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Dear Friends,

A Meet for Networking of Librarians & Resource Sharing was held on 7th March 2010. For this meeting it was decided to restrict the discussions to only four topics. All the seventy five participants were able to take part in the discussion, since they were divided into small groups. More than 20 issues which needed attention were listed by the groups. Out of these, four issues were taken up as action items. One of these was "Quality Circle for Book Reading". This has now become a **Librarians Meet**, which is being held in different libraries. The first such meeting was held at the IPR Library on 19th June, 2010.

On 6th August 2010 a meeting was held to discuss **ways of improving LIS Education.** Nine senior Heads of LIS Departments from various universities in India, & also from Gujarat, together with a few senior Librarians, attended this meeting. The following topics were discussed

1. Methods of improving LIS education
2. Inculcating professional values & ethics in students
3. Need to attract better students

Prof. Harsha Parekh, the moderator of this meeting summarized the lengthy discussions, which are given below :-

i. Members felt that peoples skills, such as public relations, and communication are less. It was suggested that if different methods are used for teaching, such as group work, then this can be improved.

ii. It was agreed that there was a real need for internship programs. However, this should be better planned, monitored & weightage /marks assigned.

iii. It was suggested that in order to attract better students & also to increase the usage of the library, it was essential to develop some A/V programs.

iv. It was decided to supplement traditional learning with e-learning. To help LIS teachers prepare topic wise e-learning modules, it was recommended to conduct a Training Program with the support of National Mission on Education through ICT. A proposal for this training program has being prepared.

It is with great pleasure that ADINET wishes to announce the formation of an **ADINET – YUVA group**. A meeting of several young professionals working in different libraries was held recently. It was truly heartening to see their enthusiasm and eagerness to initiate various activities for the profession. Several important points were discussed by them. A report prepared by the YUVA group is given in this newsletter.

-Editors

LIBRARIANS' Meet

Librarians' Meet held at the Institute of Plasma Research On 19th June 2010

The beginning of the meet was marked with a welcome address by Ms. P. J. Pathak. She welcomed all the guests to IPR, stating the importance of periodic meetings done by professionals in the field of library

science. She emphasized that for the proper growth and upliftment of the library and information science field, it is important for the professionals to meet on a regular basis, share knowledge about new developments in the field, discuss problems and provide solutions on a mutual basis. She gave a brief outline of the schedule of the meeting. Along with this, Ms. Pathak took all the participants to a virtual tour of the IPR library. Being seated at their places, the participants acquainted themselves with each and every section of the library.

After a warm welcome and introductory speech by Ms. P. J. Pathak, Ms. Rhoda Bharucha (Hon. Director ADINET) addressed all the participants. She gave an account of the task force committees formed by ADINET, namely, Library Orientation Committee, Committee for comparative analysis of library software, Committee for Database of Question Papers and Quality Circle for Book Reading. She informed the participants about the work done by these task forces till date and urged more and more participants to join and work for these tasks.

After this, Mr. Shravan Kumar from IPR library gave a

talk on "Digital Technology". He started with the description of the word 'Digital' and described in detail the hardware as well as the software components of digital technology. His talk included various methods of data transfer, different types of scanners and other hardware products. He explained the importance of digitization, step-by-step process of digitization and the basic requirements for it. He also covered the experience of the digitization work done by IPR library. He mentioned that till date IPR library has digitized about 5000 documents, which include standards, theses, reports, reprints and full text bibliographies of senior scientists.

After such an informative talk by Mr. Shravan Kumar, Ms. Rhoda Bharucha gave a very inspiring and energetic talk on "Law of Attraction and Power of Positive Thinking". She first explained the concept of energy, She said that our thoughts are so powerful that they can have a profound impact on both our health and also on our circumstances. So it is important for us to think good and positive thoughts in order to get positive results in life. She taught the participants the art of conscious breathing. Conscious breathing improves the functioning of heart and many other internal organs and also leads to self-healing. She emphasized that in order to give our best to our profession, we must stay healthy healthy mind and body, and the methods taught by her were quite helpful in this regard.

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After high tea, the participants were ready for a book review which was done by Ms. P. Lalitha (Nirma University). She presented a review of the book titled "Building Digital Libraries: a how to do it manual (No. 153)" by Terry Reese Jr. and Kyle Banerjee. She discussed each and every chapter of the book in detail. This created in the participants an urge to read the book.

