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— Stephen Fry

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An interviewed was conducted by Akhilesh K.S. Yadav to Prof. A.S. Chandel, UGC Emeritus Fellow to know about the present status of research and development in the field of library and information science in India. Prof. Chandel has served in many universities at various positions as he has been a teacher, University Librarian, Officer on Special Duty (OSD), advisor, head of department, Deputy Director (Information), controlling officer for some University departments/Units, held university statutory positions in three Universities. Here are the excerpts from the conversation:

You have seen a huge changes between traditional to web based library services. What changes do you feel in library services then and now?

Change is everywhere in society itself. So far as our profession is concerned, our users changed in their behaviour and temperament, our resources today are different and varied, their management also changed. Libraries became de-institutionalized beyond bricks and mortar. Tools and techniques are changed. Profession has been in transition mainly due to ICT impact and is likely to still continue. However, we did not change in our philosophy of our profession to serve the users with the available resources.

As information and communication technology (ICT) has changed the way people access, use and disseminate/communicate of information and specially Internet has revolutionized access to information. Would you explain how library can provide a better service today than before?

Libraries shall have to provide access to resources wherever they are, whenever they need on their preferred devices, that may be mobile or such other devices. Users are reluctant to leave their comfort zone even at the cost of missing quality of information.

Over the last few years, have you noticed a significant change in attitudes of library professionals towards Open and Free Movement like open access, open content and free and open source software, etc.? How does it help to the scientific community?

We could not catch up with the movement which requires a lot of input to organize such resources according to institutional needs. Users are also not that active to use these resources, as they should have been. Commercial products are comparatively better organized and user-friendly.

How Open Access (OA) is going to help libraries and its services?

Libraries which don't have sufficient funds to purchase and subscribe e-resources, can make best use of such resources. However, that also needs professional input to organize and link and integrate such resources.

Do you think that digital library services are capable and developed enough for users' needs and satisfaction?

To my experience of working on digitization work and services for the last about 10 years, I feel that young generation prefers digital resources which by nature are not visible. These are to be advertised and promoted by bringing visibility to them, In Indian scenario, still hybrid approach of digital and printed resources is more productive and useful. So far as creation of digital contents is concerned, that needs proper planning and execution to match the resources with the clientele.

In the last two decades India has seen enormous changes in education sector and library is also part of these changes. But, there are many issues needed to be addressed like infrastructure, networking, staffing, resources and services of libraries in India. Most of the public, school, college and university libraries are still disconnected with modern facilities and services. How do you see it, as it effects the services of academic community and society in many ways? What should be the roadmap to resolve these problems?

Library development has hardly been a priority, its role has hardly been felt and realized. Some may even question and ask, do we really need libraries in this digital age, when information is available elsewhere? There are hardly standards for infrastructure, staffing and services to be followed. If there are some improvements, it is due to individual efforts and initiatives or compulsion being enforced by ICT on the profession for existence and survival.

What are the main obstacles in networking of libraries and digitisation of resources?

Networking is the primary requirement of every library, big or small followed by creation and management of e-content. Main obstruction has been lack of adequate budget and lack of manpower and initiatives. But most of the libraries today are functioning in network environment overcoming barriers of budget and other hurdles required for networking and digitization. Professionals are also now competent to handle the situation.

What is your opinion on North-East Region of India in respect of LIS education, professional development, services and networking? Is it going through a transition phase?

Problems of LIS education is not very specific to NER only, it is a national issue with almost same problems. Admittedly, suitable manpower is not being produced by the departments due to their own constraints and uncertainty of future. Dilemma is what to include and exclude from the present curriculum. Time is limited with unlimited course contents to cover. There is also conflict between fundamentals or basic of librarianship and invasion of technology on the profession. Frequent revision of curriculum is also not possible nor there is autonomy to the teachers to teach what is new and important in the present context. Since new technology would be ever emerging with their applications, so transitional phase will continue.

Could you give your opinion regarding present status of research and development in the field of library and information science in India?

