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Dear Friends,

This issue of the Newsletter contains a report about the "Quarterly Seminar Increasing Usage of E-Resources in Colleges" which was jointly organized by ADINET and K K Shah Jarodwala Maninagar Science College on 3rd January 2015.

We are happy to announce that this year Librarian's Day Seminar will be held at the Nirma University on Saturday 22nd August. Details of the topic of the Seminar and its sub-themes are included in this Newsletter.

It is with a very heavy heart we report about the sad demise of Shri P.C. Shah on 22nd February, 2015. He was one of the stalwarts of the LIS profession and could be aptly called the Ranganathan of Gujarat. In the memory of Shri P.C. Shah, we need to conduct a yearly memorial lecture.

Quarterly Seminar

Increasing Usage of E- Resources in Colleges

This Seminar on "Increasing Usage of E- Resources in Colleges" was jointly organized by ADINET and K K Shah Jarodwala Maninagar Science College on 3rd January 2015. Ms. Utsavi a student of this College, introduced the Principal Dr.R R Shah, the Chief Guest Prof. Urmila Thakar and the Keynote Speaker Shri Yatrik Patel. The opening session started with a melodious prayer by Ms Shradhha also a student of the College. Ms Nandini Patel, Librarian of the College welcomed the participants and thanked them for attending the Seminar. She also thanked all the contributors, volunteers and her colleagues.

Principal Dr. R R Shah extended a warm welcome to all the delegates. He stated that in this information age, faster transfer of information is very essential. He felt that digital information created by colleges helps to give a higher NAAC rating. Dr. Shah said that Librarians have been acting as mediators between information resources and the information seekers.

Mrs. Bharucha, Hon. Director of ADINET agreed to what Dr. Shah said. She stated that ADINET's major concern was to see how college librarians can be helped. In order to do this a few attractive products have been created such as Library Posters which convey the value & importance of Libraries & Information. Again a template for a Library Orientation Program has been designed to enable Librarians to fill up the resources, services provided & other details of their library. This tailor made Library Orientation Poster could be kept online or printed and displayed to help librarians who wish to promote usage of their Library resources. An impressive "Book Mark " has also been printed to promote the LIS Identity Project. It states that by changing our thinking & attitude things will change. This collaborative project can be achieved by promoting importance of information, by providing better services and by projecting our library & its services. If librarians wish they can obtain these colorful & laminated Posters, Orientation Program Template and Book Marks from ADINET. She also gave information about the monthly on-line release of the English and Gujarati versions of "ADINET e-News Digest".

Shri Yatrik Patel started his address in his interesting style by showing his bunch of keys and a notepad indicating that he is giving a "Key-Note" address. He talked about "Increasing Usage of E-Resources in College Libraries". He described INFLIBNET's N-LIST Programme which is funded by MHRD under the National Mission of Education through ICT. It provides online access to more than 6,000+ e-journals and 97,300+ e-books. Access has been provided to thousands of colleges. This very rich resource can be accessed by these colleges. The Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat has provided N-LIST access to 836 colleges in Gujarat since the last two years. Unfortunately as per a recent report only

41 colleges are using this facility.

He gave a very useful and humorous presentation by taking the audience on a "Knowledge Yatra". He defined each word used in the journey, starting with the e-resources which is the starting point of the journey, to the internet which is the vehicle used, to the e-content which is the destination. The users were the passengers in this journey and the librarians guided the passengers (users) from the source to the final destination. According to Shri Yatrik, 20% of Indian population has Internet access and is third largest user country with growth rate of 14%. The urban and rural user ratio was 33/99 in total of 132 during 2012. Now we don't need to know the accessibility as almost each one has access to Internet through their Mobiles! A large number of social networking sites are becoming very popular and are being used extensively for various kind of information. Besides Google search, much smarter and scholarly search engines like Catlike, Citeulike, Gateway, Sociology Web, Social Science Research Network, are being used.

Prof. Urmila Thakar former Head of Department of Library and Information Science, Sardar Patel University, V. V. Nagar gave an exceedingly useful talk on "Free e-Resources for Collection Development" She started her presentation by showing Maslow's New Pyramid which revealed how important Internet & Wi-Fi facilities are nowadays. She then defined e-resources and gave the e-resources timeline, which showed the increase in Internet usage over the years. She stated that now, e-resources represent an increasingly important component of collection building activities of a library. Again there are a large number of free e-resources and they can be easily accessed remotely or locally through the Internet.

