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ACLA members for incorporation in the newsletter.

Kindly communicate such

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FROM PRESIDENT'S DESK

The Assam College Librarians' Association is to release its next issue of ACLA News Letter during the 15th Biennial Conference held at Tinsukia Commerce College during November 11-12, 2018. It is a great occasion for the college librarians of Assam that they are recognized by the Govt of Assam as a "Non Vocational Academic Staff". So also they will be the member of the library development committee of the particular college he/ she is working. Besides, by another Office Memorandum, the Govt of Assam has made him/ her ex officio member of respective College Governing Body, the Body which is formed for the management of the each college. No doubt, these are the very positive steps taken by the Govt of Assam as a result of the continuous efforts of the ACLA and the Govt has accepted the demands of the association. The ACLA, since its inception in 1973, is working for the development of library environment especially the College and College library in different perspectives and to a large extent the association is successful in meeting its objectives, though there are still remain a number of issues to be addressed.

With the changing library environment and services, the libraries are performing not as an independent institution but to work in networking environment. Use of ICT and its various devices, the situation is becoming more conducive to work and extend services in that context and libraries are now extending their services also at one's doorstep. In Assam, the role played by INFLIBNET Centre is remarkable; so also the extension of financial grants by the Govt of Assam for developing Digital Library and extension of Wi-Fi facilities to the college libraries. Our College Librarians are to work in that situation in proactive manner. The college libraries are to be recognized as knowledge hub for college community in furthering the academic atmosphere in positive direction. I am happy to note here that as per situation demands and in meeting the challenges, the College Librarians are developing their expertise and skills by way of attending academic and professional events at various levels and contributing papers in different publications. They have shown their sincerity, honesty and dedication in extending their professionalism. I hope the situation will continue to be developed as desired and college libraries as the centre of all academic activities in the college and will be recognized by all concerned for the betterment.

October 12, 2018
Tinsukia (Assam)

Prof Narendra Lahkar
President, ACLA



ACLA: THE JOURNEY SO FAR – A SAGA OF ACHIEVEMENT, ACCOUNTABILITY AND ASPIRATION

ACLA, the umbrella association of the college librarians in Assam, has immense relevance in the context of higher education in Assam. Since its inception in 1973, ACLA has been engaged in dealing with various problems faced by the college library professionals of Assam in particular as well as contributing in framing of policy relating to college library in higher education system. Over four decades of its glorious existence, the latest achievement being the government's approval in inclusion of librarians as an ex-officio member of the College Governing Body and granting the librarians the status of Non Vocational Academic Staff during 2017-18 due to untiring efforts made by the present General Secretary of the Association.

It is my sincere wish that in the days to come the Association will be proactive in ensuring a better future for the entire library professionals through dedication and active participation of each and every respected member and also devise a transparent and student centric framework of library management system based on democratic principles.

October 12, 2018
Tinsukia (Assam)

Srimonta Madhab Bora
Working President, ACLA



ACLA ANNUAL MEET AT NORTH LAKHIMPUR COLLEGE

The 4th ACLA annual meet was held on 24th of June, 2017 at North Lakhimpur College (Autonomous), North Lakhimpur, Assam, with a day long programme. The programme was started with parallel flag hoisting of ACLA and North Lakhimpur College (Autonomous) by Prof Narendra Lahkar, President, ACLA and Dr. Biman Chandra Chetia, Principal, North Lakhimpur College (Autonomous).

The inaugural session of the meet started with lighting of lamp and a borgeet by a student. The session was inaugurated by Mr. Barun Bhuyan, IAS, the Deputy Commissioner of Lakhimpur District. The session was chaired by Dr. Hemanta Kumar Baruah, President, Governing Body, North Lakhimpur College (Autonomous). Prof. Narendra Lahkar was delivered his lecture as the appointed speaker of the session. Dr. Uddhab Kumar Bharali, DFC, internationally renowned scientist and innovator was present as the Chief Guest of the



gathering. In the session, ACLA Bulletin was also inaugurated by Dr. Suresh Dutta, Principal of OPD College, Lakhimpur. The inaugural session was ended with vote of thanks offered by Mrs. Nizara Gogoi, Librarian of the host institution.

Post lunch session i.e. the open discussion session was started under the chairmanship of Prof. Narendra Lahkar. The session was coordinated by Dr. Prasanta Kumar Deka, General Secretary, ACLA. In this session various important issues related to ACLA and topics of general interest relating to the profession were discussed along with interaction amongst the college librarians. In the very session, ACLA felicitated the recent PhD degree achiever in the field of Library and Information science viz. Dr. Sadananda Nath, Librarian, Tinsukia Commerce College; Dr. Prasanta Kumar Deka, Librarian, K C Das Commerce College; Dr. Nikhil Hazarika, Librarian, Madhabdev College; Dr. Gajendra Ballav Devchoudhury, Librarian, North Guwahati College; Dr. Nirmal Ranjan Majumder, Librarian, Pub-Kamrup College and Dr. Kishore Kalita, Librarian, Barbhag College. The session was ended with vote of thanks offered by Dr. Prasanta Kumar Deka, GS, ACLA followed by a photo session. The programme was a grand success and ACLA offers special thanks to the Principal, Librarian and all the team members of North Lakhimpur College (Autonomous) for their active involvement and support.



inaugural session and delivered a thought provoking speech on the occasion. Mr. Atul Borah, Librarian of OPD College, Lakhimpur was delivered an attractive welcome speech before the august



A STATE LEVEL WORKSHOP FOR COLLEGE LIBRARIANS' OF ASSAM

The Assam College Librarians' Association (ACLA) and S.B. Deorah College has jointly organised a one-day state level workshop on "Role of College Librarians of Assam in the changing environment" on 15th



July, 2018 at S.B. Deorah College, Ulubari, Guwahati. The inaugural session was started with lighting of lamp and Saraswati Bandana. The session was chaired by Prof. Narendra Lahkar, President of ACLA, where welcome address was delivered by Dr. Dhruvajit Das, Librarian of S.B. Deorah College. Welcoming the participants of the workshop, Dr. Das mentioned about the various changes in the functioning of the college libraries due to the fast technological development specially the comprehensive use of ICT and appealed the college librarians of Assam to adapt with the changing environment as quickly as possible by upgrading their skills. Dr. Dharmendra Nath, Principal of S.B. Deorah College in his keynote address stated about the formation, role and responsibilities of Governing Body (GB) of the college highlighting its powers and functions for effective management of the institution. He also stated about the role and responsibilities of the college librarians as ex-officio member to the College GB. General Secretary of ACLA Dr. Prasanta Kr. Deka delivered a speech on "Future plan of ACLA" and he stated about the contribution made by the past office bearers of ACLA and also explained his future course of action in fulfilling the various needs and

demands of the college librarians of Assam. He also expresses his gratitude to the Govt. of Assam for giving the Academic Status and Ex-officio GB membership to the college librarians of

Assam. In the Presidential address, Prof. Narendra Lahkar recalled the relentless efforts of past eminent members of ACLA in fulfilling the genuine demands of the ACLA. Prof. Lahkar in his speech stated that the recognition and responsibility are the two sides of a coin, and as the college librarians have their recognition, now they have to shoulder responsibilities in proper perspectives.

