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Dear LIS Professionals,

ADINET wishes all LIS Professionals a safe 2022 & a New Year filled with good health & happiness.

Besides doing the regular work, during the year we published CUCOLIS (Current Contents of Library & Information Science), e-News Digests & ADINET Newsletters. The work of updating the Directory of Libraries & Information Centers in Gujarat continues.

Since this Directory contains names of only the LIS Professionals in charge of the library, we are in the process of preparing a Directory of ALL LIS Professionals in Gujarat. To enable us to do this a Google Form has been prepared. If you have not filled up this Form, Could you please do so? During the year several Meetings, Training Program & Workshops were conducted.

The first program was held on a solemn note, by conducting Memorial Talks for three of our very senior professionals: Mr. Kiritbhai Bhavsar, Mr. Ramanbhai Patel & Mr. Jayant Meghani; whose contributions to our field was truly remarkable.

An extensive program on "Professional Ethics for Librarianship" was done mainly to sensitize our young students.
As usual the Librarian's Day was celebrated with the seminar on "Current Trends in Academics - The Way Forward to Create Agile & Resilient Libraries" An interesting Discourse on Fake News & Misinformation - Issues & Solutions was held.

A Workshop especially for School Librarians was on "Designing Your Own Library Website with Google Site".
The second edition on "Innovative Practices & Perspectives" was much appreciated. In order to provide more Library Services a program on "Accessing and Using Open Access Resources" was held.

Another important Workshop was on "Building a Website Using WordPress"   A very useful & well attended program on "Open Educational Resources" was very much appreciated by all the participants. We may need to repeat this with more practical sessions.
A Workshop on "Exchange & Explore for School Librarians" was held at the C.N. Vidhyalay.

A Workshop for the "International Digital Story Writing Competition" for Library Professionals from all over South Asia was conducted. Since most of these Webinars were online, there were a large number of participants from all over India and even from abroad.

In order to strengthen & enhance our activities, please do consider becoming a Member of ADINET & also encourage others to become members. It is only with your help & support that this can be done.

"Accessing and Using Open-Access Resources"

An online webinar on the topic "Accessing and Using Open-Access Resources" was organized by ADINET on 23rd October 2021. The webinar session was delivered by Ms Asha Desai (Asst. Librarian, Vikram Sarabhai Library, IIM Ahmedabad). The aim of this webinar was to acquaint library professionals with the latest Open Access Resources and their use in educational institutions and libraries.

At the beginning of the webinar, Dr Shailesh Yagnik (Library Consultant at KEIC, MICA) introduced the webinar topic. He explained the history of Open-Access movements and initiatives. He said that the movement of Open Access was started in the year 1942 by Robert King Merton - the American sociologist, who stated that "each researcher must contribute to the 'common pot' and give up the intellectual property right to allow knowledge to move forward". He also explained that the first open-access journal "The New Horizon in Adult Education" was introduced in 1987 and in 1991, The Repository of Physics Research Papers.

The webinar session speaker was introduced by Mr Viral Navik (Sr. Professional Asst., Vikram Sarabhai Library, IIM Ahmedabad).

The resource person Ms Desai covered all the major aspects of this subject. To begin with she first explained the history of Open Access. The Budapest Open Access Initiative had defined **Open Access** (in the year 2002), and Bethesda Statement on Open Access Publishing was in 2003 for encouraging faculty and grant recipients of signing institutions to utilize the instrument of OA publishing.

The main objective of using open-access resourcess because the prices of Journals and other resources have been increasing day by day. The online academic Journal has risen by 273% between 1985 to 2004. Disciplines like physics and chemistry journals rose by more than 600% (Edlin and Rubinfeld, 2004).

