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Report on Seminar, Conferences & Professional Activities for the Years

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Profile:

Headquartered at New Delhi, the Asian Library Association (ASIALA) has been formed to play an important role in the promotion of librarianship as a profession vital to an informed and knowledgeable society and put emphasis on the professional development of LIS community through advocacy, peer networking, and leadership development through many initiatives.

It aims to provide professional leadership and coordination and work in strategic areas of the profession to further the library profession, library institutions and library and information services and to help library fraternity to engage in actions which develop group consciousness and respond to the public interest in ways which achieve socially and professionally desirable goals

It is registered under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 Vide Reg. No. S/R/S/SW/0890/2013.

The specific aims and objectives of ASIALA are as under:

- To provide the organizational framework in which to discuss future plans, organize committee activities, promote library studies and surveys, encourage the development of new tools, issue the resulting publications, lobby for legislative support, and hold conferences, workshops, and institutes necessary for substantial accomplishment.
- To help library fraternity to engage in actions which develop group consciousness and respond to the public interest in ways which achieve socially and professionally desirable goals
- To be representative and credible, hospitable to a growing diversity of interests and specializations of library professionals
- To lobby for favorable governmental policies in respect of culture and cultural industries, book promotion, education, information, the information or knowledge society, research and innovation, trade relations and privatisation all affect libraries
- Development of strong linkages among Libraries in Asian Countries through discussion, sharing and exchange of ideas
- Promotion of Library and Information Science Profession in Asian Countries and to collaborate with other National and International agencies

- Providing a common forum to the professionals interested or engaged in librarianship and information services by holding national and international conferences, seminars, workshops, training programmes, Library Development Programmes and publishing Journals, Books and Reports etc.

Professional Activities:

Since its inception in year 2013, ASIALA has been undertaking professional activities in the form of organsing discussions, invited talks, panel discussion, seminar, conferences and bringing out publications. A brief description of its activities is described below.

Seminar on E-books Day

ASIALA Organized E-books day on 9th June 2014 at University of Delhi South Campus in association with Proquest which was attended by nearly 125 library professionals from across the country.

One Day Seminar on E-Resource Management:

Organized one day seminar on "E-Resource Management" Changes & Challenges" on 11th October 2014 in collaboration with United Nation Information Center for India and Nepal at UN Convention Hall, 55 Lodi Estate, New Delhi.

The seminar was aimed at addressing related issues/questions: Is e-resource management the biggest challenge for libraries? What system and tools can be used to streamline e-resources? What kind of challenges are new e-formats posing? How do libraries realign workflows to find solutions to problems encountered in acquiring e-resources from the market? What can we achieve through more thoughtful licensing? How can sharing of standards and best practices be helpful in managing e-resources efficiently? At the inaugural session, UNIC National Information Officer Rajiv Chandran welcomed the participants – more than 100 library and information professionals from government, universities, academic & research institutions and NGOs. Labelling librarians as the neurons of the new information eco-system, he observed that our education system must now play an important role in creating opportunities for learning the best computer search techniques & formats that are to be used by users to frame relevant questions and to get relevant answers. Dr. S.S. Dhaka, President, ASIALA, introduced the charter of proposed ASIALA activities. Mr. Rob Rucker, Head of the Research & Inf. Services, North Carolina State University, USA, gave a special

presentation on a theme 'Helping Your Users Use Your E-Resources Over Chat: Anytime, Anywhere. The Inaugural Address UNIC Seminar on Managing E-Resources Photos: UNIC/K. Manoharan e-connect was delivered by Dr. R.K. Chadha, Additional Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat who highlighted the multi- dimensional challenges that e-resources and outreach posed to the library profession. In his Chief Guest's address, Prof. Mohammad Aslam, Vice-Chancellor of the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) emphasized the need for libraries to play a more visible role in answering the complex information needs of present society through e-Resources and through using the latest technologies. He said that each library e-connect should craft a clear vision and mission statement on the use of e-technology in information. Three technical sessions followed: E-Resources Management: A Complex Paradigm; E-Resources Management: Issues and Challenges; E Resources: Sharing of Experiences/Case Studies followed by a panel discussion on P to E: The Transitional Changes. The first technical session on E-Resources Management: A Complex Paradigm was chaired by UNIC Librarian Dr. R.K. Sharma. In opening remarks Dr. Sharma said that the user attitude to information is gradually shifting from print documents to e- resources. E-resources also have a pragmatic value in teaching, learning and research. Plus, there are challenging issues for managing e-access. Five expert speakers – Mr. William Middleton, Information Resource Officer, American Center Library, Dr. S. Majumdar, Librarian, India International Centre, Dr. P.R. Goswami, Director, India Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, Librarian, Indraprastha University, Dr. P.G. Dastidar, Scientist, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Mr. Saleem Anwar, Dy. Librarian, Delhi University and Ms. Sneh Lata Sharma, Librarian, Tata Consultancy Services who shared their hands-on experiences, presented case studies and also addressed other sensitive problems encountered by libraries in managing e-resources. Each session was followed by a lively discussion and an involved Q & A session. The seminar concluded with Mr. Tariq Ashraf, Dy. Librarian, DU South Campus delivering the closing remarks and distributing participation certificates.

Collaboration with ICLAM 2014: International Conference on "innovative Ideas, Technologies and Services".

ASIALA collaborated with National Institute of Fashion Technology New Delhi for holding a three day international conference ICLAM 2014 International Conference on the Convergence of Libraries, Archives and Museums (ICLAM) in New Delhi from 27th to 29th November, 2014. ICLAM 2014 held at IGNCA, New Delhi, India. The theme of the conference was "Innovative Ideas, Technologies and Services

ICLAM 2014 aimed to foster a spirit of innovation among all the professionals of the knowledge sector in order to attain the goal of long-term preservation of the collective memory of mankind. In the 21st century the core issue in memory institutions, i.e., libraries, archives and museums, is an innovative application of digital technologies in all the spheres

of activities ranging from management to collaboration. Technological innovation is vital to reinforce the roles of libraries, archives and museums in promotion of formal and informal learning. However, innovations internal or external, radical or incremental are not limited to applications of technologies. Critical changes are taking place in paradigms and products in libraries, archives and museums. Thus analyses of transformative influences of new organizational formations, processes, services, etc. are also significant. On the basis of deliberations on various aspects of innovation the conference suggested effective strategies for creating sustainable culture of innovation in institutions managing scientific and cultural heritage resources.

ASIALA 2015 One Day Seminar on

"Acquisition of E-Resources in Academic Libraries"

ASIALA-2015, the annual seminar of the Asian Library Association was held on theme, "Managing Libraries and Learning Resources: Repositioning libraries in virtual era" on May 16, 2015 at Delhi Technological University, Delhi, India.

The conference was aimed at addressing issues as how knowledge and resources can be managed in the changing virtual era? The conference was marked by lively talks, passionate presentations and subtle arguments and counter arguments. Senior and young Stalwarts from the field of library and information science grappled with issues and offered wide ranging opinions and views. It witnessed Inaugural session, 4 technical sessions and a Valedictory. There were over 100 participants, 18 Invited Speakers, 5 Participant Speakers and 3 product presentations from different parts of the country.

Dr. Tariq Ashraf, Treasurer, ASIALA and Librarian, South Campus, University of Delhi conducted the proceedings of the day and Dr. Lalita Kumar, Assistant Librarian at DTU was the Local Coordinator.

The Conference started with the welcomeof the dignitaries and   their felicitation. At the Inaugural Session, Librarian, DTU and Conference Director, Dr. R K Shukla welcomed the delegates, Resource Persons and other Guests. Dr. S.S. Dhaka, President, ASIALA addressed the gathering and introduced the mission and objectives of the association. Ms. Kirsty Crawford, Director, Library & Digital Information Services, British Council, India graced the occasion as Chief Guest and gave a special presentation on how British Council progressed in various parts of India and the services provided by them. She also focused on how libraries can interact with its users through mobile apps, which was appreciated by one and all. The Key Note Address was delivered by Prof. P B Mangla, Eminent Professor & Tagore National

Fellow, who described the librarian as a knowledge resource manager. He further said that librarians should adopt new competencies to overcome the change. In his Thematic Address, Dr. D V Singh, University Librarian, University of Delhi talked about the explosion of information. He also emphasized that the librarians are innovators who can bring the change in the society. Prof. A. Trevedi delivered the presidential address and spoke on how in great old days knowledge was preserved and how knowledge helps in providing the solution to a problem. Dr. Rajesh Bhardwaj, Librarian, FORE School of Management and Organizing Secretary of this event proposed the Vote of Thanks.

The 1st technical session on "Organizational Strategies and Resource Development" was chaired by Dr. Shailandra Kumar HOD, DLIS, University of Delhi. In his opening remarks, Dr. Shailandra talked about organizational strategies needed to manage the resources. There was one product presentation by Emerald Publishing Group and three Invited presentations delivered by Dr. Sangeeta Kaul on "Knowledge Services", Dr. Narender Kumar on "Barriers in Accessing Electronic Resources" and by Dr. Raj Kumar Bhardwaj on "Online Legal Information System".

The 2nd technical session on "Collaboration for Knowledge & Learning Resources" was chaired by Dr. R.K. Sharma, Librarian, UN Information Centre for India and Bhutan. There was one product presentation by Balani InfoTech on Turnitin and two Invited Talks by Dr. P K Upadhyay on "Libraries in Nation Building under Digital India Programme" and by Dr. Sanjay Kataria on "Acquisition of E-Resources in Academic Libraries".

The post Lunch Session 3 on "Management of Knowledge & Learning Resources" was chaired by Dr. Narender Kumar of the University of Delhi. The session featured one product presentation by Mr. Rohan Bhardwaj of M/S Ignitor, eText Book aggregator and both Invited as well as Participant presentations. Dr. Priya Rai delivered very useful talk on "Commonwealth Professional Fellowship" which generated lot of interest in the young professionals. Invited participant presentations were delivered by Ms. Vanita Khanchandani, Mr. Hirdyesh Kumar Singh and Mr. Nanda Lal Manik in the areas of E-Learning, Library outreach programs and copyrights issues. These young professionals were outstanding in their deliberations making excellent use of audio-visuals.

The 4th and last technical session on, "Advance Technologies, Tools & Trends in Libraries" was chaired by Dr. Rajesh Bhardwaj. There was one Invited presentation by Dr. Projesh Rai on "Application of RFID and NFC in LICs. Three participant presentations were delivered by young enthusiast professionals in the areas of Marketing of LIS Products and services, mobile apps to access e-resources and application of mobile technology on users and libraries. These speakers were Ms. Pinky, Ms. Ruchi and Ms.Monika.

The Valedictory session was chaired by Prof. R.K. Sinha, Dean, DTU and presided over by Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, General Secretary and Director (NRC), NIFT. Dr. Nabi Hasan, Rapporteur General and Deputy Librarian, IIT Delhi presented the Report of the conference. Significant contributors to this event were felicitated and an open session was also organized for the feedback of the event. The conference ended with the following recommendations.

Recommendations: The recommendations made in the conference include;

- To develop guidelines for managing Knowledge and Learning Resources.
- To develop guidelines for interoperability and sustainability of institutional repositories to develop interdisciplinary and cross campus research.
- Each institute should prepare statistics regarding usage of e-resources by their users.
- In order to optimize use of e-resources, training and awareness programmes ought to be organized by libraries on regular basis.
- Web 2.0/3.0 tools ought to be exploited by LIS professionals for optimum utilization of e-resources,
- Mobile Apps should be explored for increasing the usage of the e-resources.
- The Government should allocate sufficient funds to libraries to acquire the latest

information resources and upgrade their ICT equipments and facilities.

- LIS Professionals must consider the economic and environmental sustainability in management of e-resources.
- Collection development policies should be revamped on the basis of utilization of e-resources among users.

One Day Seminar on "From P to E: Managing the Transformation" Asia Pacific Institute of Management, New Delhi, Dec. 19, 2015

Asian Library Association (ASIALA) jointly with the Asia Pacific Institute of Management organized one-day Seminar on From P to E: Managing the Transformation at the BB Verma Auditorium, Asia Pacific Institute of Management (APIM) on December 19, 2015.

The seminar deliberated upon the main issues of the theme including Digital Libraries; Harnessing Web Resources; Library Technologies and Trends; Library Resource Sharing, Networking and Consortia; Copyright and IPR; Academic and Public Libraries; LIS Education and Research &Human Resources Management.

The seminar was marked by lively talks, passionate presentations and subtle arguments and counter arguments. Senior and young Stalwarts from the field of library and information science grappled with issues and offered wide ranging opinions and views. It witnessed Inaugural session, 4Technical sessions and a Valedictory. There were about100 participants from different parts of the country whole of the country. The seminar had Presentations from participants, Invited Speakers, Key Note address and Presidential address. The seminar also witnessed two product presentations and a best presentation award.

Dr. Nabi Hasan, Joint Secretary, ASIALA was the Programme Coordinator for this Seminar. The Seminar started with the pious lightening of the lamp and with the welcome of the dignitaries and their felicitation. At the Inaugural Session, Shri R.K. Srivastav of the APIM

welcomed the delegates, Resource Persons and other Guests. Dr. S.S. Dhaka, President, ASIALA addressed the gathering and introduced the mission and objectives of the association. Dr. D. V. Singh, University Librarian, University of Delhi graced the occasion as Chief Guest and he talked about the information explosion and the importance of Print and Electronic literature in today's environment. He also emphasized that the librarians are innovators who can bring the change in the society. Prof. A. Kumar, Director, APIM delivered the presidential address and spoke on role of Libraries in current scenario. Dr. K. P. Singh, Librarian, APIM and Organizing Secretary of this event proposed the Vote of Thanks.

The first session on, "From P to E: Embracing Digital Change" was chaired by Dr. R. K. Sharma, Librarian, UNIC .Dr. Jaideep Sharma delivered his invited talk on "Transition from P to E: Change and Challenge". In this session, there was one invited presentation by Dr. Praveen Babbar who talked on "Learning and Knowledge Sharing at Central Library, JNU" and there were three presentations by participants by Dr. S. Kannan, SRM University, Haryana on "From Print to Electronic Books- Student's Experience of SRM University, Haryana; Ms. Pinky from IIT Delhi on "Open Source Software in Libraries" and Dr. Babita Gaur from Gargi College, DU on "Mobile Applications in Libraries". The session also had one product presentation by "Indiastat" by Mr. Bhupendra Singh.

The second technical session on "Knowledge Development and Organizational Strategies" was Chaired by Prof. Shailendra Kumar, HOD, DLIS, University of Delhi. Dr. M. Madhusudan, University of Delhi, was the invited speaker who talked on "Use of RFID technology". There was one product presentation by "Question Pro" by Mr. Harshad Deshpande and one Invited presentations by Dr. Shiva Chidambaram, AIIMS on "P to E Journey in Medical Libraries".

There were two presentations from participants by Ms. Parul Gupta and Mr. Pawan Tripathi in the areas of information products and role of ICT.

The post lunch Sessions three and fourth on "Knowledge Sharing: Best Practices" and "Emerging Paradigm of Librarianship" were merged due to paucity of time and was Chaired by Dr. Gayas Makhdumi, Librarian, Jamia Millia Islamia. The session featured both Invited as well as participant presentations. Dr. Ramesh Gaur delivered very useful talk on "A Strategic Approach for Moving from P to E book culture in Indian Academic Libraries". Dr. Pardeep Rai delivered invited talk on "Identity Crisis: Status of Academic Librarians".

Participant presentations were delivered by Ms. Charu from IIT Delhi, Ms. Pallavi Karanth from Chennai, Ms. Monika Singh from University of Delhi and Ms. Preeti Chaudhary in the areas of e-books, resource sharing, knowledge management, envisioning the global space for librarianship, etc.

Dr. Tariq Ashraf, Treasurer, ASIALA declared the winner of the Best Presentation Award which was given to Ms. Pallavi Karanth from Chennai and also delivered concluding address

This one day knowledge cascade proved to be beneficial for all those who attended this seminar and really enhanced their information and knowledge and it is hoped that they will try to implement the same in their respective working environments. All the invited speakers held the delegates spell bound by their words of wisdom and knowledge and the participants were themselves not far behind in sharing their knowledge and experiences.

International Conference on Digital Governance Innovation, Information and Libraries Organised Jointly by Asian Library Association and IIM Indore at the Indian Institute of Management Indore

April 14-16, 2016

Context & Purpose of the Conference

The objective of the conference was to explore libraries as a broad foundation for interaction with information and information management in a digital world in furtherance of Digital India vision. The conference aimed to delve into the issue of Digital Libraries with a focus that supported not only information seeking and discovery but also community interaction and collaboration.

