# Placement Brochure
# Department of Library and Information Science

The Career Overture
Embarking on the Professional Prelude
School of Social Sciences, Department of Library and Information Science



## Head's Desk-MESSAGE

Since its inception in 1970, the Department has consistently strived for excellence. Through the commitment of the academic elements associated with it, we have achieved remarkable milestones and garnered recognition globally. The trademark of our Department is the unwavering determination to fulfill our departmental objectives and serve our community with excellence and distinction. I want to acknowledge the exceptional contributions of each member (teaching and non-teaching) of our Department. Whether through groundbreaking research, innovative teaching methods, or impactful community engagement initiatives, their efforts have significantly enriched our Department's academic environment and elevated our

collective achievements. As we progress, let us uphold our dedication to the values of collaboration, transparency, and excellence that define the identity of our Department. Let us actively address new challenges and explore novel opportunities for growth and advancement. Together, we can overcome obstacles and uphold leadership roles within our respective fields. I urge you to keep communication channels open, offer mutual support, and nurture an environment of inclusivity and respect within and outside our Department. We can surpass boundaries and accomplish remarkable feats through collaborative efforts as a unified team.

## About the Department

The Department of Library and Information Science (University of Kashmir), established in 1970, is committed to the University's mission of teaching, learning, research and community services. The department, one of the pioneer LIS departments in northern India, imparts knowledge and skills to Information professionals by integrating the LIS curriculum with technological advancements. Our passouts effectively get good job offers from the government and private sector. The department provides an intellectually stimulating environment for productive learning to enhance the capabilities of these outgoing LIS professionals in educational, economic, scientific, business and cultural environments. The department is actively engaged in innovative projects, seminars, workshops, and the development of digital library test beds.

The Department offers a Two-year Integrated Masters Degree in Library and Information Science (MLIS) with an updated curriculum and Syllabus that caters to the varied demands of different types of Job Sectors, including organizations and industries. The department also provides an ample environment for LIS research and currently offers Ph.D. Degree in Library and Information Science. Besides, the teaching faculty and researchers continuously share their research in research publications, including Journal Articles, Book chapters, conference publications and presentations. The department also publishes a Bi-annual open-access research journal, "Trends in Information Management", indexed in different IA services since 2005.

The Departmental faculty is continuously involved in extension services and training programmes in collaboration with other government and non-government organizations to promote and support openness in different setups and enable the successful modernization of libraries in the state. The department has received many projects, including UGC-SAP ) for the thrust area of Digital Library Research. Besides, it has also established a '*Digital Repository*' popularly known as "KNOOR" for harvesting and uploading ETDs and research contributions from premier institutions of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

In the past, the Department also signed an MOU with Iran Culture House to exchange scholars in Library Science and Manuscriptology, besides conducting regular seminars, symposiums, and conferences collaboratively.

The department further intends to establish an "open source software" Lab and "preservation cum conservation lab" for the benefit of students and train them in basic techniques of P&C and also carry out research in future.

The department is actively involved in introducing LIS as a minor subject at the undergraduate level in tune with NEP 2020.

## Vision

To be one of the best departments for Library and Information Science Professionals excelling in Teaching, Scholarship, and Professional Services

## Mission

To prepare qualified individuals for professional roles in Libraries and other Information environments with appropriate knowledge and skills to serve the information needs of their communities



## Our Achievements

The major Projects from various national level funding agencies like UGC and DSIR include Designing a Database of manuscripts of Kashmir, Information support to Industries, Floral Potential of J&K ,UGC DSR SAP I,E-Repository for J&K-UGC, and Towards Designing Information Portal for Arts and Crafts of J & K.

The Department organizes regular seminars, conferences and workshops for working librarians, library professionals and researchers and students from across the globe.