In the second session Prof. (Retd.) P.J. Das of Gauhati University delivered a speech on "Managerial and Communication Skills". In his speech Prof. Das shared his experiences of management while he was in administration in various capacities such as Registrar i/c, Director of IDOL etc. during his service tenure at Gauhati University. He also explained about the various pros and cons of management. Good Communication skill is very essential in order to be a good manager, he stated. An interactive session was also held where the college librarian shared their views, problems and experiences in the workplace.

The whole programme was coordinated by Dr. Bibhuti Choudhury, Librarian of LCB College, Maligoan, Guwahati. The workshop was ended with vote of thanks offered by Dr. Kishore Sarma, Librarian of D K Girls' College, Mirza.



Books/Journals Released

Granthakuti: An annual peer reviewed journal on Library and Information Science (ISSN-2349-7386),

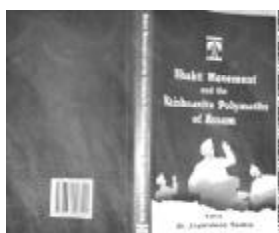


Vol.3 was published by Dibru College Central Library in collaboration with IQAC, Dibru College was

released on the Librarians Day on 12th August 2018. The journal was inaugurated by Mr. Prakash Gogoi, Ex-Librarian, Dibrugarh University.

Bhakti movement and the Vaishnavite Polymaths of Assam

Edited by Dr. Gyandeep Saikia, Librarian of DKD College, Dergaon and published in 2018.



ICT for Library Management in Changing Environment, Edited by: Dr. Sanjay Kumar Singh, Prof.



& Head, Deptt. Of library and Information Sc, Gauhati University and Dr.Kishor Sarma, Librarian of DK Girls College, Mirza, Kamrup; Published by EBH Publishers (India) in August 2018.

The book comprises research articles on different topics of Library Science.

Granthagar Aru Anyanya by

Dr. Kishor Sarma; Published by Kasturi Prakaxaan, Guwahati in July 2018. This book contains 12 popular articles appeared earlier in different leading Assamese news papers, periodicals, souvenirs etc.



written by Dr. Kishor Sarma. All articles are related to Libraries. This book will specially help the common people to have some ideas about the Libraries.

IT Management of Special Libraries in Assam by Dr.

Kishor Sarma, Librarian, DK Girls' College, Mirza; Published by EBH Publishers (India) in 2018 and Price is Rs.595/- In this book an overview of convergence of Information Technology and its application in special libraries of Assam has been discussed with illustration.



The Journal entitled "**Dapon**" Edited by Dr. Labanya Hazarika, Librarian of Dhemaji College and other and published in 2018.

"Kitapar lagat bandhutta" written by Mrs. Nirupama Hazarika, Librarian, CKB College, Teok, Jorhat and others and published in 2017.



A handwritten magazine "**YATRA**" is also published annually by the C K B College Library, Teok under the supervision of the Librarian of the College from 2013 and the 6th issue of the magazine will be released in December 2018.



"Paaniduar" written by Mr. Pradip Dutta, Librarian, Lakhimpur Kendriya Mahavidyalaya on 17 August, 2017



Recent Trends in Academic Libraries : Issues and Challenges Edited by Sangeeta Roy and Jyotika Borthakur and published by Global Publishing House



India in 2018. Price is Rs.895/- The book comprises 16 research articles/ papers on different topics of academic library system, which will specially help the students of Library and Information Science profession.

The 3rd issue of the News Letter "INFORMANIA" of Bipin Chandra Memorial Library, Radhamadhab College was released on 17 August 2017 by Prof. N B Dey, President of the College G B.

Post Seminar Proceedings of National Seminar held at Guwahati College, Guwahati on College



Libraries in Assam: Issues and challenges edited by Dr Prasanta Kumar Deka, Dr Gouri Sankar Karmakar, Dr Nirmal Ranjan Mazumdar and Dr Kishore Kalita.

MEETING WITH DHE, ASSM



A moment of discussion with DHE, Assam on 30th November, 2017 regarding some important issues of ACLA.

ACLA Members with Library Professionals in Gujarat University

A group of members of Assam College Librarians' Association (ACLA) consisting of Dr. Nabajyoti Das, Dr. Nirmal Ranjan Mazumdar, Dr. Kishore Kalita, Dr. Birender Pal, Dr. Jyotika Barthakur and Mrs Dipika Das have pursued refresher course in Library and Information Science at HRDC, Gujarat University from 30th July to 19th August 2018. During the course, numbers of deliberations were held with the resource persons and the participants came from various parts of the country regarding the status of college librarian in various states in India. The resource persons like Dr. Dinesh Kumar Gupta, Dr. Mukesh Kumar Mishra, Dr. Yogesh R. Parekh, Dr. Rakesh D Parmar, Dr. Lajvi N. Zala, Dr. Ranbir Singh, Dr. Gopakumar, Dr. Mayank Trivedi, Dr. Sanjay Kumar Singh etc. has especially



mentioned about the excellent status of college librarian in Assam and the efficient and powerful activities and achievements of Assam College Librarians' Association. Most of the resource persons have appealed to the participants to give a big applause for the college librarians in Assam and specially the ACLA and advised the college librarians from other states to follow the activities of ACLA. In connection with the "Librarian's Day" celebrated in the HRDC, Gujarat University on 9th August 2018, the group of ACLA members were participated and discussed various professional issues of college librarianship. The group, on behalf of the ACLA has felicitated the dignitaries with a "*Phoolam Gamosa*" and also presented some publications of ACLA. The group on behalf of ACLA also met the Librarian of Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad, Dr. Anil Kumar and also has felicitated him with an assamese traditional "*Phoolam Gamosa*".

LIBRARIAN'S DAY

At Bajali College, Pathsala

Librarian's Day was observed at Bajali College, Pathsala on 13th of August 2018 organized by the Central Library of the College; an essay writing competition was also prearranged in connection with the occasion amongst the students. The programme was coordinated by Mrs. Chitra Rani Pathak, faculty of Dept. of English. Dr. Chandana Sarma, Principal i/c

of the college was graced the occasion as president. Welcome address was delivered by Mr. Arjun Medhi,



Librarian of the College, where Dr. Bibhuti Choudhury, Librarian, LCB College and Dr. Tilak Hazarika, Assistant Prof, DLIS, Gauhati University graced the occasion as Guest of Honour. Sri Deba Prasad Misra, Head, Department of English and Chairman, Library Committee of the College was also delivered lecture. The entire programme was very lively by the participation of students. The programme was ended with vote of thanks offered by Mr. Saurabh Kumar Baruah, Assistant Librarian of the College.