The conference engaged the participants in a discussion of critical issues faced by practitioners managing library resources, functions and services in the light of Digital India Programme of the Government of India. The format of conference was presentations by library professionals, invited talks by experts and debates on various sub-themes of the conference

Objectives of the Conference

The Conference provided a forum for discussion and exchange of ideas on the main theme as well as various subthemes. The main objectives of the conference were to:

- To deliberate on the issue of Digital Governance for positioning Libraries as its harbinger & facilitators;

- Understand the history and development of digital libraries as an international phenomenon in the context of e-governance, Democratisation and Citizen Empowerment;

- Establish a broad context issues and challenges facing digital libraries and their emerging role in social equity and inclusion;

- Specify the critical skills required to build and maintain digital libraries as resource centre for Digital India Programme;

- Discuss, debate and develop strategies to manage libraries of the future;

- Identify and disseminate experiences of library professionals from various geographies in meeting current transformational challenges faced by libraries and develop strategies to address them;

Summary

The conference was well attended by around 185 participants and around 150 Research papers were received for publications. However, only 78 papers were accepted for the publication in the conference proceeding, out of which 63 papers were selected for presentation out of which 55 papers were presented that is 90% of the authors presented the papers. There were 9 technical sessions covering the paper presentations, 6 keynote addresses delivered on key issues and 2 debates on contemporary issues well debated by learned panelist. Also 6 publishers/vendors made presentations on their products and services.

Detailed Report

Workshop: Paper Development and Publishing in an Electronic world

Dr. Akhtar Pervez, Organisng Secretary welcomed the gathering and indicated the reasons for organizing the workshop on Paper Development and Publishing in an Electronic world. Papers submitted for conference were incomplete in terms of content, reference, in-text citation; hence the Organising Committee suggested having workshop on the above to enhance the writing ability of the authors. Dr. Parvez shared his views on the available research tools for organizing references and improving the language.

Professor Srinath Jagannathan, Faculty, IIM Indore conducted the workshop with live examples, particularly for qualitative research. It was very interactive and interesting workshop. He also explained how to sue the DICTION 7 software for the qualitative

research.

Inauguration

The conference was inaugurated by Professor Rishikesha T. Krishnan, Director, IIM Indore and advised, libraries should transform to meet the expectation of end users and he further

emphasized the challenges faced by the librarians to bring the younger generation into the

library and proposed that libraries have to become hub of activities and a locus to discuss

ideas.

Dr. Akhtar Parvez, in his opening remarks thanked the Asian Library Association for collaborating with IIM Indore and also thanked the Director, IIM Indore for the support extended by IIM Indore in hosting of the conference. He also expressed his gratitude to all the delegates for having come to IIM Indore and the sponsors for their generous support.

Dr. S.S Dhaka, President, ASIALA spoke about the role of Asian Library Association and its objectives for promoting the LIS community in the Asian countries. Dr. Ranjeet Nambudiri, Chief Conference Advisor highlighted the issues relating to licensing, shrinking library budgets, service tax, unauthorized access, and procurement.

On the occasion, the conference proceeding was also released by the Director, IIM Indore.

A formal vote of thanks was extended by Col. K.T. Udupa, Chairman, Organizing Committee of the conference.

Keynote Addresses

1. Ms. Chris Flegg, Librarian, Said Business School, University of Oxford

The First Technical session began with the keynote address by Ms. Chris Flegg. In her keynote address, on the topic 'Decision Making in an Age of Uncertainty', she explained the role of the frontline staff as libraries depend on them for success to a great extent. In her address, she discussed about many leadership theories that had evolved over a period of time

and how the definition of a leader's role and leader's function have constantly evolved. She also pointed out the importance of the roles and responsibilities of the managers vs leaders vs staff. She also gave insights into 'Scenario planning' concept for decision making. She pointed out that we need to redefine our strategy for new business model with Staff + Skills

as assets which enable the tasks. There were many interesting questions raised which added more insight to the talk.

2. Key Issues in Effective Communications by Professor Madhusri Shrivastava, Faculty,

IIM Indore

Professor Madhusri Shirvatsava delivered the 2nd keynote address of the conference on "Issues in effective communications". Her talk was very motivating and interesting. She began her talk with the general image of the librarian in the community. She advised librarians to be more proactive and delegate works to subordinate/staff with trust. She also highlighted the significance of seeking and giving feedback. The session raised many curious questions which were well attended by the speaker.

3. Information Literacy and trans-literacy in the Digital Context by Dr. Swati Bhattacharya, Librarian, IIM Calcutta.

Dr. Swati Bhattacharya delivered the 3rd keynote address on the topic "Information Literacy and trans-literacy in the Digital Context". While sharing her experience of working with Agricultural Portals of Maharashtra Government as part of e-Choupal project, she said that it was not only important to make the information available digitally online but also it is important that we provide information literacy to the citizens. Dr. Swati felt that we need to create a network society of government, citizens and institutions for participative citizenship. She said that technology alone can't solve the problem and emphasized on how public libraries with the support of academic libraries can get trained on information literacy skills

and thereby help the citizens to use information that triggers response and action and helps them take more informed decisions. She also said that Information Literacy is not alone computer literacy but it is a habit of mind to recognize the need of information, analyze, knowing who can provide the information, cooperate with each other/ group capability and use it to solve a problem. Her session was well received by the audience.

4. Library Standards and Protocol by Dr. Saiful Amin, Director, Semantic Consulting & Visiting faculty, DRTC, Bangalore.

Dr. Saiful Amin, Director, Semantic Consulting & Visiting faculty, DRTC, Bangalore delivered very informative keynote address on 'Library Standards and Protocol'. He emphasized on the importance of standards and protocols in order to sustain in the long run for digital libraries and also elaborated the details of the standards to be used for the physical collection and online resources. He also presented cases of Creating Union catalogues and cluster OPAC.

5. Information Ethics in Digital Environment by Dr. Medha Joshi, Head, Department of Library Science, Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai.

Dr. Medha Joshi, Head, Department of Library Science, Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai delivered

the 5th keynote address of the Conference on 'Information Ethics in Digital Environment'. Dr. Joshi started by explaining the importance of ethical review of research protocols by institutional ethics committees and felt the same ethical aspects are applied to

digital libraries & its information services areas. Tracing the beginning of Information Ethics to 1988, she emphasized that information in digital world is easily accessible, and therefore there is need to look in to the ethical use of Information. She then elaborated the 4 principles on clinical research Ethics, and related them to the various aspects of information, of which

privacy, confidentiality and selection and provision of unbiased Information were most important. She cited several practical situations and examples where ethical dilemmas are prominent. She summarized that there is a need for developing guidelines for Information ethics. However, often the information ethical issue may have to be resolved on case to case basis.

6. Researching Information for Smart Cities and Global Outsourcing Management Projects by Dr. Jay Bhatt, Librarian, and Dr. Samir Shah, Associate Clinical Professor, Drexel University, Philadelphia, USA

Dr. Jay Bhatt, Librarian, and Dr. Samir Shah, Associate Clinical Professor in Management Information System Drexel University, Philadelphia delivered the 5th keynote address of the Conference. The session was carried out through video conferencing.

Dr. Samir Shah, gave a brief overview of the Drexel University Community and about the Co-op a crash course in real life and its impact in career decisions of the students. He explained the Global Classroom collaboration project where students of Drexel University are working in collaboration with other major universities of the world, getting to work with multidisciplinary and multicultural aspects, solving real world business problems with the purpose of Global Skill development. Dr. Jay Bhatt, showed the different subject guides and its various components he had designed specifically for Smart Cities at Drexel Libraries. He also explained the Connections theme he used to collaborate with the users for connecting scholarship across. He explained in detail about the services that he had built for this project on Smart Cities and gave some useful tips to build such subject/topic specific guides for the students. The session was interactive and Dr. Jay helped by answering the queries precisely. The video conference session was coordinated by Dr. Akhtar Parvez.

Debates

1. Have the Library Consortia Brought Value to small Institutions

A debate on "Have the Library Consortia Brought Value to small Institutions?" was organized on the 2nd day of the Conference. The panelists included Dr. Yoginder Singh, Librarian, IIT Roorke; Dr. Swati Bhattacharya, Librarian, IIM Calcutta; Mr. Vivek Mehra, Managing Director, Sage Publishing; Dr. R.K Chaddha, Additional Secretary, Parliament Library; Dr. Medha Joshi, HoD, Dept. of Library Science, Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai & Dr Daulat Jotwani, Librarian, Amity University. The debate created heated arguments among the panelists who spoke for and against the library consortia. Strong arguments were put forward by both the groups in favour and against the consortia and its impact on small institutions. It was very well moderated by Dr. S. Venkadesan, Library Director, ISB, Hyderabad and made the panel discussion like a live trail court. The participants also actively participated in the QA session.

2. Can Libraries Ever Beat Google?

Ms. Chris Fleggs, University of Oxford; Dr. Swati Bhattacharya, IIM Calcutta; Dr. P.R. Goswami, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi argued that Google can't beat libraries. Whereas Dr. Venkedesan, ISB Hyderabad; Mr. M.K. Chettiar, Bharat Book Bureau, Mumbai, Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, NIFT, New Delhi and Dr. Chaddha equally argued that Google will easily beat libraries.

Though both the sides put up strong arguments during the discussion, it was well moderated by Dr. Tariq Ashraf and he pointed out that librarians have to change and re-strategize and repurpose the services to match the services of Google. As usual, the participants cornered the panelist with valid questions.

Paper Presentations

1. Sub-theme: Digital Governance

Seven papers were presented by the authors in the first technical session which was chaired by Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Director (Library) NIFT, New Delhi and Dr. Dhavalben, D. Bhatt, Chief Librarian, Parul University, Vadodara. Dr. Kuljeet Gill, Librarian, Guru Nanak Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai supported the session as rapporteur. The theme of the session was "Digital Governance" and the papers mainly dealt with efforts made by the librarians on digital governance at the institute level and also their participation and role in implementing Digital Governance and E-governance initiatives in the country. The deliberation also focused on security issues, operational monopolies of E-business and also on factors for deriving public value of these initiatives.

2. Digital Libraries/Developing Digital Culture Collections

The session was chaired by Dr. S.S. Dhaka, Library Director, Ministry of External Affairs and Ms. Jyoti Bhatt, of M.S. University, Baroda. The session witnessed four paper presentations on the theme "Digital Libraries/ Developing Digital Culture Collections" discussing on topics of new models for optimized image retrieval in Digital Libraries to experiential learning and understanding on Digital Deluge and confirming that library as a space still holds importance to computerization of school library.

3. Digital Libraries/Developing Digital Culture Collections

The session was chaired by Dr. Narendra Kumar, Deputy Librarian, University of Delhi and Dr. Shiva Kanaujia Sukula, Deputy Librarian, Jawaharlal Nehru University.

During this session, seven papers were presented on the theme "Digital Resources preservation management and cultivation/ Indian manuscripts and Digital Projects for Heritage preservation/ IPR copyright in the digital age/ Information ethics, privacy, security/ Networking and Consortia in Digital Learning Environment". Interesting case studies on Digitization of Manuscripts in Indore, Rajasthan and efforts made at national level in this context were highlighted. Importance of networking, consortia in Digital Learning environment and aspects of RTI Act vs Privacy laws was well debated.

4. Information literacy and Trans-literacy in the Digital Context

This session was chaired by Dr. Rajeev Vij, Additional Director, DESIDOC, DRDO, New Delhi and Dr.Vikram Kumar, Librarian, Manav Rachna International University, Faridabad. There were 4 papers presented on the theme "Information literacy and Trans-literacy in the Digital Context". The papers mainly focused on the best practices of information literacy in

academic libraries for the students, research scholars and also the librarians as self-directed learning and its impact on the use of library resources.

5. Open access movement and ICT enabled technologies

The 5th session was chaired by Dr. P.R. Goswami, Library Director, Indira Gandhi National Cenre for the Arts, New Delhi and Dr. R. K. Verma, former Scientist, NISCAIR.. There were 4 papers presented during the session on the theme "Open access movement and ICT enabled technologies". The papers mainly dealt with KOHA and other FOSS for various digital library related activities and also the publication trends in open access journals followed by case study on use of ICT by management institutes of Maharashtra in teaching, learning and research purpose.

6. Extensible Digital Library Service Platform

The session was chaired by Professor S. Kumar (Retd), Vikram University, Ujjain and Mr. J.K. Patnaik, Librarian, RRCAT, Indore. Dr. Leena Shah, Librarian, Govt. Kalidas Girls College, Ujjain is a Rapporteur of the session.

Six papers were presented during the session on the theme "Extensible Digital Library

service platform". The papers discussed on concepts of Research Commons, Innovation in Business school libraries, use of internet in management colleges, application of QR code for modernizing the services in the libraries along with usage study of INDEST-AICTE consortium in a Institute.

7. User satisfaction and behavior in Digital age

The session was chaired by Mr. Mustahsan Usmani Raja, Deputy Librarian, IIM Lucknow and Dr. Kishore John, Associate Professor (LISc), OSD, Additional Director, Higher Education, Indore.

In this session eight papers were presented on the theme "User satisfaction and behavior in Digital age". The papers were focused on managing user expectations in Google era and assessing the usage of library physical and e-resources and understanding the difficulties and attitudes and the users satisfaction levels about the services rendered by the library in the digital age.

8. Marketing of Library Services in Digital Age/Knowledge Management: Digital Content

This session was chaired by Dr. Swati Bhattacharya, Librarian, IIM Calcutta and Ms. Saira

Qureshi, Librarian, The Daly College. Mr. Khalid Nadeem Khan, Assistant Librarian, Jamia Millia Islamia acted as the Rapporteur.

There were five papers presented in this session on the theme "Marketing of Library Services in Digital age/ Knowledge management: digital content". The papers focused on the aspect of marketing library services using evolving social media tools and using Gamification theory in making library services interesting and also on knowledge management services and tools used in the corporate scenario.

9. Other Papers

The session was chaired by Dr. R.K. Sharma, Librarian, United Nations Information Centre, New Delhi and Professor Bulu Maharana, Sambalpur University, Orissa.There were nine papers were presented on different topics focusing on licensing and subscription issues of e-resources, webometrics studies, use of technologies in the library and the status of librarians in different types of libraries.

Felicitation: Dr. G.H.S. Naidu, Librarian. DAVV, Indore

Dr. G.H.S. Naidu, Librarian. DAVV, Indore was felicitated on April 16, 2016 in recognition of his outstanding and exemplifying acts of leadership to profession in general and Department of Library Science, DAVV in particular, his unmatchable services to the librarianship in the country and numerous achievements during the course of his very distinguishing and immaculate career.

Dr. Naidu contribution to library profession is worth emulation for all of us. He has set new parameter in the conduct of professional duties, set new benchmarks and raised the bar of efficiency, integrity, sincerity and propriety to new heights.

Dr. Naidu possesses extra-ordinary ability to motivate staff, focus their intellectual energy, and inspire new thinking and ideas. He possesses unspeakable qualities of heart and mind. He is a humble and down to earth person known for his simplicity and brevity.

On this occasion, Dr. Prabhat Pandey, Librarian & Head, Sarojini Naidu Government Girls PG College, Bhopal (M.P.) was also felicitated for assuming the office of the President, Madhya Pradesh Library Association.

Sponsors:

The Conference was supported by the ICSSR, DRDO and ICMR. Commercial presentations were made by the following companies:

- ACCORD Fintech
- Airox Technologies
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- UWC & CT Ventures Private Ltd
- Pearson
- Sage Publishing
- Total Library Solutions.

Conference provided a forum for all the participants to discuss and exchange ideas on the main theme of Digital Governance for positioning Libraries as its harbingers & facilitators. It helped the delegates to understand the history and development of digital libraries as an international phenomenon in the context of E-governance, Democratisation and Citizen Empowerment and provided a space to discuss debate and develop strategies to manage libraries of the future.

