

**Report on the Celebration of Librarians' Day 2026 by Visva-Bharati Library Network in
association with the Important Day Celebration Committee and Scholars' Club, Visva-Bharati
On 18 August 2026.**

On the occasion of the 134th Birth Anniversary (09/12 August 1892) of Padmashree Prof. Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, the Father of Indian Library and Information Science, Visva-Bharati Library Network (VBLN) celebrated Librarians' Day-2026 on 18 August 2026 with great enthusiasm, dignity, and active participation from students, research scholars, faculty members, former library professionals, members of the Visva-Bharati community, and other distinguished guests. The day-long celebration was designed to highlight the significant role of libraries and library professionals in the advancement of education, research, knowledge dissemination, and lifelong learning.

Visva-Bharati Library Network
in association with
Scholars' Club, Visva-Bharati
Nurturing Knowledge, Preserving Heritage

Celebrates
LIBRARIANS' DAY
on
**134th Birth Anniversary of
Padmashree Prof. S. R. Ranganathan**
Father of Library Science in India

Padmashree Prof. S. R. Ranganathan
1892 – 1972

DATE
18.08.2026
(Tuesday)

TIME
04:30 PM
onwards

VENUE
Conference Hall,
Central Library

FIVE LAWS OF LIBRARY SCIENCE

1. Books Are For Use
2. Every Reader His/Her Book
3. Every Book Its Reader
4. Save The Time Of The Reader
5. The Library Is A Growing Organism

LET US HONOUR THE PAST, CELEBRATE THE PRESENT AND INSPIRE THE FUTURE OF LIBRARIES.

The program commenced with the offering of floral tributes to Prof. S. R. Ranganathan, the Father of Library Science in India, in recognition of his pioneering and enduring contributions to the development of modern library science and librarianship. Floral homage was also paid to Kaviguru Rabindranath Tagore, the founder of Visva-Bharati, whose visionary ideas on libraries, education, knowledge, and universal humanism remain profoundly relevant even today and continue to inspire the academic, intellectual, and cultural life of the institution.



Interaction with Students on Library Science:

One of the major highlights of the celebration was an interactive session with the students of Classes XI and XII of Patha Bhavana and Siksha Satra, who have opted for Library Science as an elective subject. The session provided the students with an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the

discipline, its professional relevance, and the expanding scope of Library and Information Science in the contemporary knowledge society. The interactive program was started with the introductory address by Dr. Nimai Chand Saha, Librarian, Visva-Bharati, and addressed by Dr. Tapas Kumar Das, Deputy Librarian and In-Charge, Kala Bhavana Library; Dr. Sanat Bhattacharya, Assistant Librarian and In-Charge, Siksha Bhavana Library; Dr. Koushik Ghosh, Assistant Librarian, PSB Library; Dr. Pradip Hembram, Assistant Librarian and In-Charge, Sangit Bhavana Library; and Sri Bama Charan Pal, Professional Assistant, Rathindra Pathagar, Siksha Satra.

The speakers discussed the changing role of libraries in the digital age and emphasized their importance as centers of learning, research, information access, and intellectual development. They also elaborated on the Community Library Services, diverse functions, and services of a university library. They explained the various career opportunities available in the field of Library and Information Science. The students were encouraged to consider Library and Information Science as a promising professional career, particularly in the context of the growing importance of information management, digital resources, research support, and knowledge organization. The interaction was both informative and inspiring, helping the students to appreciate the relevance of librarianship as a dynamic and evolving profession.



Community Outreach and Promotion of Lifelong Learning

As part of the celebration, members of VBLIBNET, along with Prof. Samiran Mondal, Department of Physical Education and Sports Science, Visva-Bharati, and Chairperson of the University Important Day celebration Committee, Dr. Nimai Chand Saha, University Librarian, along with some Library Colleagues, visited an old-age home.

During the visit, books were distributed among the residents. The initiative reflected the broader social responsibility of libraries and extended the spirit of knowledge sharing beyond the physical boundaries of the library. Through this community outreach program, VBLIBNET reaffirmed its commitment to making reading and learning accessible to people of all age groups and sections of society. Above all, their mental relaxation after meeting with the library team was remarkable, and they invited the team to visit in a regular manner.