Librarian's Day observed in Barak Valley



ACLA Barak valley zone observed Librarians Day on 25th of August, 2018 at MCD College, Sonai under the District of Cachar with a day long



programme. The programme was coordinated by Mr. Mihir Kanti Nath, Librarian of MCD College, where Dr Manoj Kumar Sinha, Prof. of Department of Library and Information Science, Assam University was delivered lecture as a Chief Guest. Alhaz Tajmul Ali Majumder, President of GB; Dr. Baharul Islam Laskar, Principal; Sabir Ahmed Choudhury, Vice Principal of the College were also delivered lectures on the occasion along with most of the college librarians of Barak valley, which was a grand success.

At Guwahati



Librarians Day was celebrated in Guwahati with joint coordination of ACLA, ALA, DLISc, GU and Dr Surya Kumar Bhuyan Library, Cotton University at Sudmarson Hall, Cotton University, Guwahati on 12th of August 2018 with a day long programme. The programme was presided over by Prof. N Lahkar. The whole programme was boosted by releasing of two books and also enriched its dignity with the presence of teachers, senior professionals along with the college librarians, librarians/ library professionals of other institutions, students of the Dept. of Library and Information Sc., GU and other dignitaries.

At Dhemaji College, Dhemaji



College and organized a quiz competition on the occasion amongst the students. Dr. Labanya Hazarika, Librarian of the College was coordinated the programme.

At Jorhat



127th Librarian's Day was observed by the Jorhat Librarians' Association at Jorhat where Kaula-Ranganathan Awardee Prof. Alaka Buragohain, Advisor of ACLA was invited as Chief Guest. A book was also released on the occasion.

At Pragjyotish College, Guwahati

Librarian's Day observed at Pragjyotish College and organized a spot essay writing competition on the occasion amongst the students. The programme was coordinated by Mr. Unindajyoti Choudhury,



Librarian of the College. The Principal of the College Dr. Manoj Mahanta presided over the programme where Dr. Paramananda Majumder, President of Assam Sahitya Sabha and Associate Prof. of the Dept. of Assamese has delivered a lecture on importance of library and benefits of reading books along with some other faculty members. In the occasion one faculty member and one student was also awarded with Best Library User award. The programme was a grand success with full cooperation of the students.

National Digital Library centre inaugurated at IIT-G



The first National Digital Library of India, North East Regional Centre (NDLI-NERC) was inaugurated at

IIT Guwahati on 26th April, 2018. As the first regional centre for the National Digital Library of India, IIT Guwahati will aid all the schools, colleges, academic institutions, professionals, specially-able students and all other learners in the region to integrate with and gain free access to quality education. Prof Mihir Kanti Chaudhuri, former VC of Tezpur University and currently Advisor, Education Department, Government of Assam attended the inaugural ceremony as the guest of honour and he requested the authority of IITG that "IIT Guwahati needs to popularise the National Digital Library of India so it can benefit all stakeholders," The occasion was graced by Prof Partha Pratim Das, Joint Principal Investigator, NDLI; Dr B Sutradhar, Librarian, IIT Kharagpur and Professor Gautam Biswas, Director of IIT Guwahati. With NDLI-NERC now a part in the spread of digital education in the North East, the NDLI is one step closer to its vision of democratising education where any learner from any corner of the country can easily gain access to quality resources and 'Learn Share Grow'.

FELICITATION

Prof. Alaka Buragohain was facilitated by DLIS, Delhi University on its seven decades of Academic Excellence on 23rd of April 2018.





Executive Committee of Assam College Librarians' Association (ACLA): 2016-2018

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Zonal Member	:	Kamrup & Goalpara Dr. Bibhuti Choudhury

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Zonal Member	:	Kokrajhar Ms. Bhagawati Narzary
Zonal Member	:	Nalbari & Barpeta Mr. Lohit Talukdar
Zonal Member	:	Barak Valley (Cachar, Karimganj and Hailakandi) Mr. Mihir Kanti Nath

Activities of Dr. Rajendra Mohan Dev Sarma, Librarian, Nazira College, Nazira



We are very proud of our active ACLA member Dr. Rajendra Mohan Dev Sarma, Librarian (Associate Grade) of Nazira College, Sivasagar. Dr. Sarma has been performing various community services through library and his thrust area is mainly library movement/creation of reading habit amongst the masses. At the time of his joining in the college, he observed that majority of the nearby people did



not have the interest of reading books, even a local daily. Since then he started his informal journey of "Mobile Library". Dr. Sarma provided personal library's books to the nearby people and other interested people. He thought that after his demise, this service will no longer continue. So, he planned to continue it permanently through Nazira College Central Library (NCCL) as the concerned authority has accepted his proposal and journey of "Mobile Library Service of NCCL" has already successfully crossed glorious two years. The best practices rendered by Dr. Sarma through NCCL as community service are:

- **Mobile Library Service:** The mobile library service of NCCL is a unique in nature in higher educational institution. The two wheeler mobile library's target groups are the Senior Citizens, Carcinoma Patients and Differently Abled People of Nazira Sub-Division. Every year a best user award is also provided in the Librarians' Day.

- **NCCL Ward Libraries:** A library was established in every ward under Nazira town on the auspicious occasion of Librarians Day, 2017 with a motto i.e. "Read, Grow and Lead".

- **Satirtha-Group of Differently Abled People:** There is a group 'Satirtha' with more than 350 differently abled people of Nazira Sub-Division. Beside the target group, the SDO (Civil) Nazira, different concerned government officials, social workers, Doctors, Print and electronic Media People etc. are incorporated to help the needy people. A database is also created and maintained by the NCCL.

- **Enrichment of Rural Public Library:** Dr. Sarma has been actively taking part in enrichment of nearby rural public libraries and observes the Librarians' Day in public libraries. He donated books

first for the Nazira Sub-divisional Library and performed the housekeeping operation. The Librarians Day was observed centrally in the entire Sub-Division in the newly constructed Sub-Divisional Library to attract the young stars along some other activities.

- **Oral History on Sivasagar:** The Sivasagar District is historically very important. There exist various legend people on their respective fields ranging from historical, cultural, political, societal, musical, nomenclature, occupational, educational etc. Oral history may be an authentic primary source of information and research. Dr. Sarma has already started the oral history project in the year 2017 and preserved digitally.

