

CONFERENCE REPORT

5th National Conference of Central Government Library Association was held on 1st & 2nd May, 2013 at the Hari Singh Auditorium of IGNFA, Dehradun. The theme of the conference was “Management of Electronic Resources: challenges & opportunities”.

The conference preparations were initiated with registration of delegates from 30th April 2013 and continued till 1st May morning. 105 delegates had registered for the conference.

The inaugural session started at 10:00hrs on 1st May, 2013 with the arrival of Chief guest Sh. Govind Singh Kunjwal, Hon’ble Speaker of Uttarakhand and other distinguished guests, delegates & invitees.

Ms. Charanjit Kaur Mamik, Initiated the program by briefly highlighting the aims and objectives of this conference & inviting the distinguished chief guests to the dais.

The guests were welcomed to the dais by presentation of bouquets & were then requested to formally inaugurate the conference by lighting the ceremonial lamp. All the other guests on the dais joined in to do the honours. Shri K.P. Singh, President, CGLA started the conference by welcoming the guests and delegates here at the venue. In his welcome address, he also explained in detail the activities of the association as well as why this particular theme was chosen for this conference and promised and hoped that the conference will definitely provide them appropriate forum to deliberate on the topic chosen along with a comfortable stay and hospitality.

Sharing the dais with the Special Guest was Dr. B.K. Joshi, Director, Doon Library & Research Centre. He delivered the keynote address, setting in motion the tone of the conference. In his address he emphasized the need of libraries, use of ICT and how it changed the infra structural development of the country. Dr. Alok Saxena, Additional Director IGNFA, the guest of honour, was requested to say a few words. He was very emphatic upon modernizing the libraries, uses of ICT, and above all sharing the resources by forming consortia’s & setting up of networks for sharing and dissemination of information among that setup.

The Chief Guest also elucidated on the subject of e – resources, giving an example of how the parliaments & Governments are now resorting to e-governances & importance to electronic resources. He felt this conference was very essential & at the right time, and blessed the gathering.

Souvenir & conference proceedings were released by the chief guest among thunderous applause. In appreciation of their effort to grace the occasion CGLA thanked the guests on the dais by presenting them mementoes. Dr. A.K. Suman, General Secretary of CGLA at the end presented his vote of thanks. This was followed by High tea, the delegates, press, guests & the Chief Guest all joined in.

To appropriately organize the technical proceedings the conference of Central Government Library Association on "Management of Electronic Resources: Challenges and Opportunities" was divided into four sections & each sections represented a sub-theme

A total of 31 paper were accepted by the Technical Committee, Section-wise distribution of number of papers published in the Pre-conference volume is given below:

Session 1: Planning, Development and Management of Electronic/Digital Libraries (17 Papers)

Session 2: Digital Library Services (06 Papers)

Session 3: Library Resource Sharing, Networking and Consortia (06 Papers)

Session 4: Digital Library and Literacy (02 Papers)

Immediately after the high tea the thematic sessions were started and these continued till the next day also

Thematic Sessions

Thematic Session 1: Planning, Development and Management of Electronic/Digital Libraries.

Chairman : Dr. S.K. Pandey, Deputy Librarian, Kumaun University

Co-Chairman :Mr. V.P. Singh

The following papers were presented in the session:

a) Planning Development and Management of Electronic Libraries by Farzana Azim, Teaching Personnel, Lib & Inf. Sc. Course, Kumaun University, Nainital and Dr. S.K. Pandey, Deputy Librarian, Central Library, Kumaun University, Nainital.

b) The emerging issues and roles of license agreements in electronic resources management by Parthasarathi Das, Assistant Library & information officer, National Library of India, Kolkata-700027

- c) Entering a New Civilisation: Digital Library Development by Ms. Anjali Gupta, student, B.Lisc, (IGNOU) and Dr. Shobha Sharma, Ex. Chief Librarian M.K.P. (P.G) College, Dehradun.
- d) Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration Mussoorie Library in Digital Era: A study by Surendra Kumar Bharti, Sr. Library & information Assistant, L.B.S. National Academy of Administration Mussoorie, Uttarakhand.
- e) Digital Library: An Overview by Dr. M.K.Galhotra, Mata Sundari College for women, (University of Delhi), New Delhi and Dr. (Mrs.) A.M. Galhotra, University Grants Commission, Bahadurshah ZafarMarg, New Delhi.
- f) Digital Library Services in India by Ms. Sunita Joshi and Ms. Indu Rohilla, Unison World School, Dehradun.
- g) Knowledge and use of Digital Resources by Medical College Students of Govt. Medical College Jammu J &K. India by Mohd Iqbal Bhat, Research DLIS, Mangaloe university and Dr. Mahesh V. Mudhol, Chairman DLIS Mangalore university, Manglore.

