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## Appeal to LIS Professionals

Dear Colleagues,  
It would be highly appreciated if you could provide the news for the following for forthcoming ILA Newsletter.

1. Report of about 100 words with one snap of organised Seminar, Conference, Training & Workshop;
2. Book publications, or highly Impact Factor research outputs or just concluded projects;
3. Announcement for admissions, educational up gradations;
4. Technological innovations, research & development;
5. Any other LIS field related news, please send to Editor: [pro@ilaindia.net](mailto:pro@ilaindia.net)

You are also welcome for your constructive suggestions and feedback for betterment of ILA Newsletter.

## Library Quote



The importance of print books will never over to me and I have not still overcome from the charm of books. How it is a memorable and pleasant feeling?  
**Amitabh Bachchan**

ILA organising One Day National Seminar and Dr. Ranganathan Memorial Lecture on August 30, 2015 at Pragati Auditorium, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi

## Digital India: A Challenge or Opportunity for Libraries.

**Dr. Rajesh Kr. Bhardwaj**  
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Editorial

### Introduction

India's Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi's has launched his visionary mega project "Digital India" on July 1, 2015 with a week-long event, called 'Digital India Week'. The main objective of Digital India is to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy. The vision behind this programme is centered on three key areas;

- ✓ Digital Infrastructure as a Utility to Every Citizen
- ✓ Governance & Services on Demand
- ✓ Digital Empowerment of Citizens

There are nine Pillars identified on which Digital India will pursuit;

- Broadband Highways
- Universal Access to Phones
- Public Internet Access Programme
- E-Governance –Reforming government through Technology
- eKranti –Electronic delivery of services
- Information for All
- Electronics Manufacturing –Target NET ZERO Imports
- IT for Jobs
- Early Harvest Programmes



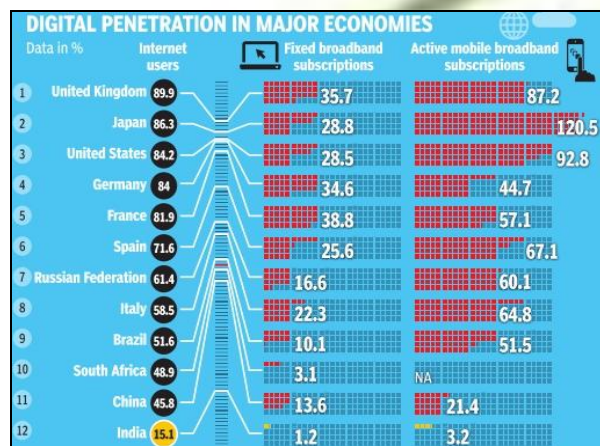
The above identified areas will be achieved by the active approach and involvement of various organisations and institutions. The role of libraries in achieving the above is very important and needs to be placed on appropriate priority. The libraries are the backbone of any civilized society and the role of libraries cannot be ignored in transforming civilized society into a knowledge society. The libraries are the foremost preferred place of knowledge society to satisfy their intellectual thrust.

But, this is very unfortunate that the role of libraries have not been identified and recognised in Digital India Movement.

### Background and Some Facts

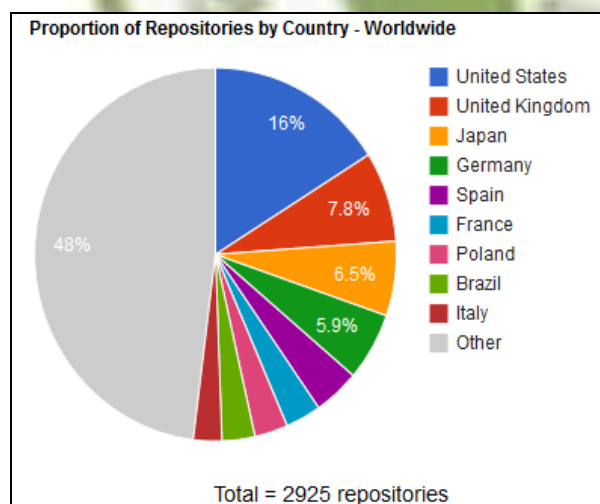
Before we analysis the involvement of libraries, we need to understand the facts and figures about the present available utility updates on which the project will take place.

In a recent research carried out by Atul Thakur in state of Broadband 2014, ITU. The data has been collected for year 2013 where penetration - subscription / use per 100 of population have been counted and is, published in Times of India; Delhi on July 7, 2015. It reflects that India's IT Industry is often lauded across the world.



However, data on internet and broadband penetration rates in the country shows a gloomy picture. In many of these indicators of access to information technology, India ranks lower even than countries of sub-Sahara Africa. As for the developed world, in 2013, about 90% of the UK's population was using the internet compare to India's 15.1%. Similarly, 35.7% of UK's residents had fixed broadband connections against India's abysmally low 1.2%. In mobile broadband penetration and household ownership of computers as well, India has a lot of catching up to do. India is far behind from China, South Africa and all other countries as depicted in the above image. An another report of IAMAI and KPMG revealed that the internet users in India will reach to 503 million by 2017 as compared to existing 350 million approximately as on June 2015.

The latest updates related to digital library repositories in the world specifically focused to India; the figures and facts have been carried out from Directory of Open Access Repositories and depicted as under.



Source: OpenDOAR, Accessed on 21-Jul-2015

Proportion of digital library repositories by country – worldwide figure and facts have been mentioned in the graph and table;

Type	Count
United States	469
United Kingdom	229
Japan	189
Germany	173
Spain	120
France	93
Poland	87
Brazil	86
Italy	74
Canada	72
<b>India</b>	<b>69</b>
Total = 2925 repositories	

The above statistics shows that present scenario is not cheerful but it is not even disappointing. The numbers of digital repositories are not as high as expected in terms of comparative growth and development taking place in ICT super highway worldwide. This is not necessary that the above scenario will influence the future libraries or any indication for future growth of libraries in India.

