Information Management, Annals of Library and Information Studies, etc. He has widely travelled on various professional assignments to Germany, Finland, UK, The Netherlands, Belgium, USA, Canada, Nepal and SriLanka and SouthKorea. He is also the recipient of IATLIS-Prof. Joginder Singh Ramdev Lifetime Achievement Award 2014.
12	Prof.	Masoom Raza	Professor DIIS, AMU, Aligarh Mob. 8272003275 Email: masoomr@yahoo.com		Dr. M. Masoom Raza is working as Professor in the Department of Library and Information Science, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh. He did his M.Sc. (Hons), ML & I.Sc and Ph.D from Panjab University, Chandigarh. The topic of his Ph.D. was & quot; Use of Periodicals by Researchers in the Agricultural Universities of North India: A Survey and Bibliometric Analysis & quot;. He has guided almost 100 Master dissertations and eight Ph.D. dissertations. He has successfully completed four U.G.C/ICSSR major Research projects, i.e., Preparation of Web based Gateway in Library and Information Science, Study the impact of TQM on university libraries, Design and development of Physical Education gateway, Application of web 2.0 in university libraries. He attended various national and International conferences and has about 65 publications in different professional journals/books LIS. He even worked as Professor and Head for about three years in the Department of Library and Information Science, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong. He had been member of various committees/boards of North Eastern India. He had also been vice president of ILA for Eastern Region from 2013 to 2016. He has been chairperson of the ILA sectional committee for Health Science Libraries (2016-2019).
13		Naresh Singh Bandari	Deputy Librarian IIT Mandi Mob. 91-1905-267059 Email: nsbandari@iitmandi.ac.in		Mr. Naresh Singh Bhandari currently working in IIT Mandi Kamand Mandi HP

14		Dr.	Neeza Singh	Librarian, T.S. Central State Library Sec-17, Chandigarh Mob. 9417245330 Email: Neeza_singh@yahoo.com	Dr. Neeza Singh did her PhD in area of Public Libraries from Panjab University under supervision of Prof. Dr. Ranjana Vohra. Out of her total experience 20 years of Librarianship, she has 18 years experience of Public Librarianship. She has worked with British Library, Chandigarh, as College Librarian in Shri Guru Gobind Singh College, Chandigarh, and currently working as Librarian at T.S. Central State Library, Chandigarh. She held the position of Director, American Corner setup by US Embassy at Central State Library Chandigarh. Dr Neeza is a Mentor and Innovator of INELI India and South Asia (International Network of Emerging Library Innovators) sponsored by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, a leadership programme for Public Librarians. She has been awarded Zinda Dil Award (2018) for her outreach services to the under privileged and also received Best Librarian in Public Library Award (2019) from LPA in Gujarat. She is elected as the only librarian from Chandigarh to be elected as IFLA Standing Committee Member (Metropolitan Libraries Section, Term 2021-2025) and honored on IFLA Wall of Fame (2020). She received the State Award for meritorious service in 2021 by Honorable Governor Punjab and Administrator UT Chandigarh, Sh V.P. Singh Badnore at Chandigarh Administration Independence Day celebrations at Parade Ground Chandigarh. This is the first time ever that a Chandigarh Librarian has been awarded with State Award by Chandigarh Administration. She is also Joint secretary and Master trainer, Indian Public Library Movement. She is organizing a number of innovative programmes in her Library and outreach programmes for different communities and all age groups. Apart from her Innovative library services, she is serving the underprivileged, reading and library sessions for children in slums, villages and government schools. She was the first to start children workshops in public libraries of Chandigarh. 'Donate School Books' was her initiative during the pandemic to help the needy. She has many national and international achievements to her credit. She is widely travelled person and visited Public libraries in Chicago, San Francisco, New York, Scotland, London, Singapore, Melbourne, Norway and India. Dr Neeza Singh has made several strides in the academic having published and presented a number of research papers and edited volumes. She has attended various national and international conferences, seminars, workshops and delivered invited lectures and talks, participated as member of panel for professional discussions and acted as resource person for workshops. She has also guided many institutions to setup libraries.