- **Mass Signature/opinion for enactment of Library Legislation in Assam:** The Library Act must be enacted in Assam. Mass Signature/opinion for enactment of Library Legislation in Assam has been initiated from the Librarians Day in 2018.

ACTIVITIES OF MRS. DIPIKA DAS, LIBRARIAN, DIBRU COLLEGE, DIBRUGARH



Readers' Club: Dibru College Central Library has formed a Readers' Club under which, a sitting (Baithak) is organised on a book or on a short story or on a poem or on a burning topic in each month. All the students and Faculty members are attending the programme.



Achievements

ACLA wishes all the awardees a bright future ahead

Ms. Sehnara Begum Choudhury, Librarian of Gurucharan College, Silchar has been awarded PhD



degree by Assam University, Silchar on the topic "Bibliometric Analysis of Doctoral Theses in Life Sciences submitted to Assam University" under the Guideship of Dr. Mukut Sarmah, Dept of Library &

Information Science, Assam University on 13th of January, 2017.

Mr. Rajendra Mohan Dev Sarma, Librarian (Associate Grade) of Nazira College, Nazira has been awarded PhD degree by Assam



University, Silchar on the topic "A study on Best Practices with Special Emphasis on Modernisation in the Libraries of Degree Colleges Affiliated to Dibrugarh University,

Assam" under the Guideship of Dr. Mukut Sarmah, Dept of Library & Information Science, Assam University on 26th of July, 2017.

Mr. Rajib Kumar Das, Librarian of Girls' College, Kokrajhar, Assam has been awarded PhD degree



by Gauhati University on the topic "The effectiveness of continuing education program for LIS professional: A study of University libraries of North East India" under the Guideship of Prof N N Sharma,

Dept of Library & Information Science, Gauhati University on 02/12/2017.

Ms. Jyotika Borthakur, Librarian of SMD College,



Charing, Sivasagar, Assam has been awarded PhD degree by Assam University, Silchar on the topic "Information Use Pattern by Scientists Working at Selected CSIR

Laboratories of Northeast and Eastern India: A Study" under the Guideship of Prof. Manoj Kumar Sinha, Dept of Library & Information Science, Assam University on 29th of December, 2017.

Ms. Deepa Baruah, Librarian of Joya Gogoi College, Khumtai, Assam has been awarded PhD degree by Gauhati University on the topic "The factors of



competency development among the working library professionals of the university libraries of North East India: challenge and realities" under the Guideship of Prof N N Sharma,

Dept of Library & Information Science, Gauhati University on 2nd April, 2018.

Mr. Birender Pal, Librarian of Dhakuakhana College, Dhakuakhana, Assam has been awarded



PhD degree by Gauhati University on the topic "Impact of INFLIBNET in the Modernization of University Libraries in India with special Reference to North Eastern Region" under the Guideship of Prof. Rajani

Kanta Barman, Dept of Library & Information Science, Gauhati University on 05/09/2018.



Recently Retired College Librarians of Assam

Mr. L Manglemba Singha, Librarian of Cachar College, Silchar has retired from service on 31-07-



2017. Mr. Singha was an active member of ACLA Barak Valley zone. ACLA fraternity wishes a healthy and active retired life ahead of Mr. L Manglemba Singha.

Mrs. Nirada Dutta, Librarian, DHSK College,



Dibrugarh has retired from service on 31-07-2017. Mrs. Dutta was an active member of ACLA. ACLA fraternity wishes a healthy and active retired life ahead of Mrs. Nirada Dutta.

Mr. Abdul Raquib, Librarian, Goreswar College, Goreswar, Baksa has retired from service on 31-07-2017.



Mr. Raquib was an active member of ACLA. ACLA fraternity wishes a healthy and active retired life ahead of Mr. Abdul Raquib.

Dr Dharani Kanta Das, Librarian, BN College, Dhubri has retired from service on 31-10-2017. Dr.



Das was an active member and zonal coordinator of Dhubri zone of ACLA. ACLA fraternity wishes a healthy and active retired life ahead of Dr Dharani Kanta Das.

Achievement



Mr. Jadavjyoti Saikia, Librarian of MDKG College, Dibrugarh, Assam has received the Best Paper Presenter Award from Mr. Manoj Kumar K, Scientist D (CS), INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat at the 1st International Conference on Transforming Library-2017 (ICTL) held at CIT, Kokrajhar from 8th-10th July, 2017.

SOME REMARKABLE MOMENTS



A moment after felicitation and handed over of 1st memorandum regarding burning demands of ACLA to Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, Education Minister of Assam on 19-10-2017.



A group of ACLA delegation felicitated Mr. Siddhartha Bhattacharya, Education Minister of Assam on 21-05-2018 and discussed on the demands as per memorandum submitted.



A moment of august gathering at ACLA & S B Deorah College organized state level workshop for College Librarians' of Assam on 15 July, 2018 held at S B Deorah College, Guwahati.



A moment of inauguration of ACLA Bulletin at North Lakhimpur College (Autonomous) on 24 June, 2017



A moment with august gathering at Speakers Meet at Dispur on 7th of March, 2018 with ACLA representatives.



A moment of ACLA Annual Meet at North Lakhimpur College (Autonomous) on 24 June, 2017.



A moment of delivering lecture by Dr. Prasanta Kumar Deka, General Secretary, ACLA in Biennial conference of AACEA held at Nanda Nath Saikia College, Titabar, Jorhat.



অসম মহাবিদ্যালয় গ্রন্থাগারিক সংস্থা
ASSAM COLLEGE LIBRARIANS' ASSOCIATION

Established 1973, Regd. No. : 184 (1977-79)
Affiliated to All India Federation of University and College Teachers' Organisation

K-4 ACLA/Regd-1/2018/01

Date: 17.02.2018

The Director of Higher Education, Assam
Kachipara, Guwahati - 781

Subj: Request for inclusion of certain demands of College Librarians of Assam in the proposed amendment of Assam College Employees Provincialisation Act & College Management Rules.

Respected Sir,

It is learnt that the Govt. of Assam is going to amend the Assam College Provincialisation Act and College Management Rules. In this context, the Assam College Librarians' Association (ACLA) wants to bring the following important issues for kind consideration and inclusion in the proposed amendment of Assam College Employees Provincialisation Act and College Management Rules by the Govt. of Assam:-

1. The College Librarians of the provincialised Colleges of Assam be treated/ declared/ included as Teacher (Assistant Professor in Library & Information Science, Associate Professor in Library & Information Science)
2. The College Librarian should be included as an Ex-Officio member to the Governing Body of the College.
3. The College Librarian is to be treated as eligible for apply in the recruitment process for selection of College Principal.

