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ALA Newsletter

Nabin Bardoloi Hall and Library Stands as the Heritage House of Guwahati-cum-Assam

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Nabin Bardoloi Hall and Library, earlier known as Curzon Hall and Library is situated on the western bank of Dighali Pukhuri (pond) at the easternmost part of Panbazar at Guwahati. Nabin Bardoloi Hall and Library carries reminiscences of events, historic, educational, social, cultural and political that has gone through the lives of the people of Assam throughout the last century. This Hall and Library had been emotionally and sentimentally related to each and every middleclass family of Guwahati during the entire twentieth century. So, this heritage building should remain for centuries carrying its historic, architectural, cultural, social and political values. There are still two "Bartoops" (big guns) belonging to the time of Swargadew Rageswar Singha placed in front of the Nabin Bardoloi Hall Library.

The Town Hall and the Library was first constructed in 1903 at the initiative of a farsighted public man of Guwahati who is Manik Chandra Barua with concurrence from Sir Henry Cotton, then Chief Commissioner of Assam. Manik Chandra Barua was always feeling the need of a town hall and a public library at Guwahati. He took the chance when Lord Curzeon, Viceroy of India visited Guwahati and local residents collected donations from the public to give him a reception. Rs 7,000.00 was saved and with that money the Hall and the Library was first constructed at the site of the old library building of Cotton College. But, when this site was taken over by Cotton College as the Town Hall had disturbed the serene atmosphere of the College, Curzeon Hall and Library was shifted in 1913 to the present Assam type decent heritage building in a beautiful place on the bank of Dighali Pukhuri that was constructed with Government money and in a government land with Dag No. 249. Inside of the Hall remains generally bright due to specific architectural design with glass fittings on the specific sky-windows; there is no echo resounding inside.

In pursuance of the underlying principle of the British Public Library Act passed in 1850 in United Kingdom that the local Councils should provide for public libraries, the responsibility of management of the Curzeon Hall and Library was given to Gauhati Municipality probably in 1905. The first Secretary of this Hall and Library was advocate Mahendra Mohan Lahiri, and its first Librarian was Gopal Krishna De, who was proficient in both Assamese and Bengali languages and the private tutor of Nalini Bala Devi; the second one was Har Mohan Das who had contributed immensely in selection of proper books, magazines and newspapers both national and in local languages while serving as the Librarian for long thirty years since 1925. People had the opportunity to read rare books, precious magazines and very important newspapers. Most of the educated people residing at Guwahati had the habit of frequently the Library; borrow books and read magazines and newspapers. Besides, important government and non-government public meetings were held inside the Hall and eventful political meetings and lectures were held outside the Hall attracting huge gatherings standing on the outside green field and the streets.

After attainment of India's independence in 1947 and during the tenure of Debendra Nath Sharma as the Chairman of Guwahati Municipality, the Curzeon Hall and Library was

renamed as Nabin Bardoloi Hall Library in 1953. It was later felt that there was no need of immortalizing the name of a British Viceroy of India who was considered as most reactionary for his role in attempting to create a Buffer State inclusive of Assam under the British Kingdom, in trying to lower the status of Assam by the scheme of Division of Bengal, etc.

It may be mentioned that the scheme of Development of Public Library Service under the first five year plan of the Central Govt, 1952-57, was accepted by the Govt of Assam and in 1954 the State Central Library was established in Shillong which was later amalgamated with the Shillong Public Library established in 1903. In 1955, seven District Libraries were established in Assam and the Kamrup District Library was first opened in Nabin Bardoloi Hall Library itself. The District Library was shifted during 1959-60 to its present building. Thereafter, the importance of the function of the Library was diminished due to indifference of the Municipality authority and the building was utilized mostly for Municipality meetings and in one time as the office of the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor.

However, during the President's Rule in Assam in 1991-92, at the initiative of the then Education Secretary Sri Ashok Saikiya, there was an understanding signed between the Education Department and the Guwahati Municipal Corporation. As a result, the Nabin Bardoloi Hall Library was repaired and redesigned internally by the Department of Education as an Extension Service Reading Room only of the District Library, opened on April 21, 1991 with no public hall. It is to serve the readers mostly with Periodicals, Newspapers and basic Reference Sources Students and readers of Guwahati welcomed this gesture very much and thronged the Library; although due to indifference of the authority later, supply of proper periodicals and newspapers lessened and the number of readers also little decreased but still the Library is remaining lively. During that time, Library Service was under the Dept of Education; presently, it is under the Dept of Cultural Affairs, Govt of Assam.

In 1995, there was an attempt to take over the Nabin Bardoloi Hall Library by the Municipal Corporation, and make it the Mayor's office. The eviction order from the Commissioner of the Guwahati Municipal Corporation also was served to the Director of Library Service with a short notice that the building would be occupied by the Corporation on September 5, 1995 for which it should be vacated latest by September 4, 1995. The public of Guwahati got very much confused at such an intention of the Municipal Corporation and protested strongly against the move and wrote letters to the Editor. Students of the Dept of Library & Information Science, Gauhati University under the guidance of their teachers sat down on the front of the Nabin Bardoloi Hall Library on September 5, 1995, members of the Guwahati Library Association also expressed solidarity. Cotton College Students' Union also had come forward and protested against the eviction order sitting and postering in front of the gate of the Nabin Bardoloi Hall Library on September 8, 1995 in order to express solidarity with the protest move. The public planned even to the extent of filing PIL case against the eviction of the Library by the Guwahati Municipal Corporation, if necessary. On enquiry, it was found that the land on which the Library existed, did not belong to the Municipal Corporation, rather it was Govt land reserved for the Library.

