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Work Experience

- Assistant Professor, Central University of Karnataka, since 4th May 2026 to till date.
- **Librarian**, Atomic Energy Central School, Kaiga, 1st July 2023 to 2nd May 2026
- **Senior Executive- Research** @iNurture, Bengaluru, 5th Sep 2022 to till 19th April 2023.
- **Guest Faculty**, University College of Arts and Commerce, Tumkur University, 28th June 2018 – 17 Oct 2018.
- **Library trainee and Internship** in Indian Institute of Human Settlements, Sadashiva Nagar, 18th cross, Bengaluru, 19th April 2018 – 28th June 2018
- **Assistant librarian**, Mount Carmel College, Autonomous, #58, Palace Road, Bangalore, 28th Jan 2016 -16th Jan 2018

Education

- **Ph. D** (Library & Information Science), Tumkur University, **India** “**Role of Academic Social Networks in Promoting Discovery and Dissemination of Scholarly Literature**” Awarded in 2025, Tumkur University, India
- **B.Li.Sc.** (Library and Information Science), 2021, IGNOU New Delhi, India
- **M.L.I.Sc.** (Library and Information Science), 2015, Tumkur University, India
- **B.Sc.** (Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics), 2013, Tumkur University, India

Research Fellowship Awarded

- Junior Research Fellowship [JRF] and National Eligibility Test [NET] for lectureship from **University Grants Commission (UGC)**, India, in Library and Information Science, **July 2018**.

Additional Qualifications

- **P.G.D.L.A.N** (Library and Information Science), 2022, University of Delhi, India
Project Work: during PGDLAN course I have done a project under the title “**a study on implementation and management of automated information services among the Indian library and information centers.**”

Award

- Recipient of Best Research Paper Award in One Day National Seminar on “Leveraging ICT and Digital Resources for Library and Information Science Professionals” Kirloskar Institute of Management In collaboration with the Indian Library, Association (ILA), New Delhi. 24 th May 2024 at Kirloskar Institute of Management, Harihara.

Publications

International journal (Scopus and UGC Care listed)

1. Mahalakshmi K R et.all. (2025). Indian LIS Faculty on ResearchGate: A Quantitative Assessment of Participation and Contribution, International Journal of Library and Information Studies, Vol.15(1) Jul-Aug, 2025. **ISSN: 2231-4911. (Peer reviewed).**
2. Mahalakshmi K R and Babu, H. Rajendra. (2024). Examining the association between publications and citations of Indian LIS teachers: a study on ResearchGate and Academia.edu, Annals of the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Volume-CI, Issue-8. ISSN: 0378-1143 **(UGC -care listed 2024).**
3. Mahalakshmi, K. R. (2024). The Use of Academic social networks among Postgraduate Students: A Study, Journal of The K.R. Cama Oriental Institute, Volume-78 (Oct 2024). ISSN: 0970-0609. **(UGC -care listed 2024).**
4. Mahalakshmi K R and Babu, H. Rajendra. (2024). Academic Social Networking: A Study on the LIS Faculty Profiles of Karnataka State Universities. KIM Journal of Business Research, Vol 4(3), July-September 2024, p 1-7. DOI: 10.63152/KJBR.v4i3.85 **(peer-reviewed journal).**
5. Mahalakshmi K R, and H. Rajendra Babu, "Uncovering the role of social media tools for knowledge sharing among the Indian Library Professionals" (2021). Library Philosophy and Practice (e-journal). 5069. <https://digitalcommons.unl.edu/libphilprac/5069> **(Scopus Indexed -2021).**
6. Mahalakshmi K R. (2020). Educational Technology Awareness and Utilization Among Engineering Faculty Members: A Study, Studies in Indian Place-Names. Volume: 40, Issue: 71. E-ISSN: 2394-3114. **(UGC -care listed 2020).**
7. Mahalakshmi K R and Vinay M S. (2019). Research output analysis of university of Mysore Doctoral thesis: A Study, International Journal of Innovative Practices & Applied Research, **A peer-reviewed**, referred scholarly Quarterly Journal. Volume: 9, Special Issue: 2. Print ISSN: 2349-8978
8. Mahalakshmi K R and Ramaswamy. (2019). Cloud Computing Applications: An Open Sources Software (OSS) Approach, International Journal of Research in Advent Technology, Volume: No: 6S, E-ISSN:2321-9637. **(UGC -care listed 2019)**
Available at: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3507358