After the book review session, a talk on e-books was presented by Mr. R. Kuttapan from Springer. He listed the advantage of e-books over their print version and explained how e-books are in correct coordination with the Five Laws of Library Science. He showed the results of a survey done at IISc Bangalore, based on e-books which reveals that majority of scientists and researchers at IISc prefer to read e-books very often as they are easy to use and are search friendly. He also explained the price structure of e-books. However, his talk did not cover the future implications and how librarians have to be ready for e-books.

At last, Ms. P. J. Pathak thanked all the participants for their keen interest and patient hearing. This was followed by a trip to the IPR library, where the participants got a chance to know the resources available in the Library, services provided by the library and the latest technology the IPR library is using.
Participants departed at 1.00pm with colorful kits and a lot of enthusiasm to do some thing new in their library.

Report prepared by I.P.R.Library

REPORT ON

SEMINAR ONPreparing New Generation of Librarians for Meeting Future Challenges

Seminar on Preparing New Generation of Librarians for Meeting Future Challenges: A Report

The one day seminar on the theme "Preparing New Generation of Librarians for Meeting Future Challenges" was held on 7th August, 2010 at Ahmedabad Management Association. The following were the sub-themes on which papers were invited.

Future of Libraries & Librarians

Technology Trends in Libraries

Innovative Services, Processes & Practices

Role of Library Science Schools

Case Studies of Libraries Providing Services with Minimum Resources

This seminar, like all the previous year's one day seminars, was organized as a part of Librarian's Day celebrations on the occasion of Father of Indian Librarianship Dr. S.R. Ranganathan's birthday, by library professionals in Ahmedabad city. This event was organized jointly by ADINET, INFLIBNET and AMA. Over 450 professionals including students of library science from different parts of Gujarat attended the seminar.

The seminar started with an inaugural session in the great ambiance of AMA by lighting lamps and paying tributes to Dr. Ranganathan by distinguished guests. Mrs. Jayanti Ravi, Commissioner, Higher Education, Government of Gujarat, Dr. Jagdish Arora, Director, INFLIBNET Centre, Shri. Kartikeya Sarabhai, Chairman, ADINET Governing Council & Director, CEE, Prof. Avadesh Singh, Convener, Academic Initiatives, Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat, Government of Gujarat were the dignitaries who graced the inaugural session. Mrs. Rhoda Bharucha, Hon. Director, ADINET extended a warm welcome to dignitaries on the dais, participants and invitees. She also presented a brief report of the activities carried out by ADINET during last

one year and also gave an overview of the seminar.

The Chief Guest Mrs. Jayanti Ravi while giving her inaugural address spoke at length about National Mission on Education through ICT and framework for implementation of this programme created by Gujarat Government. She highlighted various other programmes initiated by state government in the areas of education, particularly higher education sector. Mrs. Ravi also mentioned the creation of Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat and projects initiated under this new initiative. "In order to bring about major qualitative changes in education sector in the state, libraries have a greater role to play & contribute" she emphasized. There is greater need for revitalizing library services by creating state-of-the-art infrastructure and employing qualified librarians. The ADINET and other professional bodies in the state should join hands and reach out to entire state by organizing various activities. She assured full support and commitment from the state government, especially Department of Higher Education for strengthening libraries in the state.

Dr. Jagadish Arora, in his address on this occasion, spoke about the kind of new skills that the next generation librarians should acquire to be successful in managing their libraries effectively. He suggested that, besides having strong foundation in core areas of librarianship, LIS schools should also include ICT as essential learning tool, communication skills, practical training, performance evaluation of libraries in their curriculum etc. He also emphasized that, LIS schools should involve practicing librarians in teaching to draw their experience & expertise of managing libraries.

