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MESSAGE

On the occasion of **National Librarian's Day 2026**, I extend my warm greetings to librarians, information professionals, researchers, educators, and the entire library community across India.

The theme, "**Libraries: Connecting People, Preserving Knowledge, Empowering the Future,**" aptly reflects the evolving role of libraries in building a knowledge-driven nation. Libraries today are not merely repositories of information; they are dynamic centres supporting education, research, innovation, collaboration, and lifelong learning.

The **One Nation One Subscription (ONOS)** initiative is a landmark step towards democratising access to scholarly knowledge in India. By providing eligible government higher education and research institutions with access to a wide range of high-quality international scholarly journals and research publications, ONOS is helping to reduce information barriers and strengthen the national research ecosystem.

The INFLIBNET Centre, as a key implementing and technology partner of ONOS, is playing an important role in enabling this national initiative through its digital infrastructure, institutional coordination, user support, access management, and development of platforms and services that facilitate the discovery and effective utilisation of scholarly resources. Through these efforts, INFLIBNET is helping ensure that the benefits of ONOS reach researchers, faculty members, and students across the country.

As India moves towards a **Viksit Bharat**, digitally empowered and inclusive libraries will remain fundamental to creating a strong knowledge, research, and innovation ecosystem. I commend the library fraternity and the INFLIBNET Centre for their continued contributions to connecting people with knowledge and strengthening India's scholarly infrastructure.

Let us celebrate libraries as living centres of learning, discovery, collaboration, and innovation - connecting people, preserving knowledge, and empowering the future.

My best wishes to the entire library fraternity on National Librarian's Day 2026.



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