Thematic Session 2: Planning, Development and Management of Electronic/Digital Libraries.

Chairman :Mr. Yogender Singh, Librarian, IIT, Roorkee

Co-Chairman : Ms Sobhagyawati Gupta, Central University of Rajasthan , Kishan Garh, Ajmer .

The following papers were presented in this session:-

- a) Issues and Challenges in Development of Modern Digital Library by Vikeshwari Dangwal Bhatt, Wild Life Institute of India, Dehradun.
- b) Digital Preservation: Problems and Challenges by Mrs. Vanaja, Librarian, University College Mangalore, (Constituent College of Mangalore University), Karnataka, India.
- c) Digital Preservation: Strategies, prospects and initiatives in modern library management by Aklaque Ahmad, Assistant Library & information Officer, National Library of India, Kolkata-700027 and Parthasarathi Das, Assistant Library & information Officer, National Library of India, Kolkata-700027.
- d) User's Perception Towards New Technology in Technical Library: A case study by Prithvi Singh Bamnia, Research Scholar, Shri Jagdish Prasad Jhabarmal Tibrewala University (JJTU), Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan , India.
- e) Open Source Software & LIS Management by G.J.Singh, Sr.Librarian,SBSPGI of biomedical Sc. & Res. Dehradun.

Thematic Session 3: Digital Library Services

Chairman: Dr. O.P. Verma

Co-Chairman : Ms. C.K. Mamik

The following papers were presented in this session:-

- a) Contemporary Reference Services in Government Libraries: A case of the National Museum of Natural History Library, New Delhi by Rakesh Kumar Pal, Library & information Assistant, National Museum of Natural History, FICCI Museum Building, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi-110001.
- b) Contribution of MEDLARS/MEDLINE SEARCH in Biomedical Research by S.N. Singh, L&IA, Regional Medical Research Centre for Tribals, Jabalpur - 482003 and K.V.K. Rao, AL & IO Regional Medical Research Centre for Tribals, Jabalpur-482003.
- c) Information Representation and Retrieval Research : A Historical Overview by Ashish Kumar, Assistant Librarian , Kumaun University, D.S.B. Campus, Nainital.
- d) Multilingual information Retrieval System on Web by Dr. A.K. Suman, ALIO,IGNFA, New Forest Dehradun (U.K.)
- e) Recent Trends in information Searching and Retrieval: Find your Relevant information in Digital Environment by Chatar Singh Negi, Librarian, SEMET, Tapovan, Dehradun.
- g) High on 'User-centric Services' against Revisit old mantra of Libraries in ICT privileged environment in 21st Century by Dr. Madan Singh Rana, Fulbright and IFLA-ALP fellow, University Librarian, HNB Garhwal University, Srinagar (Uttarakhand).

Thematic Session 4: Library Resource Sharing, Networking and Consortia (Section three)

Digital Library and Literacy (Section four)

Chairman : Dr. Anil Kumar Dhiman, Information Scientist, Gurukul Kangri University, Haridwar

Co-Chairman: Major Vikarant Maurey, Officer in-Charge Library, IMA, Dehradun and Dr. A.K. Suman, ALIO,IGNFA, Dehradun.

The following papers were presented in this session:-

- a) National Knowledge Resource Consortium (NKRC): A Study by Rohit Singh, CSIR –Central Electronics Engineering Research Institute (CEERI) Pilani, Rajasthan.
- b) A consortium plays a vital role, especially in developing countries such as India, and the success of Consortium for Self-financed Technical Institutes (UTTARA-TECH-LIB-Consortium): A Proposal for Uttarakhand State by Dr. Anil Kumar Dhiman, Information Scientist, Gurukul Kangri University, Haridwar-24904 (India).
- c) Cloud Computing in Library and Information Services: From Worldcat (OCLC) to Indcat (INFLIBNET) by Rajneesh, Library In-Charge, Apaji Institute of Mathematics & Applied Computer

Technology Library, Banasthali University, Rajasthan (India), Sobhagyawati Gupta, Assistant Librarian, Central University of Rajasthan, Bandarsindai, Kishangarh-305801, Ajmer, Rajasthan (India), Shiv Singh Research Scholar, Banasthali University, Rajasthan (India) and Madan Singh Rana University, H.N.Bahuguna Gharwal University, Srinagar, Gharwal, Uttarakhand (India).

