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FROM PUBLISHER'S DESK

ADINET has been trying since a long time to prepare an App for providing information & services to our members & users. We have finally been able to achieve this, thanks to Mr. Bhavesh Patel from IIM-A. We request all our readers to please download this App and give us your suggestions, so that we can make it even better. Official URL is: <http://bit.ly/adinetapp>

This issue contains a write up about **Our Social Impact, Just Five Meters**. The Library Profession has the unique distinction of having at their disposal crucial information, a large clientele, excellent & immediate means of communication. Hence they can have a powerful impact on society.

The Report about the Librarians' Day Seminar and RFID Workshop are also covered in this issue.

The first Governing Council of ADINET was formed in 1994. We have now managed to form a new Governing Council of ADINET. This has been approved by the Charity Commissioner Ahmedabad.

ADINET also undertakes outsourcing work. We have recently completed the Stock Verification of the Library in the Centre for Environment Education (CEE). This was a really challenging job.

ADINET APP

This App has been designed to provide ADINET Information at your finger tips

With the advancement of the mobile technology and the rise in the use of smart devices, people are always connected with data without any physical limitations and the use of library resources are not the exception.

Ahmedabad Library Network (ADINET) provides their services and information through the website to their members and other users, now onwards ADINET will also provide information through their official Android App. Following information can now be accessed from this Android App:-

1. About ADINET that includes Introduction, Objectives and Office Bearers
2. ADINET Union Catalogue of Books
3. Services of ADINET
4. Membership Information
5. Publications:-
 - Newsletters
 - CUCOLIS (**C**urrent **C**ontents of **L**ibrary & **I**nformation **S**cience)
 - e- News Digest
 - Occupational Health Alert
 - ICMR-NIOH (Current Content)
6. Events (upcoming and past events list)
7. e-Resources - free resources organized subject wise
8. Directory of over 2300 Libraries & Information Centers in Gujarat (Only for ADINET Members)

9. Life Members (ADINET Life Members list)

10. Public Health Library (OPAC)

ADINET will update this App from time to time to provide better services to the users.

This Android App has been developed on the Flutter, it is Google's UI toolkit for crafting beautiful, natively compiled applications for mobile in single codebase.

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Reported by Mr. Bhavesh Patel

OUR SOCIAL IMPACT

Just Five Meters!

Artist Shelly Jyoti has been inspired by M. K. Gandhi's concept of Swarajya.

She uses khadi as her canvas to reflect, collaborate & bring about social changes.

Shelly explores the biggest challenge that humankind faces today. It is disconnect between economic development & ecological well being.

She says that Ecology includes both man's outer and inner environment. World over, economic progress has become an end in itself. It is divorced from ethics and righteousness. It stands in conflict with man's responsibility towards nature, his own community and other communities of the world.

In her exhibitions she focuses on Gandhi's emphasis on an evolved, ethical and spiritual self for creating an alternative perspective of a better world.

"To bring social revolutions and for creating peaceful societies, the idea of self rule or self control needs to be experienced uniquely by each individual. This will ultimately lead to self-transformation", she adds. Shelly says that the urban population could start a social movement by buying five meters of khadi once a year as a Swadharma towards the country.

Reference: The Speaking Tree, September 29, 2019

LIBRARIANS' DAY SEMINAR – A REPORT

'Future Libraries – Overcoming Challenges'

Inaugural Function

Prof Anil Bhardwaj Director of PRL in his welcome address lauded ADINET's achievements on the Silver

Jubilee completion of ADINET. Prof Bhardwaj talked about how libraries have been transformed from paper libraries to e-libraries and how the library sources are of various kinds. He talked about the transition of libraries into a wireless world from print journals to e-journals and the highlights of the era of digitization. Though AI is being adapted in libraries, he observed that human intervention is required to fulfil the user requirements. He urged the LIS professionals to chalk out ways to face the challenges of information management and take up the challenge of faster access to information required by the user community.

Address by ADINET Director

The Honorary Director, Ms Rhoda Bharucha gave an overview of ADINET's genesis, its activities, contributions and future goals. She walked the audience through the twenty five years of ADINET's existence giving a sneak-peak into the networking efforts, developing databases, training manpower, conducting seminars, publications and their future plans to network all the libraries in the state subject wise so that more meaningful resource sharing can be done.