15		Dr.	Parveen Kumar	Librarian, T.S. Central State Library, Sec-17 Chandigarh Mob. 9988886463 Email: Parveencsl@yahoo.co.in	Professional Experience Eighteen Years professional experience as a Librarian and core are of specialization are Library Administration and Information & Communication Technology infrastructure and its application. Professional Qualification-Ph.D. in Library & Information Science Subject on the Topic "Management and Utilization of Newspaper Libraries in Chandigarh, Delhi and Punjab" in the year 2011.Qualified UGC-JRF Master of Library & Information Science with first class first from Panjab University, Chandigarh in the year 2003; Received Awards: Jagdish Singh Saran Memorial Gold Medal, University Medal Indian Book House Education Trust Cash Prize Bachelor of Library & Information Science with first class first from Panjab University, Chandigarh in the year 2002.ReceivedAwards: S. Arjan Singh Memorial Gold Medal, University Medal, Indian Book House Education Trust Cash Prize Academic Qualification- Bachelor of Arts in Hon's (Hindi) with Ist Division from Panjab University, Chandigarh in the year 2001. Paper Publication and Conference Attended more than 25 national and international conferences and published15research papers in reputed journals.
16		Dr.	Pokuri Venkata Rao	Fellow (Knowledge Management) Mahatama Gandhi State Institute of Public Adminstration, Sector26, Chandigarh. Mob. 9815458120 Email: pvrao@punjab.gov.in	Dr. P Venkata Rao is currently working with Mahatma Gandhi State Institute of Public Administration (MGSIPA), Panjab, Chandigarh (India) as Fellow (Knowledge Management) and has over 26 years of experience of working in different types of libraries in Chandigarh. He holds Master's (1993) and Doctorate (2009) degrees In Library and Information Science from Panjab University, Chandigarh (India). Dr. Rao also holds additional charge of MGSIPA Regional Centre, Jalandhar for organizing capacity development programmes for the officials of Government of Punjab. Dr. Rao manages a state-of-the-art special library catering to the needs of the administrator soft he Government of Punjab and has been associated with organizing training programmes on IT Applications for library professionals and Management Development Programmes for senior officers of Punjab Government. He has been organizing field attachment programmes for Section Officers and Under Secretaries working in various Ministries of Government of India. He has organized and coordinated over 200 training programmes for various categories of employees of Government of Punjab, Chandigarh Administration and Government of India in different domains and also coordinated three overseas training programmes at MGSIPA, Chandigarh (India). Dr. Rao has also completed a Department of Personnel & Training, Government of India sponsored projecton COMMIT. COMMIT is a set of 15 e-modules on soft skills and domain specific skill developed for government employees. As part of the project, over 300 blended training programmes were conducted training 10000 employees of Government of Punjab and Chandigarh Administration during the year's 2018 to2022. Dr Rao coordinates with Chandler Institute of Governance, Singapore and Institute of Financial Management & Research (IFMR), Chennai on behalf of MGSIPA, Chandigarh for capacity building programmes on Motivation, Leadership, Policy Design and Data Analytics for the officers of Government of Punjab. Dr Rao was also in-charge of a Section devoted to Quality Management System (QMS) and Environmental management Systems (EMS) at MGSIPA, Chandigarh from 2012to2021. He was a member of a Reference Group of 'Mission Karmayogi' for Assessment of Domain, Functional and Behavioral Competencies of Government Officials, constituted by the Department of Personnel & Training, Government of India. Dr. Rao is an external examiner for Ph.D. theses of University of Kelaniya, SriLanka in the faculty of Social Sciences. Dr. Rao attended over 50 training programmes and conferences in the country and abroad. His areas of interest include library technology, digital technologies and promoting open source software. Dr Rao edited 10 books, presented and published over 40 papers in National and International Conferences and journals/proceedings in the areas of Library management, management and information technology. Dr. Rao is a Resource Person for various training programmes organized by the Libraries all over the country and conducted workshops on Library management and library technologies and delivered over 100 invited lectures on various aspects of Library technology, Management, Soft Skills, Office Productivity, etc. Dr Rao. Previously, worked with D. A. V. College, Confederation of Indian Industry, NIPER, Mohali and IMTECH, Chandigarh. Dr. Rao was one of the founding Members of the Chandigarh Libraries Consortium (CLC), initiated and nurtured by Mr A R Sethi, former University Librarian, Panjab University, and Chandigarh during the years 2001-2005. He has been an active member of the Chandigarh Librarians' Association and occupied various positions during the years 1999 to 2020. Dr Rao was awarded "SATKAL Young Librarian Award" in the year 2006 for his contribution to LIS.