## Digital India: a Challenges and Opportunities for Libraries.

The Digital India initiative is a challenge to the libraries and therefore Library and Information Science (LIS) professionals have to be more creative and not only technology savvy but technology experts. If we observe the objectives of this project, viz.;

- ✓ *Digital Infrastructure as a Utility to Every Citizen:* Libraries are the major part of Digital Infrastructure and can play a vital role in nation building but there is no evidence about the development of libraries infrastructure. The expansion of Digital India infrastructure might help in building the libraries infrastructure. The national and regional library associations should take up a call and raise the interests on citizens and assure the concerned state government to be the part of this movement. There are 29 states and 7 union territories in India but Public Libraries Act has been enacted by only 19 states. Therefore, there is a lot of scope to engage library infrastructure in the movement.
- ✓ *Governance & Services on Demand:* The delivery of citizen services is one of the major demand and right of each and every citizen of India. To achieve this objective digital India project has conceptualised various small but very important programs viz., setting up 2,50,000 (two and half lakh) Common Service Centres (CSCs) all over India. The objective is to disseminate government citizen services through this program and the 1,50,000 Post Offices have been identified as viable, multi-functional end-points for delivery of these services. However, this could be done smoothly by setting up a public libraries network all over India at least as pilot project in selected places but there is no mention about the role of libraries for these services. The basic function of CSC's is to disseminate information or assist in accessing the information and empower the citizen to know their privileges and rights to strengthen the democratic environment.
- ✓ *Digital Empowerment of Citizens:* This objective is foremost and very near to education and library professionals. Under the project, many programs to achieve this objective viz. Information Literacy and Skill India has been initiated but again unfortunately, the role of libraries have not been recognised anywhere. It is our strong opinion that libraries can be an appropriate infrastructure to play the best role in educating and extending information literacy among the target audiences. If we succeed to develop a nationwide library network that could be a multi-purpose nodal center including digital empowerment of citizens.

The libraries in India have to find its own way to make a bigger space in Digital India movement and have to align with the associated programs. Libraries have to become the part of this mega project and needs to convert themselves into hybrid or digital library system. The question again arises that how libraries can be the part or involves into this project. The shift of knowledge disciplines has become faster due to the impact of ICT on education system. The golden principle "Survival of the Fittest" is applicable on various effected subjects including library and information science. This threat is not for library professionals but also to other faculty fraternity because introduction of open education system. But we need to focus on LIS profession and be ready to play proactive role in Digital India project.

### Assessment and Initiatives

It is fact that the Digital India project will run on its pillars viz, "Broadband Highways" with "Universal Access to Phones" and "Public Internet Access Programme" supported by "Electronic Manufacturing in India". But rest of the pillars directly or indirectly needs support of library systems. The "E-Governance –Reforming government through Technology" and "eKranti – Electronic delivery of services" are very important and libraries should associated with them.

The "Information for All" is the best pillar where the libraries can take a lead to extent information to citizens through various channels. Information for all should means library for all from where a citizen can access and deliver any type of information.

The libraries have to come forward to become one of the important pillars to carry out responsibilities under the project. However, it is fact that the project has taken its shape and now it is very difficult to intervene into that but we should be positive and try our level best. In this regard, the following may be suggested:

- To act as a Common Service Centres (CSCs) to deliver the citizen services through nationwide library network. It is simple, even a common man knows that library is a right place to get an appropriate information rather than a post office. The education and professional competency of librarians can prove that libraries are the most suitable place to deliver such services and ensure the success of government in accomplishing the mega vision of India;
- The school libraries or other libraries where it is applicable should act as a resource centre for eBasta program under this mega project. The responsibility of compiling, managing, storing, repacking and delivery of digital content among students should be taken over by the library;
- The libraries are the social meeting point of resident of a village or a urban city or institution or organization, therefore, a natural opportunity to be offered to libraries. The LIS professionals must understand this fact that without aligning with government policies and programs, the survival of the profession will always be under question mark. We have to incorporate the people's aspirations and should work in the interest of society at large. The libraries may engages themselves as government subsidiary through social media and web based platforms to inform citizens;
- The libraries needs to act as a Resource center for Online Hosting and Harvesting of local heritage and traditional knowledge & documents. The information based on the local demand needs to be redesigned and repackaged as database products that may related to citizen services as well.
- Under the program "Technology for Education –e-Education", the libraries may act as learning and resource center and librarian may act as a tutor, guide, associate, or content facilitator to the learners;
- The libraries may act as nodal point to evaluate and audit of individual online information and help citizens to rectify the same. There are many citizen services extended by various government departments and ministries, but there is no mechanism to consolidate information and address the related issues;
- The libraries may act as training center for Digital Literacy program viz, how to use government services and facilities; how to lodge complaints and deal with public grievance redressal platforms; how to find information about jobs; how to create, use and access emails and messages; how to create, develop and maintain the DigiLocker, Aadhar data, Voter data, PAN data, Biometric information and other citizen services;
- A nationwide libraries network is urgently required to meet the information aspiration of citizens. Therefore, Public Libraries Act in a new Avatar in remaining states needs to be implemented as soon as possible. The Public Libraries Act in existing states needs to be revamped and a new design and infrastructure should be formulated to meet the needs of Digital India.

If we recapture the above facts of Digital India related to role of libraries, we need to prove our professional commitment, competency and have to ensure the stakeholders to deliver the best results through libraries. To prove ourselves, the professional's changes are urgently shouted and not only to sustain the profession but also development of future generation of LIS professionals. This challenge can be converted into a big opportunity.

