



# NEWSLETTER

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### FROM

### PUBLISHER'S DESK

Dear LIS Professionals,

A very useful Panel Discussion was held on Saturday 30th May on "Libraries in Lock down: Issues and Challenges".

Panel Members discussed the Services to be provided & the Precautions to be taken during both the current & post COVID period.

The Panel Members were from different categories of Libraries:

- 1) Dr. Mayank Trivedi covered University Libraries
- 2) Dr Yogesh Parekh talked about College Libraries
- 3) Mr. Narendra Ardeshta spoke about

Public libraries

4) Ms. Anubha Arora & Ms Anshula Srivastava briefed us about School Libraries.

An Interesting Workshop on Creativity was organized twice by ADINET. It was initially held for a few LIS Professionals. Since they found it useful, it was conducted again by Dr Arpan Yagnik.

A virtual condolence meeting was held for Dr Anil Kumar Librarian of IIM A who passed away on 17<sup>th</sup> July.

Unfortunately, on Teacher's Day, 5<sup>th</sup> September our respected LIS Teacher & University Librarian Mr. Ramanbhai Patel also met his untimely death. A virtual condolence meeting was also held for Shri. R. L. Patel, which lasted for three hours.

### PANEL DISCUSSION: A REPORT

Dr Mayank Trivedi, University Librarian of the M. S. University, spoke about an important topic: Electronic Resource Management: Issues & Challenges.

In his power point presentation Dr Trivedi covered the electronic environment and the technological explosion, in which most resources are transformed into an e-form. This enables libraries to access collective scholarly resources which one Library could never afford. He emphasized on the need for Digital Libraries which are playing a vital role

for disseminating information.

Dr Mayank Trivedi focused on the need for Electronic Resource Management (ERM) and gave a comparison between the Traditional Environment & the Electronic Environment. He stressed on the fact that ERM would help to improve collaboration. He explained the need for developing Digital Libraries and for using electronic resources, the major reason being dwindling budgets. He covered in detail how one can manage both the print collection & the electronic collection. Finally, he gave the advantages, disadvantages, challenges and also the benefits of ERM. Another important point covered by him was License Agreements.

Dr Narendra Ardesna, Librarian of the Public Libraries of the Rajkot Municipal Corporation gave a detailed account of the twenty-two Public Libraries in Rajkot which he is handling. Besides these 22 Libraries, they also have two Mobile Libraries for Women & Children. For their 32,000 Users they have a collection of two lakh Books, 14,000 Digital Resources, 7,600 Toys, Games & Puzzles, 1050, Newspapers & Magazines, 4000 Audio Books & 20 Kindles. They provide a large number of services & also conduct Library Extension Programs in their mini Open-Air Theatre. These programs include screening film shows for children, conducting various workshops, book reviews & talks, quiz competitions, seminars, counseling & poetry recitals. All the 24 Libraries & Services are handled by 9 library professionals & 39 non-professionals. Even during the lockdown period & thereafter, they have been providing several services by taking all precautions & are also giving online services. They are giving books to the slum children and are even helping in the cleanliness drive.

Ms Anubha Arora, Librarian of the Redbricks School in Santej spoke about

### **Libraries in Lockdown: Issues and Challenges**

Ms Arora commenced her presentation with a brief introduction of the school library.

She felt that school libraries are mostly undervalued, whereas they set a base and they shape an individual by creating interest and motivating them to read at a very early stage of their life. This leads them to be a life-long learner. So, in reality school libraries shape the future of the students.

Bharucha Madam was appreciated for her vision and valuing school library by guiding and providing them a platform for discussion and collaboration. ADINET team was also thanked for their efforts.

Objectives of the school library were given by her. This would help recognize the issues and later to work on the challenges faced. The prime objective of the school library is to support the education needs of students, teachers and non-teaching staff. Encouraging and fostering reading habits among the users is very essential. Optimum utilization of resources to facilitate users was also highlighted. Last but not the least, it was essential to align with the school mission.

Ms Arora covered the issues & challenges faced during this Pandemic. She felt that it was essential to adapt to the change, accept the challenges, face them and utilize this opportunity. Basically it involved learning, practicing and sharing the knowledge gained. This will surely metamorphize librarians to information managers.

Library Services were also discussed by her. This included providing virtual library

platform to the users, some engaging tools or promoting online events/ happenings to suit the interest of the users. Awareness about e-textbooks, tutorials, video lectures could also be rendered. Weblinks to K-12 e-resources and digital libraries will form an important feature of library services. Library online sessions may be taken through either synchronous or asynchronous learning, following the school guidelines.