While giving his presidential address, Shri. Kartikeya Sarabhai emphasized that libraries should be promoted as social place, encourage reading habits among young generation and promote Gujarati content in the Wikipedia. He also suggested that State Government should support the creation of content in Gujarati. He pointed out that, for a librarian to be successful in his role, he/she need to know user needs very well. In the final part of his speech, he touched upon the importance of technology in delivering library services.
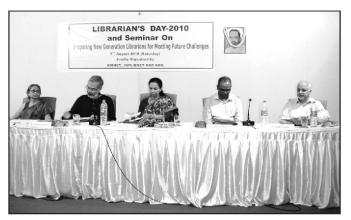
Dr. Avadesh Singh, delivering his keynote address, spoke about the values that the libraries and librarians add to the society. He said that the Librarian – cum - teacher, teacher – cum – librarian is an excellent combination. He also mentioned that the Libraries should be encouraged to become as centers of knowledge management. Further, he talked about three Cs: Concern, Commitment, Change should be important part of library operations. Dr. Singh also spoke in detail about the factors affecting education and libraries, and said it is time for bringing about major changes in our libraries to make them relevant & effective in all segments of our society. In his capacity as Convener of KCG, he gave detailed account of what initiatives have been undertaken by KCG and requested INFLIBNET & ADINET to play a greater role in improving the infrastructure in our libraries and delivering new services. He assured the full support of KCG.

On this occasion, a book on "*Business Information Needs of Indian Corporate Sector*" written by Dr. Anil Kumar H. Librarian, IIM A, and published by Allied Publisher was also released.

The inaugural session ended with thanks to dignitaries and participants by Mr. Shravan Kumar from IPR Library. Mrs. Geeta Gadhavi, Lecturer, LIS, Gujarat University, anchored this programme. Ms. Hema Raval from EDI, rendered the invocation song in the beginning of this session.

The inaugural session was immediately followed by technical sessions. This years event in a way was much different, as we had five distinguished speakers from different parts of the country, who were specially invited to write papers and give talks and share their rich experience. In all there were 11 technical papers and 5 commercial presentations to be accommodated. The technical sessions were divided in two parts ie. Pre-lunch and post lunch sessions. The pre-lunch session had three technical papers and two commercial presentations.

The first **technical session** was chaired by Prof. Harsha Parekh, formerly Head of Dept. of Library Science & University Librarian SNDT Women's University, Mumbai and she was also the first speaker in this session. In her paper "**Directions for LIS Education : Some stray thoughts**" she presented major changes that are taking place due to rapid changes in ICT area and its impact on library collection, access and services. Considering the changing environment and context in which libraries have to work, she suggested that LIS schools should change their curriculum. She presented a model LIS education which is proactive to imbibe environmental changes that affect profession and also is learner centric. Also, proposed a good framework for LIS educators to consider. Further suggested that LIS schools should introduce & experiment with choice based, modular, credit based system and take full responsibility to provide relevant education to our students in order to provide capable information professionals to society.

Dignatories on Dies

The second paper was on **"Future of Libraries and Librarians"** Dr. R.S.R. Varalakshmi, Professor, Department Of Library & Information Science, College of Arts & Commerce, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam. In her paper, she covered the major changes affecting LIS profession and how libraries have to respond to changing environment (reactive).She also listed new activities to be undertaken by libraries to remain relevant (proactive) and mentioned future roles of librarians ie. multiple roles that librarians need to play. Future developments in ICT that are likely to affect libraries were also covered. She suggested that, professionals have to go out of four walls & explore the virtual world and get connected with the users.

The third and last paper in this session was on **"Role of Library Science Schools for Meeting Future Challenges"** By Dr. Pratibha Gokhale, Associate Professor, Dept. of Lib.& Inf. Sc. in University of Mumbai. In her presentation, Dr. Gokale presented major landmarks in the history of LIS Education in India and also listed various academic research programmes offered by LIS schools in India. She also talked about research output & trends, subject-wise analysis, shifting pattern (areas) in LIS area. Finally suggested the adoption of modular curriculum, new innovative

approach to teaching & assessing and appealed to fellow professionals to work collectively i.e. LIS Schools, associations, INFLIBNET & other similar agencies, librarians & others to prepare new generation librarians.

The second **technical session** started after the lunch and this was Chaired by Prof. A.R.D. Prasad, Professor, DRTC, Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore. There were in all 8 papers presented in this session. Dr. Prasad was also the first speaker in this session. His paper on "**Future Library Systems and Services**" covered the emerging landscape of technologies & their use in libraries**.** Along with issues associated with implementation of technologies, his presentation covered in detail information about proprietary *vs* open source software and listed advantages of going for OSS. Further, he highlighted the importance of digital preservation, open access to information and semantic web. In the last part of his presentation, he suggested that, professionals should understand & contribute to technology domain especially in the context of traditional library and information science offerings like organizing and retrieval tools & techniques, relevance to futuristic semantics based information services. This will not only of be mutual benefit to us, but also will strengthen library services.