Dr Hemaprava Saikiya, then Mayor of the Guwahati Municipal Corporation and wife of Late Hiteswar Saikiya, then Chief Minister of Assam is an educated and intelligent lady. She could appreciate instantly the concern of the people and might have advised the Corporation to get away from this move. Dr Saikiya stated in Jorhat in front of the journalists on September 5, 1995 "I have great respect and regard for ancient culture, tradition and heritage. Nabin Bardoloi Hall is such an example of our past. So, why should I try to occupy it forcibly?" And a press release of the Corporation dated September 15, 1995 stated its decision not to evict the Library from the Nabin Bardoloi Hall. Thus, the tension had ended well.

After twenty years from that event, this year in 2015 a new attack has been attempted intending to demolish the heritage building and rebuild the Nabin Bardoloi Hall Library as a two-storied modern structure preserving the heritage of the building. Rupees two crores will be spent by the Chairman of Guwahati Metropolitan Development Authority for creation of the new building primarily as a public hall. This undesirable intention of the GMDA has been reported on June 11, 2015 in the Assam Tribune. Two Associations of the architects opposed this move, while Assam Library Association held an emergent meeting on June 14, 2015 along with public men and submitted to the concerned authorities a memorandum with signatures from representative persons of the society.

The Association opposed the move for demolishing the century-old Assam type heritage building and the Library that is still standing gracefully in a beautiful site on the bank of Dighali pukhuri. This building should rather be conserved as a tourist spot with necessary plan for beautification surrounding the Library and developing the library as a modern public Library. No more building should be constructed around the Library destroying the natural beauty of the place, no town hall that would disturb the educational atmosphere of the neighbouring educational institutions. The Association with public representations met the Hon'ble Minister of Cultural Affairs, Govt of Assam and apprised her of the entire story of the Nabin Bardoloi Hall Library that carries the memory of many of the educational, cultural, social and political events of Assam and it did play a big role during last century in intellectual, social and cultural life of the Guwahatians. The building and the Library should be conserved as in the United Kingdom not to speak of Shakespeare's even Shakespeare's wife's bungalow has been conserved for now centuries. In the mean time, several articles and letters from well known writers have been published in different local papers.

In compliance with her promise, hon'ble Minister visited the site on July 7, 2015 and asked opinions from the GMDA Chairman and others. Necessary documents have been produced that the land does not belong to the Guwahati Municipal Corporation, rather it is a government land reserved for the earlier named Curzeon Hall and Library. Hon'ble Minister expressed that the Nabin Bardoloi Hall Library should be conserved as a heritage site and Library with necessary improvement both inside and outside with no more building construction; that the Municipal Corporation offices and the drudgeries should be soon shifted from the place that have spoiled the atmosphere around. GMDA Chairman has agreed to her proposal. We are yet to find the final Government order.

It may be mentioned that the Govt of India is launching a project called National Mission on Libraries; Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata under the Dept of Culture, Govt of India has been made the nodal agency. The Mission has planned to modernize the State Central Libraries in the country. In Assam, as there is no State Central Library, the Kamrup District Library itself has been redesignated as the State Central Library although functioning of both the categories are different. However, Nabin Bardoloi Hall Library as an Extension Service Point Reading Room under the Directorate of Library Service could be adopted under this scheme for modernization with development of necessary infrastructure and collection of proper documents. As a member of the Foundation and President of Assam Library Association, I may propose to the National Mission on Libraries to adopt the Nabin Bardoloi Hall Library under this project.

We wish Nabin Bardoloi Hall Library is modernized converting it into a modern hybrid public library based on modern information communication technology along with humane touch; and the building is conserved with regular monitoring for repairmen as a heritage building for centuries attracting students, public and intellectuals as well as tourists.

UGC Notification on PhD External Supervisors

It has come to the notice of the UGC that some Universities are hiring the services of the Supervisors who do not happen to be the regular teachers of the Universities or its affiliated PG Colleges/Institutes awarding the M Phil/Ph.D. degree. This practice is in violation of UGC (Minimum standards and procedure for award of M.Phil/Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2009. Web: <http://goo.gl/v1R9hn>

IFLA School Library Guidelines, 2nd edition, 2015

IFLA School Libraries Standing Committee has released the IFLA School Library Guidelines, 2nd edition, edited by Dianne Oberg and Barbara Schultz-Jones which was approved by the IFLA Professional Committee in June 2015. The first edition of the school library guidelines was developed in 2002 by the School Libraries Section, then called the School Libraries and Resource Centers Section. These guidelines have been developed to assist school library professionals and educational decision-makers in their efforts to ensure that all students and teachers have access to effective school library programs and services, delivered by qualified school library personnel. Web: <http://goo.gl/Hb0yH9>