She felt that an ideal modern library must provide access to all major types of e-resources like e-books, e-journals, full text databases, e-images, e-audio/video resources, indexing and abstracting databases, e-reference sources, e-projects, electronic theses & dissertations (ETD), e-newspapers, e-zine, e-standards & patents and numeric & statistical databases. She provided details of a large number of free websites developed by various organizations, universities, R&D institutions, various subject gateways, different government

portals, digital libraries, institutional repositories, digital publishing sites, library consortia, different search engines, search devices and search strategies.

She also described Open Educational Resources (OER) which includes online lessons, audio/video presentations, podcasts, instructional modules, etc. which are freely available and can be modified, used, reused and shared by educators & students without paying royalties or license fees. She strongly felt that it was now time to integrate e-learning with traditional learning. She concluded by saying that due to lack of space in most libraries, rise in expenditure of print material, and also due to the increase in expectations and demand of users, libraries can provide access to more e-resources which can also save the time of users.

Dr. Lavji Zala, Deputy Librarian of MICA gave a talk on how they have managed to increase the usage of the MICA library. He stated that besides the print resources, they have seen a continuous increase in usage of e-resources in their library which they have done through some innovative programs which he narrated. He felt that colleges can access a large number of useful e-resources through the N-LIST Program. He said that there were many reasons for low usage of e-resources in many college libraries like, no internet connectivity, libraries have not developed their websites, lack of awareness of library resources and services, etc. He also provided some useful suggestions for increasing the usage of libraries.

Ms. Indira Dodiya, Assistant Librarian of K. S. Business School gave a talk on the Seminar topic. She explained the need and usefulness of e-resources in this changing digital world. Moreover their library users are demanding more e-resources compared to print resources, since they can use them when and where required on their laptops and also on their smart phones with internet connectivity. She concluded her talk by saying that e-resources have now become an important part of today's users and that it has rapidly changed the way of seeking and disseminating information.

Dr. R.S. Patel, Prof. of Biology working in the college presented the problems faced by him in obtaining information and references for his research work. According to Dr. Patel, research is a team work and the team needs to coordinate and work together to access information and also to collect data. He felt that the librarian does play a crucial role in making e-resources available to the users, but he felt that the entire team should be involved to search information and data.

Ms. Ayushi Purohit, a student of K. K. Shah Jarodwala College listed the services and facilities which the students require from their Library, such as Internet connectivity to access e-resources. She also gave some of the difficulties which the users are facing while accessing e-resources, such as downloading error, computer virus, etc. She felt that in order to give better services these problems should be taken care of regularly.

Librarians' Day Seminar 2015

Library as a Learning Space - Role and Relevance of Libraries in the Future

ADINET in collaboration with INFLIBNET & Nirma University will be celebrating the birth anniversary of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan as Librarians' Day by holding a Seminar on, Saturday 22nd August 2015 at the Nirma University.

With the recent developments in Information Technology there are series of transformations that are helping in the emergence of new trends. With the advent of disruptive technology (A disruptive technology is one that displaces an established technology and shakes up the industry) in Higher Education, libraries and librarians have to redefine their role and relevance in future with respect to learning spaces. Looking to the future, there is a concern about the existence of libraries. In order to sustain the changes and challenges the library professionals have to contribute with bright and innovative library practices in terms of resources, services, skills, users and usage of libraries. Hence, this year's Seminar topic has been decided as:

Library as a Learning Space - Role and Relevance of Libraries in the Future

The Sub Themes are as follows:

1. Library Resources-

❖ *Print Vs Electronic Formats: an Equilibrium, Challenges & Issues:-*

Owing to developments in technology besides the traditional print formats, Libraries are acquiring more & more electronic resources. Even though digital resources have more advantages, they do present more challenges, especially the dangers of depending on fast changing technology.

❖ *Technical and Legal Issues related to Acquisition:-*

A written collection development policy to guide material selection, especially digital material, will provide clarity to the staff. It will also take into consideration factors like cost, technical feasibility, licensing, access & preservation requirements.

❖ *Content Management:-*

Academic Libraries are increasingly using Content Management Systems (CMS) for website management. It provides full, instant access to the library's content. As more and more library products and services are available online, library websites have become more complex.

2. Library Services & Facilities

❖ *Green Libraries (Ambience and Techno-friendly spaces) :-*

A green library is designed to minimize negative impact on the natural environment & maximize indoor environmental quality by means of careful site selection, use of natural construction materials and biodegradable products, conservation of resources and responsible waste disposable.

❖ *Traditional, Value Added & Innovative Services:-*

Besides traditional services, it is essential to provide value added services & more so innovative services to increase the satisfaction level of users.

3. Library Users & User Analysis

❖ *Users Satisfaction:-*

User satisfaction with resources and services in libraries has become quite challenging owing to several factors. Irrespective of the type of library, the need to develop customer-centred and strategic planning has become part of effective library management.