Regarding research and development, my personal opinion is perhaps pessimistic. Research output at Ph.D level is quantitatively very high but there is deterioration in the quality of research. It seems that main objective of research is merely research for research sake to get degree, without any concern for implementation of the findings and utility part of the findings. Some students join Ph.D because they could not qualify National Eligibility Test (NET). This may be same in other disciplines also. What LIS research has given to profession is a matter of collective thinking of professionals so that future programme of research to make research meaningful is worked out. Let the new curriculum structure be designed on the foundation and pillars of basics of librarianship with multiple stories of ICT so that our coming generation is competent enough to face future challenges and prove as good as other IT professionals if not better.

How do you see the future of library and information profession?

Many service providers would be coming in the near future with more and more service products and better organized than libraries. Therefore, profession is going to be more competitive and challenging.

Any message for information professionals?

We have to be more innovative, constantly in touch with the changing psychology of users, make libraries hub of new activities to attract users. It is a missionary profession, if we don't have that, we may fail in achieving our goal.

Thanking Prof. A.S. Chandel for the interview.

IFLA-Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania (RSCAO) is headed by Sanjay Bihani from INDIA

(http://www.ifla.org/standing-committee/26)

Sanjay Kumar Bihani is elected Chair of IFLA-Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania (RSCAO) during WLIC IFLA 2017 in Wroclaw, Poland. He is also appointed as Secretary of IFLA-Division V (Regions) for 2017-2019.

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) is the leading international body representing the interests of library and information services and their users. It is the global voice of the library and information profession. Founded in 1927 in Edinburgh, Scotland at an international conference IFLA celebrate 90th birthday in 2017. IFLA now have more than 1,400 Members in over 140 countries around the world.

IFLA-Asia and Oceania Section's main objectives are to initiate, promote and facilitate the development of library and information services and the library profession within the five sub-regions of Asia and Oceania i.e. West Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, East Asia and Oceania. The section represents 62 countries of this region in IFLA.

Sanjay's involvements in international librarianship and leadership roles are associated with IFLA for more than 12 years and he has participated in almost all IFLA Conferences since 2005. He earlier severed as Secretary of IFLA-RSCAO (2015-2017) as well as Secretary and Chair of IFLA-Government Libraries Section (2011-2015). He is also a SC Member of Government Information and Official Publications Section (GIOPS) of IFLA (2015-2019). He took part in IFLA's Global Vision Project as an IFLA Officer during April 2017 in Athens, Greece.

He also served as Member of Copyrights and Legal Matters (CLM) Committee of IFLA during 2007-2011 and participated as a Member of Expert Group in an IFLA/FAIFE International Workshop in Dubai during 2007. He was a Member of IFLA Delegation at Internet Governance Forum (IGF) during 2008. He was a Member of the Working Group of IFLA Committee on Standards for developing Standards Manual during 2013-2015. He was a Keynote Speaker at Government Librarians' conference in Athens, Greece during June 2014. He was Editorial Committee Member of IFLA Journal for 5 years during 2008-2013.

During last 27 years, he worked with the Ministry of External Affairs of Government of India and served at HQ of the Ministry in New Delhi as well as on diplomatic assignments at Indian Diplomatic Missions in Bangladesh, Nepal and United Kingdom. He served with the High Commission of India in Dhaka (1994-1997), Embassy of India in Kathmandu (2000-2003) and High Commission of India in London (2010-2013). He also travelled widely and visited Canada, Japan, Korea, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Italy, Malaysia, Norway, Poland, Singapore, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, UAE, UK and USA on various professional assignments.