NET Neutrality DoT Committee Report, May 2015

The Department of Telecommunications' (DoT's) Net Neutrality report says "the core principles of Net Neutrality must be adhered to", and that user rights on the Internet need to be protected - so that service providers are not able to restrict their ability to access any service on the Internet. Web: <http://goo.gl/hjwckc>

INFLIBNET Centre has Selected "Urkund" Anti-Plagiarism Software

INFLIBNET Centre has selected "Urkund" Anti-Plagiarism software from M/s. eGalactic, Pune through the global tender and access is recommended on 1st August, 2015 onwards. Universities who have signed MoU and eligible for funding from UGC will be getting the software free of cost from INFLIBNET Centre. The accounts will be created on 1st August 2015. Web: <http://goo.gl/0DuwU5>

Documentation Project under ICSSR to Prof. Alaka Buragohain

Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, has approved a documentation project submitted under the directorship of Prof. Alaka Buragohain, Honorary Director, Media Achieves and North East Reference Library. The project will be starting from 1st November 2015, documenting the editorials, articles and feature articles published in local newspapers in Assamese and English, which will be uploaded in the web and readers may search documents manually or through e-mail request. The project will be taken up for two years presently with a sanction of Rs. 10 Lakh. Prof. Narendra Lahkar, Head of the Dept. of Lib. & Inf. Science, Gauhati University also would be associated with the project as Deputy Director.

UGC Major Research Project to Professor Narendra Lahkar

UGC has approved a major research project submitted by Professor Narendra Lahkar on "North East India University Library Network (NEIULIBNET)". In the project a feasibility study will be made for the implementation of a network in the form of NEIULIBNET. The project will be implemented at the Dept. of Lib. and Inf Science, Gauhati University where in all technicalities involved will be executed.

Call for Original Research Paper for LIS Links Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

One Day National Seminar cum Workshop on Effective Presentation Skills.

Organized By: University College of Engineering, Osmania University, Hyderabad in association with INMAS, DRDO, Delhi & supported by RRRLF and LIS Links.

Location: ECE Conference Hall, University College of Engineering, OU, Hyderabad.

Last Date for Registration: 31st August 2015.

Registration Fee: DRD/OU Faculty/Research Scholars/Students: Rs 500; Others Rs. 700

Event Dates: 7th September 2015.

Contact Person: Dr. Achala Munigal. Mobile: +91 99665 47244. Email: AchalaMunigalRao@gmail.com

Web: <http://goo.gl/ipRC1g>

Two Day National Workshop on Research Methodology

Organized By: Moti Lal Rastogi School of Management, Lucknow, U.P..

Venue: Moti Lal Rastogi School of Management, Lucknow, U.P..

Last Date for Registration: September 10, 2015.

Registration Fee: Rs.750/-. The fees will include study materials, lunch & tea during the programme. Accommodation for the participants may also be arranged on payment. All payment should be made through DD/Cheque at par drawn in favour of "Moti Lal Rastogi School of Management" payable at Lucknow.

Event Dates: September 18, 2015 to September 19, 2015.

Contact Person: Mr. P.K Srivastava, Workshop Coordinator & Librarian, Email: pradeep3june@gmail.com, Mobile: +91 86041 65200

Web: <http://goo.gl/8uXmrB>

National Workshop on e-Resource Management Using Greenstone Digital Library Software.

Organized By: Tinsukia Commerce College Library, Sripuria: Tinsukia, Assam, India in collaboration with UNESCO Greenstone Support for South Asia.

Location: Tinsukia Commerce College Library, Sripuria: Tinsukia, Assam, India.

Last Date for Registration: 16th September 2015.

Registration Fee: Rs. 1000/-

Event Dates: 25th September 2015 to 27th September 2015.

Contact Person: Mr. Sadananda Nath, Organising Secretary. Mobile: +91 94351 34476, +91 94355 62410. Email: sadanath@rocketmail.com

Web: <http://goo.gl/7pjiMT>

Refresher Course in Library and Information Science

Organized By: The Human Resource Development Center, Devi Ahilya Viswavidyalaya, Indore.

Venue: The Human Resource Development Center, Devi Ahilya Viswavidyalaya, Indore.

Event Dates: September 29, 2015 to October 19, 2015.

Web: <http://goo.gl/X8QbMY>

3rd CLA National Conference on "Emerging Trends in Libraries".

Organized By: Chandigarh Librarians Association (CLA) in association with Dev Samaj College for Women, Sector 45 B, Chandigarh.

Location: Dev Samaj College for Women, Sector 45B, Chandigarh.

Last Date for Registration: 30th September 2015.

Registration Fee: Library and Information professionals Rs. 1000/- Students Rs. 500/-

Event Dates: 16th October 2015.

Contact Person: Dr Jaspal Kaur, Organising Secretary. Mobile: +91 98143 31913. Email: gsecretary.cla@gmail.com

Web: <http://goo.gl/BPPtGK>

National Conference on Next Generation Librarianship.