She mentioned that the ADINET App has been designed by Mr. Bhavesh Patel at IIM-A. It will be very useful to provide access to ADINET's Services etc. She would now like to create templates for Library Apps which can be used by small libraries having websites. She mentioned that a Union Catalogue of Books available in Ahmedabad has been prepared by both Mr. Bharat Chaudhari at PDPU & Mr. Bhavesh Patel at IIM-A. This will be used for Cooperative Cataloguing by downloading authentic catalogue entry from the Union Catalogue.

Launch of ADINET APP and Union Catalogue Books.

Prof Anil Bhardwaj, the Director of PRL virtually launched the ADINET APP and Union Catalogue of Books available in Ahmedabad. The distinguished guests released the Seminar Proceedings and the Directory of over 2300 Libraries in Ahmedabad.

Inaugural Address by Chief Guest

Prof K S Dasgupta, the Director of DAIICT in his inaugural address talked about the role of librarians in the past and at present and assured that libraries are going to exist and librarians will always be there though the formats of the libraries and the resources may undergo a change. He pointed out to the ways the present generation uses the library differently and suggested that the LIS professionals need to modulate and moderate themselves in doing things in a

meaningful way. The concept of librarians reaching out to the user community instead of the user community coming to the resources was interestingly put by him in the form of the phrase 'Outside in to inside out' implying that librarians have to reach out to the community proactively. Dr Dasgupta pointed out to the fact that digital humanities and digital scholarship are required for librarians to become more relevant by being equipped with the right skills of searching. He signed off with a call to the librarians to face the challenges by being awake, agile and using the ICT tools efficiently and effectively to transform information into knowledge.

Keynote Address by Dr M S Sridhar

Dr M S Sridhar, Librarian (Retd.), URSC addressed the retrospective and current issues faced by the libraries and librarians. Dr Sridhar talked about the Non ICT innovations in detail and some technology driven innovations in the library. He also discussed how patrons are transformed as Creators in Smart Spaces with Collaborative Work studios, Work bench and Smart city spaces. He pointed out the various User-focused interfaces and applications and cautioned LIS professionals on choosing and adapting to new technologies. He touched on Virtual Library (VR) & Augmented Reality (AR) tools/ applications and discussed briefly about scholarly communication and evolving scholarly record. Dr Sridhar suggested that LIS professionals need to understand user behavior in the digital world.

Vote of Thanks

Dr Som Kumar Sharma, Associate Professor, PRL gave a brief on Hindi Pakhwada at PRL and the importance of 14th September as commemorative day as Rajbhasha Din. Dr Sharma requested the LIS community to inculcate Hindi in day to day activities especially in the library which is considered as a 'Temple of Knowledge' in every organization.

Vote of thanks was given by Dr Nishtha Anilkumar, Librarian PRL. She thanked the Director, PRL for agreeing to host this seminar. She also thanked the Dean and Registrar of PRL for their guidance. She acknowledged the support of the LOC, all the PRL divisions, all the library staff members and volunteers involved in organizing this event. This was followed by felicitation of Mrs Rhoda Bharucha with a shawl by Prof Anil Bhardwaj, Director, PRL. A group photo of all the participants in front of the iconic PRL building ended the inaugural session.

Technical Sessions

Sub-theme 1: Use of New Information

Technology in Future Libraries Chaired by Dr Ganapathi B

The first talk was a theme Paper entitled "Digital Scholarship: Challenges and Opportunities for Academic and Research Libraries" by Dr. Bhakti Gala, Faculty, Central University of Gujarat. She discussed Digital Scholarship and how Central University of Gujarat is working towards its implementation. Second presentation was on "Trends in Information Communication with respect to Web 2.0" by Meenakshi Sharma & Ranjita Dash. They discussed about the various web 0 to web 4.0 tools like Blogs, RSS etc and their use in Library. The Third and the last talk in this session was on "Creating Outcome Based Learning Opportunities in a Library setup: A case study", by Dr Sheetal Tank, Varsha Kanabar & Raksha Bhatt. Dr Sheetal discussed on how their Institution is using the Library Space as a centre of cross and inter disciplinary research.

Sub- Theme 2: Rethinking Role of Libraries in National Development Chaired by Dr. Monita Shastri

Theme Paper was on "Power of Libraries in National development in Digital Milieu in India" by Dr Meera B M, Librarian, Raman Research Institute, Bengaluru. She discussed about the role of libraries in policy framework for National Development. She gave important information on how to make digital India by the use of libraries, & also gave examples of Digilocker, Umang, RAS, Open Forge etc. Second presentation was by Dr. Lavji Zala on "An analysis of first list of 'Reference List of Quality Journals' of UGC". He presented the results of an analytical study of list of UGC approved journals to assist the researchers to publish their research output.