Forthcoming Events

October

- Periyar University, Salem is going to organize a one day workshop on *"Web of Science, J-Gate Plus and EBSCO databases"* on 11 October, 2017 at Periyar University, Salem. The details of the workshop are available at: http://www.periyaruniversity.ac.in/

- IITM, Chennai, Tamil Nadu jointly with Sarada Ranganathan Endowment for Library Science, Bangalore, Informatics India Ltd., Bangalore, is going to organize a three days International Conference on *" Knowledge Organization, Library and Information Management"* from October, 23-25 2017 at Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Chennai, India. The details of the conference are available at: https://www.iitm.ac.in/academics

- INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar is going to organize a three day workshop on *"Research Impact Evaluation and Altmetrics"* from October, 23-25 2017 at INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar. The details of the workshop are available at: https://www.inflibnet.ac.in

- IOSRD is going to organize a two day International Conference on *"Modern Trends in Science, Engineering and Technology"* form October 27-28 2017 at Chennai. The details of the conference are available at: https://isord.org/

- INFLIBNET, Centre, Gandhinagar is going to organize a three days workshop on *"Big Data"* from October 11-13, 2017 at INFLIBNET, Centre, Gandhinagar. The details of the workshop are available at: https://www.inflibnet.ac.in

- UNESCO, New Delhi jointly with National digital Library, India is going to organize a three days workshop on *"Knowledge Engineering for Digital Library Design"* from October 25-27, 2017 at New Delhi. The details of the workshop are available at: http://www.iconf.ndl.iitkgp.ac.in/

- Indian School Library Association (ISLA), jointly with International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) & G. D. Goenka University, Gurgaon, Haryana, India is going to organize a three days International Workshop on *"Leadership Training for Building a Strong Library Association"* from 5 to 7 October, 2017 at G. D. Goenka Education City Campus, Sohna- Gurgaon Road, Sohna, Haryana, India. The details of the workshop are available at: isla.org.in

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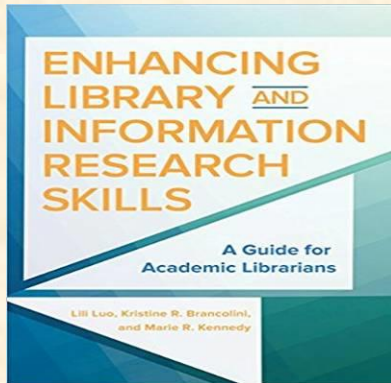
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- TCS Information Resource Center (IRC) Bhubaneswar in collaboration with Odisha Library Academy announces the 4th edition of "Soference" to be held on Saturday, 2nd December, 2017. The theme of the conference is "*Digital by Default: Make Yourself Future Ready*". SoFerence is a bi-annual conference organized by TCS IRC for sharing experience on Library and Information Science (LIS) and related areas.
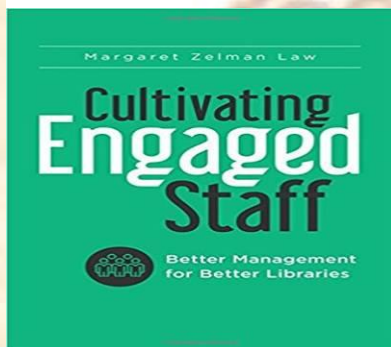
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- IISER Bhopal is going to organize a three days National Conference on *"Role of Academic Libraries for Excellence in Research (ROALER 2018)"* at IISER Bhopal from January 18-20, 2018. The details of the conference are available at: https://www.iiserb.ac.in/
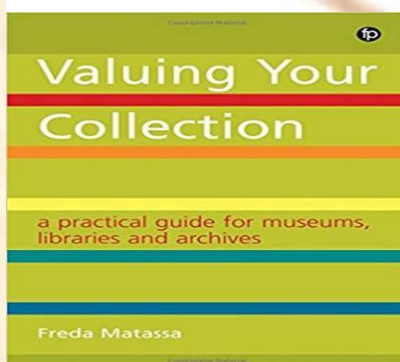
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The book entitled *"Enhancing Library and Information Research Skills: A Guide for Academic Librarians"* authored by Lili Luo, (Associate professor at the School of Information at San Jose State University), Kristine R. Brancolini (dean of the library at Loyola Marymount University) and Marie R. Kennedy (serials and electronic resources librarian at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles) has been published by Libraries Unlimited Inc (28 September 2017) with ISBN: 978-1440841729 and 189 pages.

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