17	7458	Mr.	Prem Chand	Librarian, IIAS, Shimla Mob. 9418045822 Email: chanprem@gmail.com	Prem Chand is currently working as Librarian of Indian Institute of Advanced Study Library, Shimla. Prior to joining as Librarian at IIAS, he was at INFLIBNET Centre, where he worked for fourteen years as scientist tB, Scientist-Cand Scientist–D. He holds Master degree in Political Science and Master in Library and Information Science. He has over 30 years of experience in library profession. Mr. Prem Chand has served as a Secretary of Indian Institute of Advanced study for more than six years. At present he is holding additional charge of the Secretary of Indian Institute of advanced study, Shimla. Being a Secretary of the Institute, which is administrative head of the institute, he has great responsibility to manage the academic and administrative affair soft he institute. He started his professional career in 1990 from LBSNAA, Mussoorie (1990-1996). He has published 32 research papers in various professional journals and edited number of conference proceedings. He has completed major funded projects on "Online Experts data base in the field of Science and Technology" and "Experts data base in the field of Medical Science" funded by Department of Scientific and Industrial Research(DSIR) Govt. of India and WHO, Health Inter Network India Project respectively. He was group leader of data base division at INFLIBNET center and successfully developed online union catalogue of books, serials and thesis. He has organized large number of training on Library Automation and networking to the University Library professionals under INFLIBNET Programme. He was Convener of Steering Committee member of UGCINFONET Digital Library consortium, presently known as Shoudh Sindhu at INFLIBNET from 2004 to 2009. He has organized number of International conferences including CALIBER, PLANNER and workshops and training programmes. Mr. Prem Chand is recipient of Common wealth Professional Fellowship 2007 and Satkal Young Librarian award 2007. He is member of Expert Committee of UGC for Evaluation and Assessment of the proposal submitted by the College teachers for the purpose of availing travel grant to attend international conference abroad. He is member of Library Advisory Committee of Indian Council of Philosophical Research and Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla. He is President of Himachal Pradesh Library Association

18			Prof. R.G.Prashar	Professor (Retd.), DLIS Sagar University, M.P. Mob. 9815848781		Dr. R.G. Prasher (former Professor and Dean at Dr. Hari Singh Gour University, Sagar) did His Ph.d. From the Department of Library and information Science, Panjab University, Chandigarh in 1985. As a commissioned officer of the Indian Army, he established and headed the Department of Library Science at AEC Training Centre, Pachmarhi (1964-1968). He served as Deputy Librarian at the Punjab Agriculture University, Ludhiana till 1977. He also served as Librarian of Rajendra Agriculture university, Pusa(1978-84) and served as Professor and Dean, DLIS, H.S. Gour University in 1980s. After retirement, he served as Librarian of Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar(1997-2000). He has also been associated with UGC as a member on its panel. He was a UGC Visiting Professor at R. D. University, Jabalpur and Punjabi University, Patiala. A known author of many LIS books, he has also been the Chief Editor of 'the Indians in News' (2002-2007). For over two years, he was the Director of SGS Institute of Canadian Studies. Winner of a Meritorious Award of the Punjab Government, Professor Prasher is a respected teacher who has trained a generation of librarians and LIS teachers, many among them holding senior positions now.
