

From the Editors Desk

As we march towards an era of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Scholarly publishing, research support management and ethical philosophy needs to be re-looked into to ensure fair use in academic and research and compliance of higher education standards. University Grants Commission aims to reinforce trust in doctoral scholarship at a time when AI-generated content is becoming increasingly common right from literature reviews to drafting and scholarly publishing. This reflects the regulator's broader push to preserve the quality and authenticity of higher education research in India. As per a COPE (Committee on Publication Ethics) guideline that joins organizations such as WAME and JAMA network, states that the use of Artificial Intelligence tools such as ChatGPT or large language models in research publications is expanding rapidly and it cannot be listed as an author. I am pleased to inform that the Scopus-indexed - Journal of Indian Library Association (JILA) has taken care of AI policies and ethical guidelines through stringent plagiarism tool. Further, the JILA has adopted the recent guidelines issued by UGC amid growing concerns that the rapid adoption of AI-powered writing tools could compromise the originality and credibility of academic research.

For all these years, the limelight and Shakti that has illuminated my life as model librarian to emulate has left us and I am writing this editorial with deep sense of sorrow in the midst of great soul 'Prof Muttayya Koganuramath sir'. He is one of the core personalities responsible for the upliftment of Indian Library and Association and taking the JILA into Scopus indexed journal. He has directly helped hundreds of library professionals to seek various positions in various parts of the country and we all remember and cherish Muttayya sir as 'Annadaata' and I am one of them and today I stand my life, it is because of him – a great soul. Leadership is something that one should adhere the simplicity of Dr Muttayya sir, to ensure the things done through with zeal by the co-professionals in realizing the dream set-forth therein. He sets benchmark on the academic and research community and still he has been remembered by all the user community for his innovation, excellence and creativity.

"गुरुजी का जाना आध्यात्मिक जगत के लिए एक अपूरणीय क्षति है। उन्होंने अपने ज्ञान और प्रेम से हम सभी का मार्गदर्शन किया। ईश्वर उनकी दिव्य आत्मा को शांति और सद्गति प्रदान करें। विनम्र श्रद्धांजलि।" ॐ शांति!

I share herewith few of the eminent Library professionals who have strong bond of love towards Prof. Muttayya sir.

Prof. Muttayya Koganuramath was an outstanding Library and Information Science professional, an accomplished librarian, a dedicated teacher, and an inspiring leader. I had the privilege of being associated with him for nearly two and a half decades. Throughout this long association, I found him to be a strong, calm, and compassionate human being who always listened patiently to professionals before offering his thoughtful guidance and valuable suggestions. As President of the Indian Library Association (ILA), Prof. Koganuramath made remarkable contributions that left an indelible mark on the profession and the Association. His vision, commitment, and selfless service continue to inspire me. I consider myself fortunate to have enjoyed a close professional association with him and to have benefited from his constant encouragement and wise counsel in my functioning as President of ILA.

His unwavering passion for the development of the library profession and the

welfare of library professionals across the country will always be remembered. The LIS community has lost a distinguished leader, mentor, and friend. May his noble soul rest in eternal peace.

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Prof. Muttayya Koganuramath was a beacon of wisdom, kindness, and inspiration. He was not only a distinguished teacher and leader but also a mentor, guide, and philosopher to countless students and professionals. With warmth and humility, he welcomed young professionals, encouraged them to recognize their potential, and nurtured their growth with patience and care. His unwavering commitment to excellence, integrity, and service left a lasting impact on everyone who had the privilege of knowing him. He rendered exemplary service to professional organizations such as the Indian Library Association (ILA) and the Bombay Science Librarians' Association (BOSLA), and made significant contributions to enhancing library services at National Institute of Technology Karnataka (formerly REC Surathkal), Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, and the Central University of Gujarat. Through his vision, leadership, and dedication, he strengthened the profession and inspired countless individuals.

On a personal note, Prof. Koganuramath had a profound influence on my professional journey. His encouragement, wise counsel, and faith in my abilities helped shape my growth and aspirations. While we deeply mourn the loss of this noble soul, we also celebrate a life devoted to knowledge, service, and the betterment of the profession. His legacy will continue to inspire future generations, and his memory will remain cherished by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

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The entire Library and Information Science (LIS) community mourns the profound loss of Dr. Muttayya M. Koganuramath, an eminent scholar, visionary educator, and a foundational pillar of modern librarianship in India. His passing marks the end of an era, leaving an indelible legacy that reshaped the nation's academic and digital library landscape.

Over a distinguished career spanning more than three decades, Dr. Koganuramath seamlessly bridged the gap between traditional librarianship and the digital frontier. He championed the evolution of the discipline across some of India's premier institutions, serving as the Librarian at the National Institute of Technology, Surathkal (formerly Regional Engineering College), University Librarian at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai, and Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, before transitioning to senior academic leadership as a Professor and Chairman at the Centre for

Library and Information Science, Central University of Gujarat. He was among the early pioneers to recognize the transformative power of library automation, cyber infrastructure, and open-access digital repositories.

Dr. Koganuramath's impact on academia was defined by his commitment to nurturing future generations of professionals through the design and establishment of rigorous academic programs.

- *At TISS Mumbai: He was instrumental in building the academic framework from the ground up, successfully introducing the Post Graduate Diploma in Library Science, the Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) program, and the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) program.*
- *At the Central University of Gujarat: He pioneered the establishment of the Department of Library and Information Science, designing and launching its core Master's and Ph.D. curricula to elevate regional and national research standards.*

Academic Excellence and National Leadership

Dr. Koganuramath's academic pedigree was global and rigorous, highlighted by an MSc in Information Management from the University of Sheffield, UK, alongside numerous prestigious fellowships. His leadership extended well beyond the university's walls as President of the Indian Library Association (ILA). He was an insightful reviewer and a compassionate mentor who nurtured generations of scholars and practitioners. His life's work serves as a masterclass in professional leadership and academic excellence.

I extend our deepest condolences to his family, colleagues, and the countless students whose lives he enriched. The physical absence of Dr. Koganuramath is a monumental loss, but his visionary contributions will permanently remain etched in the history of Library and Information Science.

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I thank editorial team, reviewers and authors for being part of JILA in upholding the highest standards while embracing change in our journey of academic excellence.

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