

# 54<sup>th</sup> Bengal Library Conference

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Date: 24 – 26 February, 2023

(Friday – Saturday – Sunday)

Venue: Lok Sanskriti Bhaban, Panihati, Sodepur  
North 24-Parganas, Kolkata-700110

Organized by  
**THE BENGAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**  
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### THEMES OF THE CONFERENCE:

West Bengal Public Libraries Act, 1979 and Its Amendments  
Library Service During and After Pandemic Period  
Problems of Different Types of Libraries and Their Staff

### INVITATION

Dear Sir/Madam/Professional Colleagues/Friends/Students,  
On behalf of the Organizing Committee, it gives us immense pleasure to inform you that '54<sup>th</sup> Bengal Library Conference' is being organized by Bengal Library Association on 24-26 February, 2023 in Lok Sanskriti Bhaban, Panihati, Sodepur, Kolkata. The main theme of the Conference is 'West Bengal Public Libraries Act, 1979 and Its Amendments' and other themes of the Conference are, 'Library Service During

and After Pandemic Period' and 'Different Types of Libraries and Problems of Library Staff'.

We would like to extend our cordial invitation to you to be a part of this great occasion. Looking forward to receive you in the Conference venue on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2023.

With warm regards,

**DR. JOYDEEP CHANDA**  
General Secretary  
The Bengal Library Association

### ABOUT THE ORGANIZER

#### THE BENGAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The Bengal Library Association, formerly known as, All Bengal Library Association was established on 20th December, 1925 in Kolkata under the presidentship of Poet Rabindranath Tagore and the first secretary of the Association was Mr. Sushilkumar Ghosh. The major activities of the Association are: propagating the importance of library and information services for individuals and for the society and developing awareness for the library and information services; suggesting measures for improvement and expansion of library services for all categories of libraries in the state; organizing movement for improvement of the service conditions and proper pay and status of the library workers; organizing conference and seminars for apprising people of various aspects of the library movement and library services; organizing training courses, refresher courses, workshops, lectures etc. and publishing books, periodicals, reports etc. pertaining to library science and library services.

Among different programmes of the Association, one of the important programmes is to organize Bengal Library Conference in a regular interval. Till now 53 Bengal Library Conferences have been organized in different parts of West Bengal. Librarians, book lovers, publishers, common people from the country and abroad have been participated in these conferences. Various aspects are being discussed here thoroughly those are very much helpful to develop better library system in the state as well as in the country and abroad. This year the Association is going to organize 54<sup>th</sup> Bengal Library Conference in Lok Sanskriti Bhaban, Panihati, Sodepur, Kolkata and hope it will be a grand success.

#### REACHING KOLKATA, TRANSPORT AND WEATHER

Kolkata, formerly known as Calcutta, was the capital of British India until 1911 and at present is the capital of West Bengal. This historical city is located on the east bank of the Hooghly River and it is one of the most important metropolises in the country. The Port of Kolkata is India's oldest operating port and its sole major riverine port. At present, the city has about 6 million residents and if includes surrounding areas (known as greater Kolkata) the total population is more than 15 million and it is one of the most

populated cities in India. The city is recognized as the cultural capital of India.

The Conference Venue is situated at Sodepur Station Road, Sodepur, Kolkata-700110, 400 m. from Sodepur Railway Station. It is within 16 kms. (about 30 mins. distance) from Sealdah Railway Station, within 9 kms. (about 20 mins. distance) from Baranagar Metro Railway Station, within 50 m. from B.T. Road (Sodepur More/Panihati Municipality More) and within 15 kms. (about 45 mins. distance) from Kolkata International Airport.

Kolkata has a Tropical wet-and-dry climate. The annual mean temperature is 24.8°C; monthly mean temperature ranges from 15°C to 30°C. The month of February is at the end of Winter Season with moderate heat and humidity. The maximum and minimum temperature ranges between 32°C to 21°C. Over the course of February, the length of the day is increasing and the average relative humidity of February is about 66%. More or less, there is a pleasant weather in the month of February in Kolkata.

## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

### SUB-THEMES

#### Theme-I: West Bengal Public Libraries Act, 1979 and Its Amendments

- The background of Public Libraries Act in West Bengal
- The Introduction of West Bengal Public Libraries' Act, 1979 and Preliminaries
- The Principal Authority as discussed in West Bengal Public Libraries' Act, 1979
- The Chief Controlling and Policy Implementing Body in West Bengal Public Libraries' Act, 1979
- The Local Library Authority in West Bengal Public Libraries' Act, 1979
- Management Rules for Public Libraries
- The Finance & Accounts in West Bengal Public Libraries' Act, 1979
- Analysis of Different Rules and Regulations in West Bengal Public Libraries' Act, 1979
- Evaluation of Amendments of West Bengal Public Libraries' Act, 1979
- The Functioning of the System in West Bengal Public Libraries' Act, 1979
- Sections & Sub-sections of West Bengal Public Libraries' Act, 1979
- Limitations of West Bengal Public Libraries' Act, 1979
- West Bengal Public Libraries' Act, 1979 and CLIC as well as Non-Sponsored Public Libraries

#### Theme-II: Library Service During and After Pandemic Period

- Library Service During Pandemic Period
- Library Service After Pandemic Period
- Application of New Technologies in Libraries and Role of Librarian for Implementing New Services

#### Theme-III: Problems of Different Types of Libraries and Their Staff

- Problems of Different Types of Libraries
- Problems of Different Types of Library Staff
- Problems of Recruitment in Different Types of Libraries

### BRIEF PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

#### DAY 1: 24.02.2023 (FRIDAY)

##### Inaugural Session: 4.30 PM – 6.30 PM

Inaugurator: **Prof. Saugata Roy**, Former Union Minister, Govt. of India and Hon'ble Member of the Parliament

Chief Guest: **Janab Siddiquallah Chowdhury**, Hon'ble Minister, Dept. of Mass Education Extension & Library Services, Govt. of West Bengal

Special Guest: **Shri Sobhandeb Chattopadhyay**, Hon'ble Minister, Dept. of Agriculture & Parliamentary Affairs, Govt. of West Bengal

Guest of Honour: **Prof. Dr. Ajay Pratap Singh**, Hon'ble Director General, The National Library of India & RRRLF, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India

Guest of Honour: **Shri Nirmal Ghosh**, Hon'ble Govt. Chief Whip, Govt. of West Bengal and MLA, Panihati Assembly

Guest of Honour: **Prof. Dr. Mahua Das**, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, West Bengal State University, Barasat

Guest of Honour: **Prof. Dr. Uma Kanjilal**, Hon'ble Pro-Vice Chancellor, IGNOU

Guest of Honour: **Shri Malay Roy**, Hon'ble Chairman, Panihati Municipality

Guest of Honour: **Shri Sagar Sinha**, Hon'ble Director, Directorate of Library Services, Govt. of West Bengal

Guest of Honour: **Shri Sadhan Chattopadhyay**, Renowned Bengali Writer

President of the Conference: **Prof. Amitabha Chattopadhyay**, Former Professor & Head, DLIS, Jadavpur University

Other Dignitaries on Dias: **Shri Somnath Dey**, Chairman-in-Council, Panihati Municipality; **Shri Tirthankar Ghosh**, Chairman-in-Council, Panihati Municipality; **Shri Arun Kumar Ray**, President, The Bengal Library Association; **Shri Tapan Kumar Barman**, Director of the Conference; and, **Dr. Joydeep Chanda**, General Secretary, The Bengal Library Association

**Cultural Programme: 6.30 PM – 8.00 PM**  
**Dinner: 8.00 PM – 9.00 PM**

#### DAY 2: 25.02.2023 (SATURDAY)

##### Paper Presentation: 'West Bengal Public Libraries Act, 1979 and Its Amendments': 9.30 AM – 11.00 AM

Session Chair: Dr. Swapna Ray, Former Deputy Director, Directorate of Library Services, Govt. of West Bengal