The resource person explained the various Open Access licenses and their usages. Ms Asha has mentioned the various directories of Open Access materials, e.g. DOAJ (Directory of Open Access Journals) and DOAB (Directory of Open Access Books), different OA platforms – SSRN, PubMed, BioMad Central, arXiv and RePEc for subjects like biomedical, technology, computer science, statistics, finance and economics. She also explained the various OA India Centric Data sources - Census Digital library, ICSSR,

Open Govt. Data, RBI data and Mospi (Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation) and Portals which provide global data – World Bank, IMF, UN data, WHO and UNCTD.

Importantly she very clearly explained various OA research data platforms Dryad Digital Repository, figshare, Harvard Dataverse Network, Kaggle, Open Science Framework and Zenodo, which will be very useful for librarians to support research activities. Lastly, she coved the OA for schools - https://www.oercommons.org/ and https://prathamopenschool.org/.

Finally, Ms Asha answered all the questions by the participants. The entire webinar session was very informative, and participants really appreciated this session and ADINET initiatives.

Report Prepared by Mr. Viral Navik, Sr. Library Professional, V. S. Library, Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad

Online Workshop on "Building Website Using Word Press"

Advance Information Network of Libraries in Gujarat (ADINET) organized online workshop on "Building Website Using Word Press" on 13th November, 2021 from 10 AM to 1 PM. The programme was organized by ADINET,s Special Interest Group on University Libraries.

The Programme was received well by the library professionals across the country. Total 88 professionals registered for the workshop. The participants included library professionals from Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, Gujarat, Faridabad, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, karnataka, Assam, Haryana, Rajasthan, New Delhi and Punjab.

The session was conducted by Mr. Bhavesh Patel, Senior Library Professional, Vikram Sarabhai Library, IIM Ahmedabad. Dr. Sheetal Tank, Librarian, Atmiya University and Coordinator-ADINET SIG UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES organized the workshop. Welcome address was delivered by Mrs. Rhoda Bharucha, Hon. Director , ADINET. Introduction of Speaker was delivered by Ms. Sangita Bhatt, ADINET.

The session in detail covered Word Press, which is an Open Source Software, which may be used to create a beautiful website or blog. It is also known as Content Management Software (CMS). He began with types of websites, Installation of Word Press, its basic features, implementing of various Plugins, installation of theme and Customization, Uploading on the live server for public access and Google Analytics Integration for checking live tracking.

It was an interactive session. During the session, he covered following queries raised by the participants.

(a) Hosting and Domain
(b) Website Development
(c) How to make live
(d) Other ways to create library website

Following are some of the feedbacks received from the participants, which were quite motivating for the organizer to organize many more such technical skill development session in future.

- Very interesting and informative workshop. As a library professional we should learn all these ICT skills. We have to prepare our own library website; we should not be depending on the IT personal.

- Excellent demonstration of XAMPP installation, Word Press customization, Website building and server hosting of the website. Really commendable lectures.
- It was a very good, interactive and informative workshop, and wants to have more in future. Workshop content, ability to teach, hands on skills was excellent.