Glimpses of the Conference:

पैनल डिस्कशन में शामिल हुए अतिथि व अन्य।

समय के साथ लाइब्रेरियन की छवि बदलना जरूरी

आईआईएम में तीन दिवसीय अंतरराष्ट्रीय लाइब्रेरी सम्मेलन

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एशियाई लाइब्रेरी एसोसिएशन व आईआईएम इंदौर द्वारा आयोजित तीन दिवसीय अंतरराष्ट्रीय लाइब्रेरी सम्मेलन का समापन शनिवार को आईआईएम सभागृह में हुआ। इसमें लगभग 200 प्रतिभागियों ने भाग लिया व 150 शोध पत्र प्रकाशन के लिए प्रस्तुत किए गए, जिनमें से 78 कॉन्फ्रेंस के लिए स्वीकार किए गए और 55 पर प्रेजेंटेशन दिया गया। प्रेजेंटेशन के नौ तकनीकी सेशन हुए, जिनमें छह प्रमुख वक्ताओं ने समकालीन मुद्दों पर चर्चा की।

प्रथम वक्ता के रूप में प्रोफेसर मधुश्री श्रीवास्तव आईआईएम ने 'महत्वपूर्ण मुद्दे प्रभावी संचार में' विषय पर कहा आज लाइब्रेरियन

बेस्ट पेपर प्रेजेंटेशन का अवॉर्ड देते अतिथि।

अंतर्मुखी और शर्मीला होता है, लेकिन इस छवि को बदलने का समय है। लाइब्रेरियन को हमेशा ध्यान केंद्रित रखने के साथ चौकस भी रहना चाहिए, वही व्यक्ति सही जानकारी दे सकता है। आज गुगल पर आप किसी भी समस्या के सौ जवाब देख सकते हैं, लेकिन एक लाइब्रेरियन के सही जवाब से आप संतुष्ट हो सकते हैं।

वीडियो कॉन्फ्रेंसिंग

डॉ. सैफुद्दीन अमीन निदेशक अर्थ परामर्श व विजिटिंग फैकल्टी डीआरटीसी बरुकुल ने 'पुस्तकालय मानक व प्रोटोकॉल' विषय पर मानकों और प्रोटोकॉल इन ऑर्डर के महत्व पर जोर दिया। वीडियो कॉन्फ्रेंसिंग के माध्यम से डॉ. जे भट्ट लाइब्रेरियन और डॉ. समीर शाह ने स्मार्ट शहरों और वैश्विक आउटसोर्सिंग प्रबंधन परियोजनाओं की जानकारी दी।

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आईआईएम में लाइब्रेरी कॉन्फ्रेंस शुरू

इंदौर। संवाद और संवाद के प्रबंधन को लेकर डिजिटल इंडिया के विजन और डिजिटल दुनिया के कॉन्सेप्ट को ध्यान में रखते हुए आईआईएम इंदौर में इंटरनेशनल लाइब्रेरी कॉन्फ्रेंस की शुरुआत हुई।

तीन दिन तक चलने वाली इस कॉन्फ्रेंस में एशियन लाइब्रेरी एसोसिएशन भी शामिल है। इसमें दुनियाभर से आए 100 से ज्यादा प्रतिभागी 60 से ज्यादा पेपर पढ़ेंगे। ऑक्सफोर्ड, ड्रेक्सल युनिवर्सिटी, आईएसबी हैदराबाद, आईआईटी रुड़की, एनआईएफटी दिल्ली, आईआईएम कोलकाता के लाइब्रेरी विशेषज्ञ भी कॉन्फ्रेंस को संबोधित करेंगे। पहले दिन पेपर डेवलपमेंट और इलेक्ट्रॉनिक दुनिया में प्रकाशन विषयों पर आईआईएम इंदौर के प्रोफेसर जगन्नाथ, लाइब्रेरियन डॉ. परवेज अख्तर के सेशन हुए।

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International Library Conference-2016 begins at IIM-I

'Internet has its advantage but can't replace books'

● OUR STAFF REPORTER
INDORE

The International Library Conference-2016 began at IIM-Indore in collaboration with Asian Library Association (ASIALA) on Thursday.

The three-day conference proposes to explore libraries as a broad foundation for interaction with information and information management in a digital world in furtherance of the Digital India vision. It aims to delve into the issue of

Digital Libraries with a focus that supports not only information seeking and discovery but also community interaction and collaboration.

More than 200 participants from across the globe will present their research papers during the conference in which speakers from Oxford University, Drexel University, ISB Hyderabad, IIT Roorkee, NIFT-Delhi, IIM-Calcutta, etc would participate.

Workshop on Paper Development and Publishing

in Electronic World, was conducted by Professor Srinath Jagannathan and Dr Akhtar Parvez

During the inauguration, Dr SS Dhaka, president of

ASIALA, mentioned about the role of ASIALA in the promotion of librarianship as a profession and its aim to provide coordination and leadership to library

professionals, institutions and library community. He also mentioned the initiatives taken by ASIALA to develop libraries and collaborate with other nations and international agencies to provide a common forum to develop librarianship via conferences.

Professor Krishnan also mentioned that libraries have changed tremendously and the efforts of libraries have also changed. He noted how libraries were trying to change a few years ago, and now they

have transformed so much that today they are considered hub of knowledge and activity.

"Definitely Google has advantages, but internet has limited number of books online. If you want old and specialized books, library is a place to be", he said

Second day of the conference would witness various technical sessions and a panel discussion would be held on the topic 'Have Library Consortia Brought Value to Small Institutions?'

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Newspaper Coverage :

Intl Library Conference ends at IIM-I

'Google may give you 100 answers, but a librarian will direct you to right one'

● **OUR STAFF REPORTER**
Indore

"Google may give you hundred answers for a question but a librarian will direct you to the right answer," said Prof Madhusri Shrivastava.

She was addressing the concluding ceremony of International Library Conference, organized jointly by Asian Library Association and Indian Institute of Management, Indore on Saturday.

Speaking on key issues in Effective Communication, she said, "Earlier people, who used to do multitasking were considered talented. But, today this has turned into DAD (Divided Attention Disorder) which is a problem which many of us face unknowingly. People especially a librarian must be focus and attentive to get success."

Dr Saiful Amin, Director of Semantic Consulting, Bangalore sharing his views on library standards and protocol said in order to sustain in the long run for digital libraries various standards should be used for physical collection and online resources."

Dr Jay Bhatt, Librarian, and Dr Samir Shah,

Pratik Vaghela and Kinnery Thaker receiving Best Paper Award.

Associate Clinical Professor in Management Information System Drexel University, Philadelphia talked about 'Researching Information for smart cities and Global outsourcing management projects' while Dr Swati Bhattacharya of IIM-C and Dr Medha Joshi of Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai discussed about information literacy and trans- literacy.

The conference was attended by 200 participants from across the globe and 63 research papers were presented. Pratik Vaghela and Kinnery Thaker were awarded with Best Paper Award for presenting a paper on 'An Application of Technology Acceptance Model in Understanding Student's Behavioral Intention.'

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एक्टिविटी और नॉलेज का हब बन गई है लाइब्रेरी

आईआईएम इंदौर में शुरू तीन दिनी इंटरनेशनल लाइब्रेरी कॉन्फ्रेंस में बोले टी कृष्णन

इंदौर। कुछ सालों में लाइब्रेरीज में तेजी से बदलाव हुआ है। अब लाइब्रेरी को एक्टिविटी और नॉलेज का हब माना जाता है। यह कहना है आईआईएम डायरेक्टर ऋषिकेश टी कृष्णन का। वह गुरुवार को आईआईएम इंदौर और एशियन लाइब्रेरी एसोसिएशन के संयुक्त तत्वावधान में आयोजित तीन दिनी इंटरनेशनल कॉन्फ्रेंस के शुभारंभ अवसर पर संबोधित कर रहे थे। उन्होंने कहा कि बेशक गूगल के पास एडवांटेज है, लेकिन इंटरनेट पर सीमित संख्या में पुस्तकें ऑनलाइन मौजूद है। आप को अगर ओल्ड और स्पेशलाइज्ड किताब चाहिए तो लाइब्रेरी उसे पाने की परफेक्ट जगह है।

प्रो. नाम्बोदरी ने कहा कि आज रिसर्चर बहुत ज्यादा डिमांडिंग हो गए हैं। यह एक चैलेंज है कि लाइब्रेरी इन बदलावों को स्वीकार करें। लाइब्रेरी मैनेजर्स को कई चैलेंजेस का सामना करना पड़ रहा है। इनमें बदलते नॉर्म्स, बजट आदि शामिल है। हमें लाइब्रेरी को रिसोर्स की जगह बनाए रखना होगा। कार्यक्रम में यूनिवर्सिटी ऑफ ऑक्सफोर्ड की क्रिस फ्लेग ने किनोट एड्रेस दिया। उन्होंने डिसिजन मेकिंग इन एन एज ऑफ चेंज के बारे में जानकारी दी। कॉन्फ्रेंस में 60 से अधिक रिसर्च पेपर्स को सिलेक्ट किया गया है। इनमें से पहले दिन 13 रिसर्च पेपर पढ़े गए। कॉन्फ्रेंस में ऑक्सफोर्ड यूनिवर्सिटी, ड्रेक्सल यूनिवर्सिटी, आईएसबी हैदराबाद, आईआईटी रूड़की, निफ्ट दिल्ली, आईआईएम कोलकाता आदि इंस्टिट्यूट के प्रोफेसर और लाइब्रेरी मेंबर शिरकत कर रहे हैं।

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गूगल में मिलते हैं एक सवाल के सौ जवाब, लाइब्रेरियन देता है सीधा जवाब

इंदौर। आई आई एम इंदौर में आयोजित तीन दिवसीय इंटरनेशनल लाइब्रेरी कांफ्रेंस का समापन शनिवार को हुआ। इसका आयोजन एशियन लाइब्रेरी एसोसिएशन और आईआईएम इंदौर ने किया। इसमें करीब 200 प्रतिभागियों ने 150 के करीब रिसर्च पेपर प्रस्तुत किए। की-नोट स्पीकर प्रो. मधुश्री श्रीवास्तव ने की इश्यू इन इफेक्टिव कम्यूनिकेशन पर अपनी बात रखी। उन्होंने बताया कि किस तरह लाइब्रेरियन की छवि समय के साथ बदलने की आवश्यकता है। उदाहरण देते हुए बताया कि गूगल एक सवाल के 100 जवाब दे सकता है लेकिन एक लाइब्रेरियन सीधा सही जवाब देता है। दूसरे की-नोट स्पीकर डॉ. सैफुल अमीन, डायरेक्टर बेंगलुरू, लाइब्रेरी स्टैंडर्ड्स एंड प्रोटोकाल पर बात की। उन्होंने मानकों और प्रोटोकॉल के इनऑर्डर के महत्व पर जोर दिया। वीडियो कांफ्रेंसिंग के माध्यम से डॉ. जे. भट्ट, लाइब्रेरियन और डॉ. समीर शाह ने वैश्विक आउटसोर्सिंग प्रबंधन परियोजनओं के लिए जानकारी पर अपनी बात की। डॉ. स्वाती भट्टाचार्य, लाइब्रेरियन, आईआईएम कोलकाता ने इंफ़ॉर्मेशन लिटरेसी एंड ट्रांस-लिटरेसी इन द डिजीटल कांटेंटेक्स्ट पर अपनी बात की।

Raj Express, April 17, 2016, Page-2

'Librarians better than search engines'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Indore: "Librarians need to make efforts to change people's perception towards them. They are often described as introvert and shy, which needs to be changed," said Indian Institute of Management, Indore (IIM-I) professor Madhusri Shrivastava. She was speaking on 'Key issues in effective communication' on the final day of the three-day international library conference organized by Asian Library Association at IIM-I on Saturday.

She said: "A librarian should always be focused and attentive. Google may be quick enough to give you hundred answers for a problem, but a librarian will direct you exactly to the right answer."

The conference was attended by about 200 participants and 63 papers were selected for presentation. Nine technical sessions were held covering the presentations, six keynote addresses- and two panel discussions on contemporary issues.

Director, Semantic Consulting & Visiting faculty, DRTC, Bangalore, Saiful Amin spoke on the importance of standards and protocols mandatory for digital libraries.

Another keynote address was via video conferencing on 'Researching information for smart cities and global outsourcing management projects' by Jay Bhatt, librarian, and Samir Shah, associate clinical professor in management information system, Drexel University, Philadelphia. Swati Bhattacharya, librarian, IIM Calcutta addressed on the topic 'Information literacy and trans-literacy in the digital context'.

Quoting about experience of working with agricultural portals by Maharashtra government as a part of e-choupal project, she said that it was not only important to make the information available digitally online but also it is important that we provide information literacy to the citizens.

Medha Joshi, head of department, library sciences, Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai spoke on the importance of research protocols for using information.

Best paper award went to Pratiksinh Vaghela and Kinnery Thaker for their paper on the topic 'An application of technology acceptance model in understanding student's behavioral intention to use EBSCO-An online management database'.

(From left) Madhusri Shrivastava, Dr Swati Bhattacharya and Dr Medha Joshi during the Asian Library Association conference at IIM-I on Saturday

Times of India, April 17, 2016, Page-3

IIM-I conference: Experts discuss digital libraries

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Indore: The international library conference 2016 began at Indian Institute of Management, Indore (IIM-I) in collaboration with Asian Library Association (ASIALA) on Thursday.

The conference will witness more than 60 paper presentations submitted by more than 100 participants from across the globe. Speakers from eminent institutes including Oxford University, Drexel University, ISB Hyderabad, IIT Roorkee, NIFT Delhi, IIM Calcutta, etc. would be speaking at the conference.

The three-day conference proposes to explore libraries as a broad foundation for interaction with information and information management in a digital world in furtherance of the Digital India vision. It aims to delve into the issue of digital libraries with a focus that supports not only information seeking and discovery but also community interaction and collaboration.

The first day of the conference began with a workshop on paper development and publishing in electronic world, conducted by Professor Srinath Jagannathan, faculty, IIM Indore and Dr Akhtar Parvez, librarian of the institute.

The inaugural ceremony had Dr S S Dhaka, president ASIALA, professor Rishikesha T Krishnan, Director, IIM Indore, Col K T Udupa (Retd), chairman, Organizing Committee and professor Ranjeet Nambudiri, chief conference advisor as the guests.

Dr Akhtar Parvez gave the opening remarks about the conference and elaborated the various sessions which were lined up for next three days.

Professor Nambudiri delivered the welcome address and noted that the researchers have become more demanding and discerning today. It is a challenge for libraries to adapt to these demands.

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Building Digital India: Enhancing Capacities through Libraries and Information'
November 22-23, India International Centre, New Delhi.

The 2 day National Conference organized by Asian Library Association (ASIALA and Shaheed Bhagat Singh College Library (University of Delhi) and) as part of its golden jubilee celebration, on 'Building Digital India: Enhancing Capacities through Libraries and Information' which opened on November 22, 2016 has come to its conclusion successfully.

The well attended event sourced together nearly 200 participants from all across the country. Conference was marked by lively talks, passionate presentations and subtle arguments and counter arguments. Speakers from across the institutions grappled with issues and offered wide ranging opinions and views. The conference brought together and provided platform to LIS professionals, academicians, students and research scholars to explore libraries as a broad foundation for interaction with information and information management in a digital world in furtherance of Digital and Skill India vision. The purpose of the conference is to broaden the participants understanding of library management in the context of the educational, training and research mission of the institutions in online environment.

This conference intended to provide a forum for discussion and exchange of ideas with the objectives to:

- To understand the concept of the digital library as an interface of Digital India which will serve as a larger intellectual construct within which to explore the related concepts of

scholarly communication, digital preservation, cyber infrastructure, representation, and information technology standards.

- Specify the critical skills required to build and maintain digital libraries as resource centre for Digital India Programme
- Discuss, debate and develop strategies to make Digital libraries as Skill Building Centres in the future;
- To delve into the issue of how libraries can sensitize the user community towards the appropriate use of information through training, research and capacity building programmes

Spread over 2 days, 6 invited talks and 24 speakers, and power packed inaugural session , the conference took off in style with the opening remarks of by Dr. P K. Khurana Principal Shaheed Bhagat Singh College who welcomed all the guests, participants and organizing team members in his opening remarks. He appreciated the theme of conference and emphasized the need for reinventing library services in digital environment. It was followed by welcome remarks by President, Asian Library Association Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Director National Resource Centre, NIFT.

Conference Director, Dr. (Mrs.) S.P. Singh Prof. Emeritus-Shaheed Bhagat Singh College

presented the structure of the programme and its importance.

Mr.Prabir Sengupta IAS, Distinguish Fellow and Director KM Division , TERI delivering the Key Note Address described the building digital India and how library professionals may play significant role in this direction and work on bridging the digital divide.

This was followed by the release of the conference volume on 'Building Digital India: Enhancing Capacities through Libraries and Information' by Chief Guest Prof. J. P. Khurana, Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi.

Dr. Tariq Ashraf, Treasurer, ASIALA presented the formal vote of thanks and acknowledged the support from several organisations, institutions professional friends.

Technical Sessions - I

Chaired by Dr. D. V. Singh Librarian, University of Delhi, followed by Plenary Talk Mr. T. Hussain, National Archives of India (NAI). Mr. Sanjay Rajan delivered his contributed paper 'Building Digital India through ProQuest Library & Information Services'. Mr. Rajesh Singh, S.S. delivered his paper on, "Devika Pragmatic Approach to The h-Index" and Yashwant Singh Sipre / Dr. Mamta Malik delivered his contributed paper on 'Impact of Digital technologies (the internet, mobile phones) on Digital Divide. Followed by Mr. Anil Kumar delivered his paper 'Overview of Knowledge Management in Corporate Learning Resource Center' followed by Mr. Rajeev Mishra delivered his paper 'Assessment of Information

Literacy Skills of Faculty Members and Research Scholars: A Case Study' and the last delivered of this technical session was delivered by Garvita Jhamb 'Human Resource Management in Delhi University Library System'.