Compilation of some of the web links to e-resources like

[www.storyweaver.org.in](http://www.storyweaver.org.in),  
[http://nbtindia.gov.in/NBT\\_FreeBook4.aspx](http://nbtindia.gov.in/NBT_FreeBook4.aspx),  
<http://www.arvindguptatoys.com/> etc. were shared to benefit School Librarians.

She ended her talk by quoting Swami Chinmayananda Saraswati, a spiritual leader and a teacher- **“Start by doing what is necessary, then what is possible and suddenly you will find yourself doing the impossible.”**

Ms Anshula Srivastva Librarian, Delhi Public School in Bopal gave her presentation on **“Services Provided by School Libraries during Lockdown”**.

The following educational support was provided by her in the School:-

She worked with publishers to design contents in digital format, collected links for NCERT/CBSE books, created links for each class as per their book list, interacted with students through portals and contacted teachers by e-mail

#### **e-Learning Resources provided**

National Digital Library of India  
NCERT Library  
Diksha App

E-Pathshala  
Swayam Prabha  
You Tube Channels  
National Repository of Open Ed Res.  
E-Learning for Kids

#### **Gujarati Learning sites**

Urja App  
GCERT DIKSHA  
Jivanshikshan Magazine  
MatruBharti  
EduSafar

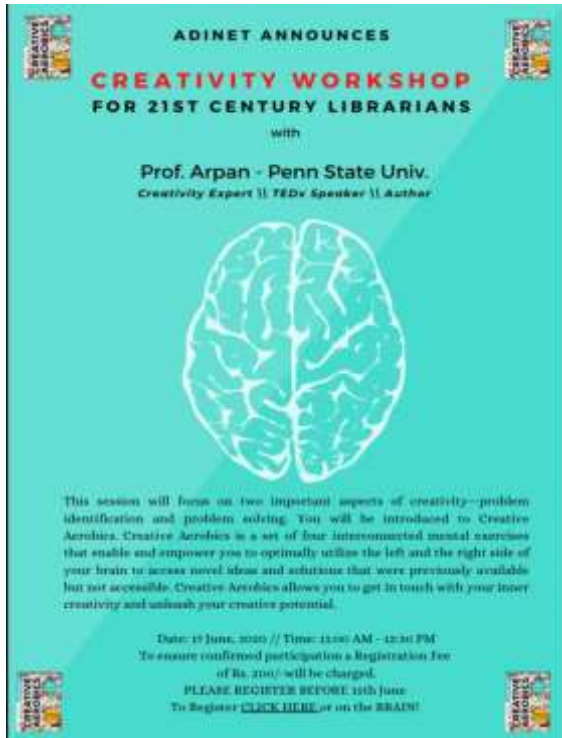
To inculcate reading habits, she gave the following resources links:

E-Books – Fiction, Biography, Self Help Books  
Audio Books  
Animated Books  
E-Magazines  
Science Magazines

In order to engage & entertain students:

Facebook live Sessions/Webinars  
Educational & Entertaining Videos  
Library Worksheets with samples  
Quizzes through Google Form  
Join WhatsApp Group of each class  
Create Power Point Presentations  
Share articles from Magazines & Newspaper  
Reach through e-mail ids  
Writing skills, Poems, Slogans  
Share non-literary resources  
My Book My Friend – CBSE Campaign  
Virtual Book Clubs  
Share Wish List with Respective Book Links  
Book Reviews through small videos of students

## THE CREATIVITY WORKSHOP



**The Creativity Workshop** was held on 17th June 2020. It was conducted **by Dr. Arpan Yagnik** who is a faculty at the Penn State University. He is a Creativity Expert, an author & a TEDx Speaker. He is very passionate about Creativity & enjoys teaching it.

"You cannot make yourself successful.

You can only make other people successful

If you do it, you will be successful"

This seems to be Dr. Arpan's mantra he has become successful by teaching others Creativity so that they can become successful.

Owing to the pandemic which has spread all over the planet, there is a demand for change & more so a need to evolve. It is now essential to change our attitude & also change the way we work by investing in new skills. Before Covid 19 the methods we used, the way we functioned, everything was fixed and the paths to success were pre-charted.

Now things have changed, means & methods of the past have gone, life is not any more charted. This shift makes skills like creativity quintessential.

He stressed on the need & importance of Libraries, he said just imagine a society without libraries. He also felt that Librarianship was not easy, it is indeed challenging as Library Professionals have to work with humans. He also defined Librarians by stating that they are selfless, proactive & are society makers.

It was a very interactive workshop & one of the participants made a very apt statement that "Librarians were custodians of the past & architects of the future"

As we grow we undergo two tunneling processes, one is the conditioning done by our parents & the second is the education which shapes us. Due to this we develop a tunnel vision, especially leaving Creativity behind.

Since we are used to doing things in a certain way, creativity helps us to come up with new valuable ideas, which enables us to find easier way of doing the same thing.