**Tea Break: 11.00 AM – 11.30 AM**

**Paper Presentation: 'West Bengal Public Libraries Act, 1979 and Its Amendments': 11.30 AM – 1.30 PM**

Session Chair: Dr. Swapna Ray, Former Deputy Director,  
Directorate of Library Services, Govt. of West Bengal

**Lunch Break: 1.30 PM – 2.30 PM**

**Paper Presentation: 'West Bengal Public Libraries Act, 1979 and Its Amendments': 2.30 PM – 4.00 PM**

Session Chair: Dr. Asitabha Das, Former Librarian,  
University of Kalyani, Nadia

**Paper Presentation: 'Problems of Different Types of Libraries and Their Staff': 4.00 PM – 5.00 PM**

Session Chair: Dr. Asitabha Das, Former Librarian,  
University of Kalyani, Nadia

**Tea Break: 5.00 PM – 5.30 PM**

**Paper Presentation: 'Problems of Different Types of Libraries and Their Staff': 5.30 PM – 7.00 PM**

Session Chair: Prof. Dr. Subarna Kumar Das, Professor,  
DLIS, Jadavpur University

**Cultural Programme: 7.00 PM – 8.00 PM**

**Dinner: 8.00 PM – 9.00 PM**

**DAY 3: 26.02.2023 (SUNDAY)**

**Paper Presentation: 'Problems of Different Types of Libraries and Their Staff With Special Reference to Bangladesh': 9.30 AM – 11.00 AM**

Session Chair: Prof. Dr. Md. Shariful Islam, Professor,  
Dept. of Information Science & Library Management,  
University of Rajshahi, Bangladesh

**Paper Presentation: 'Library Service During and After Pandemic Period': 11.00 AM – 12.30 PM**

Session Chair: Prof. Dr. Md. Shariful Islam, Professor,  
Dept. of Information Science & Library Management,  
University of Rajshahi, Bangladesh

**A Brief Report of 54<sup>th</sup> Bengal Library Conference: 12.30 PM – 1.00 PM**

By: Shri Tapan Kumar Barman, Director of the Conference

**User Interaction: 1.00 PM – 1.30 PM**

**Concluding Ceremony: 1.30 PM – 2.15 PM**

**Vote of Thanks: 2.15 PM**

**Lunch: 2.30 PM**

**REGISTRATION FEE (Without Accommodation)**

Category	Fee in INR
1. BLA Member	500.00
2. BLA Non-Member	550.00

All accepted papers will be published in the conference proceedings. The conference registration covers conference proceedings, conference kit, and admission to all technical sessions, lunch, tea and tiffin during the Conference. The

registration doesn't cover accommodation, transportation, etc.

**Payment should be made:**

- 1) through Demand Draft from any Nationalised Bank or any Multi-City Cheque in favor of Bengal Library Association, payable at Kolkata, or,
- 2) through Google Pay/PhonePe to No. 8961910437, or,
- 3) through RTGS/NEFT Mode in favor of Bengal Library Association, payable at Punjab National Bank, Branch: C.I.T. Road (Kolkata), IFSC Code: PUNB0008720, Account No. 0087010134155, or,
- 4) through Cash deposited at BLA Office between 1-7 p.m. (except Sundays and holidays).

N.B. Participants who want to avail Accommodation facility will have to inform in advance and he/she should have to bear the charges for accommodation depending on the kind of room(s), bed (s), etc. available at the time of the Conference.

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Kindly Fill-up the following form for Registration in 54<sup>th</sup> Bengal Library Conference:

<https://forms.gle/xTjR5C5G36196ytZ7>

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Conference Date: 24-26 February, 2023

Last Date for Paper Submission: 10 February, 2023

**PRESIDENT, DIRECTOR & SESSION CHAIRS**

		
<b>Prof. Amitabha Chattopadhyay</b> President of the Conference	<b>Shri Tapan Kumar Barman</b> Conference Director	<b>Dr. Swapna Ray</b> Session Chair
		
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