- ❖ The course curriculum is required to be multi disciplinary coverage. The content should be inclusive of web sciences and development technologies; computerisation and automation tools; database design and creation; language programming and information architecture designs and it will be a challenge to accommodate the traditional curriculum content as well. The purpose of redesigning the course curriculum is to prepare an army of future LIS professionals to meet the future needs of digital society.
- ❖ The present professionals working in profession needs to change their mind set and accept, adopt and be the part of digital environment otherwise development system will not provide them the next chance of change.
- ❖ The professionals who desire to be the part of change, has to get advance trainings, workshops and extra professional competencies to prove their usefulness and sustainability in the system.

The individual libraries may design and develop proposals based on the information needs within the preview of well defined and identified focused areas. As matter of governance, the library is the matter which falls under the state government's subject. Therefore, individual libraries, consortia, networks, state and regional associations may submit their perspective plan to state government. The libraries have enough opportunity to have many national importance instruments, viz. National Knowledge Commission, National Mission on Libraries, RRRLF and National Virtual Library of India, etc. to contribute their efforts in nation's development. They may communicate to Ministry of culture, Ministry of IT, and Department of Electronics and Information Technology etc. about the concerns and efforts of library development to prove the importance of libraries in digital transformation of society.



## श्रद्धांजलि

On 27<sup>th</sup> July 2015, Former President of India Sh. Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam popularly known as APJ Abdul Kalam, Bharat Ratna suffered from a massive cardiac arrest around 6:25 pm while lecturing at the Indian Institute of Management, Shillong and subsequently declared expired at 7:45 pm at the age of 83.

It is very sad and a great loss to the nation. He was a great scientist; a thinker; an administrator; an advisor; a teacher; a writer, a social reformer; and a preacher. He was very simple, honest, & secular and above the caste, creed, race, religion, & region and equally loved by all. He was a true patriot and loving son of India.

A career scientist turned reluctant politician, Kalam was born in a village Dhanushkodi, Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu, India on October 15, 1931 and studied physics and aerospace engineering. His father's name was Jainulabiddin Marakayar and mother's was Ashiamma Jainulabiddin, He belongs to a poor background and started working at an early age to supplement his family's income as newspaper vendor.

A lifelong scientist, Kalam's prominent role in India's 1998 nuclear weapons tests established him as a national hero. Among his many accolades, including honorary doctorates from 40 universities, he was granted the Padma Bhushan (1981), the Padma Vibhushan (1990), and the Bharat Ratna (1997) India's highest civilian awards for his contributions in modernizing government defense technology. United Nations Organisation (U.N.O) declared October 15, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam's 79<sup>th</sup> Birthday as the "World Students Day".

He has been the 11<sup>th</sup> President of India from 2002 to 2007. He has been the most popular President in India's history and most respectfully known as People's President or "Janta ka Rashtrapati". He was a man of versatile personality and rich of multi-disciplinary knowledge. His high thinking with simple living attitude will always inspire his followers.

He has written several inspirational books, most notably his autobiography "Wings of Fire", aimed at motivating Indian youth. Another of his books, "Guiding Souls: Dialogues on the Purpose of Life" reveals his spiritual side. He wrote many books including '2020-Vision for the New Millenium', 'Ignited Minds', 'Turning Points', 'Target 3 Billion', 'Indomitable Spirit', 'My Journey: Transforming Dreams Into Actions', 'The Scientific Indian: A Twenty-First Century Guide to the World Around Us', 'The Family and The Nation', 'Spirit of India', 'Thoughts for Change: We Can Do it', 'Children Ask Kalam' and 'Evolution of Enlightened Societies'. He explained his vision in "India 2020" where he strongly advocates an action plan to develop India into a knowledge superpower and into a developed nation by the year 2020. But this is an unfortunate that he could not be the witness of the same but it is now the duty of each and every citizen of India to fulfill his vision and pay him a true homage.

His contribution to library field will always be remembered. He inaugurated many library events, viz. ICDL 2004, NACLIN 2014, etc. and he had supported the project of Digital Library of India. Upon his active involvement and efforts, a fund of Five Hundred Crore Rupees was approved for the development of libraries by the Government of India in 2004.

His contributions phenomenal brought our country into the nuclear club. He was known as Missile man, but we found him a true peace lover. We have lost a great person and salute to him for his contribution. We on behalf of LIS fraternity join every citizen of India to condole the great loss of this great personality. We pray rest in peace Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, Sir.

**Dr. Devendra**, has joined as Grade II Officer, HAL Library, Bangalore. He is basically from south canara a small place near Udupi. He worked at various capacities in different institutions that include ISRO- Sriharikota, Tippu Sultan First Grade College- Mangalore, Srinivasa Institute of Technology, MGM College, Poorna Pragna Institute of Management, Udupi, etc

#### Honors & Awards



**Prof. Sandhya Aggarwal**, a versatile talented personality has conferred a state level award “Indira Gandhi Mahila Shakti Award” for her extra ordinary contribution in

education and social service. The award has been given by Hon’ble Chief Minister of Haryana, Sh. Manohar Lal Khattar and Smt. Kavita Jain, Cabinet Minister on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2015 on the occasion of International Women’s Day. She has been given a one Lakh rupees cash prize along with the award. Prof. Aggarwal is a life member of Indian Library Association.

#### 2013 Emerald South Asia LIS Research Fund Award

##### Supporting Library and Information Science research in South Asia : Announcing the winners

Emerald has announced the names of winner of research grant for a South Asian project in the field of library and information science research. The award will offer £2,000 (approximately US\$3,000 equivalent) to fund the winning research project.