Chapter in a Book:

1. Mahalakshmi K R. (2025). A Study on Implementation and Management of Automated Information Services among the Indian Library and Information Centers, submitted for the book Chapter for " Recent Advancements in Management and Academic Library Sciences, MGM Publishing House, Jaipur-Delhi. ISBN: 978-93-49468-16-0, Book DOI: 10.62823/MGM/9789349468160
2. Mahalakshmi K R and Babu, H. Rajendra (2024). Unlocking Collaboration: The Benefits of Academic Social Networks for Researchers, published a book chapter in Next Generation Libraries in the Networked Digital Environment, on nipa® genx electronic resources & solutions p. Ltd. New delhi-110 034, ISBN:9789358876628.
3. Mahalakshmi, K R and Meghashree M (2024). " Engagement of LIS Faculty with Academic Social Networks: A Study of ResearchGate and Mendeley Usage in South India" under the theme of Open access to be submitted for the book Chapter for "Libraries in the Modern Era: Legal Services, Technology and Ethics. ISBN: 978-81-19121-79-3
4. Mahalakshmi K R, and Dr. Rajendra Babu H (2022), on "Indian open access repositories: A special reference to Open DOAR" Published by "'ICT analysis & mobile applications in education and library technology", 30TH JUNE 2022, ISBN: 9789381778036.
5. Mahalakshmi K, R and Vinay M, S. (2021), on "Use of WEB 2.0 Tools in the Libraries of Top NIRF Ranked Universities". Published by "Google Era Librarianship: Tools, Technologies, and Skills". ISBN: 9788194781912

International Conference

- Mahalakshmi, K R and Meghashree M (2024). "Analyzing LIS faculty engagement with academic social networks: a case study of ResearchGate and academia in South India" Presented in International Conference on "Building Sustainable Libraries: Technology and Collaboration" The conference was organized on the 7th and 8th of February 2025, organized by Department of Library and Information Science, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli ISBN:
- Mahalakshmi K R and Babu, H. Rajendra. (2024). "Scholarly Impact of University faculty Publications on Academic Social Networking Sites: A Special Reference to ResearchGate" Presented in International Conference on "Exploring Information Services and Library Technologies for the Next Generation"ICEISLT-2024 scheduled to be held on 19-20 July 2024 at SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Kattankulathur, Tamil Nadu, India. ISBN:
- Mahalakshmi K R, and M S Vinay (2024). Use of Academic Social Networks among Students of REVA University: A Study" to be presented paper in International Conference on International Conference for Librarians, on Transformative Strategies for Empowering Libraries in the Digital Age organized by Manav Rachna International School, Gurgaon,

Haryana, India, and in association with O. P. Bhalla Central Library, Manav Rachna International Institute of Research & Studies, Faridabad, Haryana, India.
ISBN: 978-93-93904-48-5