Following screen shots displays few Glimpses of Online Workshop.
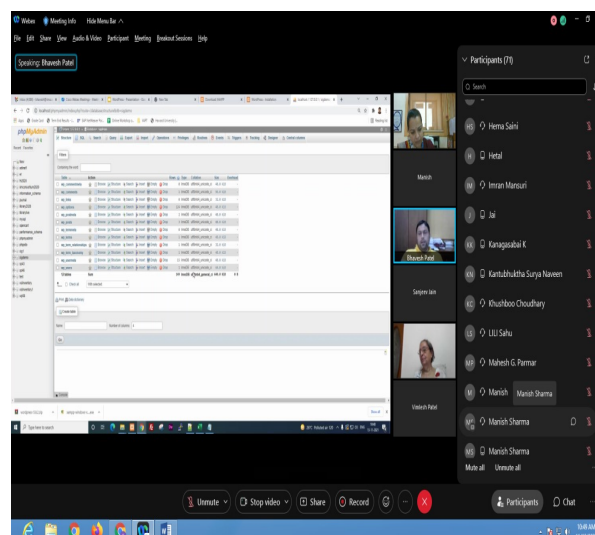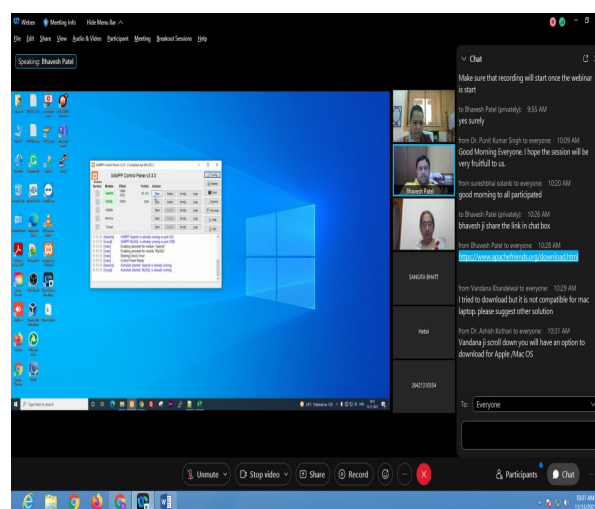
The entire workshop recording has been uploaded on ADINET website as well as on ADINET YouTube Channel.

Report Prepared by Dr. Meeta Vansadia, Librarian, Sarvajanik University, BRCM College of Business Administration

**Online Workshop on "Open Educational Resources" By Ms. Shweta Shroff
A Report**

Advance Information Network of Libraries in Gujarat (ADINET) organized online workshop on "**Open Educational Resources**" on 27th November, 2021 from 10 AM to 11 AM.

The Programme received well by the library professionals across the country. Around 70 professionals registered for the workshop. The participants included library professionals of academic libraries, special libraries, public libraries from different states of the nation.
The session was conducted by Ms. Shweta Shroff , University Librarian, North American University, TX, USA. Welcome address was delivered by Mrs. Rhoda Bharucha, Hon. Director, ADINET. Dr. Shailesh Yagnik, Senior Advisor, MIMI, Ahmedabad enlightened upon "Teaching and Learning Packages". Introduction of Speaker was delivered by Dr. Meeta Vansadia, Sarvajanik University, Surat.

Dr. Shailesh Yagnik, in his session, educated the participants about use of discovery tools. He elaborately described giving examples of different subjects for optimum utilization of academic resources by the library users.
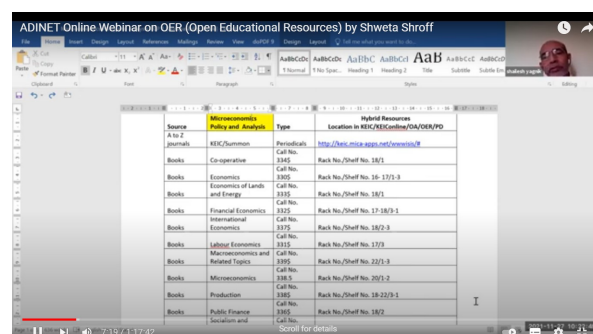

Ms. Shweta Shroff, a well experienced library professional very elaborately discussed what are Open Educational Resources (OER), Benefits and Challenges of OER, and process of searching these OER. Finally she showed the way ahead of OER.

At the end of her presentation she tried to answer the queries poised by the participants. Few of the questions are listed below.