19	Dr.	R. P. Kumar		Librarian (Retd.) AIIMS, New Delhi Mob. 9891052128 Email: karger.kumar@gmail.com		Dr. R. P. Kumar retired as Chief Librarian at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in March 2008 after working for more than 25 years. He is an Educationist and a Librarian with five years teaching and thirty years administrative experience. He is a highly qualified professional with M.Sc. in Zoology from Banaras Hindu University, Master's and Ph.D. in Library Science from Panjab University and Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Applications from Y.M.C.A, New Delhi. He is amongst the first few professionals in India to do Ph.D. in Library Science in 1981. He is a gold medallist from Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar. He is the recipient of various awards including the 1st ILA-Kaula Best librarian award (1994), 1 SALIS International achievement award (U.S.A- 1988), MLAI-SJ.Kulkami award for librarian of the year (2002), IASLIC-Life time achievement award (2015), etc. He was awarded the rank of Honorary Librarian Moody Medical Library, Galveston, U.S.A; in 2001. He was awarded the Fellowship by Society for Information Science (SIS), New Delhi in 2003. He was also awarded the certificate of Honour by Indian Association of Special Libraries and information Centres (IASLIC) in 2005. He is also the recipient of SATKAL'S Punjab National Librarian Award in 2006 and also MLAI Fellowship in 2006. He got First MLAI-Life Time Achievement Award in 2007. He has visited more than 50 countries and delivered number of lectures, both at national level and globally. He has introduced many modern technologies in the AIIMS library. He has authored and edited seven books and number of research papers in National and International journals of repute. He has chaired number of scientific sessions in conferences in India and abroad. He arranged five National training programmes on Modern Technologies for Information Handling (1996-2000) and trained about 300 library professionals from India and abroad. He is a member board of studies of various universities and expert member of number of selection committees including DRDO, UPSC, CSIR, (2006-), ICMR and various Universities. He has been nominated as member Delhi Library Board for three years (2006-2008). He is the Vice President of Medical Library Association of India and was its Secretary from 1992-2006. He is the founder Chairman South Asia Region of Substance Abuse Librarians and Information Specialists (SALIS-U.S.A.) from 1990-2001 and again from 2006 till date. He was the founder President of ITLISA (Indian Technoscience Librarians and Information Specialists Association) from 1985-87. He was the senior Vice President of Association of Government Librarians and Information Specialists (AGLIS) from 1990-92. He was also the Honorary General Secretary of Indian Library Association from 1996-98 and Vice President of IASLIC from 1996-2002. He was member of International Programme Committee and International Organising Committee of 8th International Congress on Medical Librarianship held at London in July 2000. He is the Chief Editor of MLAI News since 1994 and member editorial board of MLAI Bulletin. He was also a member of 10th International Committee of International Congress on Medical Librarianship held in Australia in 2009. He is also the founder President of Association of Senior Library and information Professionals (ASLIP) since 2020. Address: Apartment No.: B-504, Shiam Apartments, Plot No. 5D, Sector 11, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075
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21	Prof.	Roshan Lal		Vice Chancellor, Jaipur National University, Jaipur Mob. 9935831486 Email: roshan@iiml.ac.in,vcr@jnujaipur.ac.in		Dr. Roshan Lal Raina is Vice Chancellor at Jaipur National University (JNU), Jaipur. Before taking over as the VC of Jaipur National University, Jaipur Dr. Raina completed two consecutive terms (of three years each) as Vice Chancellor of JK Lakshmipat University (JKLU), Jaipur. Prior to JKLU, Dr. Raina was Professor, Communication, and Dean: Planning & Development, IIM Lucknow. In between, Dr. Raina(on EOL from IIML) successfully completed the assignment of the Director of the prestigious Lal Bahadur Shastri Institute of Management, Delhi during 2005-2008 Dr. Raina has nearly 30 years of post graduate teaching experience and over 36 years of managerial and institution building experience. As a Fulbright scholar, he went to the "School of Information Studies, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, USA" and successfully audited advanced courses in automation and networking. Research contributions of Dr. Raina include 23(authored as well as edited) best-selling books, 244 papers in peer reviewed journals & conference-seminar proceedings, and 37 most recently contributed magazine/newspaper articles and blogs. As a highly respected teacher and trainer in 'academic', 'corporate' as well as 'government' circles, Dr. Raina has been actively involved in conducting more than 200 advanced, innovative and need-based management/faculty development programmes and workshops. Concurrently, he has been involved in over 50 consulting and research assignments awarded by reputed national and international agencies like the JSI, Deliver, USA,IDRC, Canada, The Johns Hopkins University/Centre for Communication Programmes,Baltimore,USA,theUPeElectricityBoard,StateWaterandSanitationMission(GOUP),UPStateRoad TransportCorporation,MHRD(GOI)andDESIDOC,DRDO(GOI).Asaregular speaker at national and international level academic and industry seminars and conferences, summits, conclaves, his research on 'bringing in' and 'building on' the elements of 'quality' in higher education and research institutions has drawn appreciation of all concerned. As a scholar and an institution builder of repute, Dr. Raina, for his multi-faceted contributions, holds a unique distinction of having received several top professional scholarships/honours/awards. These include: Fulbright Award; British Council Fellowship; SIS Fellowship; Top Rankers Excellence Award for Academic Leadership (2014); Indian Science Congress Association Honour(2014); Distinguished Life-Time Achievement Award of Academy for Global Business Advancement (AGBA,USA) (2016); Lifetime Achievement Award, by IATLIS–Prof. Jaginder Singh Ramdev…(2016); Felicitation.
