

DSE 2a

Philosophy and Works of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan

60 Hours
(45hrs Lect. + 15hrs Tut.)

Course Title & Code	Credits	Credit Distribution of the Course			Eligibility Criteria	Pre-Requisite of the Course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
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Course Objectives

The course aims to introduce the philosophical foundations and contributions of S. R. Ranganathan to library and information science. It develops an understanding of his core principles, including the Five Laws of Library Science and their contemporary relevance. The course also familiarizes learners with his major works and their impact on modern library practices.

Learning Outcomes

After completing this course, students will be able to:

- ☞ Explain the life and professional journey of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan.
- ☞ Understand and apply the Five Laws of Library Science and Colon Classification.
- ☞ Analyze Ranganathan's impact on library education, reference service, and library legislation.
- ☞ Appreciate Ranganathan's continuing relevance in the digital and knowledge society era.

UNIT I: Life and Legacy of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan 11 Hours

- ☞ Early Life, Education, and Career Milestones
- ☞ Appointment at Madras University Library
- ☞ Influence of Mathematics and Philosophy in his Work
- ☞ National and International Recognition
- ☞ Vision and Mission for Library Development in India

UNIT II: Major Theories and Contributions 12 Hours

- ☞ The Five Laws of Library Science: Interpretation and Application
- ☞ Theory of Colon Classification: Structure, Facets, and Notational System
- ☞ Chain Procedure for Subject Indexing
- ☞ Contribution to Cataloguing: Classified Catalogue Code (CCC)

UNIT III: Contributions to Library Education, Research & Development in India 12 Hours

- ☞ Role in Development of Library Education in India
- ☞ Pioneering Efforts in Library Legislation (e.g., Madras Public Libraries Act)
- ☞ Establishment of Professional Bodies: ILA, DRTC
- ☞ Ranganathan's Work at University of Delhi and Delhi

UNIT IV: Continuing Relevance and Impact 10 Hours

- ☞ Impact on Modern Classification Theory and Practice
- ☞ Relevance of Five Laws in the Digital and Electronic Resource Environment
- ☞ Influence on Library Automation and Digital Libraries
- ☞ Ranganathan's Impact on World Librarianship

Essential Readings

- ☞ GIRIJA KUMAR. S.R. Ranganathan, an Intellectual Biography. Delhi, Har-Anand Publications. 1992.
- ☞ NEELAMEGHAN (A) and SINGH (S). Dr. S. R. Ranganathan and knowledge organisation in the 21st century. Bangalore, SRELS. 1995.
- ☞ SATIJA (MP) and others. SR Ranganathan: Some Select Indian Studies on His life and Work. Today & Tomorrow's Printers and Publishers, New Delhi. 2024.

- ☞ RAJAGOPALAN (TS). Ranganathan's Philosophy: Assessment, Impact and Relevance. Vikas Publishing House Pvt Ltd., Uttar Pradesh. 1986.
- ☞ RANGANATHAN (SR) and KAULA (PN). A Librarian Looks Back: An Autobiography of Dr. S.R. Ranganathan. Delhi, ABC Publishing House. 1992.
- ☞ SINGH (KP). 80 Years of Legacy, Leadership and Learning of Library & Information Science Department of Delhi University. New Delhi, Excel India Publishers. 2026.

Suggested Readings

- ☞ RANGANATHAN (SR). The five laws of library science. Madras, Madras Library ssociation. 1931.
- ☞ RANGANATHAN (SR). Reference service. 2nd ed. Bombay, Asia Publishing House. 1961.
- ☞ RANGANATHAN (SR). Prolegomena to library classification. Bombay, Asia Publishing House. 1967.
- ☞ SATIJA (MP). SR Ranganathan: The father of library science in India. New Delhi, Ess Ess Publications. 2000.
- ☞ SINGH (KP). Playing from the Front: A Story of Unfolded Acts of a Library and Information Science Teacher. AKS Publishing House, Delhi, 2020.
- ☞ SINGH (KP). 75 Glorious Years, Department of Library and Information Science: Pioneer in LIS Teaching, Research & Innovation. AKS Publishing House, New Delhi. 2021.
- ☞ SRIDHAR (MS). SR Ranganathan: A multidimensional study. Bangalore, SRELS. 1992.