

National Seminar on  
Role of Libraries in Empowering Society

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Organised by  
**Kerala Agricultural University**

in Collaboration with

**Academic Library Association &  
National Academy of Sciences - India, Kerala Chapter**

Kerala Agricultural University is organising a National Seminar on "Role of Libraries in Empowering Society" on 27th March 2021 in collaboration with Academic Library Association, and National Academy of Sciences - India at KAU Central Library, Vellanikkara, Thrissur. College and University teachers, librarians and students can attend, observing Covid protocol.

ALA Best Librarian Awards - 2021 will be presented to Dr. M. D. Baby, Dean & Professor, DLIS, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery & Former University Librarian, CUSAT and to Sri. Jayan Avanoor, Librarian, Kodakara Grama Panchayat, Thrissur.

Library Professionals who gained Public Prominence and awarded PhD/ JRF/ NET will be honoured. Smt. V. Pushpalatha, Library Professional and ALA Member, elected as the Chairperson, Standing Committee - Health & Education, Madakkathara Grama Panchayat will be honoured.

NASI Corner in KAU Central Library will be inaugurated during the occasion. Detailed programme is given overleaf.

Link for Registration : <https://forms.gle/AVHkCZZEr6sfmLwY5>

**Dr. A. T. Francis**  
University Librarian  
Kerala Agricultural University

**Dr. V. S. Swapna**  
Assistant Librarian &  
Organising Secretary

# Technical Sessions

- 9.00am – 9.30am : **Registration**
- 9.30am – 10.15am : **Technical Session 1**  
**Dr. A. T. Francis**  
University Librarian  
Kerala Agricultural University
- 10.30am – 11.30am : **Inaugural Session** (*Detailed Programme given*)
- 11.30am – 12.15pm : **Technical Session 2**  
**Dr. M. D. Baby**  
Dean & Professor  
Dept. of Library & Information Science, RCSS &  
Former University Librarian, CUSAT
- 12.15pm – 01.00pm : **Technical Session 3**  
**Mr. K. U. Mujib Rahiman**  
Librarian  
Kendriya Vidhyalaya Kanjikode, Palakkad
- 2.00pm – 2.45pm : **Technical Session 4**  
**Mrs. T. N. Mini**  
Librarian  
Kizhakkancherry Grama Panchayat, Palakkad
- 3.00pm – 3.30pm : **ALA General Body Meeting**
- 3.30pm – 4.00pm : **Valedictory Session**

# Inaugural Session

10.30am to 11.30am

## Invocation Song

Welcome

: **Dr. V. S. Swapna**  
*Asst. Librarian & Organizing Secretary*

Presidential Address

: **Dr. A. T. Francis**  
*University Librarian  
Kerala Agricultural University*

Inauguration of Seminar,

Award Presentation & Honouring

: **Dr. R. Chandra Babu**  
*Hon. Vice Chancellor  
Kerala Agricultural University*

Presenting Awards and Honours

Reply Speeches

: **Dr. M. D. Baby** (*ALA Awardee*)  
*Dean & Professor  
Dept. of Library & Information Science, RCSS &  
Former University Librarian, CUSAT*

: **Sri. Jayan Avanoor** (*ALA Awardee*)  
*Librarian, Kodakara Grama Panchayat, Thrissur*

: **Smt. V. Pushpalatha**  
*Library Professional  
Chairperson, Standing Committee - Health & Education  
Madakkathara Grama Panchayat*

About NASI Corner

: **Dr. Deepu Mathew**  
*Secretary, NASI Kerala Chapter*

Inauguration of NASI Corner

: **Dr. E. J. James**  
*Pro Vice Chancellor, Karunya University, Coimbatore*

Keynote Address

: **Dr. K. V. Peter**  
*President, NASI Kerala Chapter*

Felicitation

: **Sri. C. Abdul Razak**  
*Former University Librarian, KAU*

Vote of Thanks

: **Dr. K. R. Ajithan**  
*General Secretary, ALA*

National Anthem





### *ALA Best Librarian Lifetime Achievement Award 2021*

#### **Dr. M. D. Baby**

Dean & Professor, DLIS

Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery &  
Former University Librarian, CUSAT

Dr. M. D. Baby has about 40 years of experience in Library Administration, Management, Teaching and Research. She has produced 3 PhDs and several MPhils. Served as an International Library Consultant to the Government of Netherlands and also as the Project Leader CUSAT-MHO Programme INFOCUS-LIBIS Project LIBRARY INFORMATION SYSTEM, with the collaboration of the Technical University of Delft, funded by the Netherlands Organization for International Cooperation in Higher Education. She was Awarded Ford Foundation Fellowship in 2005 and served as the Governing Body Member of INFLIBNET/UGC. She has published several research papers and served as resource person for several universities and research institutions.



### *ALA Best Young Librarian Award 2021*

#### **Sri. Jayan Avanoor**

Librarian

Kodakara Grama Panchayath

Sri. Jayan Avanoor is working as Librarian in Kodakara Grama Panchayat thrissur. He is a multifaceted personality with involvement in professional library services, literary and socio cultural activities. He has about 25 years of library service and published several popular articles and literary documents. He is a Malayalam poet and an excellent organizer of various educational and library programmes.

