

A REPORT BY THE RAPPORTEUR GENERAL

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The seminar of ECO-CGLA, 2016 started at the morning 10.30 am on 22nd January 2016, with the inaugural session. The programme was chaired by the eminent guests and personalities. Prof. Sabyasachi Basu Roy gave the inaugural address, Director of Indian Museum, Dr. Jayanta Sengupta, Director General RRRLF, Dr. Arun Kumar Chakraborty, addressed the audience with his speech. Initiation of the 6th National Conference of ECO-CGLA, took place with Ganapati Vandana, followed by lighting of the seminar lamp and felicitation of the guests of honours on the dais. The important office bearers of CGLA Dehradun, Dr. A. K. Suman and Mr. Ram niwas, have officially endorsed the beginning of the seminar. A short speech was given on the blue print of this seminar by the Organizing Secretary, Dr. Chittaranjan Patra and thanks giving was formally completed by Dr. Patra. Dr. Partha Srathi Das also gave a warm welcome address to one and all.

Before the technical sessions the demonstration of Pro-quest publication was handled and a brief presentation was delivered by Sri. Pradeep Kumar Praharaj in the seminar schedule.

Immediately after this, the technical sessions started with a key note address of, Prof. Swapna Banerjee on her topic "Central Government Libraries: Digital Literacy and Digital Status". Prof. Bandopadhyay spoke about the digital literacy and advantages of digital literacy and then she gave a real data on the present scenario of status of computerization of central Government Libraries through a survey of 1985-1995. In this session, the Chairman, Dr. Sudip Ranjan Hatua, Head of the Department of Library and Information Science, Rabindra Bharati University, handled the presentations with expertise, Co-chairman Dr. Narayan Ghosh, Librarian IICB, Kolkata also gave his expert comments on the presentations. In this session total 4 papers were presented. The presenters were Biswajit Saha of IIM Kolkata, presented his paper on the deploying of RFID technology at IIM Library. Tapan Kumar Barui, Assistant Professor, of Dept. of Library and Information Science of North Bengal University, presented a theoretical aspect of digital library initiative. Deputy Librarian, Dr. Subal Kumar Barui, University of Calcutta talked about digital advantages of different ICT applications like RFID implementation. Research Scholar, Rabindra Bharati University, Bapan Kumar Maity gave an insight on indexing of multilingual terms in the D-space while presenting his paper.

Technical Session-II

The post lunch session started with technical session -2, with a keynote address of Sri. Soumen Sarkar, Deputy Director of RRRLF, on the topic policies, decisions and initiatives of Government of India in library development. He spoke about the changing role of public libraries, the importance of knowledge creation and creation of infrastructure to create competitive information networks. He emphasized that RRRLF has contributed towards the initiation of 17,000-18,000 libraries among the 5 zones of India. The Chairperson of this session, Professor Swapna Bannerjee chaired the session, with a co-chairmanship of Soumen Sarkar. The other technical papers were by Ravi D. Parmar on the role of RRRLF, and Chaiti

Chakrabarti on NML, and RRRLF in special reference to West Bengal. Sibnath Dey presented a paper on the “Impact of Consortia on Indian Libraries”, Mahua Roy gave a paper on Resource Sharing of Hotel Management Libraries of Government of India, and Research Scholar of the Department of Library and Information Science of the University of Calcutta, Dibyendu Mondal, presented a paper on the Role of Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation for development of Public Libraries of India. One additional paper by the Asst. Librarian of University of North Bengal created much attention in his presentation, on the real data of Cooch Behar district libraries, regarding the conditions in ICT application and got assurance to get financial assistance from RRRLF from the Deputy Director, Soumen Sarkar, presented their in the session. The last paper of this technical session was presented by Dr. Pubalika Bhattacharya Maitra, Assistant professor of the Department of Library and Information Science of the University of Calcutta, presenting an application process of how to change rural people and how to make habit of use of digital features in the present environment . Government of India projects for urban and rural people are to be routed through the use of digital information services and use of digital gadgets via the public library endeavor. This session finished by the thanks giving of chairman and Co-chairman.

Technical Session-III

Third technical session started after a tea break. In this session the chairman Sri Kumar Sanjay, Chief Librarian and documentation officer, Niti Ayog, New Delhi, presented a paper. Next presentation by Arti Desai was on ‘Nehru Centre Library for future infrastructure’. A paper was presented by Smt. Swati Ghosh of Sabitri Girl’s College presenting on Information service effectiveness and digital use of CNCI library. The second paper was important and casted a study of categorization of Government of India Libraries to specify the status of Library professionals from the Ministry of Corporate Affairs of Library. All the three papers were case studies. The session ended with thanks from Chairman Kumar Sanjay and Co-Chairman Nutan Kumari.