Organized By: The department of Library and Information science, C U Shah University, Surendranagar, Gujarat.

Venue: Auditorium, Mechanical Engineering Building, C. U. Shah University Campus, Wadhwan city, Gujarat.

Last Date for Submission of Paper: 30th August 2015.

Last Date for Registration: 15th September 2015.

Registration Fee: ? 500 for Professionals, ? 400 for Students and Retired Person.

? 600 after 15th September

Event Dates: 3rd October 2015.

Contact Person: Mr. Kishore Sakariya. Mobile: +91 92274 43830. Email: ncngl2015@gmail.com

Web: <http://goo.gl/HwcUH4>

International Conference on Managing Academic Libraries: A Road-map to 2025.

Organized By: Mahatma Gandhi Central Library, IIT Roorkee.

Venue: Mahatma Gandhi Central Library, Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, Roorkee: 247667, Uttarakhand (India).

Last Date for Receipt of Full Papers: September 30, 2015 (for Abstract: August 30, 2015).

Intimation to Author(s): September 10, 2015.

Last Date for Registration: October 15, 2015.

Registration Fee: Registration fee covers conference kit, conference proceedings, breakfast, working lunch, conference dinner, Tea and local transport. Accompanying persons shall not be entitled for conference kit and proceedings. All payment should be made through demand draft/cheque only drawn in favour of Registrar, Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee. Please send the Registration Fee along with filled-in form to the

Organizing Secretary (by name).

Event Dates: October 22-23, 2015.

Contact Person: Yogendra Singh, Organizing Secretary, Phone: 01332-285239

Web: <http://goo.gl/y98r0z>

2nd Three Days National Workshop on Building an Institutional Repository using Dspace and Open Source Harvester System.

Organized By: University of Petroleum and Energy Studies (UPES), Dehradun.

Location: University of Petroleum & Energy Studies, Energy Acres, P.O. Bidholi Via-Prem Nagar, Dehradun.

Last Date for Registration: 30th September, 2015.

Registration Fee: Working Professionals: Rs.2000.00, Students: Rs.1500.00.

Event Dates: 26th October, 2015 to 28th October, 2015.

Contact Person: Dr. Ranjan Sinha Thakur, Organizing Secretary. Mobile: +91 87556 229988. Email: rsthakur@ddn.upes.ac.in.

Web: <http://goo.gl/BxKy0p>

Workshop on "Data Citation: Developing Data Attribution and Citation Practices and Standards".

Organized By: Indian Institute of Public Administration, Indian National Science Academy & INFLIBNET and JNU (Knowledge Partners).

Venue: Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi.

Last Date for Registration: 6th August 2015.

Registration Fee: No Registration Fee. Registration on First Come First Serve Basis.

Event Dates: 7th November 2015.

Contact Person: Dr. Usha Mujoo Munshi. Mobile: +919717967686. Email: bigdatacitprotocol@yahoo.com.

Web: <http://goo.gl/8e5xNg>

National Conference on IPR: Challenges in Digital Environment (NCICDE- 015).

Organized By: Library Science Centre, Lingaya's University Nachauli.

Location: Lingaya's University Nachauli, Old Faridabad - Jasana Road, Faridabad 121 002, Haryana.

Last Date for Receipt of Full Papers: 30th September 2015.

Last Date for Registration: 5th October 2015.

Registration Fee: Till October 5, 2015, Participants from Academics and R & D Institutions: Rs.1500.00, UG/PG Students / Research Scholar and Retired Professionals: Rs.1000.00. After October 10, 2015, Participants from Academics and R & D Institutions: Rs.2000.00, UG/PG Students / Research Scholar and Retired Professionals: Rs.1200.00.

Event Dates: 20th November, 2015 to 21st November 2015.

Contact Person: Mr. Om Prakash Sharma. Mobile: +91 92681 85660. Email: luconference.library@gmail.com.

Web: <http://goo.gl/5ZpOkz>

18th National Convention on Knowledge, Library and Information Networking - NACLIN 2015.

Organized By: DELNET in collaboration with Gulbarga University Library, Gulbarga.

Venue: Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Bhavan, Gulbarga University, Karnataka.

Last Date for Submission of Paper: 1st October 2015.

Last Date for Registration: 15th November 2015.

Registration Fee: For full time scholars and students ? 250/- and others ? 500/-.

Event Dates: 24th November 2015 to 26th November 2015.

Contact Person: Dr. Sangeeta Kaul. Mobile: +91 98103 29992. Email: Sanskaul2003@yahoo.co.in

Web: <http://goo.gl/NKbXRn>

11th International Conference COLLNET 2015 on Webometrics, Informetrics, and Scientometrics (WIS) and the 16th COLLNET Meeting.

Organized By: COLLNET in association with Society for Library Professionals (SLP) and Asian Chapter, Special Libraries Association (SLA) at Institute of Economic Growth (IEG), University of Delhi, India.

Location: Institute of Economic Growth (IEG), University of Delhi, India.

Last Date for Registration: Early Bird Registration till 31st August 2015.