- Mahalakshmi K R and Dr. Rajendra babu H. (2022). Status Report of Indian Open access Repositories: A Special References to Open DOAR, International Conference On "Digital transformation and Moving Towards Developing Smart Libraries" Under the Theme Transforming Library as Educational/Institutional Repositories" I KOAL-2022 Jointly Organised by Tumkur University and Library Professionals Association (LPAs). August 22-23, 2022. ISBN: 978-9391-870-560.
- Mahalakshmi K R and Rangaswamy. (2022). Internationalization of International LIS open Access Journals indexed in Scopus. International Conference On "Digital transformation and Moving Towards Developing Smart Libraries" Under the Theme Transforming Library as Educational/Institutional Repositories" I KOAL-2022 Jointly Organised by Tumkur University and Library Professionals Association (LPAs). August 22-23, 2022. ISBN: 978-9391-870-560.
- Mahalakshmi K R and Rangaswamy. (2019). Cloud Computing Applications: An Open Sources Software (OSS) Approach, Second International Conference On "Emerging Trends In Science & technologies for Engineering System" ICETSE -2019 Organized by SJC Institute of Technology in association with Institute of Scholars (InSc). May 17-18, 2019. ISBN: 978-9391-870-560.
- Mahalakshmi K R and Rangaswamy. (2019). Innovative teaching methods in LIS education, Indian social science & humanities Congress 2019(SAMAGAM 19) , 5th Annual International conference organized Paschim Banga anchalik Itihas O loksanskriti Charcha Kendra in collaboration with Department of Library and Information science Jadavpur University. Sept 7-8, 2019.
- Mahalakshmi K R and Vinay M.S. (2019). Research output analysis of university of Mysore Doctoral thesis: A Study, 10th International Multidisciplinary Conference-2019 on "Issue and Challenges in Higher education jointly organized by Dept. Of Economics and University of Mysore. Nov 11-12, 2019.
- Mahalakshmi K R and Dr. Rajendra babu H. (2019). Adoption and effective utilization of Educational Technologies among the faculty of technological education, international conference on Transforming academic Libraries: Vision 2030 [ICTAL 2030], Organised by Venkatram Learning Centre, Sri Krishna College of engineering and Technology, Coimbatore IN association with Academic Library Association. Nov 14-16, 2019. ISBN: 978-81-941886-2-9.
- Mahalakshmi K R and Dr. Rajendra babu H. (2019). Budgetary provision by the Funding Agencies for Supporting Health Open Access research and Research publication, international conference on Transforming academic Libraries: Vision 2030 [ICTAL 2030], Organised by Venkatram Learning Centre, Sri Krishna College of engineering and Technology, Coimbatore In association with Academic Library Association 14- 16, 2019. ISBN: 978-81-941886-2-9.
- Mahalakshmi K R and Dr. Rajendra babu H. (2019). Funding for scholarly communication:

A Charity Open Access Funding Approach, International conference on Digital Technologies and Transformation in Academic Libraries, Organised by Central Library, National Institute of Technology Karnataka, Surthkal Mangaluru (DigiTTAL 2019).Dec 26- 28,2019. ISBN: 978-81-941940-0-2.

- Mahalakshmi K R, Vinay M S and Spandana R L (2019). Research productivity Analysis of NIRF ranking Universities: A Study, International Conference on Digital Technologies and Transformation in Academic Libraries, Organised by Central Library, National Institute of Technology Karnataka, Sarthakal Mangalore (DigiTTAL 2019).Dec 26-28,2019. ISBN: 978-81-941940-0-2.
- Mahalakshmi K R. (2020). Educational Technology Awareness and Utilization Among Engineering Technology Members: A Study, International Conference on Tropical Transcends in Science, Technology and Management (ICTTSTM2020) organized by Sai Vidya Institute of Technology (SVIT) Bengaluru. May 12.2020.

National Conference

- Mahalakshmi K R and Babu, H. Rajendra. (2024). Examining LIS faculty presences on academic social networks, with a special focus on ResearchGate and Mendeley Presented paper in Two-Day National Conference on " Digital Revolution: Moving Towards Developing Smart Libraries (NCDR-2024) Organised by Department of Library and Information Science, Kuvempu University In Association with KULISAA. ISBN: 9789385629419.
- Mahalakshmi K R and Babu, H. Rajendra. (2024). Exploring LIS Faculty Engagement on Academic Social Networks, with a special focus on ResearchGate and Academia.edu National Conference on “Emerging Library & Information Technology” (NCELITE -2024). 26th -27th April 2024 at NIT Warangal. ISBN: 978-93-95038-84-3.
- Mahalakshmi K R (2024). "Analysing LIS Faculties' Engagement and Impact: A Study of Academic Social Networking Platforms". National Conference on Digital Transformations for Sustainable Libraries, sponsored by RRRLF to be held on January 29 and 30, 2024, at Chozha Central Library, Central University of Tamil Nadu, ISBN:978-93-92594-96-0.
- Mahalakshmi K R and Dr. Rajendra babu H. (2019). Awareness and use of educational technologies among the faculty members of technological Institutions: A Study,9th KSCLA National Conference on Library in the Life of the User Organized by Department of Studies and research in library and information Science, Tumkur university in association with Karnataka state College Librarians Associations (KSCLA)and Alumni Association of Library and information science, Tumkur University (AALISTU). March 1-2,2019. ISBN: 978-93-819-793-27.
- Mahalakshmi K R, and Dr. Rajendra babu H and Sowmya H. (2020). Present Status of Indian research in progress: A Special Reference to ShodhGangotri,4th NACML -2020, National conference on Management of Modern Libraries on “Reseaching out Users in the digital Era: Opportunities and challenges Organised by SEARCH _The KMC Health Science Library and Department of library and information science, Manipal academy of Higher education, Manipal. Jan 10-11,2020. ISBN:9789388575140.