22	Dr.	Satwinder pal kaur		Assistant Professor, DLIS Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar Mob.9501045024 Email: satwinderpal.libsc@gndu.ac.in		Dr. Satwinder pal Kaur Gill, working as Assistant Professor in the Department of Library and Information Science, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar. She did her Master of Library and Information Science (Two-year Integrated Course) from Department of Library and Information Science, Punjab University, Chandigarh. She did her Ph.D from Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar. Her major area of specialization is information needs and Information seeking behavior of library users. She started her career as College Librarian at Khalsa College for Women, SidhwanKhurad, Ludhiana; and Khalsa College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Amritsar. In 2011, She joined Guru Nanak Dev University. She has published two books; and a number of research papers in conference/seminar proceedings and journals of national and international repute. She is a life Member of professional bodies i.e., ILA, IATLIS.

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24	Prof.	Sewa Singh		Professor (Retd.), DLIS, GNDU Mob. 9417464426 Email: drsewasingh@gmail.com		Sewa Singh earned his higher education from Kurukshetra University from where he obtained M.A. and B.Lib.Sc. and later went to Panjab University and earned his M.Lib.Sc, and Ph.D. degree in Library and Information Science. He has been a practicing librarian and teacher of Library and Information Science for about four decades at Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar (Punjab).When the Department of Library and Information Science was established at the Guru Nanak Dev University, Dr. Sewa Singh Put in useful contents for designing and developing the curriculum for B.Lib.I.Sc. program. The curriculum was later revised and updated according to the requirements of the time and the suggestions and re commendations of the Curriculum Development Committee of the University Grants Commission. In the meanwhile, the University authorities were requested, supported with information from other universities in the country, to separate the Department from the administration of the Central Library and make it an independent entity like any other teaching Dept of the University. The request was acceded to after a long persuasion. Later, the University was requested and persuaded to start MLISc as well as Ph. D. programmes in the Department for the benefit of the students of there gionas also the University for initiating such professional courses. In between he had brief stints the University Librarian which opportunity enabled him to initiate: (1) User education programme, and (2) a Current Awareness service. Both the products became in stint popular among the post graduate students and the faculty, but research scholars expressed more interest in them. Dr Sewa Singh, with definite support and help from friends in the profession, revived the Punjab Library Association, and from its platform contributed in drafting the Punjab Public Libraries Bill. He was equally responsible to other activities in the profession and contributed his inputs as not only life member of the national professional associations but also worked as Vice President(northZone) of IASLIC as well as ILA. He was Regional Secretary of IATLIS, and closely associated with the PLA. He has visited some libraries in Malaysia, Thailand and Pakistan to gain knowledge about their functioning. He has published 24books (including 4 in Punjabi and 1 in Hindi), and contributed about 200 articles published in various national and international journals, and one in the Encyclopedia of Library and Information Science, edited by Allen Kent, et al. Dr Singh has been associated with many Universities in various capacities from time to time. During the Covid-19 pandemic he has delivered some lectures to national and international audience. He has been associated as member of Editorial Board of various national and international journals, including those from Nepal and Russia He was honored by various Societies and Associations, both social and professional.