Technical Sessions – II

Chaired by Dr. Jaideep Sharma currently working as University librarian of IGNOU, followed by Plenary Talk   Dr. P.R. Goswami Director, Library and Information IGNCA, New Delhi. There are six contributed papers delivered by Vinod Kumar Singh/ Amit Kumar, Assistant Professor : Wiki for Libraries and Librarians: A Collaborative Approach followed by Mangat Ram, Librarian/ Seema Rani, Librarian delivered his paper on 'Information Literacy Initiatives and Models' followed by Dr. Shehbaz Husain Naqvi delivered his paper on 'Library Consortia in India' followed by Imran Khan delivered his paper on 'Challenges and Opportunities of Collection Development in Digital Libraries' and lastly in this technical session delivered her paper by Neetika Sharma on 'ICT: A Mechanism for Supporting Agricultural and Rural Development'

The technical session 2 was followed by   a highly interactive penal discussion. Titled Future of Academic Libraries: Need for Transformation

The panelists included Dr. Suresh Jindal, Dr. Jaideep Sharma, Dr.Sudhir Arora , Dr.Sanjay Kataria ,Dr. Puja Anand Gulati. The debate created heated arguments among the panelists

who spoke for and against the Academic Library Future. Strong arguments were put forward by both the groups in favour and against the Library Future and its impact on academic institutions. It was very well moderated by Dr. Gayas Makhdumi, Former University Librarian JMI, New Delhi and made the panel discussion like a live trail court. The participants also actively participated in the QA session.

The second and the last day of the conference witnessed 2 invited talks and 1 plenary session by Dr.Tariq Ashraf, Dr. Shantanu Ganguly and Dr. Mrs. Usha Munjoo Munshi and presentation of 12 contributed papers.

Technical Sessions – III

Chaired by Dr. Dr. R. K. Sharma Librarian UNIC New Delhi, and was followed by Plenary Talk Dr. (Mrs.) Usha Munjoo Munshi, Librarian Indian Institute Of Public Administration New Delhi Who spoke on several new areas into which libraries can diversify.

The talk was followed by four contributed papers which included Mr. Ramesh Yernagula paper on 'Design and Development of Digital Repository at the Indian Council of Historical Research'

, Mr. Rahul Kumar Singh and Mr. Rajesh Singh on 'Open Access E-resources for Academic Libraries' Mr. Habib –Ur-Rehman Khan on 'Use of e-resources by the students and faculty members of Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow: A Study'. The last paper was presented on Barriers to Access to E-resources by Dr.Narendar Kumar of Delhi University dwelling on the bottlenecks to vital resources.

Technical Sessions – IV

Dr. S. Majumdar chief librarian IIC, New Delhi chaired the last technical session of the 2 day conference, followed by Invited Talk Dr.Tariq Ashraf , who spoke on the need for transforming libraries through innovation, valued additions and re-purposing to meet the challenge from massive online contents.

His talk was followed by followed by a paper presentation by Dr. Rittu Sethi delivered on Cloud Computing: in context of Five Laws of Library Science' followed Ms. Sunita Vyas on 'Libraries as Social Spaces for Skill training'

The post lunch session of the conference began with the invited talk Dr. Shantanu Ganguly who painstakingly elaborated as to how libraries can be converted into info entrepreneurship through incubation and project writing.

The last part of the day was taken over by a very power packed and varied penal discussion on "Growing Digital Footprints and need for transformation. Who included speakers from industry, special libraries and academic libraries and teaching organisatioins concurred on the need for increased interactive and collaborative activities by libraries in the face of growing digital footprints. The penal discussion was deftly moderated by Prof. Naushad Ali from AMU. The participants also actively participated in the QA session.

All the sessions were well attended and were followed by several observations, remarks and tough questions which added immense value to the deliberations and proceedings of the conference.

National Seminar on "From Print to Digital: Libraries in the Neo- Information Environment" organized at FDDI, Noida

Asian Library Association organized a one national seminar on "From Print to Digital: Libraries in the Neo-Information Environment" in collaboration with Footwear Design & Development Institute (FDDI), Noida at their campus on March 25, 2017 which was attended by 165 participants from different institutions of repute like IIT Delhi, Jamia, University of Delhi, JNU, AMU, BHU, NIFT, External min library, Agra University, Benetton University, JP University, Sharda University, IIM Noida campus, KR MangalamUniversity, JK Business School, Shiv Nadar University, Amity University, faculty & staff of FDDI Noida & FDDI Rohtak campus etc.

The objective of the seminar was to provide a forum for the dissemination and exchange of ideas among faculty members, Research Scholars anddelve into the issue of how libraries can sensitize the user community towards the appropriate use of information through training, research and capacity building programmes.

The seminar started with lighting of the ceremonial lamp by Mr.Adarsh Kumar, Executive Director, FDDI Noida in the august presence of President Asisan Library Association, Dr. SS Dhaka, Dr. Ramesh Gaur,University Librarian, JNU, Dr.Jaideep Sharma, Prof &University Librarian IGNOU, Dr. Tariq Ashraf, Librarian, South Campus,University of Delhi.

Mr. Adarsh Kumar, Executive Director, FDDI
delivering the keynote address

During the technical sessions of the seminar, seven papers were presented pre-lunch &eight papers were presented post-lunch.

Sl. No.	Paper Presented (pre-lunch) by	Topic
1.	Kavita Chaddha	Reinventing Academic Libraries: From Silent Spaces to Cultural Hubs
2.	Muzamil Mushtaq	Copyright and Open Content
3.	Akhtar Hussain &Mohd Asif Khan	OAI@Managing Libraries in Neo-Information Environment
4.	Sufian Ahmad	From Print to Digital: Managing the Digital Resources
5.	Satyaprakash Singh	Teaching aids for user education in PG

Sl. No.		Topic
		College Libraries
6.	Rashid Ali &HifzaParveen	Use of e-resources among the students of Medical College & Research Centre, TMU), Moradabad, UP.
7.	Zubair Mahmood &Habibur, Rahman Khan	Manuscripts Collection and Services, Rampur Raza Library

Sl. No.	Paper Presented (post-lunch) by	Topic
1.	Sandeep Sharma & Johan Mohammad Mir	Bridging theDigital Divide:Role of Academic Libraries
2.	Mohammad Nazim	Knowledge Management in Libraries
3.	Anirban Dutta	Digital Information Resources and its Search Strategies: A Glimpse
4.	R.K. Tiwari	Digital Library in Indian Context
5.	Ratna Das &Anirban Dutta	Cloud Computing and Its Application on Libraries
6.	Shikha Mehta	Role of Libraries in Building Digital India
7.	Shimail Hafeez	Bookmobiles Service: An Innovation Service for Entire Community (Verbal Presentation)
8.	Syed Raiyan Ghani & Jamil Ahmad	Knowledge Management: Cornerstone of the Digital World

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The audiences were all ears to listen to the experts valued inputs & the papers were appreciated by all.

A research book containing full research papers on Library and Information Science (LIS)

was also released on this occasion.

Release of book containing research papers on LIS

The seminar provide a floor for deliberations on strategies, policies and best practices where eminent speakers brought varied angle thoughts, ideas and work progress suggestions to improve LIS.

2nd International Conference of Asian Libraries ICAL 2017
Expanding Digital Footprints: Role of Libraries & Information Centres
October 26 to 28, 2017

1.   Introduction

2nd International Conference of Asian Libraries organized by Jamia Millia Islamia and Asian Library Association during October 26 to 28, 2017. The inaugural session began with recitation of the sacred texts by a staff of JMI. The serene and stimulating environment fostered an unleashing of intellectual creativity, debate and discussions during the three days conference. The well attended event sourced together nearly 250 delegates and experts ranging from all types of libraries. ICAL 2017 also witnessed the participants from SAARC countries namely Sri Lanka and Bangladesh and all most all states of the country. ICAL2017 is marked by lively talks, passionate presentations and subtle arguments and counter arguments. Stalwarts from the field of library and information science grappled with issues and offered wide ranging opinions and views. ICAL@2017 witnessed 8 brainstorming and mind blowing sessions, which include 8 invited talks and 65 presentations by the participants on varied areas related to the theme of conference. In addition, 3 panel discussions by well-known luminaries of library profession and publishing industry made it a special event. During the three days conference 2 workshops were also organized on Digitization and information literacy (One by British Library London and another by UNESCO). Besides this, during the industry connect sessions 14 presentations were made by professionals from industry.

2.   Inaugural Session

Preceded by inaugural session, Dr. Hasan Jamal Abidi, University Librarian, Jamia Millia Islamia and Organizing Secretary of this conference welcomed the delegates. Dr. S.S.Dhaka, President, ASIALA addressed the gathering and introduced ASIALA and its objectives. Dr. Sanjay Kumar Bihani, Chair IFLA Regional Standing Committee on Asia and Oceania also developed the welcome address on the behalf of IFLA. The inaugural session was graced by Prof. Seyed Ehtesham Hasnain, Vice-chancellor of Jamia Hamdard University. Presidential Address was delivered by Prof. Talat Ahmad, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia. During the inauguration keynote address was delivered by Dr. Arun Kumar Chakraborty, DG, RRRLF, Kolkata. Session was concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. Tariq Ashraf,

Incharge, Delhi University South Campus. In the welcome address, Dr. Hasan Jamal Abidi, welcomed all dignitaries and delegates to the 2nd International Conference of Asian Libraries (ICAL1017). He then explained the significance of the conference theme "Expanding digital footprints: Role of libraries and information centres". He opined that 90% digital data generated in the last two years' time. Thus, we need to think how libraries and librarians cope up with exponential growth enormous data and publications. The conference thus sets a platform to discuss some of the pertaining issues impacting the libraries and information centres.

Release of conference volume

Then Dr. S.S. Dhaka took the floor. He informed the audience the professional roles played by the ASIALA, the organizer. ASIALA aims to promote professional development of LIS professionals and teachers, and skills development of the young students and early career professionals. In this direction, ASIALA organizes conference and other events in regular intervals. Dr. Sanjay K. Bihani, Chair of IFLA RSCAO, welcomed the delegates on behalf of RSCAO as a co-organizer of the event. He introduced activities of RSCAO in the Asian region. It is one of the largest sections of IFLA, catering to five sub-regions and member

institutions in 62 countries. He then presented a video message of IFLA President. She could not attend personally but wished the conference a great success. She then explained IFLA's Global Vision, which is tuned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).In his address chief guest Professor Seyed Ehtesham Hasnain, honourable VC of Jamia Hamdard, emphasized the reality of today's digital world, where a digital society is emerging. He said we live in the era of information revolution. The advanced countries such as USA and Germany are investing energy and resources in big data initiatives for churning out socio-economic benefits. He then explained transformation of data, information, and knowledge into wisdom. There we need to integrate them for the benefits of larger sections of the society.

After the address of the chief guest, the conference proceedings were released by all dignitaries on the dais. In his address guest of Honour Dr. Arun Kumar Chakraborty, DG of RRRLF Kolkata, stated that the indicator of a library's popularity is now measured by library's digital footfalls, which he calls as 'fingerfalls'. Many libraries in India, including the public libraries, are providing web-based e-services and they are also on the social media. He further explained if entire library collections cannot be digitized due to copyright restrictions, and limitations in OCR of Indian language contents, the metadata of every document should be available online through the library's website. He also pointed out to successful outreach services by some state central libraries (SCLs) in the country. The career guidance service in those SCLs is highly popular, benefitting thousands of youngsters and guiding them into sustainable future. Then the organizer moved to conferment of Lifetime Achievement Award on Professor Jamal Abdul Wajid, a noted scholar and academician. A citation and a shawl were presented to Professor Wajid by Professor Talat Ahmed, Honorable Vice Chancellor of JMI.

In his presidential address Professor Talat Ahmed, honourable VC of JMI, welcomed the delegates to JMI, the host university. He said, nice to see all of you in JMI. He urged the librarians to make the services more attractive and more useful. Before the digital revolution, we had tough time for getting copy of good articles, published in journals of the foreign publishers. That is no longer an issue. The standards of theses and academic research have to be improved significantly, as we have much better facilities and resources embracing the online platforms. Although the reading rooms are always full in air-conditioned environment in our university libraries, we need to enhance the usage of library's e-collections by the users

sitting in the reading halls. Then Professor Ahmed declared the ICAL2017 open. Prof. Talat Ahmad inaugurated the exhibition during ICAL@2017 after the inauguration session.

3.   Technical Sessions

The conference has 6 technical sessions in three days period. First session was chaired by Prof. Shabahat Hussain and Key Note Speaker was Dr. B. Shadrach, Advisor, Indian Public Library Movement. The session was started with the plenary talk by Dr. B. Shadrach, Advisor, Indian Public Library Movement. Dr. Shadrach discussed about the governance which is a science and process to be used to govern. He also differentiated the government and governance.

He elaborated the efforts being made by the govt. to promote digital governance and gave examples of Umang and other digital initiative of the Indian Govt. He stressed upon the issues pertaining to privacy and security in this digital era, where everything is residing in clouds. He said that digital divide is again crucial where the contents are biased by languages. Most of the contents are in English which needs to be balanced by the inputs of the society. There were 7 contributed papers in that session. However, only 4 papers were presented.The first paper was entitled "Indian Cloud Computing Laws: An Analytical Study" by Mr. Ajit Kumar, Library and Information Officer, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi.

He described in details about definitions of Cloud Computing, different models of cloud computing. His main emphasis was on cloud computing laws especially in India. He described in details the issues like jurisdictional issues, security and data privacy, data protection, IPR etc. He briefed about different surveys which were carried out to map about cloud computing in India. He recommended that Indian Govt. should take some concrete steps to protect privacy; they should take membership of WIPO or other international organisation in this direction. The second paper of the session was presented by Ms. Manika Lamba on the title "Marketing of LIS Products and Services in select medical libraries of Delhi in digital environment: A comparative study". She studied two main medical libraries namely National Medical Library (NML) and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) library. She mentioned about the various resources and services being used by both the libraries. However, there was very limited usage of social media. She urged and suggested in her recommendation for more utilisation of social media and digital marketing tools. Third presentation was given by Dr. Anil Kumar Dhiman, Information Scientist, Gurukul Kangri University, Haridwar. He presented about meaning, advantages, pillars and deliverly models of e-governance. The recent initiatives of e-governance were also discussed in his presentation like National e-Governance plan of different states in India. He further talked about role of social media in e-governance. He gave examples of Delhi Traffic Police, Kolkata Traffic Police and MCD.The last presentation of the session was given by Mr. NahavAlam, Research Scholar, AMU on the title "A Bibliometric Study of Scientific Literature on Telecommunication from 2007-2017: He found that Asian countries were lacking behind in the publication of telecommunication sector. The 2nd session during the day was chaired by Dr. Samyukhta Ravi, University Librarian, Pondicherry University. During the session the invited talk was delivered by Dr. Geeta Malhotra, Read-India Foundation, Gurugram. Dr. Malhotra discussed various aspects of libraries and its importance. Nine papers were listed during the programme. However, only 7 papers were presented. The topics of the papers were institutional repositories, mobile learning, digitization and preservation; technology based learning, layered integration for digital preservation, big data and content management. The session was interactive and several questions were asked by the audience.

First session of the 2nd day was on theme Capacity Building & HR Management in Digital Age. The session was chaired by Prof. Naushad Ali P.M., AMU, Aligarh and Plenary Talk was delivered by Dr H K Kaul, Director-DELNET. The topic of his talk was "Challenges

from the information growth". In his talk he discussed different challenges that evolve due to information growth in the context of libraries & library & Information professionals. He said that the information growth has created problem of having access to quality information. About 80% information available through Google or any other free search engine is useless and 20% information is of any academic use. The authentic and quality information is under control of commercial publishers such as Elsevier's, Sage, etc. Though recently EBSCO Academic Online, etc are trying to provide such information freely, but it is the librarian who has to come forward for content control of scientific information. It will help the researchers to get the desired information easily. Another problem is that information generated now days is scattered. It is very difficult for the user to retrieve it. The students cannot filter the required information available in different sources and formats. It is the librarian who should help in this process. They can do it easily provided they are interested. And they have to be in order to survive in the academic environment. It will give librarians appreciations and larger usage to their library. It can be done by creating Library networks, Consortia etc where most of the information available is authentic and reliable. It is filtered before being disseminated. The content management is another challenge which is faced due to information growth. Now a days a lots of open source software for content management such as Joomla, Drupal, Wordpress etc. are available in the market. The librarians can use theses software for better management of their contents so that the user gets what he wants in filtered and most appropriate manner. Social Media is one of the emerging media through which librarians can disseminate information to the users. Since Social media is widely used by the students daily, it will be the right source of information dissemination. The use of social media and the future of them using in information dissemination gives expectation that one day, a post of Social Media Librarian will be created in an organization.