Justification in support of the above points have been sent forwarded:-

1. The College Librarians of the provincialised Colleges of Assam be treated/ declared/ included as Teacher (Assistant Professor in Library & Information Science, Associate Professor in Library & Information Science)

As per UGC Regulation for appointment of a College Librarian, the Academic qualification is at par with the college teachers' viz. Master Degree with minimum 55% marks with NET/ SET or Ph. D. Their promotion under CAS is also guided by UGC Regulation and at par with College Teachers. Moreover, the UGC Regulation has clearly mentioned the College Librarian as academic.

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staff as "Teachers and other Academic Staff" in the Regulation which indicates that the College Librarians are Academic Staff. It is in this context we would like to mention that the Govt. of West Bengal; Govt. of Andhra Pradesh; Maharashtra Public University Act, 2011; Govt. of Uttar Pradesh have already designated college librarians as Teachers or as Assistant Professor in Library and Information Science, Associate Professor in Library and Information Science (Enclosed in Annexure A,B,C & D). We, therefore, request you to designate the College Librarian as Teacher Viz. Assistant Professor in Library and Information Science, Associate Professor in Library and Information Science like the other states mentioned above.

2. The College Librarian should be included as an Ex-Officio member to the Governing Body of the College

In the changing Academic environment, College Libraries are becoming Study and Research Centre with availability of both physical and digital resources. The College Governing Body, which is an authoritative body, is responsible for managing Academic and Administrative matters of the college. It is in that context the College Librarian is to be made Ex-officio member of the College Governing Body so as to place the demands before the body in order to make the college library a real warehouse of knowledge with modern infrastructural facilities and services. It is to be mentioned that except college librarian, there is even one representative from the Non-Teaching employees (Office Staff) of the College to the GB of the College. We, therefore, request you to include college librarian as an ex-officio member to the GB of the college for the greater interest of the academic upliftment of the college.

4. The College Librarian is to be treated as eligible for apply in the recruitment process for selection of College Principal.

For appointment of a College Principal teaching experiences with proper qualifications and other administrative experience are necessary. Since the job of college librarian is of administrative in nature. It can be reckoned as administrative as well as academic in all aspects such as in terms of requisite qualification PhD etc., and hence they should be made eligible for recruitment for the post of College Principal. At present a good numbers of college librarians in Assam are possessing PhD degree from the UGC recognised Universities and they should deem fit for the post of College Principal in all respects.

Therefore, it is quite justified that the College Librarians be made eligible to hold the post of College Principal.

That Sir, we are very much hopeful that your honour will give due heed in considering the above demands of the College Librarians' to include in the proposed amendment of the Assam College Provincialisation Act and College Management Rules and oblige.

Thanking you,

With regards,

Prasanta Kumar Deka

Dr. Prasanta Kumar Deka

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From
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To

The Secretary
Higher Education cum
Mission Director, RUSA Assam.

Dated: October 16, 2017

Sub: Project Monitoring Unit (PMU) regarding

Ref: Circular No ASHEC (RUSA) SLQAC/51/2016(Part1)/2/517 dt.22/9/2017

Respected Sir

With reference to the above the Assam College Librarians' Association (ACLA) expresses our thanks to the concerned authorities for introducing Mission "RUSA" for continuous development of Higher Education System of Assam. To this effect, a circular is circulated from your end regarding the constitution of Project Monitoring Unit (PMU) at institutional levels. Surprisingly, it is found that the college librarians are not taken into account in constitution of RUSA- Project Monitoring Unit. We, with respect, are to bring to your kind notice that role of College Librarians in the changing environment is highly acclaimed in different levels as is evident in different issues including in the case of NAAC assessment. The RUSA has also given much emphasis for the management and extension of services of college libraries. The College libraries of respective colleges have to shoulder utmost responsibilities including selection, procurement, and organization of both printed and digital resources in a computerized environment. A large portion of RUSA fund is to be spent for the development of College libraries and librarians need to play a very positive role in meeting the goals successfully. So also, INFLIBNET Centre, an IUC of UGC have given much stress for the skill development of the Librarians for preparing themselves to work including in a digital library environment. It is also to be mentioned here that the Government of Assam has already extended financial grants for creating and maintain the digital libraries for creating a reading and research environment in the college. Besides, the UGC-HRDCs of the different universities are organizing Orientation programmes and Refreshers Courses for the College Librarians for the continuous academic and professional development.

Considering all this the college librarian's role in developing the collegiate education is duly recognized. The College Librarians are to be the part of the decision making in implementation of the various works as proposed in RUSA activities. We, the ACLA request you for inclusion of



college librarians in RUSA Project Monitoring Unit as **one of the members** so that they can extend their expertise in implementation of RUSA plans and programmes at their respective colleges. Hope you will consider our appeal positively.

With thanks

Yours sincerely

Prasanta K Deka.
(Dr Prasanta Kumar Deka)
General Secretary
ACLA, Assam

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To:
The Hon'ble Education Minister,
Govt of Assam, Dispur, Guwahati

Sub: Memorandum from Assam College Librarians' Association

Sir,

The Assam College Librarians' Association (ACLA) congratulates you as the Minister of Education, Govt of Assam, a challenging assignment you are shouldering. We hope that with your dynamic leadership, the Education sector of the state will reach the height that the people are looking for.

The ACLA is a professional body of College librarians of the state working for the development of the profession by taking different professional activities in the academic arena. Organizing professional programmes like seminars, conferences, invited lectures, publishing professional publications and such other academic activities, the Association is trying continuously to help the college authorities in creating a congenial academic environment in order to impart collegiate education in proper perspectives. With the changing academic scenario and the introduction of semester system, the role of college libraries became imperative and the ACLA is extending full cooperation in fulfilling the goals of higher education in general and collegiate education in particular. It is to be mentioned that the importance of the libraries in implementing higher education programmes, the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and also National Knowledge Commission (NKC) have recognized the very important role of the libraries in respective institutions.

We are very much satisfied for your bold initiatives in creating digital libraries in the colleges of Assam. The project is found to give good results and in the days to come, it will help immensely the teachers and taught in the collegiate education. Recently, the provision of extending wifi facilities at the college libraries is another milestone introduced with your guidance which is another feather in the changing environment. We are very much confident, with your able leadership, the college libraries will reach its desired height in imparting collegiate education in the state.

In order to make the college libraries a real place for intellectual activities and to do their best in the case of academic responsibilities, the librarians are to be taken in to confidence and they be given due responsibilities and recognition by the authorities.

In this context, the ACLA prays before you the following points for your consideration and proper implementation.

