

**IIMA Director Prof. Bharat Bhasker's message for the INFLIBNET on
National Librarian's Day 2026**

As we navigate the evolving educational landscape in an increasingly technological and inter-connected world with an abundance of information, the significance of libraries cannot be overstated. From ancient scroll repositories and quiet book storage rooms to modern hybrid spaces and digital database hubs, libraries have evolved to meet the changing needs of their users. They continue to serve as a sanctuary for knowledge and vital pillars in empowering education by providing access to diverse resources and relevant information. Today, libraries not only support academic research but also offer online learning tools, 3D printers, maker labs, co-working spaces, and host community workshops to ignite innovation and critical thinking, essential for progressive scholarship and meaningful contributions to society. By championing collaboration and interdisciplinary research, libraries enhance the academic environment and prepare students for the challenges of the future.

And library professionals are the backbone who make this whole ecosystem run smoothly. They play a crucial yet quiet role in national development and societal progress by curating collections, mentoring users through the wealth of available information, teaching research skills, and fostering a culture of lifelong learning. Every seeker of preserved information and knowledge must be grateful to them.

I firmly believe that for empowering our community and nation, we must strengthen our libraries and their professionals to enrich our educational mission and enhance our institutional impact.

I extend my best wishes to INFLIBNET and all library professionals on the National Librarian's Day 2026!