Big data can be used and manipulated both. It is the librarian who should be careful about their misuse. They should have expertise to stop the manipulation of the big data. In the scenario of information growth, Library should prefer to provide digital library services. This

will make the usage of the library more and users can get the exact information easily. There are some technological challenges that information growth pose to the librarians. The libraries should provide the knowledge centre applications to the industries, educational institutions, NGOs, workmen, etc. More use of recent storage methods like cloud computing, crowd sourcing, etc will help the librarian in better data storage and management. Although these technologies should be used with utmost care since they are prone to hacking, etc. Now-a-days to improve the image of the librarian and library both the library should provide tailored services to their users. They should have expertise to troubleshoot the technical problems that comes in the library. The chairperson summarized the plenary talk by saying that it is duty of library & information professionals and the faculty both to check the quality of the content of the information to be disseminated by the library and syllabus.

After the plenary talk the contributed papers were presented by different persons. Total six (06) papers were presented in this session. A brief overview of these is given below.

Papers I: Changing Attitude Of The Users In Using E-Resources Through Open Access: A Case Study Of Faculties Of School Of Social Sciences, Mizoram University presented by Esther Lalruatpuii& H Miriami. The presenters talked about the changing Attitude of the Users in Using E-Resources through Open Access. The data was taken from faculties of School of Social Sciences, Mizoram University. They concluded that use of open access resources are gaining momentum in Mizoram University. The faculties are using them form increasing their knowledge and publish academic papers. The researchers are also using these resources frequently in their academic work. 2nd Paper was on Research Output of Jamia MilliaI slamia: A Bibliometric Study presented by Arun Ruhela & Garvita Jhamb. Another paper was presented on the bibliometric analysis of Research Output of JamiaMilliaIslamia. The data from the Web of Science for the period 1994-2016 was downloaded from WoS for Jamia MilliaI slamia. The analysis shows that3913 records were retrieved from databases. Maximum papers were in year 2016. Different parament from the data was presented. Paper III: Digital Resources of InstitutFrançais de Pondichéry (IFP) presented Narenthiran. R. In this paper Digital Resources available in InstitutFrançais de Pondichéry was briefly described by the presenter. He gives different programmes that run in the institute for digitization of manuscripts. Fourth paper was on Organization and Management of Multimedia Resources in Libraries presented by Ms. Manju. The paper covers different types of multimedia resources available in different libraries. The method of their preservation, organization for posterity

was discussed. Paper V: Plagiarism in Academics: An Ethical Dilemma presented by Nushrat Parween The presenter discussed about plagiarism in academics. What is called plagiarism, different types of plagiarism and how to prevent plagiarism. Paper 6th discussed the Information Literacy Skills of Faculty Members of Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh: A Survey/Dr. Haleema Khatoon. The last presenter gives analysis of Information Literacy Skills of Faculty Members of Aligarh Muslim University. She talks about the need of information skills required by the users. In her study it was found that users are not so comfortably with IT infrastructure. There is a need to give training, organize orientations so that they learn the skills required in the use of IT in retrieving the required information.

The chairperson concluded with the remark that the library & information professionals should work for content management in a better way. They should use different technologies for content filtration, dissemination and storage. It will give them appreciations for users and the library usage will improve to a great extent.

In the second day of conference 2nd session was chaired by Prof. Mustafa Zaidi and key Note Speaker of the session was Dr. Shahid Rasool the Director of Commonwealth of Learning. The rapporteur of the session was Dr. S. M. Abbas. In this session there was one invited talk, two talks from industries and three papers presented. Key Note speaker introduced about

CEMCA (Commonwealth Education Media Centre for Asia. He viewed that we talked about Knowledge society, knowledge economy and now knowledge per-capita and importance of learning of T.V. He also presented that world has become flat. Due to Technological advances most of the new developed technologies are available for all. You Tube is the largest search engine by which we are getting the information. The electronic industries like Sage and ProQuest viewed that as publishers we are ready to cope with changes taking place in the 21st century. He presented his products about Adam Matthew,which publishes unique primary source collections from archives around the world and Sage Research Methods: search and browse books, dictionaries, encyclopedia, video, journal articles, cases and datasets on research methods to help you learn and conduct projects. The ProQuest representative represented the products and viewed about Content, Digitisation, E-books and Technology. It is empowering libraries through digitization. ProQuest empowers academic, government, corporate, school, and public libraries with innovative content and technologies, as well as services that enable strategic acquisition, management, and discovery of information collections.

The paper presented "Literacy Skills among the Research Scholars in Mizoram University and North Eastern Hill University: A Study" by Vanlalncia and Prof. R. N. Mishra. The survey was conducted and concluded that most of the researchers are in use of internet. they also using the information technology for their researches. Electronic and Print Documents used in the Geo- Physic Thesis Awarded in Kurushetra University, Kurushetra: A Study of Shodhganga Repository by Suresh Kumar and Shanker. The study analsed five thesis of Geo-Physics shows that most cited documents were from journals and remaining citation were from books, conference proceedings theses and others. Degree of information Literacy Skills of Users at Mizoram University Central Library: A Case Study by R. K. Ngurtinkhuma, Oliver Laithlengliana and R. Lalhmangaihzuali. Most of the users use internet daily, which is a good mark showing that the awareness level of the researchers is not low. Majority of the students are aware about internet use before enrolling themselves in the university. The rate of internet use among the respondents is high but low use of internet from the university facility can show a negative sign. The conclusion of this session is that this is the digital age; we should change according to the changes of 21st century. For that purpose industry is ready to cope with. Accordingly they have changed their products to suit with the demand of modern time. They are ready to accept the challenges. As library professionals we should come ahead and face the challenges and get the new opportunities in this profession. On 3rd

day the first technical session was on theme expanding digital footprints through library consortium. The session was chaired by Dr. R. K. Sharma, United Nations Information Centre. The plenary talk was delivered by Dr. Dinesh Tyagi, CEO, CSC E-Governance Services India Limited. Dr. Tyagi delivered very interesting and useful talk. He emphasized the Digital India programme of Union Government of India. He explained each and every aspect associated with the digital India programme in lucid way. He also correlated the libraries and library professional role in making the programme successful. Number of questions were posed during the programme and Dr. Tyagi answers every accurately to all queries raised by the audience. Numbers of papers were presented during the session on various topics viz. Digital library facilities, digital resources, crowd sourcing, intellectual property right, content evaluation etc. The second and third technical sessions on 28th October were merged and joint technical session was chaired by Dr. D. V. Singh, University Librarian, and Delhi University Library System. Numbers of papers were presented during the programme covering the theme e-books, e-resources services, bibliometric study, consortium, manuscript collect, and open source software, massive open online courses, big data etc. The session was very interesting and interactive.

4.   Industry Connect Sessions

The industry connect session provided an opportunity to the audiences to know the products

information. During the conference 13 companies representatives demonstrated their products and services. On 26th October 2017 during first industry connect session the representatives from EBASCO demonstrated their product and services and in second industry connect session M/s Balani Infotech delivered talk explaining their product and services. On the same day during post lunch sessions M/s Elsevier and M/s Total Library Solutions representatives delivered their talk related to their online databases and resources. During the last industry connect session IndiaStat.com and GIST+ Bentham. In the second day the M/s China National Knowledge Infrastructure, M/s Cambridge University Press, M/s SAGE and M/s PROQUEST representatives delivered their talks. On 3rd day of the conference four industry connect sessions were organized wherein company executives of M/s Informatics India, M/s Int. Subscription Agency, M/s Taylor & Francis and M/s Indian Journal. Com interacted with the audiences. The industry connect sessions were very interactive and participants posed several questions to the corporate professionals. The organizers expressed their thanks to all the company representative giving memento to all speakers.

5. Workshops

Two workshops were organized during the conference 27th and 28th October 2017. First workshop was organized and sponsored by British Library London. The Director of the workshop was Dr. S. Majumdar, Librarian, India International Centre, New Delhi. The resource persons of the workshop were and Mr. Tom Derrick, Tom Derrick, Digital Curator, British Library, London (UK), Mr. Abhijit Bhattacharya, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Kolkata. The concept of organzing the workshop was that digitisation can increase access to collections, provide surrogates for vulnerable originals, enable virtual reunification of collections or reveal information not available to the naked eye. But how do you know where to start? What type of image should you create, what equipment do you need, how do you prepare items for digitisation? The qorkshop covered the practical aspects of undertaking digitisation. Italso focused on the digitisation of library and archive materials, though the principles are transferable to other formats. Furthermore, the resource person covered the guidance on lifecycle of digitisation project planning, image specification and files formats, condition assessments, choosing equipment and file management. A case study of one of the British library's major digitisation projects, Two Centuries of Indian Print, was contextualized covering the various strands of digitization.

Resource Person During Workshop on Digitisation

The second workshop was organized on theme Media & Information Literacy. The workshop was sponsored by UNESCO. The resource persons of the workshop were Prof. Jagtar Singh and Dr. Anup Kumar Das from Jawaharlala Nehru University, New Delhi. During the workshop various aspects of information generations were discussed. More than 50 participants attended the workshop. During the workshop participants were given assignments in 10 groups. Further, each group representative expressed the viewpoints of major highlights emerged after group discussion. Workshop was very interactive and participants thoroughly enjoyed the deliberations.

6. Policy Dialogue/Panel Discussion

First panel discussion was organized on first day on conference. The deliberation was on their developing a sustainable model for e-resources: issues and strategies. The motions of the discussion are libraries being overcharges by publishers. The following speakers expressed their views during the policy dialogue Dr. Ramesh Gaur, Mr. Saleem Anwar, Dr. Nabi Hasan, Dr. Akhtar Parvez, Dr. M. Madhusudhan, Dr. Sanjay Kataria, Mr. Kailash Balani, Mr. Shaji John and Mr. Ravi Singh.

The policy dialogue session was very interactive and lively. Another policy dialogue namely The ASIALA Policy Dialogue # 2 was moderator by Dr. Gayas Makhdumi and rapporteur of the session was Mr. Johan M. Mir. The theme of the discussion was Google is a New Librarian: Saving Libraries for Museums. The speakers of the session were: Dr. Piya Rai,

NLU, New Delhi, Dr. Puja Anand Gulati, University of Delhi, Dr. Lata Suresh, Prof. A. P. Singh, BHU, Varanasi, Dr. Masoom Raza, AMU, Aligarh, Dr. Narender Kumar, University of Delhi, Dr. Raj Kumar Bhardwaj, St Stephen's College, Delhi, Dr. S.K. Senapati, CBRI, Roorkee. The session was moderated by Dr. Gayas Makhdumi, Former University Librarian, JMI. The session was started with the views presented by Dr. Lata Suresh, Indian Inst. of Corporate Affairs, Gurgaon. She emphasized that its human who created Google nor Google created human being. Google contains very much information but finding precise information is a crucial task. She said that in

U.S. the librarian is known as human Google. The second speaker of the dialogue process initiated by Dr. Priya Rai, Dy. Librarian, National Law University, Delhi. She said that being a developing country, our focus should be on providing better services using various tools and services. She said that when open courses like MOOCs could not replace teachers then how Google can replace libraries. Google is just the supplement of libraries not the substitute. Prof. A.P. Singh, BHU also questioned the authenticity and reliability of Google's contents. He stated that Google provides only links to scholarly journals not the full-text information. Prof. Masoom Raza from AMU also supported in favour of Libraries. He pointed that Google and libraries both works in co-existence. Libraries should use Google and other value added services to meet the users need. Dr. Narendra Kumar, Dy. Librarian, University of Delhi also pointed out that libraries serve as an archival house. He explained that online information/website has only 90 days average life span. He gave examples of British Library who have been spending millions of pounds to archive the present websites. Furthermore, in Indian context Google has very less contents on vernacular languages. In this situation libraries would serve as a long serving institution than Google.

Dr. Raj Kumar Bhardwaj, Librarian of St. Stephen College mentioned that Google is empowering us not replacing us. He further added that computers are generating carbon-footprints than physical libraries. Dr. Puja Anand Gulati, Librarian of Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, University of Delhi said that Google provides the global services whereas libraries and librarians provide the individualistic service. She agreed upon the notion that both Google and Libraries co-exist together rather as substitute. In the concluding dialogue, Dr. S.K. Senapati, CBRI Roorkee said that quantity can never replace quality. Google has plethora of information which needs when intervention in form of librarians to filter the precise information. He said that librarians are still the best available resource in form of

quality contents.

The 3rd policy dialogue session was organized on 28th October 2017. The session was moderated by Prof. P. B. Mangala, Tagore Fellow & former Dean and Head, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Delhi. The agenda of the dialogue was: Vision 2050: A mid-century review of new trends in LIS resources and services. The speakers namely Dr. D. V. Singh, Dr. P. R. Goswami, Dr. Shantnu Ganguly, Dr. Sushmita Das, Dr. Sushant Kumar Senapati expressed their opinions during the deliberations. It was very lively dialogue and audience given god feedback about the outcome emerged after discussion.

7. Exhibitions

In the conference 9 exhibitors displayed their products in stall during the exhibition. The exhibition was inaugurated by Prof. Talat Ahmad, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. Prof. Ahmad visited each stall in the exhibition and interacted with the exhibitions. Exhibitors also organized lucky draw to attract the delegates. Each stall was very well organized. The exhibition was one of the highlight of the conference. Several dignitaries were present during the inauguration.

8. Recommendations

Following recommendations were made during the conference:

I.   Develop guidelines for interoperability and sustainability of institutional repositories to

foster interdisciplinary and cross campus research;

II. The Government should allocate sufficient funds to public libraries to acquire the latest information resources and upgrade their ICT equipments and facilities;

III. Some of the key concerns are organizational more than directly related to technology. Any initiatives or services should be driven by needs of the organizations involved rather than by the technology. Cloud computing may provide a means of deploying services at lower costs and with higher impact than with locally based services, but it is not in itself the strategic driver. It seems important to identify or create an organization that has the recognized authority to be able to coordinate the activities that would be deployed as cloud-based services. Further investigation should be given to the role of INFLIBNET, its existing services, and any new services that it might be able to support on behalf of the collective body of academic library.

IV. The first priority should be the identifying collaborative services that are needed on their own merits and consistent with the ongoing development of the academic library community in India. Are these libraries ready to collaborate to establish centralized services? If so, what are the services that would provide the most benefit to academic libraries? Candidates might include:(a)a comprehensive bibliographic repositories in support of cataloging and resource sharing. (b) Knowledge bases in support of e-resource management centered on the research and scholarship of Indian universities and research organizations. Such an initiative might be similar to the Knowledge Base+ project underway in the United Kingdom

V. A national body (like the INFLIBNET) in India should be responsible for (a)formulating regulations, policies, best practice guidelines, etc.(b).Provision and implementation of cloud framework and services conducting research and training(c).developing standards, protocols, etc.

VI. Online discovery content across all the academic libraries(a) Full implementation of union catalogue of academic libraries(b) Shared union catalogue with other libraries

VII. GOI should continue with the ESS consortium and its resources so that academic community can get sufficient e-resources to conduct teaching, learning and research.

VIII. Libraries should expand its services and digital footprints by managing the research data in their institutions;

IX. Sufficient funds should be allocated to the libraries of universities and research institutions to start research data management services.

X. The realisation of efficient OCR solutions for Indian scripts has the power to transform

research through the application of natural language processing techniques to machine readable full text. This an area of our sector that requires more attention, and there is promising work being undertaken in India and beyond involving machine learning, LSTM and pattern recognition techniques.

XI. An agency like INFLIBNET should formulate guidelines and standards to manage the research data in Indian Universities and research institutions.

XII. Funding agencies ought to allocate sufficient funds for research projects to foster research and development activities in library and Information science.

XIII. The curriculum of Library and information science programmes should be revised keeping view the latest development in ICT.

In the end, Rapporteur General Dr. Raj Kumar Bhardwaj expresse heartfelt thanks to all the rapporteurs of the sessions for their immense contribution otherwise this would not have been possible to prepare and present this report.

3rd International conference of Asian Libraries, Building Smart Libraries: Changes, Challenges, Issues & Strategies August 6 –8, 2018, Organized by the Central University of Kashmir & Asian Library Association Srinagar, Kashmir, 190015, J&K, India

The 3rd International conference of Asian Libraries organized during August 6-8, 2018 at Nowgan Campus of the CUK, is third in series, after first one organized at IIM Indore and the second one at Jamia Millia Islamia which were equally successful events.