Creativity gives us the drive & ability to do something new or to connect the seemingly unconnected things in significant ways so as to enrich our understanding of ourselves, our communities, the world & our universe.

He gave the following four components of Creativity:

### 1. Finding Facts

This shows us what it is. He asked us to identify what are the five facts about your library which are unique & unknown. This helps us to find what is lacking in our libraries.

### 2. Naming Names

It helps us to clearly know what it is not. It also helps us to step out of the box.

### 3. Common Things

This helps us to find similarities, as to what is common between uncommon objects. This may help to predict & increase visits to our libraries.

### 4. New Definitions

This gives new meanings to existing situations, structures and systems. It does so by befriending ambiguity and manipulating it.

Besides Creative Aerobics, there are other creativity methods. Other methods use Brain Storming, which may not work well with individuals & need to be done in a group. Whereas Creative Aerobics can be done by an individual. It helps us to shift our focus from solution driven thinking to process driven thinking.

This interactive Workshop was both interesting & informative. Mostly all the fifty-two participants interacted with the speaker.

## CONDOLENCE MEETINGS



**Dr H Anil Kumar**, Librarian of IIM-A passed away on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020. We have lost an outstanding professional, an inspiring mentor and a great friend. He had contributed immensely to all the Libraries that he worked with and set a benchmark for all professionals. He was one of the very few professionals, who always strived to innovate and promote entrepreneurship in the library

domain. He was not only loved and appreciated by all his colleagues & users but also by the information industry.

As we all know Dr Anil actively contributed to the profession through webinars and discussions even during the lockdown period.

He had also contributed to the growth of ADINET and was always a source of inspiration & guidance.

Dr Anil was a wonderful human being; he was a friend, philosopher & guide to many

A virtual condolence meeting for Dr H Anil Kumar was held on 24<sup>th</sup> July. Besides a large number of library professionals, his friends and several directors of large institutions also attended this condolence meet & spoke highly about him. The CFTI (MHRD) libraries, MANLIBNET, IIM Libraries & the Karnataka Library Association together with the LIS Department of the Bangalore University also held virtual condolence meetings.

**Dr H Anil Kumar Memorial 2020 Emerald South Asia LIS Research Fund Award has been established.**



**Shri Ramanbhai L. Patel**  
**27/09/1946 to 05/09/2020**

**'नैनं छिन्दन्ति शस्त्राणि नैनं दहति पावकः। न चैनं  
क्लेदयन्त्यापो न शोषयति मारुतः॥**

Shri Ramanbhai L. Patel – an excellent administrator, librarian, teacher and humble

personality was born on 27th September 1946 in Ahmedabad. He got his primary education in Ahmedabad and professional qualification from Gujarat University. Ramanbhai worked as College Librarian at Mehsana (N.G.), Assistant Librarian at Saurashtra University – Rajkot and University Librarian at Gujarat University. He was associated with teaching in the subject of Library & Information Science at Saurashtra University – Rajkot as a Visiting Faculty and after that a Reader. After joining Gujarat University library, he rendered his services to the LIS department till 2018 as one of the Visiting Faculty. He was invited as a Guest Faculty at LIS department Gujarat Vidyapith too; where he worked until he breathed last.

He will be remembered as a dynamic leader, good administrator, problem solver and a daring towering personality. He was nominated by the Vice-Chancellor, Gujarat University for many committees. He extended his expertise while drafting the Gujarat Public Library Act – 2001 as one of the members. Almost all state universities of Gujarat are blessed with his outstanding teaching expertise.

He was also engaged in *Gujarat Granthalay Seva Sangh* and *Akhil Gujarat University and College Pensioners Association* as a Vice President.

During his journey as LIS professional he attended number of conferences and seminars. He was a Life Member of ILA, IASLIC, IATLIS and GGSS.

On 5th September, when India was celebrating Teacher's Day; he left for the heavenly abode. He will always be remembered as a good teacher, administrator, dynamic leader, hard-task

master, perfectionist and above all, a perfect human being with a gentle heart.

His sudden demise saddened all LIS fraternity for an irreparable loss to the profession, friends and family members.

ADINET, Department of Library & Information Science and University Library - Gujarat University is conveying heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and pray almighty to bless eternal peace to the departed soul and give strength to the family to bear this irremediable loss.

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### **WEBINAR CONDUCTED BY CHIMANBHAI PATEL INSTITUTE OF PROFESSIONAL TRAINING (CPIPT) & ADINET**

The topic of this webinar was:  
**Designing Sustainably Agile & Resilient Libraries for the Post Covid-19 World.**



### **Post Covid-19 World Verses Pre Covid-19 World**

Dr. M. G. Sreekumar, Chief Information

Officer & Adjunct Professor, IIM- Kozhikode.

