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Dear LIS Professionals,

ADINET has formed six Special Interest Groups (SIGs) for all categories of Libraries. One of the functions of these SIGs is to conduct Training Programs.

One such important program on "**Designing Your Own Library Website with Google Site**" was conducted recently by Dr Rajesh G Patel. Besides conducting the training, ADINET has also formed a **Support Group** to help those LIS Professionals who would like to implement any such work in their Library. The Support Group consists of Library Science Professionals who are also able to help with any Information Technology issues.

If anyone would like to be a part of this Group do let us know.

The second edition of ADINET Initiative: **Innovative Practices & Perspectives** was held on 17th July.

This initiative began with a talk by Dr Madhu Kumar Mehta, the Chief Mentor Emeritus & Founding Team Member of ICreate. Innovation is very important as it gives the practical implementation of ideas which results in the introduction of new services.

This was followed by the main program ably conducted by Dr Geeta Gadhvi & her young students who are now employed in various organisations.

As usual the **Librarian's Day Seminar** was held in the month of August. It was a virtual event held in collaboration with the National Institute of Design. The theme of this seminar was "**Current Trends in Academics: To Create Agile & Resilient Libraries**". Six senior experienced professionals very effectively covered the four sub-themes. The details of this Seminar are given in this newsletter.

ADINET SIG WEBINAR: DESIGN YOUR OWN LIBRARY WEBSITE WITH GOOGLE SITE:

Mrs Rhoda R Bharucha, Hon. Director of ADINET welcomed the participants. She conveyed the need & importance of designing Library Websites.

This Webinar on “How to Design your Own Library Website with Google Site” was organized by ASL-SIG on 3rd July, 2021. The Resource Person for the same was Dr Rajesh Patel from Surat. 173 LIS Professionals had attended this Webinar.

ADINET - Special Interest Group (SIG)

WEBINAR ON

DESIGN YOUR OWN LIBRARY WEBSITE WITH GOOGLE SITE

3rd JULY 2021
4:00 PM-5:30 PM

RESOURCE PERSON

DR. RAJESH G. PATEL
Librarian,
Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's
GIPCL Academy
Nani Naroli, Mangrol, Surat

*e- certificates will be provided.
*Joining link will be shared after the registration.

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With putting stress on providing e-services to users as the need of the hour Dr Rajesh Patel mentioned about the various platforms for website designing wherein Google is one of the platforms. He defined a website as a compilation of WebPages. Along with it, the website working was also described. Main Components of websites like web hosting,

website designing, and website publishing (SEO) were explained briefly. He also showcased various elements to help develop and design a website. Website designing was demonstrated and illustrated from scratch to help the fellow librarians develop their Library website on their own

This will certainly empower and uplift their professional skills. Related queries were also answered in the “Question & Answer session” at the end. The session ended with a vote of thanks by Ms. Anshula Srivastava, DPS-Librarian. The session has been uploaded on the ADINET website.

Reported by Ms Anubha Arora.

ADINET INITIATIVE: INNOVATIVE PRACTICES & PERSPECTIVES – EDITION 2

ADINET Webinar Series

Advance Information Network of Libraries in Gujarat

Welcome Address

Ms. Rhoda R. Bharucha
Hon. Director
ADINET
Ahmedabad

Welcomes you to
Innovative Practices and Perspectives - Ed. 2

Chief Guest

Dr. Madhu Kumar Mehta (PhD)
Founding Team Member
Kinnare
Ahmedabad

A talk on
'Recalling Dr. H Anil Kumar's Contribution to Innovation and Entrepreneurship'

Followed by a Conversation with

Dr Geeta Gadhuvi
Associate Professor
DLIS, Gujarat University
Ahmedabad

Ms Mantra Rama
Librarian
Airport School
Ahmedabad

Ms Rajeshri Makvana
Library Information Assistant
Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi
New Delhi

Mr Dhiren Pandhal
Library Assistant
Nirma University
Ahmedabad

Facilitator
Dr Rashmi Kumbhar, Assistant Professor, SLIS, Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar

Saturday, 17th July 2021
9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

To register for the event, scan the QR code or click the provided button below

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Ahmedabad 380015, Gujarat
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[Click here to register](#)

The second edition of Innovative Practices and Perspectives (IPP) was conducted

virtually, on 17th July 2021. Ms Rhoda Bharucha, Honorary Director of ADINET fondly remembered Late Dr H Anil Kumar and his contributions to the field of Librarianship on his first death anniversary. She gave a brief overview of the initiative to engage the Library and Information Science Professionals in meaningful, scholarly activities and welcomed the attendees formally.