Registration Fee: For Early Bird - Indian Delegates: Rs. 3500/-; Other countries Delegates: € 200 or US\$ 300; SAARC countries Delegates: US\$ 100; 1st Sept 2015 onwards - Indian Delegates: Rs. 4000/-; Other countries Delegates: € 225 or US\$ 325; SAARC countries Delegates: US\$ 125.

Event Dates: 26th November 2015 to 28th November 2015.

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Web: <http://goo.gl/IJQNWE>

Job Vacancies

Librarian Vacancy at Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar

Number of Posts: 01

Essential Qualification: A Master's Degree in Library Science/ Information Science/ Documentation with at least 55% marks or its equivalent grade of B in the UGC seven points scale and consistently good academic record set out in these Regulations. 2) At least thirteen years Deputy Librarian in a University library or eighteen years experience as College Librarian. 3) Evidence of innovative library service and organization of published work.

Desired Qualification: M.Phil/PhD. Degree in library science/Information science/ documentation/ archives and manuscript- keeping. 5) A minimum score of 400 points in the Academic Performance Indicator (API) based Performance Based Appraisal System (PBAS), as set out in UGC Regulations (2nd Amendment) 2013 vide UGC letter No.F.1- 2/2009(ECPS)Pt.V(I) Vol.II dated 14 June,2013.

Scale of Pay: Rs.37400-67000+AGP 10000.

Age Limit: Not specified.

Last Date of Application: 31.08.2015

Web: <http://goo.gl/S2451E>

Library Professional Assistant in IIM Ahmadabad

Number of Posts: 05

Essential Qualification: A Master degree in Library & Information Science (MLISc) (60% or above) with minimum two years relevant experience.

Desired Qualification: Not specified.

Scale of Pay: 35000/-pm fixed for three years after three years, Pay Rs.9300-34800 with GP Rs.4200

Age Limit: 35 yrs.

Last Date of Application: 31-08-2015

Web: <http://goo.gl/zHZInM>

Professional Assistants Vacancy at Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar

Number of Posts: 10(Gen-4, SC Balmiki/ Mazbhi Sikh-2, Other SC-1, BC-1, Ex- Serviceman-1, Person with Disability- 1)
Essential Qualification: B.A./ B.Sc./ B.Com IInd Class with B.Lib Science IInd Class. or M.A./ M.Sc./M.Com. Plus B.Lib. Science IInd Class 2) Must have passed Microsoft word course recognized by the University/Govt. Institution and should have proficiency to operate the computer. 3) Must have passed Punjabi upto Matric Standard

Desired Qualification: Not specified

Scale of Pay: Rs.10300-34800+ 3800 GP

Age Limit: Not specified.

Last Date of Application: 31.08.2015

Web: <http://goo.gl/S2451E>

Vacancy of Scientific Officer-C (Library) and Technician-B (Library) at NISER

Number of Posts: Scientific Officer-C - 01 and Technician - B (Library) - 01

Essential Qualification: Scientific Officer-C- (i) M.Lib in Information Science with minimum 55% marks and have qualified NET in relevant subject. (ii) Minimum of 4 years of experience in responsible capacity in a University level library. Technician-B- (i) H.Sc (12th Standard) in Science with minimum 60% marks in H.S.C or S.S.C (10th Standard).

Desired Qualification: Technician-B-Bachelor in Library Science

Scale of Pay: Rs.5600-Rs.39100 + GP- Rs.5400 (Scientific Officer-C) and Rs.5200-Rs.20200 + GP- 2000 (Technician-B)

Age Limit: 35 years as on 28th August 2015 (Scientific Officer-C) and 25 years as on 28th August 2015 (Technician-B).

Last Date of Application: 2nd September 2015

Web: <http://goo.gl/MntnXS>

Vacancy of Deputy Librarian in BHU, Varanasi

No. of post: 01

Essential Qualification: (i). A Master's Degree in library science/information science/documentation with at least 55% of the marks or its equivalent grade of B in the UGC seven point scale and a consistently good academic record. (ii). Five years' experience as an Assistant University Librarian/College Librarian. (iii). Evidence of innovative library service and organization of published work and professional commitment, computerization of library.

Desirable Qualification: A M.Phil./Ph.D. Degree in library science/Information science /Documentation/Archives and manuscript-keeping/computerization of library.

Pay Scale: PB-3 Rs.15600-39100 AGPRs.8000

Age Limit: Not specified.

Last Date of Application: 05.09.2015.

Web: <http://goo.gl/Ms7Dvh>

Vacancy of Assistant Librarian in BHU, Varanasi

No. of post: 02 (1-OBC, 1-ST)

Essential Qualification: (i) A Master's Degree in Library Science / Information Science / Documentation Science or an equivalent professional degree with at least 55% marks (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and a consistently good academic record with knowledge of computerization of library. (ii).

Qualifying in the national level test conducted for the purpose by the UGC or any other agency approved by the UGC. (iii). However, candidates, who are, or have been awarded Ph. D. degree in accordance with the "University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degree), Regulations 2009, shall be exempted from the requirement of the minimum eligibility condition of NET/SLET/SET for recruitment and appointment of University Assistant Librarian / College Librarian. Note-(1) Exemption of 5% from 55% to 50% of the marks, at the Master's Degree level will be allowed to the candidates belonging to SC/ST/Physically Handicapped (PH) categories.