A panel discussion was held, on the topics of “ Anomalous Status of 7th Pay Commission(beside problems of 5th and 6th pay commission)”, “ Formation of a body of control for the posts and vacancy fulfillment of Central Government Libraries ”, and “Creation of a Networking of the Central Government Libraries”. A live discussion of severe effects on the library professionals, besides the need of networking of CGLA and Government Libraries was undertaken by Suman Sarkar, Kumar Sanjay, K.K. Singh, Mukesh Kumar, Jagmal Singh and the moderator was Dr.S.S.Dhaga.

The entire programme of the seminar was anchored by the information officer of National Library Kolkata, Ms. Sunita Arora and Ms. Mohua Roy, Librarian of IIHM, Taratola.

The next two events were little different. The first presentation of the Cultural evening was from Uddolok Paul, Research Scholar of Rabindra Bharati University, presented dancing gesture & movement and presented how to control archiving modalities to archive real expressions of performing art. The next dance programmes was undertaken by Sudipa Bhattacharya, Tripana Maity and Dipanwita Saha were based on Rabindra Sangeet.

Technical Session-IV/Day 2/ 23rd January 2016

4th Technical session started with the chairmanship of Professor Soumitra Sarkar, University of Calcutta, Librarian of the Central Library, he emphasized on the inevitable changes, coping stress of the digitization of the different organizations and practices in the digital library system development process.

Librarians have to keep the digital practices by all type of libraries was his focus of topic. The co-chairman Dr. Singh has suggested having digitization even with least cost management.

In this session Pulak Ranjan Naskar presented his paper on the important issues of computerization, and also suggested to adapt features to be ready with uncertainties in the digital environment. The second presenter was K.K. Singh from Indian Pharmacopeia Commission. He presented his paper on “Digital Libraries, its importance and their users”. He highlighted both the areas properly. Third presenter was Jayashree Majhi, She presented, ICT Management and delivery services in the digital library. Altogether three papers were presented.

Technical Session-V

The 5th session started with a beautiful and illustrative presentation by the Central Building Research Institute (CBRI) Roorkee, Dr. S.K Senapati. The paper was in two halves. The initial part had the overview of the past and storage process, the middle part emphasized models of preservation on LOCKSS, CLOCKSS and PORTICO.

The technical paper presenters started with Gargi Maity’s presentation on the Conservation and preservation methods of the Central Library of an overview in dealing with the current practices. Second paper was by Soumen Kayal regarding the paper preservation of newspapers of national Library of Kolkata. Third presentation was by Asha Rani on, “Cloud Computing and Librarians: a case study of CSIR knowledge gateway, cloud computing”. Next presenter was Smitanjali Panda, presented her paper on Cloud Computing. Riya Kar had also presented about the cloud computing as she had preservation of indigenous effectiveness method, where she emphasizes was on magnetic preservation. Altogether six papers were presented in this session.

Technical Session-VI

Technical session VI started with Dr. Anil Kumar Dhiman’s paper. He chaired the session. He is Information Scientist of Gurukul Kangri University, Hardwar. His paper was on Knowledge management an opportunity exists for public libraries. Next paper of this technical session was given by Swaraj Roy on “Managing Information in Digital Era”.

Technical Session-VII

The last session of the two day seminar started with the chairmanship of Dr. S.S Dhaka, the Director of Libraries, External Affairs, Ministry of Govt. of India. In this session Prayas Tamang the Co-Author of Animesh Singha, both of them are the UGC JRFs of The Department of Library and Information Science of the University of Calcutta presented the paper on the issues of “Intellectual Property right in digital library environment”. Subhankar Roy Choudhury presented Multilingual Information Retrieval and its application in UNICODE. Thus the last session had only two papers and thus completed the technical sessions.

The last event was a recitation of poem on a spiritual theme from “Gita”.

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Recommendations of the conference:

1. In view 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 organisations to their libraries for their computerisation and automation programme and handling digitisation and digital issues properly.
3. To handle and utilise 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 not 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 others should think of framing policies and guidelines related to the procurement of e-resources, like licence agreements, negotiation, etc.

9. A faculty-library relationship is another very important area through which libraries can find an important stack holders 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.
