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- Ref: 1) D.O. Letter No. 18-2/2023-Lib. Dated 13-7-2023 from Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India, New Delhi
2) Letter No. GS 21 GUM 2023 dated 2-8-2023 from Karnataka Governor's Secretariat, Raj Bhavan, Bengaluru.

With reference to the above this is to inform you that, as a part of the second phase of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Libraries Division of the Ministry of Culture is hosting a two-day Festival of Libraries, to be held from **5-8-2023 to 6-8-2023 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.

A copy of the letter along with the details of the programme (ref.1 above) received from Smt. Mugdha Sinha, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India, New Delhi is enclosed herewith for information.

Hence, you are hereby informed to bring the contents of this Circular to the notice of all the concerned in your college / institution and encourage them to participate in the programme.

By Order,

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Encl: as above

To

- 1) The Principals of all Engineering Colleges (Constituent, Affiliated and Autonomous) under VTU.
- 2) The Chairpersons and Programme Coordinators of all VTU PG Centres at Muddenhalli, Belagavi, Mysuru and Kalaburagi Regions.
- 3) The Librarian, VTU, Belagavi.

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- 1) The Regional Directors (I/c) of VTU Regional Centres at Bengaluru, Belagavi Mysuru and Kalaburagi for information and needful action.
- 2) The Director (I/c), ITISMU VTU, Belagavi for information and to upload in the University website.

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D.O.NO. 18-2/2023-Lib.

Dated: 13 July, 2023

Dear Shri R. Prabhu Shankar,

As a part of the second phase of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Libraries Division of the Ministry of Culture is hosting a two-day **Festival of Libraries**, to be held on the 5th - 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.

It gives me great pleasure to invite you to participate as an esteemed delegate for the inaugural-vaedictory sessions as also for the entire duration of the event to soak in the festival of libraries that is celebrating libraries, readers, authors, book cafes and latest technologies. It will be nice if instructions can go from your office to respective University/College/Institution under your ambit to attend the Festival of Libraries for the global exposure and pan India experience that this platform is likely to provide.

The initiative will highlight iconic libraries from across the world to initiate a conversation on the modernization & 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 encompass the following broad components:

- 1. Inaugural Function:** The Hon'ble President of India will be the Chief Guest of the inaugural session and there will be a keynote address by an esteemed dignitary, and include the launch of new initiatives and publications.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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:** The Hon'ble Vice President of India will preside over the concluding session, where he will felicitate libraries that have done exemplary work at the National, State, District & Village level along with Institutional & Individual libraries.

Special highlights at the Festival of Libraries will include a crowd-sourced Directory of Libraries, a Tripartite MoU between Khuda Baksh Oriental Public Library, Patna; Rampur Raza Library, Rampur; and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Arabic Persian Research Institute, Tonk, for long term collaborative events, Kick-off celebration of 250 years of the Rampur Raza library, Launch of the Sassy Library Series with the plot based on Rampur Raza Library, release of a set of Cursive Writing Books in the 22 vernacular languages and a curtain raiser launch event on the 18-19th June, 2023 to mark the Reading/Digital Reading Day.

Kindly share the link: <http://bitly.ws/J8pL> with Libraries under your purview to enable us to rank them 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. I would also appreciate if you could RSVP to this event at the email address festivaloflibraries2023@gmail.com.

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. I am happy to address any queries you may have through the Nodal Officer for this event- Mr. Aditya Kumar (Mobile: [9868266288](tel:9868266288))

I look forward to welcoming you at the Festival of Libraries at its inaugural on Day one, valedictory on Day two and for the rest of the events on 5th and 6th August 2023.

Warm Regards,


(Mugdha Sinha)

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