(2) Exemption from NET/SLET will be governed by the UGC guidelines received from time to time.

Desirable Qualification: Not specified

Age Limit: Not specified.

Last Date of Application: 05.09.2015.

Web: <http://goo.gl/Ms7Dvh>

Vacancy of Technical Assistant at CSIR-NIIST, Thiruvananthapuram

Number of Posts: 01 post (OBC) (VH).

Essential Qualification: (i) 1st class B.Sc. (Sci) with B. Lib Sc. (ii) M LibSc and knowledge of Library Management software. Experience in computerized library and documentation services.

Desired Qualification: Not specified.

Scale of Pay: Rs. 9300- 34800 (PB-2) GP 4200

Age Limit: 28 Years.

Last Date of Application: 5-09-2015 at 5:30PM.

Web: <http://goo.gl/v4ByZy>

Librarian Vacancy at Central University Rajasthan, Ajmer

Number of Posts: 01

Pay Scale: Rs. 37400-67000 (PB-4) + Academic Grade Pay Rs. 10000

Essential Qualification: A. (i) Master's degree in Library Science/ Information Science/ Documentation with at least 55% of marks or its equivalent grade of 'B' in the UGC seven point scale and consistently good academic record. (ii) At least 13 years' experience as Deputy Librarian in University library or any other library statutory organization or 18 years' experience as a College Librarian. (iii) Evidence of innovative Library service and organization of published work.

Desirable Qualification: M.Phil./ Ph.D. degree in Library Science/ Information Science/ Documentation/ Archives and Manuscript Keeping. OR

B. Deputy Librarian completing service of three years in the AGP of Rs. 9000 and otherwise eligible as per the API scoring system and PBAS methodology developed in UGC Regulations, 2010 with a Ph.D. qualification. Note: Other conditions as per UGC Regulations, 2010.

Age: Preferably below 57 years

Last Date of Application: 16.09.2015

Web: <http://goo.gl/GLUpG1>

ALA Activities

অসম পুথিভঁৰাল সংঘৰ অভিবৰ্তন আৰু ৰাজহুৱা পুথিভঁৰাল দিৱস উদ্‌যাপন

অসম পুথিভঁৰাল সংঘৰ উদ্যোগত যোৱা ২২ মে' ২০১৫ ইং তাৰিখে ৰাজহুৱা পুথিভঁৰাল দিৱস উদ্‌যাপন কৰা হয়। নিৰন্তৰ গ্ৰন্থ অধ্যয়নকাৰী, ভাৰতবৰ্ষৰ শিক্ষাৰ বৈপ্লৱিক পথ প্ৰদৰ্শক, আধুনিক ভাৰতৰ প্ৰথম নাৰীমুক্তি আন্দোলনৰ উদ্যোক্তা, আন্তৰ্জাতিক দূৰদৃষ্টি সম্পন্ন আৰু গভীৰ মানৱতাবাদী আলোক সন্ধানী বিদ্যৎ পুৰুষ ৰাজা ৰামমোহন ৰায়ৰ জন্ম দিনটোত প্ৰথমবাৰৰ বাবে 'ৰাজহুৱা পুথিভঁৰাল দিৱস' হিচাপে উদ্‌যাপন কৰা হয়। ৰাজা ৰাম মোহন ৰায়ৰ প্ৰতিচ্ছবিত মাল্য অৰ্পণেৰে আৰম্ভ হোৱা সভাত সভাপতিত্ব কৰে সংঘৰ সভাপতি ড° অলকা বুঢ়াগোহাইয়ে। সংঘৰ সাধাৰণ সম্পাদক ধীমান শীলে বিশিষ্ট অতিথি তথা বিভিন্ন প্ৰান্তৰ পৰা অহা গ্ৰন্থাগাৰিক আৰু উপস্থিত ৰাইজক আদৰণি জনায় আৰু ৰাজহুৱা পুথিভঁৰাল দিৱসৰ তাৎপৰ্য ব্যাখ্যা কৰে। নিৰ্দিষ্ট বক্তাৰ ভাষণত তেজপুৰ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ সম-উপাচার্য, শিক্ষাবিদ ড° অমৰজ্যোতি চৌধুৰীয়ে কয় যে কম্পিউটাৰ ইণ্টাৰনেটৰ জৰিয়তে অসমৰ গ্ৰন্থাগাৰসমূহ আধুনিকীকৰণ হৈছে যদিও এইবোৰৰ অৱস্থা এতিয়াও সুখজনক