<b>Winner</b>	<b>Dr. A Amudavalli &amp; H Fazlunnisa</b> <i>University of Madras</i>
A Comparative Study of Research Performance of the South Asian LIS Schools	
<b>Highly Commended</b>	
<b>Dr. Ramesh C Gaur, Jawaharlal Nehru University</b>	
	Reaching the Unreached: Ensuring equal access to visually impaired faculty and students for inclusive education
<b>Dr. Shri Ram, Jaypee University of Information Technology, Solan</b>	
	Semantically enhanced subject gateway for LIS resources in South Asia
<b>Dr. Devika P Madalli and Dr. Sudipta Biswas, Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore</b>	

Source: [http://www.emeraldgrouppublishing.com/research/awards/southasia\\_lis.htm](http://www.emeraldgrouppublishing.com/research/awards/southasia_lis.htm)

#### Taylor & Francis have announced the Award for Professional Excellence in Library Services for 2014

##### Winners

Best Librarian



**Dr. H Anil Kumar**, Librarian, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmadabad, India

Young Librarian



**Dr. Sandeep Kumar Pathak**, Dy. Librarian, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Bhopal, India

Life Time Achievement



**Dr. Christina Birdie**, Indian Institute of Astrophysics (former Librarian), Bangalore, India

##### PhD Awards

**Suresh Chandra Saxena** has been awarded PhD Degree on November 1, 2014 on the research topic “Management of Digital Libraries and its Impact on Users of Special Libraries in Delhi Region: A Critical Study University” from University of Pune under the guidance of Dr. S. N. Singh.

**Rajendra Dhondiba Khamkar** has been awarded PhD Degree on February 3, 2015 on the research topic “A Evaluative Study of Information Seeking Behaviour of Faculty Members of LIS Education in Maharashtra State” from Shivaji University Kolhapur under the guidance of Dr. P.V. Konnur.

**Priyamwada Pramod Joshi** has been awarded PhD Degree on June 1, 2015 on the research topic “Organization and Dissemination of Traditional Knowledge with Special Reference to Viral Diseases In Maharashtra, India” from Savitribai Phule Pune University under the guidance of Dr. Surya Nath Singh.

**Rajshekhkar Kumbar** has been awarded PhD Degree on June 24, 2015 on the research topic “Quality of Information Resources and Services of Government Degree Colleges in Karnataka State” from Mangalore University under the guidance of Dr. A. K. Baradol

**Apurba Jyoti Majumdar** has been awarded PhD Degree on July 1, 2015 on the research topic “Use of Web Based Resources in Engineering College Libraries of Assam: An Empirical Study” from University of Gauhati under the guidance of Dr. Narender Lakhari

**Sandeep Bhavsar** has been awarded PhD Degree recently on the research topic “Use and Applications of Open Source Library Software: A Comparative study” from North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon, Maharashtra under the guidance of late Dr. Shamkant Deshmukh



**Dr. Raj Kumar Bhaskar**, Chief Librarian, Pacific Institute of Medical Sciences, Udaipur has been conferred the Best Technical Library Award by Rajasthan Technical Library Association. The award was presented by Dr. Dharm Veer Singh, University Librarian and Head Delhi University Library System, University of Delhi on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2015 on the occasion of 5<sup>th</sup> foundation day of Rajasthan Technical Library Association at Shri Bhawani Niketan Institute of Technology and Management & technology, Sikar Road, Jaipur

### Keep out of bogus journals, SPPU tells researchers

Source: Prof. Bhushal Patwardhan, head of SPPU's School of Health Sciences

Worry about the spawning of research journals, compromising on ethical vetting of submissions, has gripped the world of academia as never before. Studies show that questionable journals are being particularly accessed by authors from developing countries, including India. The Union Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) has tasked the three-member committee set up to review the nation's academic performance to also prepare national guidelines for ethical research publications. But, stealing a march over other varsities in this process, Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU) has warned its research scholars to steer clear of at least 700 predatory journals and publishers, to start with. The varsity is also working on identifying more such journals locally and across different faculties

### Consortium to 'standardise sharing of image-based resources'

Source: <http://www.researchinformation.info>

Leaders from eleven research libraries, national libraries, and nonprofit image repositories ( Oxford, the British Library and Stanford as part of the consortium are Artstor, Die Bayerische Staatsbibliothek (The Bavarian State Library), Cornell University, La Bibliothèque nationale de France (The National Library of France), Nasjonalbiblioteket (The National Library of Norway), Princeton University Library, Wellcome Trust and Yale University (Yale Center for British Art, Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library) have formed the International Image Interoperability Framework Consortium (IIIF).

Until now, many of the Internet's image-based resources have been locked up in silos, with access restricted to custom-built applications. The IIIF supports uniform display of images of books, maps, scrolls, manuscripts, musical scores and archival material from participating institutions for display, manipulation, measurement and annotation by scholars and students working individually or in groups around the world.

'These tools will improve the research experience, enabling users around the world to access multiple digitised sources in a richer and much more coherent manner, including being able to annotate, describe, link and embed images, as well as viewing items held in different institutions simultaneously via a single interface – the holy grail of interoperability. 'The standards developed by the IIIF Consortium will also enable the development of tools by others, unlocking a whole range of creative responses to the challenges and potential of image-based digital research.'

### Admission Announcement

Admission for **Bachelor of Library and Information Science** is offered by the Department of Library and Information Science, Phulsing Naik Mahavidyalaya, Pusad for the session of 2015-2016. Interested candidates may contact Dr. P P Deshmukh at 9421852319

**Post Graduate Diploma in Library Automation and Networking (PGDLAN)** has been offered by VPM's B.N. Bandodkar College of Science, Jnanadweep, College Campus, Chendani Bunder Road, Thane (West) for the session of 2015-16.