Academic Status to the College Librarians

The ACLA is placing its demand to the Govt. of Assam for recognizing the status of College Librarians at per College teachers. This time also we place before you for recognizing the College Librarians at per teacher in clear term. A number of states in India like Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra have granted teacher's status to the College Librarians in conformity with UGC pay guideline. We hope you will consider the matter seriously and necessary orders will be issued accordingly.

Membership of the College Governing Body

Libraries are to play the role of dissemination of information and knowledge a key ingredient in the global era. College librarian has the responsibility for managing such an important unit. The college Governing Body is the responsible body in developing respective colleges both academically and administratively. It is in that context, the College Librarians be made Ex-Officio member of the Governing Body for the desired performances of the library activities in the Collegiate education.

College Librarians be included at per college teachers in all Govt correspondences

It is worth mentioning that UGC has recognized college librarians at per college teachers in its pay structure, qualification, promotion under CAS and all other related areas. Unfortunately, in Assam, in case of implementation of the different Govt. orders, the librarians are always found to be excluded for which they are facing complicated situation getting their benefits such as implementation of revised Pay, senior, selection and associate Grade pay, PhD incremental benefits and such other issues, including selection of Principal (Reference vide Clause No 4.2.0 of UGC Regulations No.3-1-2009 dt 30th June, 2010). It is in that context, we fervently request you to include in various Govt. orders issued time to time the College librarians whenever a scheme or other benefits are extended for the college teachers.

Providing financial benefits to the College Librarians who were appointed during June 24, 2004 to April 30, 2009

It is to bring to your kind notice that some college librarians were appointed during June 24, 2004 to April 30, 2009 with the requisite qualifications as per UGC norms and they have been paid an amount of Rs. 5000/- (Five Thousand) only where as the then UGC prescribed Pay Scale was Rs. 8000 - 13500/- with other admissible allowances. Later on, their service seniority was counted by providing the length of service without financial benefits. The ACLA strongly urged upon you for your consideration in providing financial benefits to those College Librarians in appointed during the given time for their 2 (two) years probationary period.

Appointment of College Librarians in newly established colleges and filling up the vacant posts

The newly established "Paradip Doodhmal Upadhyaya Adarsha Mahavidyalaya" in Assam are expected to deliver very good result by providing a congenial academic environment in the state. We want to bring to your kind notice that the post of Librarian is not sanctioned in some of these colleges, which we feel will adversely affect in attaining academic pursuits. We urge upon you for granting the post of College Librarians in those colleges from the date of establishment of the college. Moreover, in some of the existing colleges, due to retirement of the College Librarians, the post are lying vacant for a long time. A College without a librarian is certainly not able to attain the basic goal of collegiate education. We strongly feel that appointment of College librarian in the colleges, whether newly established or found vacant

be made at the earliest possible time which will help directly for the development of collegiate education

College Library Staff Pattern

At present in most colleges of Assam, only the librarian and a library bearer are manning the college libraries; though few colleges are having Library Assistant and also Assistant Librarians. During recent times, the colleges are developing digital libraries and e-resources both online and offline are made available in the colleges. RUASA is also extending financial grants specifically for the e-resource collection. The workings and services of the college libraries invites new library staff pattern. It is very important to have a specific staff pattern in each college with a minimum of 4 (four) library staff excluding the Librarian, the Asst. Librarian should be professionally qualified and be placed in state's specific pay structure.

College Library Committee

The Director of Higher Education, Assam (vide letter no. G(B) Misc.5/88/194 dt August 11, 1995) had notified for constitution of Library Committee of each college with Principal and Librarian as the Chairman and Member Secretary respectively; without mentioning any guidelines on the responsibilities of the committee. We request you for constituting the Library Committee by each college a mandatory mentioning the powers and functions of the committee.

With regards,

(Signature)
(Prof/Narendra Lahkar)
President, ACLA

(Signature)
(Dr Prasanta Kumar Deka)
General Secretary, ACLA

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING REGARDING MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED TO HON'BLE MINISTER, EDUCATION, ASSAM BY A.C.L.A HELD ON DATED 30-11-2017 AT THE OFFICE CHAMBER OF THE DIRECTOR OF HIGHER EDUCATION, ASSAM.

Members Present:-

1. Sri B.L. Sarma, ACS, Director, Higher Education, Assam
2. Prof. Narendra Lahkar, Gauhati University & President A.C.L.A
3. Dr. Prasanta Kr. Deka, General Secretary, A.C.L.A.
4. Sri Jayanta Thakuria, Dy. Director, Higher Education, Assam.

- The meeting started after a round of introduction among the members present in the meeting. On the onset of the meeting the General Secretary, ACLA raised the core issues and problems faced by the College Librarian of the State of Assam.
- Prof. N. Lahkar of Gauhati University stated that the College Librarian in other states of India are given the status of Non-vacational Academic staff as declared by the University Grants Commission. The Director, Higher Education is of the view that the matter should be intimated to the Govt. of Assam for bringing out one notification to this effect stating the College Librarians as Non-vacational Academic staff.
- Dr. Prasanta Kr. Deka stated that the Govt. of Assam has provided grants/funds for upgrading the library services in all the Govt. and Provincialised Colleges of Assam but the College Librarian is neither taken into confidence nor given the membership of the construction/implementation committee in their respective colleges. Prof. N. Lahkar opined that the College librarian of all the colleges should be a part and parcel of the decision making in respect to the developmental and upgradation works related to library. The librarians of respective colleges should be a member of the construction committee as well as the Governing Body of the Colleges where major decisions are taken.
- The General Secretary, ACLA also stated that RUSA and the Govt. of Assam as provided fund for e-resource and e-journal, Digital library etc., but librarians are not taken or made a part of the decision making process to have their say on various issues faced by them. The respective committee members opined that the librarians should be made members for implementation of the various schemes provided /funded by the Govt. of Assam and UGC. The A.C.L.A is also of the view that there should be a compulsory membership for the librarians in the Governing Body of their respective Colleges. In this regard DHE shall intimate the Govt. of Assam to issue a notification.
- Prof. N. Lahkar and Dr. Prasanta Kr. Deka opined that the designation of the post of librarian should be mentioned in the Pay Revision and other relevant circulars.
- Prof. N. Lahkar & Dr. Prasanta Kr. Deka opined that appointment process of the post of librarian should be made as early as possible in all the newly established Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Adarsha Mahavidyalayas of Assam. They also stated that the minimum qualification for the post of Asstt. Librarian must be M.L.I.Sc.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the chair.

Enclosed:- Signature sheet.

Sd/- (B. L. Sarma)
Director of Higher Education, Assam
Kahilipara, Guwahati-19

Memo No.PC/HE/158/2017/37,

Dated 30/01/2018

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1. The All members

V. L. Sarma

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Ref: **ACLA /UGC /2018 /01** Date **28/02/2018**

From
Dr Prosanta Kumar Deka, PhD
General Secretary

To,
The Secretary
University Grants Commission
Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg
New Delhi - 110 002

Sub: **Feedback/Comments/Suggestions** on UGC Regulations (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and Other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education) 2018.