Ceremonial Lecture, Reunion and Cultural Program

The second half of the day featured a ceremonial lecture, book exhibition, book release, reunion, and cultural program, adding academic, professional, and cultural dimensions to the celebration. The

program began with a short introduction, followed by the invitation of the distinguished guests to the dais and their felicitation. The opening song was performed by the students of Siksha-Satra led by Sri Bamacharan Pal. Dr. Nimai Chand Saha, Librarian, Visva-Bharati, in his welcome address, briefed about the importance of observing National Librarians' Day and the several initiatives undertaken to commemorate the day in a befitting manner. Smt. Kalpana Dasgupta, Former Librarian of the National Library, Kolkata, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Her presence added great significance to the program and inspired the participants, particularly young students and aspiring library professionals. She expressed her satisfaction with the recent development of the Visva-Bharati Library and the initiative taken by Dr. Nimai Chand Saha, Librarian of Visva-Bharati. The ceremonial lecture was delivered by Dr. Alamgir Khan, Librarian, Chandidas Mahavidyalay, Khujutipara, Birbhum, who addressed the gathering on the topic **"Library as a Source of Career: Current Context"**. During his lecture, he emphasized the relevance and continuing importance of libraries and librarians in the contemporary knowledge environment. Dr. Samiran Mondal attended the program as the Guest of Honor, while Dr. Pritam Gurey, Librarian, Asiatic Society, Kolkata, and former library professional of VBLN, joined as the Special Guest. Dr. Gurey, in his speech, mentioned that Viva-Bharati Central Library is his native land because he started his career here as a professional assistant. He also felicitated Librarian, Dr Nimai Chand Saha, on behalf of the Asiatic Society and Gyan Bharatam. One of the significant highlights of the program was the release of a book written by Dr. Manas Bhul, Assistant Professor,



Sangit Bhavana, Visva-Bharati. The book release added an important literary and academic dimension to the celebration. Because of some sudden administrative issues, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor could not attend the event despite his mental will.

A special reunion was also organized with the former Officers, Professionals, and Staff of the Visva-Bharati Library Network (VBLN). The reunion created a warm and nostalgic atmosphere, providing

former colleagues with an opportunity to reconnect, interact, and share their experiences and memories associated with their years of service at Visva-Bharati. The gathering also served as a meaningful platform for strengthening the bond between the present and former members of the library fraternity.

The cultural segment of the celebration witnessed enthusiastic participation from research scholars and students representing different Bhavanas of Visva-Bharati. Their performances reflected the rich cultural and artistic traditions of the university and added vibrancy to the occasion. Students from the Russian Language, CMELLCS, presented a chorus song. A recitation by Chitradip Das, Research Scholar, Department of Geography, followed this. Sri Sukumar Das, Professional Assistant of PSV Library, delivered a speech. A quiz competition was organized by Sumana Hazra, Dipshikha Jana, and Abubakkar Mia, who are Research Scholars and members of the Scholar Club. The quiz provided an enjoyable and educational opportunity for the participants. The three Professional Assistants of the Central Library, namely Dr. Smritimoy Ghosh, Dr. Prasunkanti Ghoshal, and Smt. Mridula Bhattacharya has performed an audio drama to add further variety to the program. Sri Susanta Raha, Former Librarian of Vidyasagar College, Suri, has delivered a speech followed by Poetry that enriched the atmosphere of the hall. Anubhav Kumar Suman, Assistant Librarian, Lucknow University, UP, and Sri Debasish Pandit Paul, Guest Faculty, Patuliputra University, Patna, Bihar, also graced the occasion and shaped the event practically as the National Librarians' Day.

As members of the Visva-Bharati Scholars' Club, the program was anchored by two Research Scholars, namely Ms. Gargee Ghosh of CMELLCS, Bhasha Bhavana, and Avijit Roy, Dept. of Bengali, Bhasha Bhavana.

On this occasion, the Central Library, Visva-Bharati, introduced Multipurpose Organizer Baskets for students to conveniently carry their books, other reading materials, and mobile, laptop, charger, pendrive, etc., etc. within the library premises. The initiative aims to enhance user convenience and provide a more comfortable movement inside the library to facilitate a safe reading and learning environment.