- Mahalakshmi K R and Mamatha V (2020). Research Productivity analysis of ETDs: A Status Report of Manipal Academy of Higher education, 4th NACML -2020, National conference on Management of Modern Libraries on "Researching out Users in the Digital Era: Opportunities and challenges Organised by SEARCH _The KMC Health Science Library and Department of library and information science, Manipal academy of Higher education, Manipal. Jan 10-11, 2020. ISBN: 9789388575140
- Mahalakshmi K R, Mamatha. V and Sowmya, H. (2020). Research output analysis of ETDs in health science: A Study. In Kerala library Congress (KCL) 2019, National Conferences on Re-Inventing libraries in the digital scenario. Organized by Farook College, Kerala. Dec 20-21, 2019. ISBN: 978-81-935852-2-1.

Workshop & Training Programme

- a. Attended National Capacity Building Programme "Organized by Department Commerce, Mangalore University Sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi on 22nd August 2022 to 3rd Sept 2022.
- b. Attended National workshop on "Ten days Research methodology course in social science" "Organized by Department of Human Consciousness and yogic science, Mangalore University Sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi on 4th March 2020 to 13th March 2020.
- c. Attended National Workshop on "Scholarly Writing: Strategies and Techniques" Organised by Department of Studies and Research in Library and Information Science, Tumkur University in association with Alumni Association of Library and Information Science, Tumkur University (AALISTU) on 7-9 FEB 2020.
- d. Attended National Workshop on "Application of Advanced Statistical Tools in Research" Organised by Department of Studies and Research in Business administration in association with management Research forum on 21st DEC 2019.
- e. Attended National Workshop on "Application of Statistical Tools in Research" Organised by Department of Studies and Research in Business administration in association with management Research forum on 15th June 2019.
- f. Attended National workshop on "Ten days Research methodology course in social science" "Organized by Talasamudayagala Adhyayana Kendra, Centre for the study of social Exclusion and inclusive Policy (CSSEIP) Sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi On 26th April 2018 to 5th may 2019.
- g. Attended National workshop on "Research methodology and application of Statistical Tools" Organized by Tumkur University, Tumkur. Department of Studies and Research in Business Administration in association with Management forum on 2nd FEB 2019.
- h. Attended National workshop on "Data analysis techniques in Social science research using SPSS and AMOS" Organized by Acharya institute of graduate Studies, Department of Commerce (PG) on 24th Oct 2018 to 26th Oct 2018.

- i. Attended National Workshop on “One-day workshop on knowledge analytics in the corporate sector helded at kaNoE -the Centre for knowledge analytics and Ontological Engineering at PES Institute of Technology on 13th Jan 2015.

Orientation /Training Attended

- Attended Orientation Programme on “One Day Orientation Programme on Essentials foundation of research methodology in social science” Jointly organized by Tumkur University, Tumkur and center for Research in Rural and Tribal development, Mysore on 24th sep 2018
- Participated in an EBSCO Training on “EBSCO Information Services Customer Success certificate of Completion On 1st Aug 2016.

Research Areas:

- Academic Social Networking Sites
- Information Literacy
- AI Tools
- Open Access and Institutional Repositories
- Information Retrieval and Artificial Intelligence in LIS
- ICT Applications in Libraries

My research focuses on enhancing research visibility, scholarly collaboration, digital scholarship, and technology-enabled library services.
