ACADEMIC PROFILE OF DR. SANAT KUMAR BISWAS

College Librarian | Researcher | Academic Editor

Dr. Sanat Kumar Biswas is a College Librarian, researcher and academic editor and SPIO at Sudhiranjan Lahiri Mahavidyalaya, Majdia, Nadia, West Bengal. He joined the institution on 1 April 2010 and has been actively engaged in academic library administration, research, teaching-related activities and professional development.

He possesses a multidisciplinary academic background, with qualifications including an M.A. in Political Science, B.Lib.Sc., M.Lib.Sc., B.Ed., M.Phil. and Ph.D. in Library and Information Science from the University of Calcutta, along with a Certificate in Tibetan Language. His doctoral research, entitled *"Information Literacy Awareness and Role of Libraries: A Study on Students and Faculty Users of Undergraduate College Libraries under University of Kalyani in West Bengal,"* focuses on information literacy and the role of academic libraries in higher education.

His major areas of academic and research interest include **academic library management, digital library systems and services, information literacy, research ethics, plagiarism, knowledge management and emerging technologies in librarianship**. He has authored 10 research papers, 12 book chapters and conference publications in various areas of Library and Information Science. He has also presented 24 research papers at national, international and state-level seminars and conferences and delivered lectures on librarianship, information literacy, research ethics, NEP 2020, artificial intelligence and the changing role of academic libraries.

Dr. Biswas has significant editorial experience. He has been serving as Joint Editor (Convener) of the peer-reviewed journal *College Libraries* since 2021, Joint Editor (Convener) of the half-yearly online international Bengali journal *College Granthagar* since 2024, and Editor-in-Chief of the WBCLA Newsletter since 2021. He has also served on the editorial boards of some academic publications.

In addition to his library responsibilities, he has held several important institutional positions, including Secretary of the Library Sub-Committee, State Public Information Officer (SPIO), Teacher Member of the Governing Body and Convener of the Social Welfare Cell under IQAC. He has also been associated with the Academic Council, Staff Council, Purchasing Sub-Committee and other academic and administrative activities of the institution. He coordinated 18 Conference and webinars since 2012 as Convener of the Organising Committee.

He has contributed recorded video lectures for **SWAYAM PRABHA, Channel 14**, for the MLIS course, covering topics related to the Management of Library and Information Centres. He has also participated in 10 UGC-sponsored orientation and refresher programmes, professional training courses and faculty development initiatives.

He is a life member of several professional organisations, including the Indian Library Association (ILA), Indian Association of Special Libraries and Information Centres (IASLIC), West Bengal College Librarians' Association (WBCLA) and Calcutta University Department of Library and Information Science Alumni Association (CUDELSA).

Professional Focus: Academic librarianship, research, information literacy, digital transformation, scholarly communication and the advancement of library and information services in higher education.

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