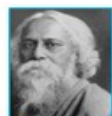


Word of Thanks and Conclusion

Dr. Smritimoy Ghosh, Professional Assistant, Central Library and Coordinator of the Visva-Bharati Scholars' Club, as well as Library Friends, was entrusted to offer formal word of thanks. Dr. Ghosh has expressed sincere gratitude to the distinguished guests, speakers, participants, students, research scholars, former colleagues, and members of the Scholars Club. He has also mentioned that this program could not have been staged in a successful way without the unwavering support, wholehearted cooperation, tireless efforts, valuable advice, and gracious presence of the Library Officers, Professionals, Staff (including Mahadal and OSW) of VBLN. Special thanks are due to both the Joint Organizing Secretaries (Dr. Tapas Kumar Das and Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma), all the coordinators (Dr. Sabahat Nausheen, Dr. Koushik Ghosh, Dr. Sanat Bhattacharya, Sri Pradip Hembram, and Sri Ramprasad Mazumdar), and members of the different subcommittees for making the program a grand success by taking point-to-point care. It is also to be noted that almost all the permanent employees (Officers, Professionals, and Staff) of the VBLN have a personal financial contribution for the arrangement of the event in general and particularly for the refreshments, including dinner. By offering

required technical support Dr Jishnu Mondal contributed a ton to the event. The celebration of Librarians' Day 2026 by the Visva-Bharati Library Network was a meaningful and memorable occasion. The program successfully brought together academic interaction, professional awareness, community outreach, reunion, and cultural expression under a common platform. It not only honored the invaluable contribution of librarians and library professionals but also highlighted the continuing relevance of libraries as centers of knowledge, learning, research, culture, and community engagement.

Through this celebration, VBLN pays tribute to Dr. S. R. Ranganathan and endorses its commitment to the ideals of knowledge sharing, lifelong learning, professional development, social responsibility, and cultural enrichment, making the occasion a resounding success.



Librarian's Day -2026, 18 August 2026

Program Schedule

Interaction with Students of Class XI and XII of Patha Bhavana and Siksha Satra
(having Library and Information Science as one of the elective papers)

Conference Hall, Central Library, 11.30 AM

Community Outreach and Promotion of Lifelong Learning
Visit to an old-age home, Kalikapur Colony, Bolpur, 12.30 PM

Ceremonial lecture, Book Exhibition and Release, Cultural Program, Reunion, etc.
Conference Hall, Central Library, 4.30 PM

1. Starting the program with a short introduction.
2. Invitation of the dignitaries to the Dais and Felicitation.
3. Opening Song: Student of Siksha-Satra, Visva-Bharati.
4. Welcome Address: Dr Nimai Chand Saha, Librarian, Visva-Bharati.
5. Address by Guest of Honor: Prof. Samiran Mondal, DPSS, Visva-Bharati.
6. Ceremonial Lecture: Dr. Alamgir Khan, Librarian, Chandidas Mahavidyalaya, Khujitipara, Birbhum.
7. Address by the Special Guest: Dr. Pritam Gurey, Librarian, Asiatic Society, Kolkata
8. Address by the Chief Guest: Smt. Kalpana Das Gupta, Former Librarian, National Library, Kolkata.
9. Release of a Book written by Dr. Manas Bhul, Assistant Professor, Sangit Bhavana, Visva-Bharati.
10. Presidential Address: Dr. Probir Kumar Ghosh, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Visva-Bharati.

Book Exhibition, Cultural Program, and Reunion

1. Chorus Song: Students from the Russian Language Department
2. Recitation by Chitradip Das, Research Scholar, Dept. of Geography.
3. Speech from the Retired Person.
4. Dance: Student from the Russian Language Department.
5. Speech: Sri Sukumar Das, Professional Assistant, PSV Library.
6. Quiz Competition organized by Sumana Hazra, Dipsudha Jana & Abubakkar Mia, Research Scholars & Members of the Scholar Club.
7. Dance: Shreyashri Roy, Student, Siksha Satra.
8. Speech from the Retired Person.
9. Audio Drama: Library Staff
10. Speech from the Retired Person.
11. Poetry: Susanta Raha, Former Librarian, Vidyasagar College, Suri.
12. Word of Thanks: Dr. Smritimoy Ghosh, Professional Assistant, Central Library, and Coordinator Scholars' Club, Visva-Bharati. |

Anchored by the members of the Scholars' Club (Research Scholar, Bhasha Bhavaan): Ms. Gargee Ghosh, CMELLCS, and Avijit Roy, Dept. of Bengali.

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Librarian,
Visva-Bharati