

NATIONAL LIBRARIAN'S DAY CAMPAIGN - 2026

Key Message Submission

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Dear Devika Ma'am,

"Just like in software, libraries also have a front end and a back end.

On the front end, you have lifelong learners walking into a library to satisfy a simple curiosity. That curiosity turns into a passion for a subject, a project they pursue, and sometimes even a career they build over a lifetime. We need more of these curiosity creators in the form of libraries all over the country.

On the back end, there is an entire discipline of library and information science. It is about organizing knowledge, creating high-quality metadata, building catalogs, classification systems, authority records, and retrieval systems so that the right information reaches the right person at the right time.

In today's world of AI, library science is not just relevant, but one of the intellectual foundations on which better AI is built. Modern AI systems increasingly rely on retrieval, metadata, indexing, and knowledge organization - ideas that libraries have refined over generations.

Institutions like INFLIBNET have quietly built this invisible infrastructure for decades. By connecting university libraries across India, maintaining shared catalogues, preserving theses and dissertations through Shodhganga, and promoting common metadata and cataloguing standards, they have made scholarly knowledge more discoverable and reusable at a national scale. That work may not always be visible, but it is exactly the kind of foundation that enables both great libraries and better AI.

Wishing everyone a happy Librarian's day!"

**Regards,
Rahul**