Further details can be obtained from <http://www.vpmthane.org/BNB/AboutCollege.aspx>

Admission for **B. Lib. & Inf. Sci. (One Year Course), M. Lib. & Inf. Sci. (One Year Course) and Ph.D.** are offered by the Department of Library and Information Science, Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University, Fatehgarh Sahib (Punjab). The eligibility for B. Lib. & Inf. Sci. is Graduation in any stream with 50% Marks (45% for SC), for M. Lib. & Inf. Sci. is B. Lib. & Inf. Sci. with 50% Marks (45% for SC) and for Ph.D. as per UGC Norms. For more details, enquiry and admission kindly contact Dr. Khushpreet Singh Brar on Toll Free: 18001802803; email: [brar.sggswu@gmail.com](mailto:brar.sggswu@gmail.com); website: [www.sggswu.org](http://www.sggswu.org)

**Certificate Course in Reprography** has been offered by the School of Archival Studies, National Archives of India, Janpath, New Delhi. The course will be short term duration of Six Weeks only commencing from 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2015. The fees for course is Rs. 300/ and last date of registration is 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2015.

**Report of the National Conference on "Advancement in Library and Information Science & Technology: Challenges and Opportunities" (SALIS 2015)**

**Dr. P. Pannerselvam,**

Organizing Secretary, SALIS 2015 & Librarian, B.S. Abdur Rahman University, Chennai

**Dr. R. Sevukan,**

Conference Director, SALIS 2015 & Associate Professor & Head, Department of Library and Information Science, Pondicherry University, Puducherry

**Dr. S. Swaminathan.**

Associate Conference Director, SALIS 2015 & Librarian and placement officer in Sri Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya College of Education, Coimbatore

**Dr. V. Sakthi Regha,**

Rapporteur General, SALIS 2015 & Librarian, Madras School of Social Work (MSSW), Chennai

**Dr. A. M. Venkatachalam,**

Associate Rapporteur General, SALIS 2015 & Librarian, K. S. Rangasamy College of Technology, Tiruchengode

**Inaugural Function**

The Inaugural function of the "National Conference on Advancement in Library and Information Science & Technology: Challenges and Opportunities (SALIS 2015)" organized by the Department of Library, B. S. Abdur Rahman University, Chennai and the Society for the Advancement of Library and Information Science (SALIS) held at B.S. Abdur Rahman University on 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 at 9.30 am in the Seminar Hall-I Convention Centre 230 delegates from all parts of India participated in the conference.

The inaugural function started with the prayer. **Dr. S. S. M. Abdul Majeed**, Dean (Student Affairs), and Convenor, SALIS 2015 welcomed the gathering and introduced the dignitaries to the participants.



**Dr. J. Dominic**, President, SALIS and Chief Librarian, Karunya University, Coimbatore explained the structure and chapters of SALIS and the various activities of SALIS in promoting LIS profession by conducting conferences, awards, scholarships and its information services to the members through e-group.

The following awards were presented in the inaugural functions and the details are given below:

**Best Librarian Awards**

**Dr. Harish Chandra – Sushila Chandra National Best Librarian Award** was given to **Dr. S. Muralidhar**, Scientist, CVRDE, DRDO, Chennai and **Dr. Rajiv Viz**, INMAS, DRDO, New Delhi.

**AutoLib Tamil Nadu Best Librarian Award** was shared by **Dr. A. Chokkalingam**, Librarian, SRKVCAS, Coimbatore and **Dr. V. Sakthi Regha**, Librarian, Madras School of Social Work, Chennai.

**AutoLib Tamil Nadu Young Librarian Award** was shared by **Dr. S. Kamatchi**, Librarian and Information Officer, Anna Centenary Library, Chennai and **Dr. K. Mahalakshmi**, Assistant Librarian, Avinashilingam University, Coimbatore.

**SALIS A. N. Marappan Memorial National Best Young Librarian Award** was given to **Dr. R. Balasubramanian**, Asst. Prof., DLIS, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchi

**SALIS – S. M. Venkidusamy Memorial Best Public Librarian Award** was given to **Mr. Meenakshi Sundaram**, Connemara Public Library, Chennai

**SALIS- Special Appreciation and Meritorious Award** was shared by **Mr. O. Seshashai**, Librarian at PBR Visvodaya Institute of Technology and Science, Kavali, A.P., and **Mr. Radhakrishnan**, NPOL, Cochin



## Delhi University organised Two Days Workshop on Information Literacy and Competency



Two Days Workshop on **Information Literacy and Competency** has been organised by Delhi University Library System for DU Librarians and Library Professionals during July 16-17 2015. Dr. Anand Prakash has been the Chief Guest of this program. Dr. D V Singh, University Librarian, Delhi University Library System has focused on maximum utilization of library resources whether it is available in print or digital form. About 200 librarians and library professionals of Delhi University colleges have participated in the workshop.

## National Seminar on Convergence of Technologies in Library and Information Science



National Seminar on **Convergence of Technologies in Library and Information Science** has been organized by the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya during July 16 - 17, 2015. The leading professionals who have attended in the seminar includes Sanjay Kumar Singh, Sarma Utpal, Shyamanta Boro, Jiarul Choudhury and Bikramaditya Barman along with about forty other LIS professionals.

## Training program on "Anti plagiarism: practices and remedies"



One Week training program on "**Anti plagiarism: practices and remedies**" has been organised by UGC-HRDC of Dr HARI Singh Gour University, Sagar, MP during July 21-27, 2015. About 45 professionals have participated in the program. Dr. Ramesh Gaur, University Librarian, Jawaharlal Nehru University Delhi have delivered the Keynote Address on this occasion. Dr. Gaur has talked about the awareness of Anti plagiarism and importance of such events. Dr. Anurag Shrivastava, Assistant Librarian of the university was the Organising Secretary of the program.