## Awards/Achievement of the Faculty/Department

IATLIS-Motiwale Best Teacher Award-2012 conferred on Prof. S.M. Shafi.(Former Head of the Department)

## Alumni

| 1 | Dr Muzamil Mushtaq | Assistant Professor (Selection Grade), Department of Library and Information Science AMU, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh |
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| 2 | Dr. Mudasir Khazer Rather | Librarian, Department of Higher Education, Jammu and Kashmir |
| 3 | Dr Nowsheeba Ashraf Asmi | Librarian, Department of Higher Education, Jammu and Kashmir |
| 4 | Dr. S. M. Imran | Sr. Assistant Librarian (S-III), Allama Iqbal Library, University of Kashmir, Jammu and Kashmir |
| 5 | Dr. M. Ishaq Lone | Sr. Assistant Librarian (S-III), Allama Iqbal Library, University of Kashmir, Jammu and Kashmir |
| 6 | Dr. Tariq Ahmad Shah | Sr. Assistant Librarian, Central University of Kashmir, Jammu and Kashmir |
| 7 | Ms Humma | Sr. Assistant Librarian, Central University of Kashmir, Jammu and Kashmir |
| 8 | Ms. Sabiha Zehra Rizvi | Librarian, Department of Higher Education, Jammu and Kashmir |
| 9 | Ms. Tazeem Zainab | Librarian, Department of Higher Education, Jammu and Kashmir |
| 10 | Huma Shafiq | Librarian, Department of Higher Education, Jammu and Kashmir |
| 11 | Aashiq Hussain Wafaie | Librarian, Department of Higher Education, Jammu and Kashmir |
| 12 | Ms. Duha Mukhtar Kashtwari | Librarian, Department of Higher Education, Jammu and Kashmir |
| 13 | Snowbar Majeed | Librarian, Department of Higher Education, Jammu and Kashmir |
| 14 | Masood Ahmad Bhat | Librarian, Department of Higher Education, Jammu and Kashmir |
| 15 | Waqar Ahmad Gorsi | Librarian, Department of Higher Education, Jammu and Kashmir |
| 16 | Amir Amanullah | Librarian, Department of Higher Education, Jammu and Kashmir |
| 17 | Dr Tariq Shafi | Librarian, Department of Higher Education, Jammu and Kashmir |
| 18 | Umer Yousuf Parray | Assistant Librarian, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, Kashmir, J&K |
| 19 | Dr Rumman Gul | Librarian, Department of Higher Education, Jammu and Kashmir |

| 20 | Adil Ahmad | Librarian, Department of Higher Education, Jammu and Kashmir |
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| 21 | Rifhat un Nisa | Librarian, Department of Higher Education, Jammu and Kashmir |
| 22 | Iram Mukhtar | Librarian, Department of Higher Education, Jammu and Kashmir |
| 23 | Hilal ahmad Bhat | Librarian, Department of Higher Education, Jammu and Kashmir |
| 24 | Sumaya Sadiq | Librarian, Department of Higher Education, Jammu and Kashmir |
| 25 | Mahmoodul Ajaz Wani | Librarian, Department of Higher Education, Jammu and Kashmir |
| 26 | Masarat Jan | Librarian, Department of Higher Education, Jammu and Kashmir |
| 27 | Dr Tabasum Maqbool | Librarian, Department of Higher Education, Jammu and Kashmir |
| 28 | Dr. Mohd Iqbal Bhat | Librarian, Department of Higher Education, Jammu and Kashmir |
| 29 | Ansaar Hussain | Librarian, Department of Higher Education, Jammu and Kashmir |
| 30 | Nusrat Jabeen khan | Librarian, Department of Higher Education, Jammu and Kashmir |
| 31 | Tahir Ahmad | Librarian, Department of Higher Education, Jammu and Kashmir |
| 32 | Snober Majeed | Librarian, Department of Higher Education, Jammu and Kashmir |
| 33 | Doha Kashtwari | Librarian, Department of Higher Education, Jammu and Kashmir |
| 34 | Rafiq Ahmad Rather | Librarian, Department of Higher Education, Jammu and Kashmir |
| 35 | Ruksana Shawl | Librarian, Department of Higher Education, Jammu and Kashmir |
| 36 | Dr. Hilal Ahmad Malla | Librarian, Department of Higher Education, Jammu and Kashmir |
| 37 | Dr. Mudasir Ashraf | Librarian, Department of Higher Education, Jammu and Kashmir |
| 38 | Yasmeen Jan | Librarian, Department of Higher Education, Jammu and Kashmir |