This was followed by a presentation by Dr. Usha Munshi**,** Librarian, IIPA, New Delhi. In her presentation on "**Innovative Services, Processes & Practices "** Dr. Munshi highlighted the research trends, changing information requirements & challenges faced by librarians. She suggested that, to cope up with changing needs of our users, we need to constantly innovate new methods & develop new services. She also suggested that we need to make continuous improvements, innovate new services using the recent IT tools & technologies. She used this opportunity to present before the audience, what she has done at IIPA Library to make her library relevant.

The next paper in this session was on "**Introduction to Digital Reference Services**" by Ms. Parul Zaveri, Faculty, Library Science, SNDT Women's University Library, Mumbai. Her paper covered the basic concept of digital reference service, its relevance, need, various forms, issues, tools to deliver and related aspects. She was of the opinion that, the Web Contact Centre is the most common software which will be suited for library environment. She also highlighted about Collaborative Reference service specially, Question Point offered by OCLC USA. Part of her presentation was devoted to recent trends in digital reference service and social networking space and other new developments. In the last part of her presentation, she suggested that, to effectively serve our users at the point of use or need, we need to design and deliver digital reference service using latest virtual tools.

The next presentation was on "**LIS Education in 21st Century: Trends, challenges and expectations**" by Prof.(Ms) U.A. Thaker, Professor & Head, DLIS,

Sardar Patel University (SPU), V V Nagar. She presented the current status of LIS education in Gujarat. Her presentation also covered the information relating to current faculty strength, student intake, curriculum, infrastructure available in LIS Schools across the state. Her paper highlighted to what extent UGC model curriculum in LIS has been implemented in the state. Finally, she listed out the basic requirements for setting up dynamic LIS departments in the state and suggested that, a good infrastructure, excellent faculty, flexible curriculum is a must in any LIS schools for preparing future librarians.

This was followed by a presentation on **"SaaS Based LMS – A Boon for Libraries" by** Mr. P.C. Shah Former Director, ADINET, Ahmedabad and Mr. K. Suyash CEO, CR2 Technologies Ltd., Ahmedabad. Mr. Shah made the presentation. In this presentation, authors introduced the concept and propagated Saas (Software as a Service) technology solution. They said, SaaS is proven to be a success in other domains and libraries should try this model which is cost effective, especially for smaller libraries. Authors presented two scenarios with cost involved and showed that this would be an economical model to follow. They argued in their paper that, having tried with licensing of e-content, Libraries (smaller size) with less funding & minimum infrastructure, it is worth looking at Saas, as a low cost solution.

The other major paper presented in this session was on **"National Library and Information Services Infrastructure for Scholarly Contents (N-LIST) : Extending access to e-resources to colleges"** by Dr. Jagdish Arora & Ms. Kruti Trivedi from INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad. Ms. Kruti presented this paper. In her presentation, Ms. Kruti gave a detailed overview of N-LIST Programme and access to different e-resources to colleges. She also briefly mentioned about cross subscription to e-resources between INDEST and UGC InfoNet Digital Library Consortium. The list of resources, pricing model, cost effectiveness, implementation methodology, potential growth & future plans were also part of her presentation. This is an ambitious project to take the information to 504 + universities & 25000+ colleges in India and to make this a successful initiative, there is a greater need for involvement of professionals. Success of this project is in the larger interest of LIS profession was the message from this presentation.

This was followed by another presentation on "National Knowledge Network (NKN)" by Mr. K. Manoj Kumar, Scientist-D (CS), INFLIBNET Centre. In his presentation, Mr. Manoj Kumar provided detailed information about National Knowledge Network (NKN) considered to be one of the biggest initiative to support higher education & research in the country. He described the objectives, design philosophy and different features of this proposed network. He also updated the audience with the current status of various projects initiated under this mega project. His presentation also highlighted the National Mission of Education through ICT (MHRD, GOI) & support received for NKN. He was of the opinion that, with the NKN implementation, connectivity will no longer be a barrier for accessing valuable resources for academic & research and INFLIBNET is playing a catalyst role in promoting NKN. He said this is yet another opportunity for the profession to provide better library services by making use of this Network.