## Forthcoming Events

### August

An International Workshop for **"Professional Librarians"** will be held at National Central Library, Taiwan, during August 4-7, 2015. For more details, pl. visit: <http://www.ncl.edu.tw/ct.asp?xltem=23964&ctNode=147&mp=5>

Two-Day UGC Sponsored National Workshop on **"Developing Digital Library using DSpace"** will be organised by Sri Venkataramana Swamy College, Bantwal, Mangalore, Karnataka in collaboration with Dakshina Kannada and Kodagu Library Association during August 6- 7, 2015.

Two days workshop aims on **"Plagiarism' and to train them how to avoid it"** will be organised by AIMA, New Delhi during August 6-7, 2015. The workshop includes hands-on training on reference management software - Mendeley, Zotero and EndNote.

Two-Days workshop on **"Creative Librarian 2.0: Connect, Collaborate and Share Knowledge using Social Media Platform"** will be organised by TERI in collaboration with Digital Empowerment Foundation (DEF) during August 6-7, 2015 at TERI, India Habitat Center, New Delhi

National Conference on **"Ethics, Copyrights and Plagiarism in Research & Publications"** will be organised by the Society for Social Development and Peoples Action, New Delhi and the Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy, on August 8, 2015 at 61-65 Institutional Area, Janakpuri, D Block, New Delhi – 110058.

A two day workshop on **"Sharing and Publishing of Research Output"** will be organised by Telangana Library Association on the occasion of Librarian's Day during August 9-10, 2015.

One day Seminar on **"The Impact of Digital Technology on Academic Libraries"** will be organised the Department of Library & Information Science, Vivekanand Mahavidyalaya Bhadrawati , Distt. Chandrapur (Maharashtra) on August, 12, 2015.

A three days Training Programme on **"E-resource Management"** will be organised by INFLIBNET Ahmadabad Center during August 12-14, 2015.

A Five Days FDP On **"Emerging Trends in E- Resources Management & Services"** (ETeRMS) will be organised by PES College of Engineering, Mandya during August 17-21, 2015.

Regional Workshop on **"Scientific Writing"** will be organised by CMC, Vellore & Department of Library & Information Science, University of Madras during August 21-22, 2015

Two days National Conference on **"Re-Engineering Public Library & Academic Library System in India "** will be organised by the Jharkhand Information & Library Association(JILA), Ranchi in association with Library Professionals Association (LPA) New Delhi; International Research & Development Association (IRDA), Ranchi; Lord's Publishing House and Society for Documentation & Information Science (SDIS), Jamshedpur during August 22-23, 2015, at Sri Krishna Institute of Public Administration (SKIPPA), Ranchi.

**"The 2015 International Conference on Library and Information Science"** (LIS 2015) will be jointly organised at Osaka, Japan by International Business Academics Consortium (iBAC), Kwansei Gakuin University, Japan & Tamkang University, Taiwan on August 23 – 25, 2015

The 2nd **"Asian Summer School on Information Access"** (ASSIA 2015) will be held during August 24-27, 2015 at Taipei City, Taipei. For details visit: <http://assia2015.lib.ntnu.edu.tw>

National Workshop on **"Emerging Trends in Information Technology In University Management"** will be organised by Association of Indian Universities and National Institute of Technology, Silchar during August 25-27, 2015.

National Seminar on **“User Studies in Academic Libraries in the ICT ERA”** will be organised by University Library, Sri Kenkateshwara University, Tirupati and sponsored by RRRLF, DRDO and ICSSR during August 26-27, 2015

National Conference through Web on **“Library Information Science & Information Technology for Education”** (NCITE'15) will be organised by Modern Rohini Education Society & Kailash Institute of Higher Education, New Delhi on August 27, 2015

Two weeks workshop on **“Research Evaluation in Social Sciences for Scholars of SAARC Countries”** will be organised by SAARC Documentation Centre in collaboration with BIMTECH (Birla Institute of Management and Technology) from August 31 – September 11, 2015 at Bhubaneswar, India. Two participants each from the Member States are invited for the course. Interested participant may contact their National Focal Point. For further information may be obtained from [www.sdc.gov.in](http://www.sdc.gov.in)

## September

One Day National Seminar cum Workshop on **“Effective Presentation Skills”** will be organised by University College of Engineering, Osmania University, Hyderabad, Talangana in association with INMAS, DRDO Delhi supported by RRRLF and LIS Links on September 7, 2015.

Diamond Jubilee Conference on **“Librarians for the Cyber World”** will be organised by Librarians Association of Malaysia (PPM) at Pullman Hotel, Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur during September 14-15, 2015

International Conference on **“Challenges for Information Professionals and LIS services in the 21st century” 2015** will be organised by the Sri Lanka Library Association in Colombo during September 17-18, 2015. For more details, please visit: <http://www.slla.org.lk/>

National Workshop on **“e-Resource Management Using Greenstone Digital Library Software”** will be organised by Tinsukia Commerce College, Sripuria: Tinsukia during September 25-27, 2015.

## October

National Conference on **“Next Generation Librarianship”** will be organised the department of Library and Information science, C U Shah University, Surendranagar, Gujrat on October 3, 2015.

6<sup>th</sup> KSCLA international conference on **“Paradigms of digital library, E- Resources, Open access and information and media literacy”** (ICPDL-2015) will be organised by Karnatak University College Librarians Association at K. L. E. Society's B. V. Bhomaraddi College of Engineering and Technology, Vidyanagar, Hubballi, Bangalore Karnataka during October 9-10, 2015

South Asian Libraries Conference on **“Journey through Print to Digital Information & Beyond”** will be jointly organised by Pakistan Library Association & Lahore University of Management Sciences, DHA, Lahore, Pakistan during October 12-13, 2015.