The first half of the session of this initiative was a talk titled 'Recalling Dr H Anil Kumar's contributions to Innovation and Entrepreneurship' in memory of Dr Anil and was delivered by Dr Madhu Kumar Mehta, the Chief Mentor Emeritus and founding team member of International Centre for Entrepreneurship & Technology – iCreate. Dr Mehta shared his fascinating entrepreneurship experiences with iCreate. He gave deep insights regarding innovation, using various anecdotes on his entrepreneurial initiatives which gave the LIS professionals as to how they need to incorporate innovation and passion in whatever they do as they deal with information which is an important currency in the effective and efficient working of projects and institutions.

It was a nostalgic trip down the memory lane as he enlightened the audience with his association with Dr Kumar as a part of their innovative ventures. Indeed, Dr Anil Kumar's vision, his ideas, and strategies to successfully execute any project that he undertook is something which the LIS professionals will cherish and practice in their professional lives.

Dr Shailesh Yagnik, Librarian at KEIC, MICA, added his inputs based on his experiences which was a valuable addition to the discussion following the talk. The talk

motivated the novice professionals to sharpen their innovative and entrepreneurial skills along with the LIS skills.

The second half of this session of Innovative Practices and Perspectives was a panel discussion with an objective to engage young professionals and LIS faculty in a connected conversation that maps the LIS curriculum with the skills expected by the information industry including various types of libraries and the information centres. The initiative aims at sharing thoughts, experiences and encourages collaboration with like minded professionals on various skill developmental activities thereby inspiring the LIS students and novice professionals.

To share the faculty perspective for this panel discussion, Dr Geeta G Gadhavi, Senior Associate Professor and Head at the Department of Library and Information Science, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad had joined. Ms Mamta Rana, an alumna of DLIS, Gujarat University and currently with Airport School as a librarian was one of the three practicing professionals on the panel. She was joined by two other DLIS, Gujarat University alumni, a tech enthusiast, Mr. Dhiren Panchal, working as a Library Assistant at Institute of Technology, Nirma University, Ahmedabad and Ms. Rajeshri Makvana, working as a Library Information Assistant at Central Library, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi.

Dr Geeta Gadhavi, gave a wise perspective of the scholastic activities to ensure that LIS students continue to research and engage in information resources, beyond their formal assignments, through writing exercises, and doing seminar presentations on trendy topics. She shared her experience of restructuring the LIS master's programme syllabus by incorporating feedback from the industry

experts and incorporating a global LIS perspective. She also expressed concern regarding the declining reading habit among students and the steps to be taken to make reading an essential activity for LIS students. She emphasised the importance of connecting with the professional associations and networks and how important it is to engage the alumni in the departmental activities through seminars and other academic activities.

Ms Mamta Rana gave an overview of the transition that has taken place in school librarianship during pandemic for providing information services virtually to the user community and the efforts to incorporate, promote and advocate Open Educational Resources in the Information Literacy programme/orientation session for the benefit of the users. She talked about how technology is aiding in providing Current Awareness Services in her library. She also gave interesting inputs as to how LIS departments can enrich the internship experiences by including shorter periods of training in different kinds of libraries and suggested incorporating a module of Public Relations in the LIS curriculum to integrate soft skills development in the LIS students.

Mr Dhiren Panchal shared his experiences of developing Video Archive Library using Omeka, an Open Source Digital Library Management Software as well as the implementation of E-Publishing of Nirma University Law Journal using Open Journal System. His inputs pointed to an important aspect of higher education that is self-learning, passion for learning new technologies as professionals, and the drive that one needs to develop to be successful. He illustrated how he made best use of the

training programmes and seminars conducted by various institutions and professional bodies.