The last paper presented in this technical session was on **"Using RSS Feeds and e-Alerts to Increase User Awareness of E- resources in Library & Information Centres"** by Mr. Imran Mansuri, INFLIBNET Centre. In his presentation, Mr. Mansuri introduced two new tools used for providing alert services viz. RSS Feeds and Email based alert systems. He also talked about need, advantage, importance, limitations, considerations, formats and how these tools work. Also demonstrated how to create/ set up RSS Feeds & E-Alert service for providing Current Awareness Service in Libraries. He suggested that, RSS Feeds & E mail based alert tools are simple to use & does not cost you any thing. Use them for providing CAS & enhance the value of your library services.

Besides all these technical paper presentations, representatives of the following five companies made brief presentations spread over in both the sessions. These were mainly focused on their products and services.

> Bharat Book Bureau, Mumbai
> Springer (India) Pvt. Ltd.
> Balani Infotech Pvt Ltd.
> Elsevier
> Informatics India

The last session was a **concluding session** where Dr. T. S. Kumbar, Librarian, DA-IICT, presented a summary of the entire day's proceedings and also presented following recommendations for the consideration of the august gathering.

Suggested Recommendations

To prepare future generation of Librarians who are highly skilled & capable, LIS schools need to have excellent infrastructure and faculty, & introduce choice based, modular and credit based system.

Understand & effectively use technologies that will enhance the value of library system, services, & be relevant & connected in this emerging virtual world.

LIS Schools, Professional Associations, INFLIBNET & similar agencies & Librarians & other connected with the profession should take collective responsibility for preparing next generation Librarians.

Contribute the strength of traditional skills ie. organizing & retrieval of information, relevant to

technology domain to create semantic based information services.

Explore & use, alternative models of library automation (SaaS), emerging tools, technologies for providing innovative & personalized services such as Digital Reference Service, CAS, SDI etc.

Govt. at the centre & state levels, through INFLIBNET & other agencies, are providing excellent support for creating information infrastructure in the form of NKN & N-LIST. Professionals have to seize this opportunity to enhance the value of library services.

In this session, the professionals gathered for the seminar gave a big round of of applause & standing ovation to Ms. Rhoda Bharucha & Mr. P.C. Shah for their imitable spirit & dedicated service for cause of professional development

This year's seminar volume had a marked difference in terms of quality of papers covered and also design, print, editorial work etc. This was given to all registered delegates and served handy for reading the papers presented in the seminar.

Dr. (Mrs) Lalitha P. & Dr. Nimeshkumar D. Oza served as rapporteurs for the seminar and Mrs. Geeta Gadhavi anchored the programme.

Report prepared by Dr. T.S.Kumbar

ADINET – YUVA:

a new group of young library professionals comes into existence

ADINET, Ahmedabad: An informal meeting was held among young and enthusiastic library professionals on 14th August, 2010. The objective of this meet was to initiate activities to revive the development of the profession of Librarianship by the young professionals. As a result of this meeting, one young group called "ADINET YUVA" was established.

In an informal meeting with Dr. H. Anil Kumar, IIMA, Ms. Manju Yadav, PDPU and Mr. Viral Navik, IIMA it was felt that we must look at initiating young library professionals of Ahmedabad to actively and collectively work towards the development of the library profession. It was decided to meet at ADINET to take this idea forward with the support of Dr. Shailesh Yagnik, MICA, Mrs. R. Bharucha, ADINET and Dr. T.S. Kumbar, DAIICT.

The meeting was attended by 15 library professionals working in different libraries who shared their views on present situation of library profession. Senior Librarians and the members suggested making a core group of

young professionals for this initiative. And this is how the ADINET – YUVA group was born.

Following points were discussed and suggested by the ADINET YUVA Group for redefining the role of libraries and information professionals.

Identity of Library Profession
Individuality of profession in the society at par with other professions
Purpose of formation of Core- Group
Sustainability of Core Group
Co-operation among professionals
Fruitful utilization (expertise) of each member of group
To Support and develop remote area libraries and librarians
Up-gradation of Professionals
Awareness of Working Group
Role of ADINET-YUVA in development of Profession
Promotion and development of ADINET
ADINET as a platform for promotion of Librarianship

ADINET YUVA members have created one Google group and prepared a directory of Yuva members. At present 40 members have registered. Through this ADINET YUVA directory, it will be easy to track the required expertise of the library professionals.

Report prepared by ADINET-YUVA Group

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