**Why Recruit our pass outs**

Library and Information Science (LIS) being an interdisciplinary field imparts theoretical and practical foundations for managing information and knowledge resources and products

through consolidation and repackaging techniques. The discipline equips students with the documentation of records about history, memory, and different fields of knowledge; it also emphasizes producing professionals with information literacy and technical skills essential in supporting managers in different organisational settings. The skill set inculcated among students significantly improves information and knowledge management systems by proper collection development, management, preservation, storage and delivery of information assets thus helping different organisations and social contexts. Here the role of LIS schools becomes more critical in the modern knowledge-based society with more focus on supportive decision-making at different levels. Thus, enabling critical thinking analysis in modern society through I wmanagement practices based on diversity, equity and inclusion. LIS professionals work in different settings, including libraries, archives, museums, galleries, academic institutions, non-profit organisations, corporations and other institutions, besides freelancers for data management and information retrieval.

The library and information science courses, mainly, are focused on tuning in with the growing demands of the job market in terms of skills, competencies and strategies necessary for addressing cross-domain education & research, particularly focussing on openness, including open education facilitating equitable access to quality education for all. These courses generate good rank at the global level and lay emphasis on developing relationships between people based on knowledge sharing among communities. The rich array of LIS course papers allows students to learn concepts and examine *intricacies and issues related to information products & resources in the humanities, social sciences, physical and natural sciences, computational and information sciences*. Students gain experience in exploring the ethical, cultural, and social challenges inherent in *designing and using information technology-based and data-driven solutions.* The LIS courses emphasise the practical design of systems for the betterment of people, organisations, and society.

**Our Recent Passouts**

| SN | Name | Parentage | Address | Mobile No. |
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| 1 | Umar Farooq | Farooq Ahmad Ganie | Dialgam Anantnag | 8899974264 |
| 2 | Asra Yaqoob | Mohammad Yaqoob Bhat | Awanta Bhawan,90-feet Road, Soura | 8825031541 |
| 3 | Nahida Shabir | Shabir Ahmad Dar | Aloosa Bandipora | 6005895470 |
| 4 | Shayista Shafi | Mohammad Shafi Mir | Methan lal Nagar | 9103020927 |
| 5 | Roohi Jan | Ab Aziz Sofi | Kurhama Ganderbal | 7006854669 |
| 6 | Rubaida Yousuf | Mohammad Yousuf Dar | Reban Sopore | 9596113106 |
| 7 | Uzma Zehra | Hakim Zahid Hussain | Mughal Mohalla, Lal Bazar Srinagar | 7051527723 |
| 8 | Rafia Jan | Mohammad Amin Dar | Lolipora Chadoora | 9149576491 |

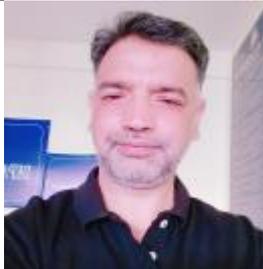| 9 | Shabir Ahmad Kumhar | Ghulam Hassan Kumhar | Batpora Langate Guloora | 7006238624 |
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| 10 | Saima Afzal | Mohamad Afzal Dar | Baramulla | 7051029842 |
| 11 | Aimen Nazir | Nazir Ahmad Bhat | Iqbal Nagar Sopore | 9149828503 |
| 12 | Qamroosh Shakil | Shakil Ahmad Bhat | Mohallah Jamia, Baramulla | 8803474100 |
| 13 | Binishta Hamid | Abdul Hamid Tantray | Aishmuqam, Anantnag | 7889821233 |
| 14 | Aadil Ahmad Wani | Habib Ullah Wani | Kachan Ganderbal | 9595002500 |
| 15 | Faisal Mushtaq Naik | Mushtaq Ahmad Naik | Nillow, Kulgam | 9541100755 |
| 16 | Novsheeba Yousuf | Mohammed Yousuf Wani | Batamloo srinagar | 9196821632 |
| 17 | Nida Hilal | Hilal Ahmad | Dana Mazar, Safa Kadal, Srinagar | 7889422212 |
| 18 | Mir Ziaul Haq | Abdul Rashid Mir | Kralpora Kupwara | 9149990724 |
| 19 | Rizwan Ul Haq | Ab Rashid Bhat | Bandaybagh budgan | 9682590118 |

## Scope and Roles, we play

Ultimately, the pass-out students fill various positions in diverse information settings, including public, academic, and school libraries as well as healthcare, business, and science in the capacity of

- Librarian
- Archivist
- Information Technology Manager
- Children's Librarian
- Reference Librarian
- Information Architect
- User Experience Designer
- Library Director
- Web Developer
- Cataloguer
- Classifier
- Data Librarian
- Information Manager/Scientist
- Documentation Officer

## Broad Curriculum:

The Department offers 2 year Integrated MLIS Course and PhD Programme.