নহয়। পাঠকে বিচৰা ধৰণে গ্ৰন্থাগাৰসমূহে কিতাপ যোগান ধৰিব পৰা নাই। আজিৰ দিনত অসমীয়া পাঠকৰ সংখ্যা কমি অহাটোৱে জাতিটোৰ অন্ধকাৰ ভৱিষ্যতৰ ইংগিত দিয়ে। অসমীয়া জাতিক বিপৰ্যয়ে হেচা মাৰি ধৰা, তৰল চিন্তাই গ্ৰাস কৰাৰ অন্তৰালত কিতাপ নপঢ়া আৰু কিতাপৰ প্ৰতি অনীহা, স্পৃহা কমি যোৱাটোৱেই মূল কাৰণ। অভিবৰ্তনত উপস্থিত থকা আন এগৰাকী নিৰ্দিষ্ট বক্তা জ্যেষ্ঠ সাংবাদিক ধীৰেন্দ্ৰ নাথ চক্ৰৱৰ্তীয়ে কয় যে, গ্ৰন্থৰ সংগ চিৰদিনৰ বাবে আনন্দদায়ক। কিতাপ কেনেকৈ পঢ়িব লাগে, গ্ৰন্থাগাৰিকসকলে আয়ত্ত কৰি পঢ়ুৱৈসকলকো শিকাব লাগে। চক্ৰৱৰ্তীয়ে লগতে কয় যে গ্ৰন্থাগাৰৰ উন্নতিৰ বাবে বিশ্বৰ লেখত ল'বলগীয়া গ্ৰন্থাগাৰসমূহ অসমৰ গ্ৰন্থাগাৰিক সকলক পৰিদৰ্শনৰ ব্যৱস্থা চৰকাৰে ল'ব লাগে। অভিবৰ্তনত গুৱাহাটী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ নৱনিযুক্ত কলা বিভাগৰ কলাগুৰু ড° নৰেন্দ্ৰ নাথ লহকৰক সম্বৰ্ণনা জনোৱা হয়। ভাষণ প্ৰসংগত ড° লহকৰে কয় যে ভাৰতবৰ্ষৰ ১৯ খন প্ৰদেশত গ্ৰন্থাগাৰ বিধি আছে। কিন্তু অসমত নাই, যাৰ বাবে গ্ৰন্থাগাৰ সম্পৰ্কীয় সুস্পষ্ট নীতিৰ অভাব। গ্ৰন্থাগাৰৰ খচৰা বিধি এখন চৰকাৰৰ ঘৰত প্ৰস্তুত হৈ আছে। কিন্তু ইয়াক বিধিবদ্ধ কৰাৰ প্ৰতি চৰকাৰৰ ইচ্ছাৰ অভাৱ। পুথিভঁৰাল সঞ্চালকালয়ৰ সহযোগত অনুষ্ঠিত হোৱা অভিবৰ্তনখনিত ভাৰপ্ৰাপ্ত সঞ্চালক উত্তম কুমাৰ শৰ্মাই অসমৰ গ্ৰন্থাগাৰ ব্যৱস্থাপনাৰ এটা চমু আভাস দাঙি ধৰে। সভাত সন্থাৰ কাৰ্যকৰী সভাপতি মহেন্দ্ৰ বৰাইও ভাষণ দিয়ে আৰু সভাৰ অন্যতম আহ্বায়ক ড° বদন বৰ্মনে শলাগৰ শৰাই আগবঢ়ায়।

ALA Moves Against the Plan to Demolish the Nabin Chandra Bordoloi Hall & Library

Nabin Chandra Bordoloi (NCB) Hall was earlier known as the Curzon Hall and Library. It was initially located at the site where the present S.K. Bhuyan Library of Cotton College is located. This century-old building was built in 1900 and shifted to its present location sometime between 1907 and 1910. In 1953, this Curzon Hall was renamed as the Karmabir Nabin Chandra Bordoloi Hall and Library.

Lord Curzon, the then Viceroy of India, visited to Guwahati to study the post 1897 earth-quake scenario. The then Guwahatian formed a committee to receive Lord Curzon and collected money from the local people for this propose. Lord Curzon was accorded a warm welcome by the people of the State at a function held at the Judges' Field in the early part of 1900. The Curzon Hall and Library was built with about Rs 7,000 saved from the funds collected by the above committee. Manik Chandra Baruah was the president of the committee and as per the proposal the Hall and library was constructed.

The Guwahati Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) has proposed to re-build the historic Nabin Bordoloi Hall and Library with a two-storied modern structure, preserving the heritage of the building, said GMDA chairman Dhiren Barua.

Various organisations and individuals, including Assam Library Association (ALA), Association of Architects, Assam (AAA) and the Assam Chapter of the Indian Institute of Architects (IIA), Assam Jatiyatabadi Yuba-Chatra Parishad, noted writer Kumudeswar Hazarika and former president of the Asam Sahitya Sabha Dr Nagen Saikia, Hiren Gohain, Dr. Bhupen Deka among others, had opposed the move to dismantle the historic building of the NCB Hall and Library and to replace it with a two-storied RCC building.

AAA president Tikendrajit Saikia told the Assam Tribune correspondent, "We are confused as to how the GMDA will build the two-storied modern building by 'preserving the heritage of the building.' New construction and conservation are both different in nature. The GMDA is perhaps not sure about what it wants to do. Nabin Chandra Bordoloi Hall and Library building is one of the finest examples of the Assam Type heritage structures with Eekora (reed) walls, sloped roof, dormer windows etc., with many more elements, which need to be conserved. "Now when the entire world, especially Europe, is conserving the century-old buildings like the Roman collegiums, Egyptian pyramids etc., the GMDA should collect information about how conservation is done".

