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Subject: Festival of Libraries

Respected Madam/Sir,

As you are aware, Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) is an ongoing celebration to commemorate the 75 glorious years of a progressive independent India. As a part of AKAM, the libraries division of Ministry of Culture is hosting a two-day Festival of Libraries on **5-6th August, 2023** at Hall No.5 Pragati Maidan, New Delhi in consonance with the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision for development and digitization of libraries and for encouraging a culture of reading in India.

The initiative will highlight iconic libraries from across the world to initiate a conversation on the modernization and digitization of libraries, and for action-oriented policy for the development of Model Libraries in India down to the village & community levels.

The Festival of Libraries will host a diverse audience of 1000+ library professionals, academics, scholars and students at the Festival of Libraries. The event aims to bring together stakeholders across the board, from librarians & academics to district collectors of 100 aspirational districts & directors of model libraries to develop a roadmap for encouraging Libraries to become the Drawing Room of the Community and for the Readers to emerge as future Leaders, in consonance with the spirit of a country that reads, is a country that leads.

The Festival of Libraries will encompass the following broad components:

- Inaugural Function:** the event will commence with an inaugural session, a keynote address by an esteemed dignitary, and include the launch of new initiatives and publications.
- Roundtable and Panel Discussions:** Library best-practices from Indian States and Libraries around the globe, conversations with organizers of Literary Festivals, Young Authors, Publishing Houses, Book Cafes, Audio books & Podcasts and Translators and translating software etc. Parallely there will be focused sessions on Schemes for libraries and their collections- National Missions on Libraries Manuscripts, Archives, One Nation One Subscription, Indian Library Standards and Benchmarking and Ranking Formats for National/State/District/Village/Institutional and Individual Libraries.
- Exhibition of Cartography, Calligraphy, Cursive Writing, Tribal Fonts & Scripts:** Showcasing of Cartographic archives, Calligraphy Types & Cursive Writing styles in 22 vernacular languages from across India, Tribal fonts through theme-based exhibitions.
- Archives, Oral Histories & their Exhibition:** Sessions on digitization of archives with special emphasis on private archival collections. An exhibition on rare archival collections and illuminated manuscripts has also been planned.

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5. **Drawing Rooms:** There will be four theme- based drawing rooms set up, one each for book-author sessions, digital display, flip books and podcasts; human library project and Indian Culture Portal.
6. **Children's Zone:** Special hands-on activity zones for children with Readathon, Build-a-Bookshelf, Treasure Hunt, Organize-Your-Home-Library etc. to inculcate the habit of reading and to enable them to develop a relationship with books reading, writing and speaking.
7. **Valedictory Function:** Festival of Libraries will conclude with an award ceremony felicitating libraries that have done exemplary work at the National, State, District & Village level along with Institutional & Individual libraries.

The Higher Education Institutions are requested to fill out the attached link: <http://bitly.ws/J8pL>. This will help in rank Libraries under State Govt. purview on a benchmark of standards devised for the libraries. The ranking of libraries will result in felicitation at National Level in the Festival of Libraries.

Further, for any other query related to this event Mr. Aditya Kumar (Mobile: 9868266288) may be contacted.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



(Manish Joshi)

To

**The Vice-Chancellors of all Universities
The Principals of all Colleges/Institutes**