Sub-Theme 3: Providing Innovative Services Chaired by Dr Kruti Trivedi

Theme paper was delivered by Ms Rachna Patnaik, Librarian, SAC. She talked how emerging technologies are changing the role of libraries. She pointed that Libraries need to transform themselves as information providers to address needs of its digital-savvy generation. Second presentation was by Ms Divya & Ms Aswathy. They discussed how gamification techniques impact the library usage and interest. They also discussed how it helps researchers to think creatively and also enhance the problem solving abilities. Dr Chintan Pandya & Ms. Shilpa's paper elaborated on the basics of Internet of Things and its application to the world such as health care, industries, wearables, home appliances, etc.

Poster Presentations by CUG Students:

The following six posters were displayed and also brief presentations were given by the authors:-

Archives, Libraries and Museums: Hubs of Preservation of Cultural Heritage by Pichano Kikon, and Rohit

Contributions of Indian Women L. I.S. Professionals to the LIS Literature as Indexed by SCOPUS Database by Sudam C Sahu

Essential Qualities of LIS Professionals: A Study by Suchhanda Behera

Students' perspectives and expectations from LIS Course - A Case Study of school of library and information science (SLIS), CUG by Vijay Anand Minj

Internet of Things (IOT) and its application to the libraries: An innovative perspective by Amreen Taj

Transformation of Libraries in accordance with Prof S R Ranganathan's Laws of Library Science by Ananya Deka, C. Mahto, Manoranjan Satpathy, Shilpi Dey

Innovative Initiatives:

Innovative ideas implemented by various libraries were shared during this session. There were a variety of practices being discussed ranging from the open discussion spaces in the libraries, to the induction of vending machines, a 24X7 approachability etc. The participating Libraries were: NID, IIM-A, Nirma University, MICA, ADINET, IIT-Gn., and PRL.

A Panel Discussion was held: Will Robots Replace the Librarians?

The panelists Dr T S Kumbar, Dr Nishtha Anilkumar, Dr Lalitha Poluru, Dr Mitesh Pandya and Dr Nimesh Oza debated on whether Robots can ever replace the librarians in future? The pros and cons of this topic were mooted by various panelists. The session was concluded by the moderator - Dr T S Kumbar with the idea that even though robots can be utilized in the libraries for many tasks, but it is unlikely that robots will be able to replace the humane role of the library professionals in assisting the users.

Concluding Session:

The concluding session was steered by Dr. Shailesh Yagnik, who presented the seminar report. The session ended with prizes for the best Poster being given away to Suchhanda Behera & Pichano Kikon.

Reported by Dr. Rashmi Kumbar & Dr. Pragya Pandey.

RFID Workshop

ADINET in collaboration with RapidRadio Solutions conducted a **One day Workshop on Implementation Challenges of RFID Technology & LMS Integration** at VSL, IIM Ahmedabad, on 6th July 2019. The main objective of the event was to impart knowledge to the participants on various aspects of implementing RFID Technology in the library environment.

There were about 40 participants who attended the workshop from various parts of Gujarat. The workshop started with inaugural session by Dr. H Anil Kumar highlighting importance of such workshop. Ms. Rhoda Bharucha, the Hon. Director of ADINET, briefed the participants about ADINET's activities, challenges and forthcoming plans.

There were three major parts of the workshop in which various sessions were divided. They were RFID Technology's sessions, Case studies of RFID Implementation at IIM Ahmedabad & Gujarat University & a live demonstration of RFID hardware at the VSL at IIM Ahmedabad for the participants.

RapidRadio highlighted the importance of RFID technology in today's modern era library & how RFID technology can benefit all stakeholders: Library, Library Staff and the Patrons.

Two case studies of IIM Ahmedabad & Gujarat University were discussed, especially the challenges which each one of the libraries faced while implementing RFID technology in their library. IIM Ahmedabad case study was presented by Mr. Jignesh Amin who stressed upon how important it is to select the right RFID vendor, a decision which is very crucial to success of any RFID project.

Dr. Yogesh Parekh, Librarian, Gujarat University presented the case study on RFID Implementation at Gujarat University library. He highlighted all the important milestones of convincing various committees within Gujarat University to get a go ahead for such a large scale project not only from the commercial point of view but also a project which was not at all easy to implement for such a large collection of books. He shared information on how Gujarat university library decided to hand over the tendering process to Gujarat Informatics limited, Gandhinagar for a quick & fair evaluation of the right vendor for the prestigious project. He also advised the participants to double check the compatibility of library's current LMS software with the RFID hardware which the library plans to implement.