Ref: UGC letter No. F.1-2/2007(FC/PS), dated, 9th February, 2018

Dear Sir,

As desired, we humbly submit our **Feedback/Comments/Suggestions** on UGC Regulations 2018 and request you to resolve the anomalies found in the Librarian cadre in this regulation. The disparity between the teacher and Librarian in respect of Promotion under CAS, Family Development Programme, Minor/Major Research Project, Superannuation, Nomenclature of Librarian Cadre etc. have been noticed clearly and suggest to rectify them to do justice to the Librarian community.

We strongly suggest to treat the Librarian Cadre (University Assistant Librarian/ College Librarian/ Deputy Librarian/ Librarian) at par with the Teachers without any discrimination to maintain common nomenclatures in designation like; Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor and Senior Professor.

We herewith forwarded few suggestions, comments and feedbacks in prescribed table format to include these in the UGC regulation - 2018 so as to remove anomalies and discrimination with Librarian cadre in the Regulation.

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S.No	UGC Regulations (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and Other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education) 2018.	Feedback/Comments/Suggestions
01	3.0 GOVT/RAGI 3.1 (i) The UGC Regulations shall be applicable for direct appointment of Teachers...	Define the term Teachers and include Librarian Cadre (Assistant Librarian/College Librarian/ Deputy Librarian/ Librarian) as Teachers viz. Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor, Senior Professor in Library Science at par with Teachers.
02	3.0 Recruitment and Qualification (page no.3) 3.2. The minimum qualifications required for the post of Assistant Professors, Associate Professors, Professors, Senior Professors, Principals, Assistant Librarians.....	Comment: In the clause 3.2 (under 3.0), the minimum qualification required, here the category of College Librarian Category is found missing and request to include in the final draft. Qualified practising college librarian should be made eligible to apply for selection in the post of College Principal/ Associate Professor, Professor, Senior Professor in Library Science of a University/College as Teacher.
03	4.8. (Page No.16)	Comment: Under 1 point no. 2 of clause 4.8, in the

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	Minimum qualifications for direct recruitment to the posts of University Assistant Librarian / College Librarian, University Deputy Librarian and Librarian.	second paragraph starting with "Provided further" ni/No FI/SFT for recruitment and appointment of Assistant Professor or equivalent positions, Here the Librarian Cadre is missing and needed to be included otherwise change the nomenclature of University Assistant Librarian/ College Librarian as Assistant Professor in Library Science and thereafter Associate Professor, Professor and Senior Professor in Library Science.
04	5.4. (Page No.35) D. Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) for Librarians	Add/Include: University Deputy Librarian (Academic Level 13A)/College Librarian (Academic Level 13A) to College Librarian (Academic Level 14) under CAS at par with College Teachers as Associate Professor (Academic Level 13A) to Professor (Academic Level 14)
05	8.0 - 8.4 and 9.0 DUTY LEAVE, STUDY LEAVE, SABBATICAL LEAVE & Research Promotion Grant	Common benefit should be extended to Librarian Cadre; Director of Physical Education and Principal as that of Teachers
06	12.0 Creation and Filling Up of teaching posts. (Page No.50)	Comments: The college libraries in India are functioning with a single librarian and few supporting staff which make it difficult to manage huge library collection and to provide effective users services. As a result library services are deteriorating. Therefore, it is suggested to frame a unique staff formula

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		on the basis of library collection and users ratio for college and university library to transform the libraries in to a learning centre in true sense. The Librarian post should be filled up and a suitable staff pattern should be created in a pyramid order.
07	14.0 Teaching Days (Page No.50 & 51)	Comments: Mention working days for the Librarians like Teachers otherwise it will lead confusion at the time of promotion under CAS. In Table - 4 (Annexure - III) it is seen that for promotion under CAS regularly in attending library has been taken in to account as 90% and above (Good) without mentioning 90% of what days, Teaching Days or working days. If it is working days, then it is 365 days, whole year, or something else, as libraries are expected to open in holidays including Sunday to provide additional services to the users to get better score under NAAC guidelines, there is an urgent need to specify the working days, workload for the Librarians also. It is not possible for the college librarians with one or two supporting staff to remain open the library 365 days where shifting duties is not possible. So it is suggested to frame a practical guideline of working hours and workload for librarians for promotion under CAS.
08	15.0: Workload (Page No.51)	Comments: In the UGC regulation -2018 (4 th amendment, July-2016) the workload of Librarian has been mentioned in clear terms. But in this draft (UGC regulation -2018) workload of Librarian is found missing which is a great concern for the Librarian community. If workload is not



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		suggested. Librarians may be harassed by the promotion committee at the time of promotion under CAS. Therefore it is suggested to include as earlier mentioned workload pattern for Librarians also.
09	Appendix - III, Table - 3, Assessment Criteria and Methodology for University/College Teachers. 2 (a) Evidence of actively involved in guiding Ph.D students (Page No. 73) 2(f) Conducting minor or major research project sponsored by national or international agencies.	Comments: Guiding Ph.D student has not been extended to the Librarians in this draft Regulation which is an injustice to the Librarian. As the Librarians are equally qualified in terms of their qualifications, skills etc., they should be considered for guidance at Ph.D level and suggested to extend research activity point section 2(e) of table - 1 to the librarian cadre also. Librarian cadre should also be allowed to undertake/ conduct Minor/Major Research Project sponsored by national or international agencies as that of teachers mentioned in 2(f) of table - 1 (Page No. 75)
10	Appendix-II, Table-3A & 3B, Criteria for short listing of candidates for interview for the Post of Assistant Professors in University and Colleges (Page No.78 & 79)	Comment: As a good number of qualified candidates are available for the post of selection of Librarian in Universities and Colleges, it is suggested to include Criteria for Short listing of candidates for the post of University Assistant Librarian/College Librarian also as that of College Teachers.
11	Appendix - III, Table - 4, Assessment Criteria and Methodology for Librarians. SL.No.02: Conduct of seminars/workshops related	Comments: The College libraries are basically functioning with solo librarian with limited number of supporting staff. It is not possible for a college librarian alone to conduct yearly National/State level



