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Knowledge is one of the most valuable drivers of economic growth, innovation, and social progress. Libraries serve as the foundation of this knowledge ecosystem by ensuring equitable access to reliable information, supporting research and education, preserving our intellectual heritage, and empowering citizens with the resources needed to learn, innovate, and make informed decisions.

As India advances towards becoming a **Viksit Bharat**, libraries have an increasingly significant role in fostering evidence-based research, nurturing human capital, promoting digital inclusion, and strengthening the country's innovation ecosystem. They are not merely repositories of books but dynamic centers of knowledge that connect people with ideas, technology, and opportunities.

On the occasion of **National Librarian's Day 2026**, I extend my sincere appreciation to librarians and Library & Information Science professionals whose dedication and service continue to enrich India's academic, research, and knowledge landscape.

I am delighted to endorse the **INFLIBNET National Librarian's Day 2026 Campaign**, commemorating the **134th Birth Anniversary of Padma Shri Prof. S. R. Ranganathan**, the Father of Library Science in India, under the inspiring theme "**Libraries: Connecting People, Preserving Knowledge, Empowering the Future.**"

I encourage policymakers, researchers, educators, students, librarians, and institutions across the country to actively participate in this campaign and reaffirm our collective commitment to strengthening libraries as vital institutions that enable informed policymaking, scientific advancement, innovation, and inclusive national development.

Let us celebrate the enduring contribution of libraries in shaping an informed, empowered, and knowledge-driven India.

Jai Hind!

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