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**About the Sardar Patel University (SPU):**

Sardar Patel University (SPU), established as a rural university in 1955 Vallabhbhai Sheth Wadajiraj Kalaya, by its founders, Shri Bhaikaka and Shri Bhiteshwarbhai. It is today what it is, thanks to visionary leadership which has been blessed in all these years. The University, has seen a lot of change in recent years. Sardar Patel University has always remained steadfast in its resolve. Following, sagacious words of those like Gandhi (1869) and Bungye (1899), to keep embracing change without losing its vision, mission and goals.

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**The Bhakka Library (University Library):**

This Pioneer Library is dedicated to Shri Bhakhka Bhat (Bhaikaka), who established this library in Vallabhbhai Patel Science College in 1955. The opening ceremony of building of Bhakka Library was performed by Prime Minister Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri in 1964. This library is the prime resource centre for the students, researchers and the faculties of Post-graduate Departments of S. P. University and its affiliated colleges. This Bhakka Library catered 20 Post-graduate departmental libraries under the umbrella of the Sardar Patel University. Bhakka Library is totally computerized and accessible on OPC. Automation is carried out with the help of SOLIDUS Software. Bhakka Library having 4 statistics of book section, which includes books, Bound Volumes of Journals/Periodicals, Thesis, Dissertations, Pamphlets, Maps, and grey materials.

**About LIS Department**

The department started in June 1982 with Bachelor of Library and Information Science (BLISc) course. While Master of Library and Information Science (MLISc) started in 1988. M. Phil first batch started in 1991-92 and Ph. D. in 1996. BLISc. and MLISc. are full time courses, while MLISc. (Four semester) & M. Phil (Two semester) is part time courses. For Ph. D. both the options are open, full time as well as part time. Placement ratio of department is 96 percent.

**About The Library Professionals Association (LPA):**

Library Professionals Association (LPA) is a registered society under The Society Registration Act, 1860. LPA is a non-profit professional association committed for encouragement, development and support to the Library and Information Science (LIS) professionals as well as LIS profession in India through free communication, organising seminars, conferences, meetings, training courses, practical workshops, providing manpower support and other short term educations activities and orientation programs with the help of new emerging Information Technologies. Training courses, Seminars, Workshops, Practical Orientation Courses, and Lectures etc. are being organised for sufficient workforce of competent professionals by the association time to time. LPA has been organising every year its annual conference as “Knowledge Organization in Academic Libraries” (KOAL) under different theme of the conference since 2012 in various reputed organisation. KOAL-2012, KOAL-2013 held in New Delhi and KOAL-2014 organised in Jalandhar, Punjab. First time we organises International Conference on Knowledge Organisation in Academic Libraries (I-KOAL 2015) at Manipal University, Jaya, Rajasthan and that was very successful.Again we conducted KOAL-2016 in Pakalad, Kerala and I-KOAL 2017 and I-KOAL 2018 regularly we completed in collaboration with Goa University and University of Hyderabad respectively.

**Who Should Attend:**

All those are involved in teaching, learning, collecting, managing, retrieving and disseminating information in the knowledge society.

**Important Dates:**

Call for Papers opens: April 1st, 2019

Paper Submission Ends: July 31st, 2019

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**Conference Fees**

Sardar Patel University, Gujarat believes to serve at its best hospitality to guests and academic delegates. Participants attend various programmes at its campus. The University facilitates best hospitality including meals, conference kits, day out tours on third day with other educational material to its delegates. The fee excluding accommodation and travel expenses for categories of delegates are as under:

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Accommodation can be made available in the campus (INR 500 per person per night) as well as in nearby hotels outside (as per hotel charges). Participants who wish to avoid accommodation at Sardar Patel University should intimate in advance to the Organising Secretary.

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To support and encourage LIS Professionals as well as the Profession, the Executive Committee of LPA has constituted the following awards:

1. **Best Librarian Award (Six Categories)**
   a) Best Librarian (University)
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   e) Best Academic LIS Professional
   f) Best emerging LIS Teacher

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3. **Best Paper Award**

4. **Best Paper Presentation Award**

5. **Travel Grant Award (Two Awards)**
   Second Class (Non-AC) Rail / Bus fare (to & fro) will be given to the participants on submission of original tickets.

6. **Special Award:**
   “Sh. Sukhdev Singh Award” will be given to any differently Abled LIS Professional working in India or abroad. It will consist of Rs. 2000/- in cash, Memento, Citation and a Certificate.

All participants who are interested in any award nomination, will have to submit a 1000 words original write-up on “Developing Reading Habits Amongst Users” by August 05, 2019 and the nominees should be a life member of LPA.

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