Ms Rajeshri Makwana brought to the discussion table her experiences of working for INFLIBNET and assisting in various projects including Vidyamitra, managing MOUs from universities and CFTIs and her current assignments at Central Library at IIT Delhi related to circulation section, solving reference queries, guiding users, and updating faculty profiling system IRINS. She acknowledged the fact that preparations begin in LIS departments which impart training to the students as to how to take up responsibility equipped with appropriate knowledge and required skills.

Ms Rajeshri gave tips on how to keep a track of the trends in Library and Information Science, and the necessity to be part of the Discussion Forums, reading the Open Access Journals on topics of interest and interacting with professionals to find solutions. Overall, the discussion with the LIS faculty and the three practising librarians gave an overview of the work culture, the innovative practices and the unique perspectives of academic libraries in India.

Ms Rhoda Bharucha once again appealed to all the attendees to take up ADINET membership and make maximum use of the various services provided by ADINET. She announced the Librarians' Day Seminar and requested all the participants to register and attend the virtual event. Ms Pooja Patel proposed the vote of thanks and Dr Rashmi T Kumbar facilitated the discussion.

Reported by Dr Rashmi T Kumbar

LIBRARIANS' DAY SEMINAR: 2021 CURRENT TRENDS IN ACADEMICS: TO CREATE AGILE & RESILIENT LIBRARIES

The seminar was jointly organized by ADINET and NID Ahmedabad. 162 participants and 17 panelists attended the seminar.

LIBRARIAN'S DAY 2021
SEMINAR on
Current Trends in Academics
The Way Forward to Create Agile and Resilient Libraries

Date: 14th August 2021 Time: 9:30am to 1:pm and 2:00 to 4:30pm

SPEAKERS

Dr. Ajay P. Singh,
Director General,
National Library of India,
Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation
(Ministry of Culture), Kolkata.

Dr. Ravi Gor
HoD, AI&ML and Data Science,
Department of Applied Mathematical Science,
Actuarial Science and Analytics,
Gujarat University, Ahmedabad.

Dr. Nabi Hasan,
Librarian & Head,
Central Library
Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi

Dr. B. Sanjay
Director of Libraries,
Ahmedabad University
Ahmedabad

Dr. K. Rama Patnaik
Librarian
Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore

Venkat Srinivasan
Visiting Researcher and Archivist, Archives,
National Centre for Biological Sciences,
Bangalore

Tanishka Kachru
Senior Faculty
Exhibition Design
National Institute of Design,
Ahmedabad

Dr. Lalitha Poluru
Head, Knowledge Management Centre,
National Institute of Design,
Ahmedabad

**Welcome remarks by
ADINET and NID**

Webinar Registration:
Register on or before 10th August 2021 for this webinar:
https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/WN_MiH9c180Rfu52yH2kpo8g

**After registering, you will receive a confirmation
email containing information about joining the webinar.**

About the Seminar:
ADINET in collaboration with
National Institute of Design (NID),
Ahmedabad will be conducting an Online seminar.
It is held in the commemoration of the
birth anniversary of Dr. S.R. Ranganathan,
Father of Library Science of India.

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In the inaugural session Shri Praveen Nahar, Director NID, Ahmedabad welcomed the dignitaries and professionals to the seminar. During the welcome address, he expressed his views on the timeliness of the theme of the webinar and the vital role the libraries have played in these changing times and appreciated the efforts of archival services rendered in special by the KMC at NID. He also congratulated the participants and ADINET for putting together such a wonderful event.

Ms. Rhoda Bharucha, Director ADINET gave a brief introduction to ADINET, its inception, the library networking activities in the recent times. She emphasized on the creation of the 6 SIGs' that ADINET has formed in Gujarat and how we all can take the benefit of the same. She concluded by saying that collaboration and teamwork is very important to transform our profession and use of technology for transformation is inevitable.



Shri P.K. Laheri, Chairman ADINET fondly remembered Shayajirao & Motibhai for their contribution in developing libraries in Gujarat. He expressed his views on the NEP 2020 and its expectations and concerns on the current pandemic situation and our response in the educational transactions and the libraries in particular. Libraries are storage of knowledge. ADINET as a part of Sadvichar Parivar promotes the cause of knowledge and values through networking of Libraries and librarians.