4. Usage of Libraries

❖ *Marketing of Information Services:-*

The main objectives of libraries today are to provide effective, need based services to reach more potential users and encourage the use of library resources. This naturally requires a "shift from product or service orientation to customer or need orientation". Different marketing concepts provide libraries with the tools for collecting and analysing useful data about information needs of customers, which assists in designing, developing and delivering appropriate services.

❖ *Return on Investment (ROI):-*

Return on investment (ROI) is the benefit to the investor resulting from an investment of some resource. A high ROI means the investment gains compare favourably to investment cost.

Please note the last date for Registration: 13th August 2015

The last date for paper submission: 22nd June 2015

Shri P.C.Shah-Par Excellence

Entire L.I.S. Community will miss you!

Shri Pravin C Shah was a professional of very high caliber. He had an MSc in Chemistry, an M.A. Degree and had obtained the Bachelor of Library Science Degree.

He had published about 150 papers, organized several national and state level seminars/conferences, conducted several national surveys on information needs of the textile and allied industries in India.

Shri Shah had a distinguished career spanning over five decades. He started his career in the year 1959 in the Physical Research Laboratory and was nurtured under the tutelage of none other than Dr. Vikram

Sarabhai. After three years he joined Shreyas Foundation and in 1963 he was appointed in ATIRA where he worked till he retired in 1996. He served ATIRA in various positions such as Librarian, Manager, Assistant Director and Head NICTAS. He master minded and established the National Information Centre for Textiles and Allied Subjects (NICTAS). He had conceptualized, designed, developed and marketed qualitative fee-based information services in the area of textile and allied subjects. He started publishing TEXINCON (TEXtile INformation CONdensed) and State of the Art Reports on various textile related topics.

He was one of the Founder Members of Gujarat Granthalay Seva Sangh (G.G.S.S.) which was started in 1976. He served GGSS to begin with as the Secretary and later on for more than 20 years as the President. He organized the annual GGSS Seminars all over Gujarat for 31 years to bring the Librarians of Gujarat on one platform. For about eleven years he successfully published the Book of Papers of these Seminars. He also edited and published the quarterly newsletter of GGSS entitled "Granthalok" for decades.

After retirement in 1999 he kept himself active with Ahmedabad Library Network (ADINET) as the Hon. Director from 2000 to 2005. Through his post-retirement Publication DLIBCOM, he used to publish useful information for the LIS Community. Since the last two years he worked at the Gujarat Vishavakosh Trust as an Honorary Library Advisor and contributed immensely in the development of this Library and in many other activities.

Pravinbhai was a member of Board of Studies at NISCAIR. He was associated with various LIS Schools, teaching Marketing of Information, Information Management, Knowledge Management, and Disaster Management for BLIS and MPhil students and was also an external examiner for PhD Thesis at various Universities.

Shri Shah was actively associated with various professional associations like ILA, IASLIC, SIS, Textile Information Council Inc. USA, and had contributed immensely in the areas of library automation, resource sharing, and user's meets. He was also an active mentor at Gujarat Pustakalay Mandal.

When Shri Shah retired on superannuation in 1997, the then Director of NISSAT Dr. P.K.Lahiri said " Mr. P.C. Shah, impressed people with his keen sense of hearing, tolerance, persistence, professionalism and more than any of these – the natural gujju sense of business which helped him make NICTAS one of the most successful NISSAT ventures! At least in India, in the area of textiles and allied subjects, NICTAS to the textile engineers is what CAS is to the chemists and chemical engineers or CAB is to agriculture scientists"

On personal front he was unassuming, courteous and always smiling. He was held in high esteem by one and all.

Shri.PC Shah was a recipient of many awards, to name of few - ILA Diamond Jubilee Award in 1993 and also the Fellowship of SIS in 1993 for his distinguished contributions, Gujarat Gaurav Award 2001, IASLIC Lifetime Achievement Award for Retired Librarians in 2010, Vachan Seva Award of Gujarat Pustakalay Mandal in 2010, and Lifetime Achievement Award of Gujarat Pustakalay Mandal in 2012.

Pravinbhai will always be remembered and appreciated for his distinguished services by the Library user community, particularly by the textile information seekers. He advocated Marketing of Library Services and strongly believed that the value of information should be considered more important than the price of the information. He practiced true Library Advocacy. He successfully demonstrated and firmly believed: "Information to be self-sufficient commercial commodity" which can be used for the progress of the country.

British Council Library

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Literature Online – Literature Online is a fully searchable library of over 350,000 full-text works of English and American literature.

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