"Conservation of the century- old buildings has become a specialised post-graduate course done by architects and civil engineers," Saikia said, adding "We welcome the allocation of Rs 2 crore for the Nabin Bordoloi Hall project. But the money should be spent on conservation only, not on demolition and new construction of the building. If we bulldoze the building, we will lose the originality of the structure and historicity of the place. We expect that GMDA chairman Dhiren Barua, who is also the founder president of the Save Guwahati Build Guwahati (SGBG), will not destroy the heritage of the building and its site," said the AAA president.

He also made an appeal to the state government to straight-way declare the building as a heritage one to facilitate its takeover by the Archaeological Survey of India. A similar step should also be taken in relation to the other century-old buildings of the state, said the AAA president.

Noted writer Kumudeswar Hazarika, who has been studying the history of Guwahati scrupulously for the past about 20 years, has also called for caution in dealing with the historic structures like the Nabin Chandra Bordoloi Hall. Elaborating the historicity of the building, he said that the Curzon Hall, the original building renamed later as the Nabin Bordoloi Hall in 1953, was built in 1900 with about Rs 7,000 saved from the funds raised to accord reception to the then Viceroy of India, Lord Curzon. It was built at the site on which the old building of the Cotton College Library is situated.

The building is not only connected with the memories of Lord Curzon and Karmabir Nabin Chandra Bordoloi, it is also connected with the memories of many leading lights of the 19th and 20th century Assamese society, like the late honourable Manik Chandra Barooah, who set up the historic Cotton College almost single-handedly.

The Assam Chapter of the IIA has opposed the proposed move of the GMDA to 're-build' the historic Nabin Bordoloi Hall and Library building by demolishing it. Informing this, chairman of the IIA Assam Chapter Ramendra Baishya said in a statement that an emergent meeting of the Assam Chapter held to extend help to the GMDA for restoration and preservation of this historic building. "It reflects the colonial era architecture, which was developed by the colonial rulers taking into consideration the peculiar natural condition of the then Assam, which is now known as the NE region. This building was constructed as per the high-level Assam Type specification and it is a case for the new architects to learn this type of structures. The building is a witness to thousands of public consultations of various types, which determined the socio-political destinies of the societies of Greater Assam. This is also an important heritage aspect connected with this building", he said.

The Assam Library Association, in consultation with leading citizens, academicians and conscious people of the city, formed a committee to unite the people against the move to demolish the historic Nabin Bordoloi Hall and Library. The committee includes Dr Alaka Buragohain, Dr Bhupen Kumar Deka, Kanak Sarma, Dr. Nabajyoti Das and Dr Narendra Lahkar as the chief convener. The committee submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister of Assam, the Minister of Cultural Affairs, Commissioner, Dept. of Culture, Govt. of Assam. The association urged the GMDA and the other authorities concerned to adopt measures for conservation of the historic building and make it an attractive structure.

Participants at consultation held under the president ship of Dr Alaka Buragohain, the president of ALA, expressed serious concern over the GMDA move to demolish the building and demanded immediate revocation of the decision. Or else, the participants said, they would engage themselves in building a mass agitation to frustrate the GMDA move. The committee will initially hold a public meeting on the issue, if its memorandums to the authorities fail to evoke any positive response.

As a part of the ALA's initiatives, State Minister of Culture, Ms. Bismita Gogoi visited the Nabin Chandra Bordoloi Hall & Library in presence of the President of ALA Dr. Alaka Buragohain, Mr. Dhiman Seal, General Secretary of ALA and other dignitaries Dr. Bhupen Deka, Dr Dhruvajit Das, Dr. Utpal Sharma, Mr. Ramesh Goswami, Dr. B N Sharma, Director of Library Services, Assam, the Chairperson of GMDA and other office bearers of ALA. The Minister strongly stated neither to demolish the century old building nor any new construction but a beautiful garden.

The Save Guwahati Build Guwahati (SGBG) voiced its opposition to any move to demolish the historic Nabin Chandra Bordoloi (NCB) Hall and Library and demanded that the authorities concerned should immediately declare the building as a heritage structure. The SGBG general secretary Satyen Doloi demanded immediate steps to develop the vacant areas outside the NCB Hall campus into a garden and not to be blocked by any tall wall.

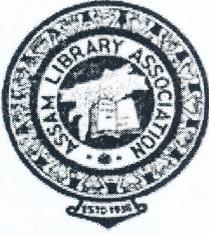
Though Assam has many long standing varied architectural and cultural heritage buildings and structures, its common people are unfortunately ignorant about and in-sensitive to conservation and preservation of these heritage structures. Heritage preservation is an investment within the community concerned. It rewards the community and stores up an invaluable resource for its future generations. conservation of the heritage structures provides concrete benefit to the community as a whole, besides it increases property values, both of the restored buildings/structures/Library and their surroundings and this has the potential to accelerate the growth of tourism, among others. In this regard the Assam Library Association always raises its voice and takes the required steps for the society concern.

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