More than 250 library professionals and other experts attended the conference from different parts of the country apart from people from neighboring countries. The Inaugural ceremony was started with the melodious beginning of the University Tarana. Ms. Humma of the CUK anchored the session. Dr. Baba, University Librarian, CUK and Organizing Secretary in his Welcome Address appreciated the participants and experts for their cooperation and support for making this event successful. He especially mentioned about the personal pain taken by the Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar and the whole family of CUK for their untiring efforts for making this event successful. This is perhaps the first international conference on libraries in Srinagar. He highlighted the importance of libraries with the inclusion of IT making them Smart Libraries. Prof. Zargar, Registrar of the university highlighted the importance of libraries in higher education and shift from physical resources to the online resources being made accessible remotely as well. Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Director NIFT Libraries and General Secretary, ASIALA briefly narrated the history and works of the association. Dr. Gayas

Makhdumi, former Librarian of the Jamia Millia Islamia and Conference Director emphasized on the need as how we can bring smartness in overall library affairs. Prof. PB Mangla, renowned library science expert from University of Delhi and Guest of Honor beautifully covered the journey of the libraries from previous time when the word Smart Library was first coined to the current scenario when Smart applies in all the spheres of the life including smartness in the services delivered to the patrons. This followed the release of the conference volume by the dignitaries. The volume contains 78 full papers and 5 short papers which have been contributed by about 150 young and enthusiastic authors and has been published by Asian Library Association with ISBN. This year's ASIALA Life Time Achievement Award was conferred upon Dr. Gayas Makhdumi, former Librarian of the Jamia Millia Islamia, a renowned scholar and professional par excellence for his contributions to the LIS profession. The Award carries a Citation, Memento, Shawl and cash as well. Dr. Makhdumi delivered a short thanksgiving speech. Prof. Meraj ud Din Mir, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor in his Presidential address welcomed the guests on this paradise that is Kashmir and appreciated the participants for their interest in this event despite all the hiccups. Mr. Muzzafar Jan presented the formal vote of thanks. This brought memorable end to the jam packed Inaugural session.

Post Tea session was devoted to the Corporate Presentations from Turnitin, Wiley and Springer. Ist Technical Session on Smart Libraries: A reference Model was chaired by Dr. DV Singh of University of Delhi. Dr. Asif Khan was the co-chair and Mr. Sheikh Shoeb was

the Rapporteur and anchored by Dr. Fayaz Lone. The session witnessed an important plenary talk on Smart Libraries by Dr. Gayas Makhdumi. The session had 5 contributory presentations on; E-leaning and educational consortium, MOOCs, Blue cloud, Project NPTEL, From Palm-Leaf Manuscripts to Digital volumes, presented by Duna Mukhtar Kashtwari, Bisma Bashir, Iram Zehra Mirza and R. Dharani. The session also had 2 commercial presentations from ProQuest by Mr. Sanjay Raut and from Taylor & Francis by Mr. Mohit Kapoor.

The 2nd Technical Session on Emerging & Innovative Technology Applications in Libraries was chaired by Prof. Shabahat Husain, President of the Indian Library Association, Co-Chaired by Dr. Imran Khan and Ms. Humma was the Rapporteur. Dr. Siva Chidambaram, Chief Librarian, AIIMS, New Delhi delivered the invited talk on Medical Information System. The session witnessed 6 contributory presentations on Digital Libraries, Digital Repository, Search Tools, IPR & Copyright Issues, Open DOAR and Management Systems by Mr. Bilal Ahmad, Ms. Vineeta Sapre, Ms. Nelofar Jan, Ms. Sutapa Chatterjee and Mr. Shabir Ahamad. There was a commercial presentation by Rapid Radio.

The 3rd Technical Session which was a parallel one in IQAC Hall was chaired by Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Director, NIFT Libraries. Dr. Manzoor Ahmad Wani was the Co-Chair

andMr. Deepak Shukla was the Rapporteur. The Session had6contributory papers on; Best Library Practices, world digital library, School Library Services, Information Seeking Behavior, Institutional Repositories and Users Rating to Print and e-Resources by Mr. Rafiq Ahmad Rather, Mr. Adil Ahmad, Mr. Tajamul Hassan Mir, Mr. Asmat Ali, Ms. Huma Shafiq and Dr. Bharata Laxmi Devi.

Technical Sessions IV on Building Smart & Neo Tools and Technologies and Session V on Corporate Presentations were merged together and jointly chaired by Prof. Sangita Gupta, Head Dept of LIS, Jammu University and Prof. Wajih Alvi, Former Head, DLIS, University

of Kashmir. The session was co-chaired by Dr. Sumeer Gul and Mr. Khalid Nadeem Khan was the Rapporteur. Prof. PB Mangla of the University of Delhi delivered the plenary talk on "A way forward for Library Profession" which was greatly appreciated by the participants and invited a lot of discussion. This followed the corporate presentations from Elsevier by Mr. Vishal Gupta, from Balani Infotech by Mr. Dharmendra, from Total Library Solutions by Mr. Pankaj Bhatnagar and from Informatics by Mr. Devendra Thakur. Both the sessions had 8 presentations by the participants on: Open Access Scholarly Publishing, E-learning portal, E-learning in Kashmir valley, Trends in Library and Information Science Education and Research, Web 2.0, Social media re-engineering, Role of Social Media in Tourism and Hospitality and Role of E-learning in HRD by Ms. Prerna Singh, Ms. Deepa PK, Ms. Sana Ahadi, Mr. Tanveer Rasheed Khan, Dr. Kannikaparameshhwari G., Mr. Faizan Ashraf Mir and Ms. Anila Francis.

The Technical Session VI on Library Resources and Outreach Activities and Session VII were merged together and jointly chaired by Prof. Ajay Pratap Singh of the BHU and Dr. Gayas Makhdumi of the Jamial Millia Islamia. The session was co-chaired by Dr. Fayaz Ahamad Lone and Dr. Shabir Ahmad Ganaie. Mr. Ghulam Samdani and Mohd. Ishaq Lone were the Rapporteurs. The session had 14 presentations by the participants on: Core and collaborative research productivity, skills and competencies of LIS professionals, Usage of

Library resources, information seeking behavior, digital rights management, managing modern libraries, Altmetrics, Reading habits, Open Source Software, Social web, Library as Social and Cultural Hub, Altemerics analysis of DRDO, Digital Resources and on Service Quality by Mr. Prabhat Kumar, Choudhary, Dr. Bobby Goswami Baruah, Dr. Mohd. Asif Khan, Linsha M, Mr. Shabir Ahmad, Ms. Nabina Qadir, Ms. Rosy Jan, Mr. Basharat Ahmad Wani, Ms. Saria Ibrahim, Mr. Shekh Shueb, Ms. Saima Bashir, Mr. Anil Kumarand Dr. Imran Khan.

The post lunch Session was the Panel Discussion on, "Smart Services for Smart Libraries: Emerging Trends. The session was moderated by Dr. Gayas Makhdumi and Mr. Mahmoodul Aijaz Wani was the Rapporteur of the session The Panellists include; Prof. Ajay Pratap Singh of BHU, Dr. Tariq Ashraf of the DU, Dr. SS Dhaka, President Asian Library Association, Dr. Jivesh Bansal of the Panjab University, Dr. Nabi Hasan from IIT Delhi, Dr. Sumeer Gul from University of Kashmir and Dr. Shaikh Imran. The panel deliberated on different issues of Smart Libraries and presented a global picture of the trends in modern libraries for making the libraries and librarians smart. The session was one of the most interesting one with participants keenly participated in the discussion. This marked the end of the Day II, however the organizers arranged a city visit for the participants.

Day 3 started with the Session VIII on Smart Library & User Studies and Session IX was alsomerged together. The session was jointly chaired by Dr. Nabi Hasan of IIT Delhi and Dr. Sanjay Kataria of the Bennett University. Mr. Ashiq Ahmad Najar and Dr. GA Prasad Rao were the Co-Chairs and Mr. Muzaffar Jan as Rapporteur. The session had a corporate presentation from Beegees Computers. There were 12 presentations by the participants on: Bibliotherapy and Mental Health, Media Libraries, NAAC Case study, E-sources and services, Dairy Industry, Scientometrics, Open Access, 21st Century Learners, ARRS Goldminer, Social entrepreneurship, Monumental wealth of Srinagar and Status report of a Bangladesh University, which were presented by Dr. Farooq Ahmad Rather, Dr. GA Prasad Rao, Dr. Leena Shah, Ms. Nahida Nasreen, Dr. Hilal Ahmad Punoo, Ms. Rabiya Mushtaq, Ms Arshia Ayoub, Ms Sidrat Ul Muntaha, Dr. Ismail, Ms Asra Zahoor Wani, Mr Irfan ul Haq and Mr Md. Nuzrul Islam.

The Session X was on Collection Development Policies in Digital Age. The session was chaired by Mr. Syed Reyaz Rufai, University Librarian, Islamic University of S&T. Dr. Gouse Riajuddin was the Co-Chair and Mr. Ashaq Hussain Najar was the Rapporteur. There

were a total of 5 presentations from the participants on: Digital Information Sources, Use of Information Sources, Smart Phone, Bibliometrics and Soft Skills presented by Dr. Mohd Iqbal, Ms Sumaira Jabeen, Ms Tazeem Zainab, Ms Shompa Das and Mohd Bashrat.

The Session XI which was the last session of the conference was chaired by Dr. SS Dhaka, President, Asian Library Association. Dr. Sumeer Gul was the Co-Chair and Mr. Sheikh Shoeb was the Rapporteur. The session had 6 presentations by the contributors on: Multimedia Applications, Virtual Learning, Web 2.0, digital reading, Publication Productivity and Social Media, presented by Ms Sumaira Jabeen, Ms Asifa Ali, Mr Ubaid ullah Shah, Dr. Mudasir Khazer,Mr Amir Amanullah and Mr. Faizan Ashraf.

Overall, this three days' event witnessed 11technical sessions apart from Inaugural and Valedictory. 4 Invited Talks and 62 papers were presented by different contributory speakers. Keeping in view the significance and relevance, the event has been widely covered and appreciated by print and electronic media.

It was concurred by everyone that the deliberations during the conference have been of immense value and issues strategies changes challenges of developing smart libraries   have

been discussed in a highly purposeful manner. There have been several groundbreaking presentations by young researchers from all across the country. Most of the sessions and proceedings have been highly interactive and lot of value has been added during last three days to the LIS practices and literature.

ICAL 2018 provided a meaningful platform for exchanging ideas, sharing knowledge and exposed them to several new and emerging trends in the profession. It gives me a great satisfaction to note that all the technical sessions were well attended despite highly distracting and tempting Gulmarg, Sonmarg, Shalimar, Nishat and Dal Lake, to mention few. Thank you all delegates.

Several apprehensions while proposing to hold ICAL 2018 at Sri Nagar proved completely wrong by a very congenial and peaceful atmosphere and the warm hospitality extended. CUK, the valued partner went beyond its limited means to take care of conference delegates, resource persons and speakers and made their stay absolutely comfortable like a home away from home. The taste of mouth watering Kashmiri food served during last 3 days lingered for a long time to come. The delegates were deeply touched by affection and love they received at Srinagar and would certainly have shared with their friends, families and professional colleagues back home.

The President and other office bearers of ASIALA thanked each and every one at Central University of Kashmir from students, team of volunteers, faculty members committee members to Organsing Secretary and Honable Vice Chancellor for all their wonderful hospitality, help and support in difficult times and went back to their respective places overwhelmed by affection and will always remember the entire team of Central University of Kashmir with equal love and admiration.

National Seminar Jointly organized by Indira Gandhi National Centre for the arts and Asian Library Association
Role of Libraries in Socio, Cultural & Economic Development: An Emerging Perspective
Friday, 12th April 2019 at
Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts
Venue: Auditorium, C.V. Mess Building, Janpath, New Delhi- 110001 (Near Shastri Bhavan)

The seminar on "Role of Libraries in Socio, cultural and economic Development: An Emerging Perspective "was jointly organized by ASIALA and IGNCA. The seminar is a great success in which more than 150 professionals from various types of libraries participated. Besides the delegates, more than 35 resource persons shared their insights on the theme of the seminar. The seminar had three technical sessions and one-panel discussion. The inaugural session began with lighting the lamp by various guest and resource person. The seminar has a one-panel discussion on the theme of the seminar wherein well- known luminaries of the field made it a memorable event. In addition, 2 corporate talks by M/s Balani Infotech on OECD and M/s Monotech and scanning devices helped the delegated to comprehend the latest tools and resources in the domain.

The serene and stimulating environment of IGNCA promotedan intellectual creativity,

debate, deliberations and discussion during this one day seminar. Stalwarts of LIS profession dealt with issues and offered wide ranging opinions and views.
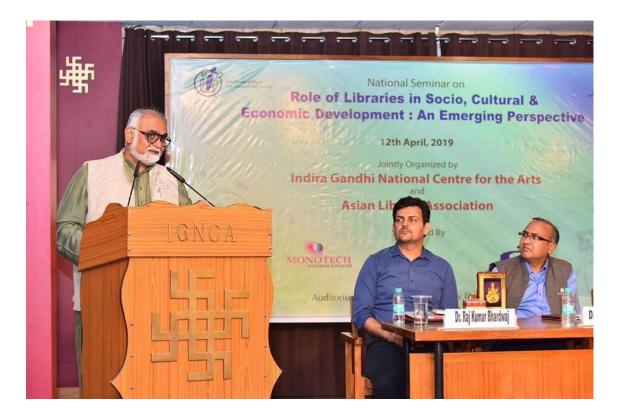
In inaugural session, Dr. Ramesh C Gaur delivered the welcome address and introduction of the seminar. Dr. Sanjeev Kumar the General Secretary of the ASIALA explained the vision and activities of Asian Library Association. The Chief Guest of the seminar Shri Shakti Sinha, Director Nehru Memorial Museum and Library stressed on the revamping of the functioning of library and information centres In the inaugural session Guest of Honour, Dr. Harish Chaturvedi , Director, BIMTECH, highlighted innovative functioning of libraries in rural areas of the country.

The session was concluded by vote of thanks address delivered by the Dr. Tariq Ashraf, Treasurer of the Asian Library Association. The validecitory session was graced by Dr. Sachchidanand Joshi, Member Secretary, Dr. S.S. Dhaka, Preseident, ASIALA, Dr. R.C.Gaur,Director and Head Kalanidhi, IGNCA and Dr. Raj Kumar Bhardwaj St Stephen's College, Delhi. Professor Joshi mentioned that library professionals should try to give personal touch to library and information services. He appealed to the professionals to help the library readers as much as possible because readers always remember the help provided by the library staff. Dr. Dhaka and Dr. Gaur also shared their views on the occasion. The report of the seminar was presented by Dr. Raj Kumar Bhardwaj.

All the sessions were very interactive, lively and brainstorming wherein participants posed several questions to the speakers. The seminar also has well organized valedictory session wherein stalwarts of the academia shared their viewpoints on the theme of the seminar. The recommendations of the seminar are as follows:

1. Libraries must adopt new approached and strategies so that community can be connected and sustained model of modern libraries can be developed.
2. Library must engage with underprivileged members of the society so that all members of the society can contribute in socio, cultural and economic development of the nation.
3. Libraries ought to help in dissemination of various schemes and programme to the Government so that maximum members can be benefited.
4. Libraries also ought to play crucial role in skill development through various events.
5. GOI and private players under corporate social responsibilities should set up rural libraries in large number for overall socio, cultural and economic development of society.

6. Library and information science professionals must discuss, debate, and develop strategies to transfer libraries into nerve centres of socio economic development.

7. The thin line between public and academic libraries should be diminished further for the benefits of the society.

8. GOI should implement National Knowledge Commission recommendations on libraries without any delay.

9. Data management work should be adopted by all types of libraries so that data can be reused, repurposed in further research. Subsequently, data management can help in avoid duplication of research and socio, cultural and economic development.

10. Libraries should be nodal centre for start-up India programme so that maximum people

can take benefit of this programme.

11. LIS schools should expand their curriculum keeping in mind the varied technological solutions in the digital age. Different pedagogy ought to be developed to transform the competencies of new entrants in the profession.

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4thInternational Conference of Asian Libraries

Managing Libraries Sustaining Excellence through Innovation, Technology and

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Inaugural

The 4th International Conference ICAL 2020 of Asian Libraries entitled "Managing Libraries: Sustaining Excellence through Innovation, Technology and Repositioning" was held during February 26-28, 2020 at the IIM Lucknow campus that was jointly organized by IIM Lucknow and ASIALA New Delhi.

The conference intended to engage the participants in a discussion of critical issues involving the increased use of innovative practices, offering value-added services and benchmark new practices through capacity building.