In this presentation Dr Sreekumar covered the difference between the post Covid-19 world with the pre-Covid-19.

He stated that adaptation is the key word. He quoted Charles Darwin - "It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent that survives. It is the one that is the most adaptable to change". This pandemic has forced us to become entrepreneurs & also showed us the need to be close to nature. It is essential to look at any crisis as an opportunity to innovate. It has forced us to adopt Digital Transformation & this will also shape how our library will work in the future. Now there is a dire need for Digital Transformation. In today's online learning environment, it is no longer an abstract concept for an education institute. They need to consider it & plan for the future.

He covered its 5 competencies which are

1. Digital Content Creation
2. Safety
3. Problem Solving
4. Information & Data literacy
5. Communication & Collaboration.

During this pandemic he gave the special Agenda for Libraries.

- Strategizing the library system to face challenges
- Importance of being agile & resilient
- Providing special services during lockdown
- People, staff & space management
- Technological implications & applications
- Measures for infection control
- Importance of being agile
- Ability to quickly adapt
- Survival of the quickest, not the intelligent or fittest

The work flow would be: Agility to Adaptability to Flexibility

To do this the prerequisites are; Capacity Building, Up Skilling, Capability, Competency He covered Library Strategies, Systems & Services – A Catalyst in Imparting, Creating, and Preserving Knowledge. He felt that it was imperative to envision our collections, services, spaces & operations with the hope that they inspire our users with new thinking & knowledge curiosity, encourage learning & advancing knowledge. This will require new strategies for L.I.Cs and the need to move from documents & information to Data at the granular level. It will be Data Science, Data Engineering, Data Arts & Data Literacy together with People & Space Management & Center for Creativity. We need to create a Knowledge Hub, Research Hub, Technology Hub, Entrepreneur Hub, Recreation Hub & Innovation Hub.

He explained Digital Transformation, e-resources, Content Aggregation & Smart Integration in detail. From their Digital Library which is a vast corpus of knowledge, special access services are provided. Now we have Open Knowledge which comprises of Open Access, Open Sources OER, Open Courses, Open Text books, Open Innovation, Open Data, Open Research & Open Scholarship. He ended his presentation by covering the services etc., provided & the special academic support during lockdown period.

### **New Normal – Post Covid Scenario of TERI Library.**

Dr Shantanu Ganguly, Fellow Knowledge Management Division & Program Manager Distant Learning

He gave a brief overview of TERI Knowledge Management Division, its Activities, Services & how Knowledge Management has played a significant role. He covered the history TERI from 1974 to 2010 & gave timeline from 2010 to 2020. They conduct PAN India

projects as they have regional centers & local partners in India. They provide Research & Consultancy in Energy, Environment, Resource Efficiency, Agriculture & Sustainable Development.

He described

1. Proposal Research
2. Business Research
3. Customer Research
4. Communication Research
5. Service Research
6. Project Research
7. Production Research

They have developed a Research Intelligence Management System. They deliver their knowledge products on the user's desktop.

They conduct research communication, review of literature, research data aggregation from different sources, resources procurement for projects, customized knowledge services, setting up knowledge base platform on thematic areas.

A major role of a Librarian is to understand the needs of their users. In Research Data Management, they cover:

Types of Data which includes Primary & Secondary Data

Data Culture – Scientific Data, Sociological data, Corporate Data & Funders data  
Proprietary Data & Global Open Data.

Their portfolio consists of :

Subject streams – a wide range of domain experts from policy makers to technocrats.

Technocrats – they involve ICT & Social Media experts  
Managerial consists of a strong managerial capability to manage &

meet client's needs.

Information & knowledge is backed by highly result oriented information professionals.

Business Portfolio consists of:

1. State of the Art
2. Established Market
3. Outreach is strong
4. From local to global
5. Strong hold on Digital disruption
6. Have subject specialists on board.

From Market intelligence to select subscription Databases which flashes new kinds of available projects, the Researchers get New Ideas.

They build consortia & network of organization which are working in the same field. This network helps to build & source different projects which are collaborative in nature. To enable users to work from home all 1200 researchers of TERI can easily access the vast resources of TERI's Knowledge Management System 24x7.

He gave the following SWOT Analysis:

**Strengths** : reduced carbon footprints

**Weakness** : band width, physical non-availability

**Opportunities** : availability of the researchers who are otherwise not easily accessible

**Threats** : cost of energy has grown many fold

Meeting with clients online has become very easy & seamless. Again Digital Transformation is receiving a big boost.

He explained the precautions taken when the library opens & gave a work from home routine.

He concluded by saying that tomorrows researchers could be called Digiprenurs.