3<sup>rd</sup> CLA National Conference on **“Emerging Trends in Libraries”** will be organised by the Chandigarh Dev Samaj College for Women (DSCW) on October 16, 2015.

The 13<sup>th</sup> International Conference on **“Books, Publishing, and Libraries”** will be held at University of British Columbia at Robson Square, Vancouver, Canada during October 19-20, 2015. For more details, please visit: <http://booksandpublishing.com/the-conference/call-for-papers>

Three Days National Workshop on **“Building an Institutional Repository using Dspace and Open Source Harvester System”** will be organised by University of Petroleum & Energy Studies, Dehradun during October 26-28, 2015.

Asia-Pacific Library and Information Education and Practice (A-LIEP) Conference on **“Asia-Pacific LIS: Exploring Unity and Diversity”** will be organised in Manila, Philippines during October 28 - 30, 2015. For details, pl. visit: <http://www.a-liep.com>

## November

ETD 2015, 18<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Theses and Dissertations on a theme “**Evolving Genre of ETDs for Knowledge Discovery**” is being organized at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi during November 4 – 6, 2015.

A Workshop on “**Data Citation: Developing Data Attribution and Citation Practices and Standards**” will be organized by Indian Institute of Public Administration, Indian National Science Academy & INFLIBNET and JNU on November 7, 2015

International Conference on “**Information, Management & Libraries**” (ICIML-2015) will be organised by the Department of Information Management, University of the Punjab, Quaid-e-Azam Campus, Lahore, Pakistan during November 10-13, 2015. For more details visit <http://www.pustaka-sarawak.com/ikc2015/>

International Knowledge Conference 2015: “**Knowledge, the Key to a Better Tomorrow**” at Pullman Hotel & Resort Kuching Sarawak, Malaysia during 15 - 18 November 2015.

National Conference on “**IPR: Challenges in Digital Environment**” (NCICDE- 015) will be organised by the LINGAYA’S UNIVERSITY, Nachauli, Faridabad, Haryana during November 20 -21, 2015. For more details visit <https://www.lingayasuniversity.edu.in/lingayas/>

**Semantic Web in Libraries (SWIB2015)** will be organized by the [ZBW - German National Library of Economics / Leibniz Information Centre for Economics](#) and the [North Rhine-Westphalian Library Service Centre \(hbz\)](#) in Hamburg during November 23-25, 2015. The conference language is English. For more details visit <http://swib.org/swib15/>

18<sup>th</sup> National Convention on Knowledge, Library and Information Networking (NACLIN 2015) on the theme “**Reinventing Libraries for the Future: Innovations, Trends and Technologies**” will be organized by Gulbarga University Library, Kalaburagi in collaboration with DELNET (Developing Library Network) during November 24-26, 2015 at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Bhavan, Gulbarga University, Kalaburagi, Gulbarga, Karnataka, India.

6<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on “**Information Management in a Changing World**” will be organised by the Department of Information Management, Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey and the School of Information Management, Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, China during November 25-27, 2015.

11<sup>th</sup> International Conference (COLLNET 2015): on “**Webometrics, Informetrics and Scientometrics**” (WIS) & Sixteenth Meeting will be organised by the COLLNET in association with Society for Library Professionals and Asian Chapter, Special Libraries Association (SLA) at Institute of Economic Growth, University of Delhi Enclave, India during November 26-28, 2015.

## December

Global Conference on “**Emerging Trends in Business Librarianship**” will be organised by Vikram Sarabhai Library, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmadabad in collaboration with Learning Resource Center, Bajaj Auto Library, Indian School of Business during December 2-4, 2015 at IIM Ahmadabad, India.

Asian Digital Library Conference 2015 on “**Providing High Quality Digital Information**” will be held at Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea, during December 9 –12, 2015. For more details visit: <http://icadl2015.org>

IASLIC National Conference 2015 on “**Library Legislation and Community Information Services**” will be organised by the Smt. Hansa Mehta Library during December 28-31, 2015. More details can be obtained from <http://iaslic1955.org.in>

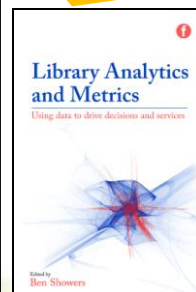
## 2016 February

An International Conclave on “**Innovations in Engineering & Management**” (Oman Vision 2020: Opportunities & Challenges) (ICIEM-2016) will be organized by Waljat College of Applied Sciences (BIT International Centre), Muscat (Oman), during February 27-28, 2016. For more details email to: [iciem-2016@waljat.net](mailto:iciem-2016@waljat.net)

## Refresher Courses offered by ASC/HRDC

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3.	University of Mysore, Mysore	10/09/2015 to 30/09/2015
4.	Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore	29/09/2015 to 19/10/2015
5.	University of Madras, Chennai	12/11/2015 to 02/12/2015
6.	Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh	18/11/2015 to 08/12/2015
7.	University of North Bengal, Siliguri	26/11/2015 to 16/12/2015
8.	Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar	08/12/2015 to 28/12/2015

## Book Publication



Library Analytics and Metrics: Using data to drive decisions and services edited by Ben Showers has been published by the Facet Publishing in April 2015. 224pp, Paperback, ISBN: 9781856049658, Price: £49.95



## National Repository of Open Educational Resources: A Futuristic Approach in Education.

Dr. Dharam Veer Singh & Dr. Rajesh Kr. Bhardwaj

The Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India has launched a National Repository of Open Educational Resources (NROER). The project development is a combined effort of the Department of School Education and Literacy supported by MHRD-Government of India, CIET, NCERT and Metastudio, which is the platform that hosts the Repository.