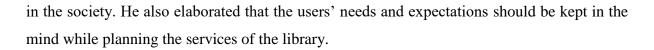The inaugural session of the conference was graced by eminent academicians including Prof.

Archana Shukla, Director IIM Lucknow; Prof. M. L. B. Bhatt, Vice-Chancellor, King George's Medical University; Professor R.L. Raina,Vice-Chancellor, J.K.L.U., Jaipur; Professor Shabahat Hussain (Retd.), Aligarh Muslim University, Dr. S.S. Dhaka, President, ASIALA and others.

The conference was inaugurated by Prof. Archana Shukla, Director IIM Lucknow, by lightening the lamp. In his welcome address, the conference organizing secretary, Sh. M.K. Singh, Librarian IIM Lucknow, welcomed the library professionals participating in the conference.

The President of ASIALA, Dr. S.S. Dhaka briefed about the Asian Libraries Association activities. The Conference Director, Prof. Shabahat Hussain (Retd.) Aligarh Muslim University, welcomed the conference participants and dignitaries. The Guest of Honour, Prof. R. L. Raina, Vice-Chancellor, J.K.L.U., Jaipur emphasized upon the need to upgrade the skills and attitude of the upcoming library professionals towards the requirements of the new age stakeholders.

During the inaugural session, the Conference proceedings volume was also released. In his inaugural address, the Chief Guest Prof. M. L. B. Bhatt, Vice-Chancellor, King George's Medical University, Lucknow talked about the importance of library and library professionals

in the society. He also elaborated that the users' needs and expectations should be kept in the mind while planning the services of the library.

Professor Archana Shukla, Director, IIM Lucknow stressed that the librarians must be ready to change. She also mentioned that today's libraries need to be more proactive and user centric. The AI is going to replace most of the routine activities of the libraries in the near

future. Hence, the library professionals have to upgrade themselves continuously in tune with the technological advancements, she said. The Life Time Achievement Award was conferred upon Prof. Shahabhat Hussain for his outstanding contributions to the development of library profession. An exhibition of e-resources was also inaugurated by Professor Archana Shukla, Director, IIM Lucknow, in which more than 20 national and international level publishers exhibited their products.

Dr. Tariq Ashraf, University Librarian, Jamia Millia Islamia and Chairman, Programme Committee of the Conference, extended a formal vote of thanks. Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, General Secretary, Asian Library Association acted as Conference Programme Director, Dr. Akhtar Parvez, University Librarian, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad as Rapporteur, and Dr. Raj Kumar Bhardwaj, Librarian, St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi as the Conference Co-Ordinator.

The conference was attended by more than hundred participants from various national and international organizations and about fifty research papers were published in the conference proceedings volume. There were eight technical sessions covering paper presentation on the theme and sub-themes of the conference, dealing with the issues– innovation, technology and sustainability through re-positioning of libraries and their services. The conference witnessed twelve invited talks delivered by eminent library professionals during the conference from February 26-28, 2020.A total of eighteen publishers/vendors made presentations about their products and services during the conference which included EBSCO, Emerald, Elsevier, Wharton, Wiley, Balani, Springer Nature, etc.

Invited Talks

1. Acquisition Models/by Dr. M. G. Sreekumar, IIM Kozhikode
2. Emerging & Innovative Technology Applications in Libraries/by Prof. Sushil Kumar, IIML
3. Green Library Building: Concept/ Dr. S. K. Senapati
4. Innovative Library and Information Services in Academic Libraries/ Dr. Sandeep K. Pathak – IISER, Bhopal
5. Library Advocacy: Strategizing Library Movement/by Dr. S. Majumdar
6. Measuring, Managing & Maximizing Research Impact: Emerging Metrics/by Dr. Tariq Ashraf, University Librarian, & Head, DLIS, Jamia Millia Islamia

7. Predatory Publishing/by Dr. Akhtar Parvez, MANUU, Hyderabad

What is Economics Literature? A Brief Introduction for LIS Professionals/by Dr. P R

Goswami, former Director, IGNCA, New Delh

Policy Dialogues

Besides invited talks, the conference witnessed two very interesting Policy Dialogues on contemporary issues which generated a lot of interest among the participants. The details are as under:

Policy Dialogue 1: Developing A Sustainable Model for e-Resource Subscription, Moderator: Dr. Roshan L. Raina

Panellists: Dr.AkhtarParvez, MANUU, Hyderabad; Mr.M.K.Singh, IIM, Lucknow; Dr. Tariq Ashraf, JMI, New Delhi; Professor Vivek Gupta, IIML; Mr. Chandra Prakash, Universal Booksellers, Lucknow;Mr. Sanjay Goswami, EBSCO Information Services India; and Mr. KailashBalani, BalaniInfotech Pvt. Ltd.

The discussion evolved around various existing subscription models including ESS, IIM Consortia, etc. All the panellists were of the view that a model is needed which is financially viable and guarantees equitable access to knowledge to every student and researcher.

Policy Dialogue 2: Emerging Technologies: Way Forward for LIS Education& Profession

Panellists: Prof. Naushad Ali P.M., AMU; Dr. Raj Kumar Bhardwaj, St Stephen's College, Delhi; Dr. P.R. Goswami, former Director, IGNCA, New Delhi; Dr. S. Majumdar, former

Librarian, University of Delhi; Dr. Pradeep Rai, Maitreyi College, Delhi.

The Policy Dialogue witnessed different perspectives expressed by the learned panelists and concluded that LIS education must integrate itself with industry and adopt demand driven new areas of research and learning.

Product Presentations

The Conference witnessed product presentations by the following publishers/vendors:

- Allied Publishers Subscription Agency, New Delhi
- Balani InfoTech, New Delhi
- EBSCO Information Services, USA
- Elsevier
- Emerald, New Delhi
- EMIS, Mumbai
- Global Information Technologies Pvt. Ltd. Gurgaon
- Indian Journal.Com (Globe)
- Insight Print Communication Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi
- Proquest, New Delhi

- S&P Global Market Intelligence, Germany
- SAGE India
- Springer Nature, New Delhi
- Statista GmbH
- Taylor & Francis, New Delhi
- Wharton Research Data Services (WRDS)
- Wiley India, New Delhi

Valedictory Session

Professor Archana Shukla, Director, IIM Lucknow welcomed all the guests/participants and congratulated the organisers for the very professional conduct of the conference.

The Best Paper Award was conferred on to the following authors and participants of the conference:

- **V. Sivasankar, E. Soundararajan& S. Rajeswari for their paper entitled "Migration to Open Source Integrated Library Management System: The Challenges and Issues".**
- **Nitesh Singh Pawar& Kishor John for their paper entitled Dark Web "The Darker and Briter Side of the Web".**
- **ASIALA Best Innovative Library Services Award was presented to Dr. Pradeep Rai, Librarian, Maitreyi College, University of Delhi.**

During the valedictory address delivered by Professor Vinay Kumar Pathak, Vice-Chancellor, AKTU, Lucknow, Professor Pathak stressed upon the fact that the libraries must transform in to cultural hubs and bring innovation in the library services so that more and more library users are attracted towards the library.

Dr. Tariq Ashraf, Joint Organising Secretary and the Programme Director of the Conference extended the formal vote of thanks.

Dr. Akhtar Parvez, Rapporteur General, presented the report of the conference highlighting the following major recommendations of the 3-Day deliberations:

- Libraries must transform their resources and services by incorporating latest and

emerging technologies in to their functioning.

- For sustaining excellence, libraries must increasingly adopt new technologies and offer value added services.
- Keeping in view the ever-rising needs of library users and to enhance staff efficiency, innovation must be brought in to various library processes especially Acquisition and Technical Processing.
- Libraries must diversify into new areas and offer services like web publishing, research integration, ethical use of information, content creation and information literacy
- Libraries must draw expertise from other disciplines like management, Computer science and communication and adopt a multidisciplinary approach. They must focus on advocacy and marketing strategies to reposition their products and services.
- LIS education must integrate itself with industry and adopt demand driven new areas of research and learning
- The conference also recommended for removal of GST and other taxes from all learning and academic sources as these provisions are badly affecting acquisition services of library by way of putting extra financial burden

Online International Conference e of Asian Libraries 2020 Changing Information Landscape: Rediscovering Libraries December 13-14, 2020

The overall purpose of conference was to examine the impact of changing information landscape on library services and to explore libraries as a broad foundation for interaction with information and information management in a digital environment. It is being argued that libraries need to repurpose their services and rediscover their essence to meet the challenge by the emerging information landscape.

Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Director, NRC, NIFT, New Delhi * General Secretary , Asian Library Association, welcomed the dignitaries and the participants to this conference. He mentioned how virtual meetings have changed the lifestyle of the LIS professionals globally in the present and ICAL 2020 is going to discuss the changing role of libraries during the pandemic.

Mr. Sanjay Bihani, a Member of the IFLA governing board explained the function, role and activities of IFLA. The President of IFLA also addressed the participants. She mentioned the need of changing the role of LIS professionals in the pandemic. The chief guest of the conference, Dr.A. P. Singh, DG-RRRLF, Kolkata delivered his keynote address. He recalled Dr. S. R. Ranganathan and his 5 laws and expressed changing the role of LIS professionals to serve the user perfectly in the pandemic.

Dr. Shabahat Husain, Ex-head, Dean, University librarian, AMU, Aligarh stated that Asian Library Association is doing an excellent job by conducting this conference in the pandemic. At the end of the inaugural session, Dr. Rajkumar Bhardwaj, St. Stephens College, Delhi University gave the vote of thanks and captured the essence of the session .

The first technical session was chaired by Dr. (Mrs.) S. P. Singh, former head of DLIS, University of Delhi. In this session, one product presentation and 2 papers presentation by the participants took place.

The second technical session was chaired by Dr. R. K. Sharma, Librarian, United Nations information centre for India and Bhutan. In this session, Dr. Ramesh C. Gaur, Dean, IGNCA, New Delhi talked about the topic "Enhancing E-learning, Digital learning and virtual learning by designing library spaces as learning commons. One   product   and   three   papers

were presented by the participants. 3rd technical session was chaired by Dr. Naushad Ali P. M., Professor DLIS, AMU, Aligarh In this session, Dr. M. G. Sreekumar, Chief librarian, IIM, Kozhikode delivered his invited talk on "conceptualization and designing 21st-century research libraries. He shared interesting blue ocean is red ocean strategies. In this technical session, one product and 4 papers were presented by the participants. The 4th technical session was chaired by Mrs. Kala Anjan Dutta, former director of the American central library. In this session, Dr. Shantanu Ganguly, Chief Librarian, AIIMS, New Delhi delivered an invited talk on the topic "Application of knowledge mapping technique in knowledge management: A health care services perspective". In this session, 3 papers and 2 product presentations were presented. 5th technical session was chaired by Dr. A. M. Baba, University Librarian, Central University of Kashmir. Two Invited Talks were delivered by Dr. P. R. Goswami, former director of ICSSR, New Delhi and Dr. Rama Patnaik, IIM, Bengaluru on the topics "structure of social science information" and "Repurposing library spaces for the future: an experience in IIMB library". Nine papers were presented by the participants in this technical session.

During the conference, it was concurred by speakers that the global information landscape is undergoing a massive transformation. Most of the information is today accessible online in a 24x7 format. The universal availability of smart phones and affordable Internet has brought information at the doorstep of the masses. A large amount of scholarly communication is also available freely from open access journals and information gateways, strongly supported by research community. This free flow of information has almost eliminated the monopoly of libraries over information and a host of competing platforms have emerged as source of credible and peer reviewed information. This has led to a massive debate in the academic world with regard to an urgent need on the part of libraries to diversify into new areas of information management. Consequently libraries are in the process of readying themselves to meet this survival battle with new tools and ideas and provide services, traditionally unknown.

Modern technologies, it is argued in one of the papers , will be of staggering help to libraries towards fortifying their relationship and giving overhauled customer arranged organizations to existing customers. Libraries need to advance an endeavor to offer this sorts of help through cell phones. Besides, it will help libraries toward building incredible relationship and offering better sorts of help to their present far off customers. Author advocates the

utilization and use of portable innovation in the libraries, their focal points, versatile applications and library administrations through portable innovation.

It was further argued that digital technologies have overcome traditional barriers and have opened up new ways of reading, communication, interaction, participation, and access to information for differently- able people. Now, the visually impaired can access computer programs, the Internet, and digital resources using Braille displays, screen magnifying monitors, screen readers, and speech synthesis. These electronic aids are collectively called as Assistive or Adaptive Technology. Innovate practices bridge the gap between the library and the users for maximum utilisation of the resources. Implementing cutting edge technologies like Remote login facilities, Citation databases, International subject-based databases, and online user training programs are some of the best examples of adapting to new environment.

It was argued that libraries are growing slow and steadily since their inception. Today libraries are transforming their role remarkably from the custodian of traditional information resources to the provider of service oriented digital information/ web information resources, as a result of which libraries are now on cloud. Emergence of libraries with different nomenclatures operating in the universe of knowledge, libraries are being termed as traditional, automated, electronic, digital and virtual and hybrid. In the web environment a new interactive concept of Library2.0 has emerged. All these libraries are using different information technology applications for performing activities ranging from acquisition of materials to the dissemination of information.

As e-learning policy assumes a more significant role within the context of education policy of governments and autonomous institutes of national importance, the quality improvement in library services is essential not only for their survivals but also for facing the major changes and challenges of 21st century. As a result libraries are undergoing rapid changes. Consequently , today, the most popular ICT based library services in higher educational institutions are associated with e-learning. It is all due to the fundamental and structural changes within organizations and drastic changes in the way e-content and e-learning materials are delivered to students and faculty in the global market with the help of libraries.

According to several presenters , the advantages of the new emerging technologies in delivering distance services are obvious. Libraries are able to offer their users far more

options and avenues. This in turn, provides convenience, eliminates barriers of distance and isolations, saves the users time, streamlines procedures and document delivery, and makes communication easier.

As librarian must be prepared to handle these emerging e-challenges, they have to developed their expertise and resources and infrastructure to handle these emerging technologies. In this way they can convince their administrator that the library has the tools, expertise, and resources to serve distance users and distance learners. This conference upfront all these issues in the context of global pandemic and long closure of access to libraries physically.

We hope that this conference will help to understand some of the issues involved in this transformation and also add value to existing LIS literature.

6th Online International Conference of Asian Libraries ICAL-2021
Developing Information Policies for the Knowledge Age
December, 18th, 2021

An online International Conference on "Developing Information Policies for the Knowledge Age" organized b Asian Library Association. The purpose of the conference was to discuss the impact of information policies and their development for the Knowledge Age.

Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, General Secretary, ASIALA & Director, NRC, NIFT, New Delhi, welcomed the dignitaries and the participants to this conference

Prof. Jaideep Sharma, DLIS IGNOU delivered keynote address, followed by Vote of thanks from Dr. Susanta Kumar Senapati, Vice President ASIALA and Principal Technical Officer & Head, Knowledge Resource Centre, CSIR.

There were total four Technical Session having two invited talks each. The first technical session was chaired by Dr. Gyas Makhdumi, former University Librarian, Jamia Millia Islamia. In this session, there were two Invited Talks delivered by Dr. Ramesh C. Gaur, Dean, IGNCA New Delhi on " Transforming Libraries into most sought-after and happening places, and other one by Dr. Shantanu Ganguly, Chief Librarian, AIIMS, New Delhi,   his topic was " Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and open Knowledge" , both dignitaries shared their wisdom to all the participant of conference, this was   followed by one product presentation by M/s Balani Infotech Pvt. Ltd. and 3 papers presentation by the participants took place.

The Rapporteur of that session was Mr. Ghulam Samdani, from University of Delhi South Campus.

The second technical session was chaired by Dr. R. K. Sharma, DG, Delhi Public Library, he stated the role of ASIALA for conducting this online conference. In this session, there were two invited talks delivered by Dr. Akhtar Pervez, University Librarian, MANU-Hyderabad he delivered his thought provoking views on "IPR copyright and fair use" followed by Prof. Naushad Ali PM- AMU Aligarh on "Emerging & Innovative Technology Applications in Libraries'.

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Dr. Tariq Ashraf, University Librarian, JMI, New Delhi chaired the 3rd technical session, in this session first talk was delivered by Dr. Raj Kumar Bhardwaj, Assistant Professor, Central University of Punjab, on Building Sustainable Information System for Visually impaired users in higher educational institutions. Dr. C. Jayakumar, Librarian IIT Roorkee delivered his views on "Scholarly Communication and Citation Metrics".

This was followed by a product Presentation by M/s Allied Publications in that session.

The Rapporteur of that session was Mr. Kasam Ali, from Jamia Millia Islamia.