25	Dr.	Sukhdev Singh		Senior Technical Director National Informatics Centre HQ New Delhi Mob. 9999807615 Email: sukhi@nic.in		EDUCATION: M.S. (Software Systems) BITS, Pilani. 2001, M.L.I.S. Panjab University, Chandigarh 1987, M.Sc. (Anthropology) Panjab University, Chandigarh. 1985 CERTIFICATION: CSQP (Certified Software Quality Professional) by Standardization, Testing and Quality Certification (STQC) Directorate (Government of India), 2003. MEMBERSHIP:-Life Member of INDIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (ILA-https://ilaindia.co.in/)- Life Member of INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR MEDICAL INFORMATICS (IAMI-https://www.iami.org.in/) CAREERL AND MARKS:[Uptill1991]—Completed studies at Department of Library and Information Sciences, Panjab University, Chandigarh for B.Lib.Sc. and M.L.I.S in1987.,WorkedatPunjabEngineeringCollege,Chandigarh(1987-88) and Worked at Panjab University Library, Chandigarh(1988).,Worked at Indira Gandhi National Open University, Delhi(1988-91). [1991-2016]—Joined National Informatics Centre (NIC, https://www.nic.in/)in 1991, After joining NIC in 1991, became part of MEDLARS Group of NIC. It was group of Medical Informatics specialists that worked in collaboration with Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). It was this group that brought the MEDLINE data base of US National Library of Medicine (NLM) to India in late 90's and provided online access to it through the Computer Network of NIC (NICNET). It was a technological challenge in the pre-Internet era in India. After joining NIC in 1991, became part of MEDLARS Group of NIC. It was group of Medical Informatics specialists that worked in collaboration with Indian Council of Medical Research(ICMR). It was this group that brought the MEDLINE database of US National Library of Medicine (NLM) to India in late90's and provided online access to it through the Computer Network of NIC (NICNET). It was a technological challenge in the pre-Internet era in India, Due to poor coverage of Indian Medical Journals in MEDLINE imitated, developed and hosted a Bibliographic Database by indexing about 80 select Indian Medical Journals–IndMED in 1997. Later on developed and hosted full text of Indian Medical Journals with free online access on a portal known as medIND. Beenan Open Access advocate. Had developed and hosted an Open Access International Repository in Medical and Allied Sciences–Open MED@NIC. Headed Bibliographic Informatics.
26	Dr.	Pandey Suraj Kant Sharma		Librarian (Retd.), IIPA		Professor (Dr.) Pandey Suraj Kant Sharma (popularly known as Pandey S. K. Sharma or Dr. Pandey) is the first person/ student of the Department of Library Science Panjab University, Chandigarh to be awarded Ph. D. Degree in 1977under the able supervision of the world-fame library scientist Prof (Dr.) J. S. Sharma, the then University librarian and HOD, Library Science, Panjab University.Dr. Pandey has the rare distinction of being the FIRST librarian in India to earn two Ph. D. Degrees and the SECOND Indian librarian to obtain Ph. D. degree in Library Science. He did his M. A and Ph. D. in Hindi from Ranchi University, B. Lib. Sc. From University of Delhi, Delhi; and M. Lib. Sc., and Ph. D. in Library Science from Panjab University, Chandigarh. Dr. Pandey has a long association with Indian Library Association which he has served in capacity of Sr. Vice-President, and Chairman, Editorial Board of ILA Bulletin between 2002 and 2004.In 2004, Dr. Pandey was elected as the President of ILA and assumed this coveted position but later chose not to continue. **Institutions Served (in descending order):** Dr. Pandey has the proud privilege of serving premium Indian institutions in lead positions both as librarian and as teacher of Library Science, e.g., NEHU: Visiting Professor (in Professor's pay-scale). UGC: Principal Library Officer and Senior Library and Information Officer. IIPA: Librarian (in Professor pay-scale). Agra University: Reader & HOD (Library Science). RRRLF: Field Officer. Rajasthan University: Lecture **Publications:** A prolific and popular author of library science books, Dr. Pandey has authored over two dozen books. EELIS: Elementary Encyclopaedia of Library and Information Science (published in Oct 2021) is recent work from his pen. Some of his publications are listed at https://worldcat.org/identities/lccn-n85108337/.

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