

Digitization and Web Archiving of 'ALAAP': Preservation and Dissemination of the College Annual Magazine

Activity: Digitization and Web Archiving of ALAAP: Annual College Magazine of Ananda Mohan College

Organised/Implemented by: Central Library, Ananda Mohan College, Kolkata

Platform: Official Website of Ananda Mohan College

Webpage: Publications → ALAAP Magazine

ALAAP, the **Annual College Magazine** of Ananda Mohan College, represents an important record of the academic, literary and creative activities of the College community. The magazine contains original contributions from students, teachers and other members of the College community, including essays, poems, short stories, memoirs and other literary works, together with photographs, paintings, sketches and other forms of creative expression.

Considering the institutional value of these publications, the Central Library undertook an initiative to digitize the old issues of *ALAAP* and make them accessible through the College's official website. During February - April 2026, the available three old issues of *ALAAP* were digitized and archived for preservation and digital dissemination of institutional resources.

A dedicated webpage titled “**ALAAP Magazine**” was designed and published under the Publications section of the official College website. The webpage provides a structured platform through which users can access the digitized issues of the magazine, enabling members of the College community and other interested users to explore the literary, artistic and institutional heritage preserved in the magazines.

Role and Contribution of the Librarian:

The Librarian played a significant role in conceptualising, coordinating and facilitating the initiative, particularly in:

- identifying the old issues of *ALAAP* as valuable institutional resources;
- coordinating the digitization of the available print issues;
- organising the digitized resources for systematic online access;
- facilitating the creation of a dedicated “**ALAAP Magazine**” webpage;
- coordinating the integration of the digital archive with the official College website;

- promoting wider dissemination and accessibility of the institutional collection; and
- facilitating the preservation of the College's literary and cultural heritage in digital form.

The initiative demonstrates the evolving role of the academic librarian in digital resource management, institutional archiving, preservation and information dissemination. The initiative also contributes to the Library's role in moving from conventional collection management towards digital preservation and online information dissemination.

Outcome:

The creation of the *ALAAP* digital archive has made older issues of the College magazine available through the official College website, thereby reducing dependence on physical copies for consultation and extending access to the resources beyond the physical Library.

👉 Explore the collection here:

<https://anandamohancollege.ac.in/alaap-magazine/>