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	to library activity or on specific books or genre of books (Page No.: 80 & 81)	Seminars/Conferences and workshops. Hence it is suggested to include another word 'Participation' next to Conduct. Along with in Serial No - 2, following A & B Activities should be included for Librarians also. As almost all the college librarians are involved in undertaking such type of activities, it will be helpful for the librarians to get additional points to Promotion under CAS and also to serve for upliftment of student community and up gradation of individual knowledge. A. Student related co-curricular, extension and field based activities such as student clubs, career counselling, study visits, student seminars and other events, cultural, sports, NCC, NSS and community services. B. Examination duties assigned by the college.
12	Appendix - III, Table - 4, Assessment Criteria and Methodology for Librarians. SL.No.4: Checking inventory and extent of missing books.	Comments: The extent of missing book less than 0.5% as mentioned under Table 4 (Appendix - III) at SL.No.4 it is needed to be modified and the extent of book loss should be increased to at least 5% annually. As all the college libraries all over India have been extending open access facility to the users since long time to provide effective readers' services to the users, there is every possibility of increase of numbers of missing books. In an open access facility system users (i.e. students, faculty members) are allowed to enter inside the stack area where he/she can select desired book. In this process there is high risk of missing of library books as many users have the tendency of book theft or tearing of inside pages. In spite of strict vigilance, it is observed that books are missing in open



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		access system. For a solo college librarian with limited number of supporting staff, it becomes difficult to retain the extent of missing book number less than 0.5%. Moreover, in this draft it is not mentioned whether the extent of missing book less than 0.5% is an annual missing account or something else. So, it is suggested to increase the extent of missing book to at least 5% annually instead of 0.5% for the college libraries.
13	Appendix - III, Table - 4, Assessment Criteria and Methodology for Librarians. SL.No.05: Assistance in college administration and governance related work including work done during extracurricular, examinations and extracurricular activities.	Comments: In almost all colleges across India along with library work, librarians are directly involved in many activities related to teaching learning, college administration and governance as a Convener/Co-ordinator of many Committees. So, it is suggested to add/include Convener/Coordinator of various committees along with Assistance in college administration and governance. It will be helpful to get additional points in Promotion under CAS those who are directly involved in teaching learning, administration and governance related work.

We request you kindly to incorporate the above comments/suggestions/justifications positively in the UGC Regulation - 2018 for the greater interest of the Librarian community for which we shall ever remain grateful to you. Incorporation of the above suggestions will reduce anomalies in the Librarian cadre to a great extent and will attract talents to the library profession which will ultimately improve the higher education scenario of the country.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely

Prasanta Kumar Deka

(Dr Prasanta Kumar Deka)

General Secretary,

ACLA

General Secretary
Assam College Librarians' Association

Date: February 28, 2018

Place: Guwahati, Assam

An Appeal to the Members

All the esteemed Members of ACLA are hereby requested to deposit their Membership Renewal Fee to the following Bank Account. The newly appointed College Librarians are also appealed to collect the ACLA Membership Form from the Association's website and submit the same accordingly.

Details of Account

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O R D E R

In sequel to the earlier Govt. O.M. No. AHE.331/2008/33, dated 09-07-2009, considering the optimum utilization of services of Librarians of Provincialised Colleges of Assam, henceforth the College Librarian shall also be an Ex-Officio Member of the Governing Body of Colleges.

This has the approval of Govt. of Assam vide Notification No. AHE.812/2017/28, dated 28-06-2018.

Sd/- G. Phukan, ACS
Director of Higher Education, Assam
Kahilipara, Guwahati - 19.

Memo No. DHE/PA/GB/Misc/4/2018/2

Dated Kahilipara, the 03-07-2018

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- ✓ 5) The Principal of all Provincialised Colleges, Assam, for information and necessary action.
- 6) The President/General Secretary, Assam College Librarians' Association, K.C. Das Commerce College, for information.
- 7) Guard File.

[Signature]
3/7/18
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Dated Kahilipara, the 12-07-2018

From:- Sri H. Saikia, AES
Dy. Director of Higher Education, Assam
Kahilipara, Guwahati-19.

To, ✓ The Principal (All),
.....College/Mahavidyalaya.

Sub: Regarding creation of post of Assistant Librarian.

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to request you kindly to submit proposal (if necessary) for creation of post of Assistant Librarian showing numbers of books in College Library for last three years, enrolment of students and present cadre strength of staff in Library of your College at an early date.

This is for information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully

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O R D E R

Considering the proper utilization of the services of Librarians of the Provincialised Colleges of Assam, Governor of Assam is pleased to notify the following functions of the Librarians in the running of the Colleges.

- 1) The College Librarian is to be treated as Non-vacational Academic staff of the College.
- 2) The College Librarian is to be included in the Committee constituted for development/construction of College Library of concerned colleges.

The Governing Body of the College shall ensure the above functions are embodied for smooth functioning of the College.

This has the approval of Govt. of Assam, Education (Higher) Department vide Notification No. AHE.812/2017/29, dated 28-06-2018.

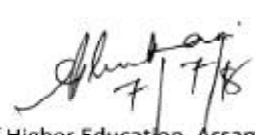
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Dated Kahilipara, the 05-07-2018

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- 1) The P.S. to the Hon'ble Minister Education, Assam, for kind appraisal of the Hon'ble Minister Education, Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-6.
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- 3) The Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Higher Education Department, Dispur, Guwahati-6.
- 4) The President, Governing Body, all Provincialised Colleges, Assam, for information and necessary action.
- ✓ 5) The Principal of all Provincialised Colleges, Assam, for information and necessary action.
- 6) The President/General Secretary, Assam College Librarian Association, K.C. Das Commerce College, for information.
- 7) Guard File.


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AN APPEAL

ACLA members are requested to avail the self updating facility available in the ACLA Website (<http://acla.co.in/index.html>) to overcome communication gap between the members as highlighted in the screenshot. They are also requested to take the advantage of other information related to the Association and solicited constructive suggestions.



Obituary



Shri Keshram Changmai, Retired Librarian of North Bank College, Ghilamara, Lakhimpur, Assam was born on 03/01/1946. He joined in service as Librarian (State Scale) on 07/01/1974. Later on after having required qualification as per UGC norms, he was enjoying UGC scale of pay and on 31/01/2006 he retired from his job. He passed away on 2nd of May 2018 at the age of 72 years. We the ACLA fraternity pray to God for the Rest of his eternal Soul in Peace.

With Best Wishes to the 15th Biennial Conference of ACLA

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EDITORIAL

It is our great privilege to be the editors of the 2nd issue of ACLA Newsletter. The continuous effort of all the ACLA members enables us to publish this newsletter. To fulfil its objectives sometimes the editors were facing some hindrances to receive news and events from the members from a vast geographical area. Since we have tried to our level best to bring them and incorporated in the newsletter. We apologize for missing news and events or miscommunication if any in this regard. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to one and all whoever extended their valuable helping hand in every step to complete this issue of newsletter. Last but not the least we are thanking you all in anticipation and wish many more issues ahead.

"Long live ACLA"

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