Due to a medical emergency, Prof Dr. Ajay Pratap Singh Director general RRRLF, Ministry of Culture Govt. of India was unable to deliver the keynote address. He conveyed best wishes for the success of the seminar.

Ms. Tanishka Kachuru – Activity chairperson, KMC, NID expressed that the theme is extremely relevant in these one and half

years, from the perspective of the demands from users to provide access despite challenges and to bring back the users to libraries. She detailed the theme and sub themes of the seminar.

Dr. Lalitha Poluru, Head KMC NID Ahmedabad proposed the vote of thanks.



Sub theme 1 – Current trends in imparting education: Speaker: Dr. Ravi Gor, Head of Department of AI&ML & Data Science, Dept. of Applied Mathematical Science, Actuarial Science and Analytics.

He shared his 23 years of teaching – importance of resources, libraries, e-resources, and books. His presentation was on Teaching – learning in the digital era; Students views of library; Academicians view of library; His perceptions about an agile and resilient library; Addressing the basic engagements; Case studies of Gujarat University Library. His session gave us a perspective of the current scenario the academicians are undergoing and the efforts they have been making to make the teaching learning process engaging and effective. He strongly believed that there needs to be a faculty-librarian collaboration in this process to make it an optimal experience.

Sub Theme 2 – Role of Libraries in supporting education during the post pandemic. Speaker: Dr. Nabi Hasan,

Librarian & Head, Central Library, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi.

Dr. Nabi Hasan began his talk by paying his homage to Dr. H. Anil Kumar whom we all miss; he would have been truly happy to see such a wonderful session put together.

Dr. Hasan shared the case study of IIT Delhi Library and the kind of work that he and his team had put up 24 X 7 and in the words of Dr. Sahastrabude, how they played a role of Corona Warriors.

He gave us an insight into aspects of Digitally transformed library website; MOOC course development and delivery to global learners; Faculty profiling system; Link to digital resources from the web OPAC; E-prints @IITD using Dspace; Online book recommendation system; Single window discovery search; E-news clipping services; Video library services, digital display of new arrived books; Remote login; Self services through RFID system; Digital uploads and access; Judicious use of social networking – though it takes a lot of time; Virtual book exhibition; Library app and so on with screenshots and examples of other libraries and librarians in India who did their bit .

Sub Theme 2 – Role of Libraries in supporting education during the post pandemic: Speaker: Dr. Sanjay Banavar, Director of Libraries, Ahmedabad University

His session gave us an excellent insight into how Libraries can become truly an educational and a social hub; he gave us various frameworks that will help us work on important aspects, arenas, verticals of Library and its services. His session gave us a feel of what learning commons can be and how we can as a library support meeting the SDG2030. In his session he elaborated on how

libraries can be disruptive too like other industry players; Components of smart society; Active involvement of libraries in society; he said Library as a social hub we need Redesigned space; Blended library resources; Connected community, Emerging technology, and Localization. He took us into a journey of Transition of library: As facilitator for organizing; facilitator for reading; facilitator for learning & facilitator of inventing. He beautifully explained the classification of reading and types of learning. His session truly made us investigate many avenues we must explore to make the library as the most happening and responsible space.

Sub theme 3 - Case studies of Agile and Resilient Libraries: Speaker: Dr. Rama Patnaik, Librarian, Indian Institute of Management Bangalore

Title: Dealing with disruptions: Crafting agile and resilient libraries of future

Her session centered on how disruption is important in building and crafting agility within us which will help us rebound and meet up with challenges in work or life. Disruption in terms of digital - ubiquity, digital divide, processes vis a vis Natural disruption like fungal infection, pandemic in particular; Knowledge base Vis-a-vis organizational change . The new initiatives and projects that IIM B underwent were RFID, Renovation of library interiors, union catalogue and how it gave opportunities to developing new services. Personalized services - project assistance, annotated bibliography, publication of blogs, directories, web bulletins and other proactive library services - subject guides, tutorials, handouts, mass emailing, bulletin board service and FAQ's on library services. She shared about Change management & workforce - recruitment of new workforce; She further

shared definition of Agile, the Agile Manifesto and how this Agility can be adopted in libraries - respond to constant change; two popular agile methodologies - Scrum and Kanban. Self appraisal of library and library professionals - 3 things that they upgraded or changed. She highlighted on the crafting agility in IIM B Library: a case study through - extensive use of technology; organization restructure; collection management; recruitment, re-skilling of workforce, new initiatives & projects. She expressed that Springshare products have relived their manual processes. She shared the Resource guides they have prepared. For each resource there is a resource guide available.