## Faculty Expertise



**Prof. Shabir Ahmad Ganaie** holds PhD degree from University of Kashmir and has more then 22 years of expertise in LIS and has expertise in foundations of LIS, Library Management, Human Resource Management, Academic Library System. He has got number of PhDs awarded under him on broad array of topics.

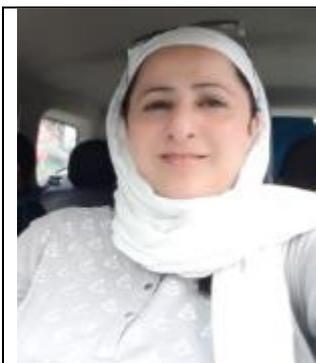| | |
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|  | **Professor Sumeer Gul** is a professor in the Department of Library & Information Science, University of Kashmir. He was also In Charge Librarian, Allama Iqbal Library, University of Kashmir from 2023 to 2024. He did his Bachelors and Masters in Library and Information Science from University of Kashmir and has qualified U.G.C National Eligibility Test (NET) in 2005**.** He also holds a Doctorate in Library and Information Science**.** He has a teaching experience of more than 17 years and is associated with many professional bodies of international and national repute.<br><br>In the corporate life of the University, he served as a Coordinator, UGC Human Resource Development Center (HRDC) from 2021 to 2023. He is also Coordinator, Directorate of Internal Quality Assurance (DIQA), University of Kashmir.<br><br>He has successfully completed a Major Research project, *Impact of Migration on Psycho-Social and Economic well- being of Elderly Pandit Migrants* sponsored by *Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).* |
|  | **Dr Zahid Ashraf Wani** is working as Associate Professor at the Department of Library & Information Science, University of Kashmir. He has written 30+ research papers published in reputed international journals, 20+ book chapters and one book published by reputed publishing houses based in the western hemisphere. He has presented papers in several national and international seminars and conferences. So far, he has bagged best paper wards in two international conferences [International Conference on Digital Libraries (ICDL2013), International Conference on The Convergence of Libraries, Archives and Museums (2014)]. Dr Zahid has also successfully completed the Major Research Project by University Grants Commission on theme titled Towards Designing an Information Portal for Arts and Crafts of Jammu and Kashmir. |
|  | **Dr Nadim Akhtar Khan** Nadim Akhtar Khan is Senior Assistant Professor in the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kashmir, India. He has PhD in Library and Information Science, MLIS (Gold Medallist), and PGDCA. His research interests include Open Educational Resources, Metadata Harvesting and interoperability, Institutional Repositories, Digital Libraries and Cultural Heritage. He has attended and presented papers in many National and International Seminars including ICDL 2010, ETTLIS 2010, ICDK 2011, ICLAM 2011, and ICDL 2016 |

**Dr Rosy Jan** is a senior assistant professor in the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kashmir, India. She did her Bachelors and Masters in Library and Information Science from the University of Kashmir and qualified for the U.G.C. National Eligibility Test (N.E.T.) in 2006. She also holds a doctorate in library and information science. She has teaching experience spanning more than 15 years and is associated with many professional international and national repute bodies. She is a lifetime member of many national and international associations, including the Association of Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T), Maryland, U.S.A., and the Indian Association of Teachers of Library and Information Science (IATLIS), Punjab, India

## Placement Assistance and Support

- The Department/ Career Counsellor puts in place regularly updates regarding various openings in both Government as well as private organisations through Notice Board/ WhatsApp Groups created for the purpose.
- The updates received from Centre for Career Planning & Counselling are frequently disseminated through career Counsellor using different channels time to time.

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