d) E-Learning: a perspective study with special reference of (IGNOU) by Ms. Chanchal Gyanchandani, Library and Information Assistant, National Library, Kolkata-27, Smt. Sarita Das, Chief Librarian, Mansarovar College, Bhopal (M.P.) and Mr. Krishanu Chattopadhyay Library and Information Assistant, National Library, Kolkata-27.

e) Information Literacy Skills: Must in the Digital Era by Dr. Mahabaleshwara Rao Baikady, Assistant professor (Senior Scale) and senior Librarian Department of Library and Information Science and Health Sciences Library, Kasturba Medical College, Manipal University Manipal-576104, Karnataka and Dr. Mahesh V.Mudhol Associate Professor and Chairman, Dept. of Library and information Science, Mangalore University.

A Cultural programme was also organised in the evening on 1st May, 2013 by **Braham Kamal Kala Sangam, Dehradun**, a group which was very much appreciated by the participants, followed by the Conference Dinner.

Exhibition and Presentations by the Vendors.

An exhibition was organised and the following vendors participated in the exhibition.

- 1- Researchco Book Centre, Dariyaganj, Ansari Road, New Delhi.
- 2- Beegees Computers Pvt. Ltd. Mumbai.
- 3- Telepost India Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi.

During the Technical Sessions the following commercial presentations were also presented by the vendors:

- 1- Beegees computer Pvt. Ltd, Mumbai.
- 2- ESPCO Presentation for Online journals and E-books, New Delhi.
- 3- Softline Asia Pvt. Ltd. Faridabad.

Valedictory Function

Prof. V.B. Mathur, Dean, Wildlife Institute of India was the Chief Guest in the Valedictory function. Mr. K.P.Singh, President, CGLA and Dr. A.K.Suman, Organising & General Secretary and Dr. Madan Singh Rana, Rapporteur General presented a report of the conference and also the recommendations which were finalized during the conference.

Dr. Mathur in his address had stressed on the library cooperation and consortium, especially in the area of e-resources. For the successful conclusion of the conference, the members of various committees of LOC were facilitated for their contributions by the Chief Guest. The conference ended with very good feedbacks received from the participants. The delegates were happy with the arrangements made for their boarding lodging and food.

Recommendations of the conference:

- 1- In view of the existing trends, especially like kind of information available on and handling by internet and the services offered and provided directly to the faculty and users by the aggregators and publishers, new approach and proper strategic thinking may be required, not for longer period, however, at least for a planning of five years. The connect content with client could be a precise vision for future libraries which is nothing but the user-centric approach through quality services by the libraries. One of the major challenges in future could be to keep library's clients intact and attract new clients towards library. Therefore, the following aspects need to be addressed while preparing a planning document.
- 2- To achieve the automation programme and digitization successfully, an appropriate allocation of budget for this purpose should be made available by the parent organizations to their libraries for their computerization and automation programme and handling digitisation and digital issues properly.
- 3- To handle and utilize the existing trends in LIS aptly, a capacity building programme for updating the staff of library needs to be addressed seriously so that they should be feel alienated from the recently/ recruited staff by the libraries. A process of learn, un-learn and re-learn is very important in the present era.
- 4- Emerging concepts like cloud computing and web based tools and technologies may be good solution for handling the libraries and enhancing the library services, therefore, libraries may think of using them in libraries.
- 5- Information literacy programme is a very important area to make our users understand their information needs and usage. So it must be conducted regularly for both digitally born and looking for survival in digital environment and it would also help in reducing the gaps among them.
- 6- Proper marketing and advocacy is another area where we should think of displaying the services and facilities available to the users . Developing a marketing and advocacy team may be a good idea to carry out such activity in the library.
- 7- We should keep some kind of balance between high tech and high touch services and activities in the libraries. In the present era most of our services are technology oriented, but at the same time we must think of handling of users properly, proper classification, cataloguing, stack management and all other manual services.
- 8- Collection development policy should be devised in view of developing hybrid collection in the libraries. National organisation like INFLIBNET and other should think of framing policies and guidelines related to the procurement of e-resources, like license agreements, negotiation, etc.
- 9- A faculty-library relationship is another very important area through which libraries can find an important stake holder who would definitely add some value in the development of libraries.
- 10- Similarly, the computer professionals would also be helpful in the automation activities of libraries. In view of the present trends and emerging technologies, the curriculum and syllabus of library science need to be revised and designed in such a way that the issues like digital library and intellectual property right to be taught to the students of the library science.