NROER is a solution developed to address the challenges faced by the education sector of our country. It intends to reach the unreached, include the excluded and prioritizes to extend education to all. It is a collaborative platform involving everyone who is interested in education. It offers resources for all school subjects and grades in multiple languages. It brings together all the digital resources for a school system such as educational videos, audio, images, documents and interactive modules and also allows you to contribute your own resources.

The Repository is based on the concept of Semantic Maps. It organizes its collections into the ever growing semantic maps of concepts. The map itself is a learning resource for teachers, through which they can critically assess the curriculum and aids them in the construction of their own unique learning themes for their classrooms. The digital resources are all mapped to subjects, which currently are divided into 5 categories namely, Math, Science, Social Science, Languages and Art Education. Each subject has a list of concepts. This enables access to a library from where teachers can access audio, videos, learning objects, images, question banks, activities/presentations and more related to the concepts. They can also upload resources which are subject to review by experts. In addition to this, NROER allows teachers to download, share, comment and rate media resources.

### Objectives of project are:

- To store, preserve and provide access to a variety of digital resources to students and teachers.
- To enable the participation of the community in the development and sharing of digital resources.
- To enhance the quality of the education system of the country.
- To facilitate teachers to create and share contextual teaching and learning resources.
- To celebrate innovations in resource creation.

### Features of project are:

- Open access to anyone who wants to access the resources.
- Resources are available for free.
- Resources are share-able.
- Resources are available in the form of discrete chunks in contrast to those available as bulk and make it difficult for a person to segregate information from them.
- Eliminates the need of research from several places, since all resources on any particular subject or topic you desire are present in one place and are comprehensive.
- Resources sometimes may need to be contextualized, by wraparound materials that support them.
- Resources can be added to the NROER pool, subject to proper licensing.

This initiative is also a significant step towards inclusive education. Opening access to all requires a debate on the issue of ownership, copyright, licensing and a balancing of reach with legitimate commercial interests. This is particularly important for public institutions and public funded projects. NROER frees itself of these boundations since it carries the CC BY-SA license which allows it to legally reuse, revise, remix and redistribute content. To contribute to the repository, one must ensure that they are hosting the resources under a Creative Commons license (CC BY-SA) and that the documents uploaded are encoded using non-proprietary, open standards.

Also, to ensure the smooth functioning and to properly avail the services of the Repository, one needs to take support of various ICT tools, which enhance the utility and add value to it. Hence, the NROER is a comprehensive digital repository for Open Educational Resources (OER), which in addition to providing opportunities for users to access and create educational resources also allows them to enroll in various online courses and participate in online contests.

We hope that this will open doors to new ways of interactive learning for the students and teachers and will revolutionize the entire education system of our country.

## A Code of Ethics For Library & Information Professionals

### INDIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION "A Code of Ethics For Library & Information Professionals" As adopted by JOCLAI

**Preamble :** We the librarians and information professionals of India

**Convinced** of the fact that a library is meant to fulfil certain definite educational, cultural and socio-economic objectives of the contemporary society;

**Realising** that we have a clearly defined effective role to play in the fulfilment of these objectives;

**Aware** of the fact that this role, modified from time to time with the introduction of new innovations in information techniques and the overall development of our technological society, will continue in the foreseeable future;

**Believing** that in our democratic society, following a socialistic pattern, every citizen has the right to intellectual freedom and the freedom of access to undistorted, unbiased information, irrespective of his educational, cultural level, political affiliation, caste, creed, religion, age or sex and that we are committed to foster readers rights to read as they please, only except such material which are covered by censorship regulations imposed by law;

**Accepting** our special responsibility of selecting reading materials and guiding lay public in their use of the library's resources, to enlarge their mental horizon and elevate their taste;

**Considering** that we are not simply a congeries of certain related groups of technicians and managers, but a homogeneous group of educators, equipped with general education and proper training in modern techniques and technology of library management, continuously updated to keep pace with the changing needs of our progressive society;

**Conscious** fully of the fact that membership in our profession carries with it special obligations to maintain the highest level of personal integrity and competencies, and;

**Determined** to create a healthy professional tradition for the future; create and give upto ourselves the following code of professional ethics:

#### The Code :

1. Library and information profession is a service profession. Library and information professionals should gather information, organise into easily accessible collections, provide mechanisms that help productive utilisation of the same by all the eligible clientele.

2. Library and information professionals must be governed by the democratic principle of giving every user his/her opportunity to access to information resources and make special efforts to keep their interests growing towards further developments.

3. Library and information professionals must familiarise themselves with all available information sources that are of interests of their clientele either on demand or in anticipation. They may be in the form of books, technical papers, and other non-print records and even sometimes specialist in any field of knowledge. Gathering, organising and transmitting information to the appropriate targets of use is an essential credo of librarians and information personnel efficiency and effectiveness in finding targets of use for every information available is the main focus of our profession.

4. Library and information professionals must keep service orientation in their professional work. Personal philosophies and attitudes should not interfere with those of the institutional organisations.




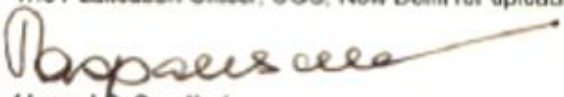
5. Library and information professionals should avoid unlawful and unethical pecuniary interests and must serve their clientele on an equitable basis.

6. Library and informational professionals should keep timeliness as a prime factor in serving information to user. A delayed response brings discredit to the service and ultimately may not be useful.

7. Library and information professionals should aim at the development of their own professional organisations and take pride in the ethos, activities and services. They should encourage younger generation of professionals with their own exemplary service.

8. Library and information professionals should cultivate their field of knowledge in a professional way. They should contribute to the field by the research, teaching and dissemination through literature."

## UGC Clarifications on PhD & MPhil Supervisors

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