The 4th and final technical session was chaired by Dr. Kala Anjan Dutta, former director of the American central library. In this session, Dr. Meenal Oak, IIMC, Pune, delivered an invited talk on the topic "Library Services: Quality Improvement in changing scenario". Second talk delivered by Dr. Sanjay Kumar Singh, Professor and Head, Librarian, Guwahati on "Transforming Library Spaces into Cultural hubs". In this session, 3 papers presented by

the participants followed by a product presentation presented by M/s Beegees Computers Pvt. Ltd.

Rapporteur of that session was Mr. Khalid Nadeem Khan, from Jamia Millia Islamia.

The program was successfully conducted by Dr. Shantanu Ganguly.

All the sessions were very interactive, energetic and brainstorming wherein participants posted several questions to the speakers.

ICAL 2022

Information, Knowledge and Research: Changing Role of Libraries
6th International Conference of Asian Libraries Held During
November 24-26, 2022 at Aligarh Muslim University Aligarh-UP

Maulana Azad Library and the Department of Library and Information Science, AMU in collaboration with the Asian Library Association (ASIALA) have organized the three-day '6th International Conference of Asian Libraries' on 'Information, Knowledge and Research: Changing Role of Libraries' on November 24, 2022 Thursday at the UGC- Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC), Aligarh Muslim University (AMU).

In the inaugural session of the conference, Dr Gayas Makhdumi, Director of the conference has emphasised: that a revolution has taken place in the library culture in recent years. Electronic journals are facilitating the more timely exchange of theory and research among scholars. New media is not only adding value to interactive communications but also providing powerful new means of accessing information to support teaching, learning and research. Speaking in the inaugural function, Dr. Gayas Sb. stressed that this conference will provide the participants with the understanding of technological changes. Dr Gayas talked about information and knowledge management, innovative library services, digital

technologies, management of e-content, library resource sharing, anti-plagiarism policy, collection development policy besides Webometrics and Scientometric.

Inaugurating the conference, Pro Vice Chancellor, AMU Prof Mohammad Gulrez hoped "Students, Research scholars and library professionals will have an excellent opportunity to interact with a large number of library and information science experts in this three-day conference. He also said that the engaging discussions scheduled in the programme will update the participants with the latest trends in library science".

Prof Nishat Fatima (Organising Secretary of the Conference) and Dr Sanjeev Kumar (General Secretary, Asian Library Association) have delivered the welcome addresses.

Conference volume was released by the Chief Guest Prof. Gulrez Sb. PVC, AMU,

Subsequently Dr. Akhtar Hussian (Librarian, Institute Of Management Technology, Ghaziabad) was conferred with the ASIALA- Innovative Library Services Award and Dr Rajkumar got the ASIALA Outstanding Researcher Award from Asian Library Association.

Two Deputy Librarians of Maulana Azad Library namely Dr Asif Fareed Siddiqui (Joint Organizing Secretary) and Dr Habibur Rehman Khan coordinated the programme.

Dr. Susanta Kumar Senapati (Vice President, Asian Library Association) extended the vote of thanks.

Total numbers of technical sessions held are seven.

DAY 1: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2022

Technical Session 1.1

On the first day of the conference i.e. on 24th of November 2022 in the first session invited speaker was Prof. Osama Manzar, Director, Digital Empowerment Foundation New Delhi. He delivered a lecture on Digital Literacy. Subsequently a nice industry presentation made by M/S Knimbus Online Pvt. Ltd.

In the first technical session on Thursday i.e. November 24th 2022, total no. of six papers were presented on a range of topics such as Implementation of Resource Description in the

UAE, Correlation analysis etc. This session was chaired by Dr. R.K. Sharma, DG, Delhi Public Library, with Co-chair Dr. S H Naqvi, JMI, New Delhi and Rapporteur Dr. Zubair Mehmood, JMI, New Delhi.

Panel Discussion:

Moderator: Dr. Akhtar Parvez, MANUU, Hyderabad

Rapporteur: Dr. Keshwar Jahan, DLIS, AMU

Industry Presentation: M/s Wiley Pvt. Ltd.

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Panellists:

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2.   Dr. Tariq Ashraf

3.   Mr. Sanjay Grover

4.   Mr. Mohd Suhail, GIST

5.   Mr. Kailash Balani, Balani Infotech

6.   Mr. Ravi Singh, TLS Group

7.   Mr. Bharat Nagrecha, Beegees Computer

Technical Session 1.2

In the second session of the first day of the conference i.e. on 24th of November 2022, our invited speaker Prof. Leili Saifi, DLIS, University of Birjand, Iran in an online mode on the theme Role of public libraries in community engagement. Subsequently an industry presentation was made by M/s Beegees Computers Pvt. Ltd.

In the second technical session on Thursday i.e. November 24th 2022, two papers were presented. This Session was chaired by Chairperson: Prof. S. M. Shafi, University of Kashmir with Co-Chair: Prof. Sudharma Haridasan, DLIS, AMU and Rapporteur: Dr. T.S. Asghar, AMU, Aligarh.

Relevant Questions were asked and satisfactory answer given by respected contributors.

DAY2: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2022

Technical Session 2.1

On the second day of the conference i.e. on 25th of November 2022 in the first session invited speaker was Prof. Collence Chisita, University of South Africa (Online). He delivered an online lecture and the theme of his lecture was Changing Landscape in Information

Retrieval: Wikipedia and Wiki Products, Subsequently a nice industry presentation made by M/S Infokart Pvt. Ltd.

In the first technical session on Friday i.e. November 25th 2022, total no. of Six papers were presented on a range of topics such as Acquisition, maintenance, and use of Archives of Sir Syed Academy and IR Models etc. This session was chaired by Prof. Jaideep Sharma, IGNOU, New Delhi with Co-chair Dr. S.M. Abbas, JMI, New Delhi and Rapporteur Dr. Mohammad Nazim, AMU.

Relevant Question was asked and satisfactory answer given by respected contributors.

TECHNICAL SESSION 2.2

In the second session of the Second day of the conference i.e. on 25th of November 2022, our invited speaker Dr. P. R. Goswami, delivered lecture on the theme Libraries & Library Professionals of the Future, Subsequently an industry presentation was made by M/s Infokart Pvt. Ltd.

Dr. Gyas Makhdumi Sb. Has asked a very pertinent question about the function of the software.

In the second technical session on Friday i.e. November 25th 2022, six papers were presented. This Session was chaired by Chairperson: Prof. Mrs. S.P. Singh, University of Delhi with Co-Chair: Dr. Asif Fareed Siddiqui, AMU and Rapporteur: Mr. Sandeep Sharma, JMI, New Delhi.

Relevant Questions were asked and satisfactory answer given by respected contributors.

TECHNICAL SESSION 2.3

In the third session of the Second day of the conference i.e. on 25th of November 2022, our invited speaker Prof. Shailendra Kumar, University of Delhi, delivered lecture on the theme Libraries & Library Professionals of the Future, Subsequently an industry presentation was made by M/s Infokart Pvt. Ltd.

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1. Osama Manzar: Digital Literacy

2. Collence Christia: Changing Landscape in Information Retrieval: Wikipedia and Wiki Products

3. P R Goswami: given in the program

4. Dr Mohd Taher: Changing role of libraries in post COVID-19 Pandemic era: Urgent need for prioritizing humility and empathy in the workplace

5. Prof Leili Saifi: Role of public libraries in community engagement.

7th International Conference of Asian Libraries (ICAL-2024)
26-27 April 2024 on "Academic Libraries: Sustaining Excellence through
Innovation & Technology"

7th International Conference of Asian Libraries (ICAL-2024) held from 26-27 April 2024 on **"Academic Libraries: Sustaining Excellence through Innovation & Technology"** organized by Akal University, which is having very important mission and vision of not merely to impart literacy but also to provide high quality spiritual value-based education leading to holistic development of complete human beings who will propagate the message of universal brotherhood and philosophy of interfaith wisdom enshrined in Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji and the conference is collaborated with Asian Library Association (ASIALA) which is an international library association, constituted to play an important role in the promotion of librarianship as a profession vital to an informed and knowledgeable society and puts emphasis on the professional development of LIS community through advocacy, peer networking, and leadership development through idea generation and many other initiatives.

This international conference was organized keeping in view the impact and

continuous changing landscape of libraries and their overall outlook and the libraries are more concerned with the management of knowledge, information & research. Now libraries are providing digital based services with constant involvement of innovations and technology. The purpose of this conference was to examine, encapsulate and deliberate upon innovative tools, strategies and practices for sustaining the academic excellence. It tried to engage the delegates and participants in deliberations and discussions on crucial issues facing libraries and LIS Professionals for the increased use of the innovative practice, value-added services, and benchmarking best practices through capacity building so as to maximize access to learning resources and enhance knowledge, information research output and also sustain the excellence.

The broader themes of the conference were:

- Data Management: Emerging Landscape
- Emerging Digital Landscape
- Emerging & Innovative Technology Applications in Libraries
- Transforming Library Spaces into Cultural Hubs

- Capacity Building & HR Management in Digital Age
- Collection Development Policies in Digital Age

There were a total of six technical sessions in which 38 papers were presented and one panel discussion.

The conference started with the inaugural session on 26 April, at 10:00am with the presence of honorable VC of the Akal University, Prof. Gurmail Singh, Dean Academic Affairs, Maj. Gen. Dr. G.S. Lamba (VSM), Keynote Speaker and Guest of Honour, Dr. P. R. Goswami. The welcome Address was given by Mr. Shahzeb Hasan, Conference Organizing Secretary and Dr. S.S. Dhaka President, Asian Library Association, and the vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. S.K Senapati, Vice President, Asian Library Association.

In his inaugural Address, Prof. Gurmail Singh, Honorable VC, Akal University gave a detailed outlook of the four major impactful revolutions witnessed by the world and he described the ICT impact as one of the prominent aspects of modern-day changes occurring daily basis in our lives and so is true with the libraries. As the library user,

he emphasized the need of modern technologies in libraries; however the quite, calm and proper ambience of reading and getting the intellectual food is only available in the physical spaces provided by the libraries.

The keynote Speaker and the Guest of honor, Dr. P. R. Goswami, while delving about the theme of the conference, emphasized about the achieving and sustaining excellence using modern tools and techniques. He talked about the knowledge management practices especially the indigenous knowledge to be managed by the libraries. Dr. Goswami provided an onslaught of the earlier traditional libraries services and the way libraries have been changing the overall outlook supported by the modern digital technologies.

Discussion of Technical Sessions

The first technical session was chaired by Dr. P.R. Goswami, Former Library Director, Planning Commission of India NASSDOC, Central Secretariat and IGNCA

New Delhi, co-chaired by Dr. Upinder Kaur from Akal University and the Rapporteur of the session was Dr. Khalid Nadeem Khan, JMI, New Delhi. The Invited talk was presented by Prof. Rupak Chakravarty, Punjab University, Chandigarh. A total of the 7 Papers were presented in the session.

The second technical session was chaired by Dr. Khushpreet Singh Brar, Punjab University, Chandigarh, co-chaired by Sr. Hari Sanskar, Dy. Director, Telangana Public Library, Hyderabad and the Rapporteur of the session was Dr. Navkiran Kaur, Punjabi University, Patiala. The Invited talk on the topic "lens.org" was presented by Dr. Mark Garlinghouse, Director, Business Development, The Lens, Singapore online. A total of the 7 Papers were presented in the session.

The third technical session was chaired by Dr. S. M. Abbas, Ex Documentation Officer, JMI, New Delhi, co-chaired by Dr. Brinder Kaur, Akal University, and the Rapporteur of the session was Dr. Baljinder Kaur, Punjabi University, Patiala. A total of the 6 Papers were presented in the session.

The fourth technical session was chaired by Dr. S. S. Dhaka, President ASIALA, Director and Former MEA, co-chaired by Dr. Tariq Ashraf, Former University

Librarian, JMI and the Rapporteur of the session was Vandana Chandere, Senior Library and Information Officer, ICMR-NIV, Pune. A total of the 5 Papers were presented in the session.

2ⁿᵈ Day of the Conference (27ᵗʰ of April)

The fifth technical session was chaired by Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Former Director, NIFT, New Delhi, co-chaired by Dr Geeta Malhotra, Director Rural education and Development (READ) India, and the Rapporteur of the session was Deema Sharma, Librarian NC Medical College, Panipat. A total of the 6 Papers were presented in the session.

The sixth technical session was chaired by Dr. Shri Ram, Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology, Patiala, Punjab, co-chaired by Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad Bhatt, Akal University, and the Rapporteur of the session was Md. Ghulam Samdani, University of Delhi South Campus. A total of the 7 Papers were presented in the session. Prof. Jagtar Singh, former head and professor, Punjabi University, Patiala presented the invited talk on Information and Media Literacy.

The concluding session of the conference was very enlightening and conspicuous by the presence of honorable VC of the Akal University, Prof. Gurmail Singh, Dean Academic Affairs, Maj. Gen. Dr. G.S. Lamba (VSM), Dr. S.S. Dhaka, President, Asian Library Association, Dr. S.K Senapati, Vice President, Asian Library Association, Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, General Secretary, Asian Library Association, Dr. Muzamil Mushtaq, AMU Aligarh, Rapporteur General of the conference, and Mr. Shahzeb Hasan, Conference Organizing Secretary.

The welcome Address was given by Dr. S.K Senapati, Vice President, Asian Library Association and briefing of the conference were presented by Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, General Secretary, Asian Library Association. Dr. Muzamil Mushtaq, AMU Aligarh presented the detailed report of the two days conference. On the basis of the review committee recommendation and the contributions in the field of Library Services, Dr. Jivesh Bansal, Dy. Librarian, Punjab University received the ASIALA Innovative Library Services Award for the year 2023 in recognition of his contributions to the profession and Dr. Muzamil Mushtaq, Assistant Professor, AMU received the best paper award for his research paper on "Research data management practices in Academic Institutes in the country" and the announcements were made by the honorable Vice Chancellor of the Akal University. The presidential address in the valedictory session was given by Prof. Gurmail Singh, VC of Akal University. At the outset, he thanked the whole team of ASIALA to collaborate with the Akal University for the Conference and congratulated for the success of the conference. His words of wisdom left the audience spellbound and the momentum of the valedictory session was imbibed in the unforgettable moments of the participants of the conference which have long lasting impact. Over to the final moments of the sparkling two days
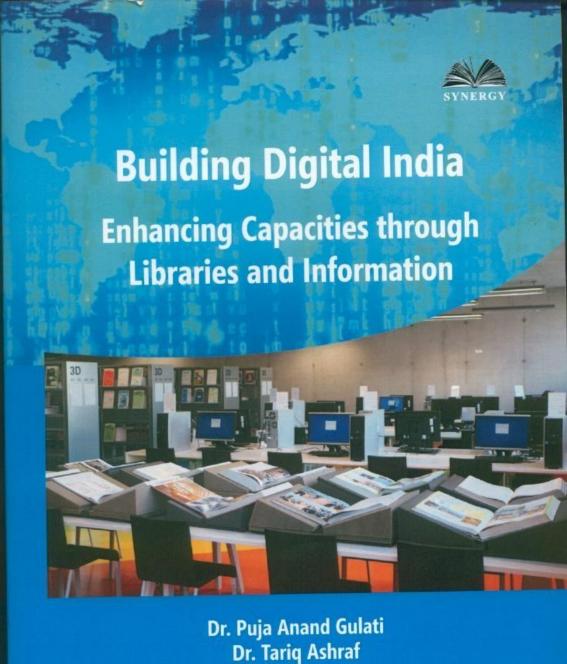
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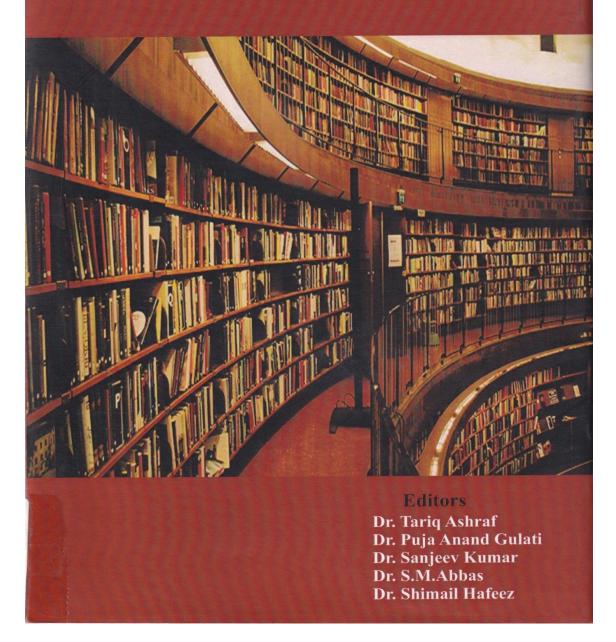More detail about ASIALA can be found at www.asiala.co.in

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