

**Central University of Haryana (India) in association with CSIR-NIScPR (New Delhi, India), DRTC (Bengaluru, India), SRELS (India), ISKO, IFLA Education and Training Section and Kelaniya University, Sri Lanka)**

**Invited Entries from the LIS students**

**For International Essay Competition**

## **Relevance of Ranganathan's Approaches to the Modern-Day Information World**

### **About Dr.S.R.Ranganathana**

Dr S R Ranganathan is one of the greatest librarians around the globe. He is considered to be the Father of Library Science in India. His birthday is observed every year as "National Librarian's Day" on the 12<sup>th</sup> August. Dr. S.R. Ranganathan was a mathematician, academician, author, and librarian from India. His fundamental thinking in the field of library science makes him an internationally well-known figure. His major contributions are the Five Laws of Library Science and the development of the first major faceted classification system- the Colon Classification. The Government of India honored him with the Padma Shri in 1957 for his contributions to the field of library science. He was recognized as National Research Professor by the Government of India in 1965 and was awarded with D.Litt. (Honorius Causa) from the University of Delhi in 1948 and the University of Pittsburg, the USA in 1964. He was also recognized as Honorary Vice-President of Library Association, the UK in 1957. The magnificence of his works gave him worldwide recognition and is remembered for his contribution to the librarianship.

### **Remembering SRR**

The Department of Library and Information Science, Central University of Haryana, is commemorating 50 years since the passing away of Padma Shri Dr . S .R. Ranganathan. The year 2022 would be fifty years after his departure from the world. The Department has been organizing yearlong activities to commemorate his contribution, which began on 27 September 2021 with the theme: **LIS Education after Dr. S.R.Ranganathan**. A series of invited talks/

webinars and other activities on the legacies of this great person has taken place to spread the message of his life and teachings, the idea of having courses on him, his works and to strengthen the related areas with him.

### **Year long activities**

The following past activities have been collaborated with IFLA Education and Training Section; IFLA Section on Library Theory and Research; SRELS, ISKO (Italy Chapter); and Ranganathan Research Circle:

27 September 2021: Insights from working with Dr . S .R. Ranganathan: Lessons for the students

25 October 2021 :Ranganathan' s Approach to Knowledge Organization: From Learners' Perspectives

27 November 2021: LIS Education and Research: During Ranganathan' s time and there after

27 December 2021: The spirit of Geometry and the spirit of Finesse : Some reflections on S.R Ranganathan's Epistemology and its implications for knowledge organization

27 January 2022: Wikidata and Libraries: Faceted Classification, Bibliographic data and Authority Data

23 February 2022 : What is living and what is dead in Ranganathan' s Contributions

28 March 2022: Redefining the Five Laws of Library Science: Participatory librarianship and digital presence

27 April 2022: Ranganathan's Approach to Library Training and Modern Day Requirements

### **Purpose**

Dr S. R. Ranganathan is alive through his ideas, philosophy, and works. His approach is basic to librarianship even though it is largely influenced by the various technologies. In this spirit the international essay competition would yield and sustain interest of LIS students and who may think over understanding and applying SRR's knowledge and experience in solving their present

and future problems and also get motivated and inspired to work with commitment and devotion as Ranganathan did so that the larger society is benefitted.

### **Guidelines for Participation in the Competition**

- Essays can be submitted by any student of LIS school anywhere in the world
- Only one entry per entrant will be permitted
- Word limit: 1000-1500.
- Language: English
- File format: doc, docx
- Citation and referencing style: APA 7<sup>th</sup> edition
- File name: "candidatename\_city\_country\_LISSchool"
- The decision of the judges would be final.
- Make sure you own the copyright to the submitted essay
- The Organizers of the competition can make use/publish the submission and related data
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### **Distribution of prize**

The top 10 submissions will be selected by the committee, and winners will receive certificate and gift pack from the organizers/sponsors.

### **Application submission process**

The submission of the entries would be open during 27 May to 27 July at the following link. The entrants are supposed to submit the entry with the Bona fide Certificate of Studentship from the Library School/Department.

### **Link:**

<https://forms.gle/fohkmLMTB6rdUHy68>