Dr. Rama also shared something which was very important: the framework for purchasing the e-resource. Library policies for acquisition of books; e-books and so on. She shared about the way they do data driven decision making. She shared about their publications. And finally, she explained about Resilience as being transformative; IIM B library and pandemic steps taken. And also the online support provided. Special emphasis on the way they take care of copyright assistance especially for classroom teaching. The usage statistics were also shared to show the impact of the response the team of IIM B had put in. She shared about what is needed and challenges for Agility in libraries. She emphasized on the importance of Information Literacy Programmes and subject librarians.

Sub theme 4 - Role of institutional archives in supporting academics and research: Speaker: Dr. Venkat Srinivasan visiting researcher and Archivist, National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bangalore.

Title: Archives as Crucible, Archives as Common

Archive is a collective work; he explained the

importance of the letter from the Ahir Narianbhai Karangia, a farmer to the Bombay natural history society on the vanishing floricans- from archives of NCBS. He explained how Archives are lifeless unless there are interpretations and contexts. How these archives can be looked at from different perspectives. And their contribution to knowing the concepts more holistically and how it has evolved.

Archives in three diagrams - science, other disciplines, storytellers and society, archive is a bridge between the other four. Role of archives in terms of- research in archival methods; teaching + capacity building; enable academic research; public awareness. Archives as crucibles - Building a culture of thinking science+technology+history+arts. He shared their experiment with 48 students from multidisciplinary backgrounds. How they are making disciplinary connections with the archives.

Archive as commons - Digital archival commons - three verticals - annotations, discovery and stories all three co-exist. Structured perspectives on building more meaning to the archive. The take away - the more we annotate the more we discover and that helps us have more stories. He also explained the framework on digital commons for archival materials. He also correlated with the card cataloguing practice we have been doing as library professionals. Interesting was the steps towards an archival commons. Examples of surveillance showed us how archives can help us.

Sub theme 4 - Role of institutional archives in supporting academics and research: Speaker: Tanishka Kachru

Senior Faculty in Design, NID Ahmedabad
Title: Developing a pedagogy of archival engagement.

Material study of digital and written archives to save material. Chain of decisions and values that are added to the material through archives. Institutional history can be traced through the archives.

At NID traces are done through Graphic design, photography and exhibition design.

Students critically present their work from various aspects. 7 degree projects, 5 summer interns and 7 exhibitions as a part of this pedagogy. It shows the scope and the power of archives for making an excellent institutional history narrative.

Sub theme 3 - Case studies of Agile and Resilient Libraries: Speaker: Dr. Lalitha Poluru Head, Knowledge Management Centre, National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad

Title: Need for the Emergence of Agile and Resilient Libraries: Some Case Studies

Her talk began with the aspect that our agility and resilience is based on user needs. Lack of farsightedness is a reason for not being agile. She further elaborated on the steps in managing the change. She gave a brief history of Agile management and methodologies - Kanban, scrum and so on etc. She gave details of Kanban & Scrum methods for agile methodology. She then spoke on the concept of resilience; she also shared the history of resilience with the example of Dholavira in Harapan Civilization.

Then she shared the case studies of University Libraries using the agile tool & methodologies. She detailed the process of agile management and why one has to work on this and she also detailed the requirements and outcomes of agile management. The lessons - training matters but doing matters more; user stories are more important; learning from experience is the way to reflect.

Dr. Sheetal Tank, Chief Librarian, Atmiya University, Rajkot very effectively concluded the session. She presented the summary of the daylong event providing important points from all invited talks. The concluding session was like viewing the glimpses of the complete seminar.

Ms. Sangita Bhatt from ADINET and Ms. Anubha Arora, Udgam School of Children, Ahmedabad supported the Seminar with their anchoring.

Reported by Ms. Anubha Arora