(1) Ishita Dubey asked "What are Prerequisites in developing OER consortium by group of Colleges"?
(2) Mohan Kumar rose "How to Create OER for Library and Information Science"?
(3) Dr. Rashmi Kumbar inquired "How do you advocate OER to the user community"?
(4) Madhuri Kumari asked "Is there any authority to check the authenticity of the content created as OER"

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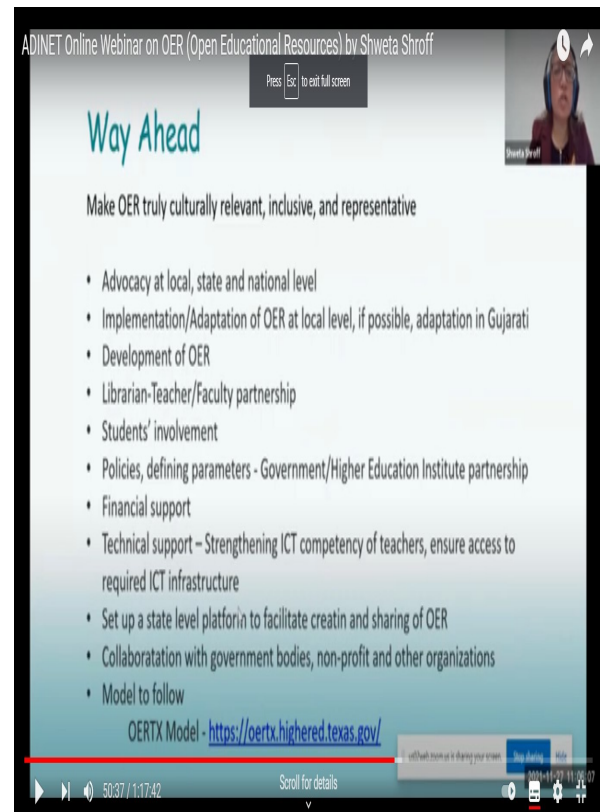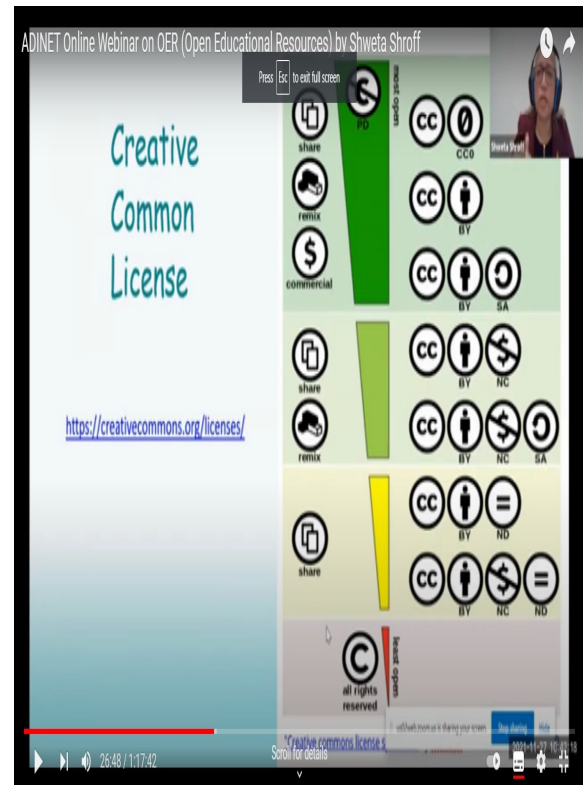
Report Prepared by Dr. Meeta Vansadia, Librarian, Sarvajanik University, BRCM College of Business Administration

International Workshop for School Librarians on "Fostering the next generation authors and helping people stay safe from COVID-19"

The South Asia Chapter of the Association for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T) in collaboration with the School Library Association (India) organized an international workshop for school librarians on "*Fostering the next generation authors and helping people stay safe from COVID-19*" in collaboration with promotional partnership from the Special Interest Group on School Libraries of ADINET, Bangladesh Shishu Academy and the School Library Association, Pakistan on 11th December 2021 from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. The keynote speakers for the event were Dr. Sam Chu, Associate Professor, School of Education, The University of Hong Kong, Ms. Helen Chan, Vice-Chair, Academy 22 for all Education and Dr. Bhakti Gala, Assistant Professor, School of Library and Information Science, Central University of Gujarat. The event was attended by more than 100 participants from India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Hong Kong.
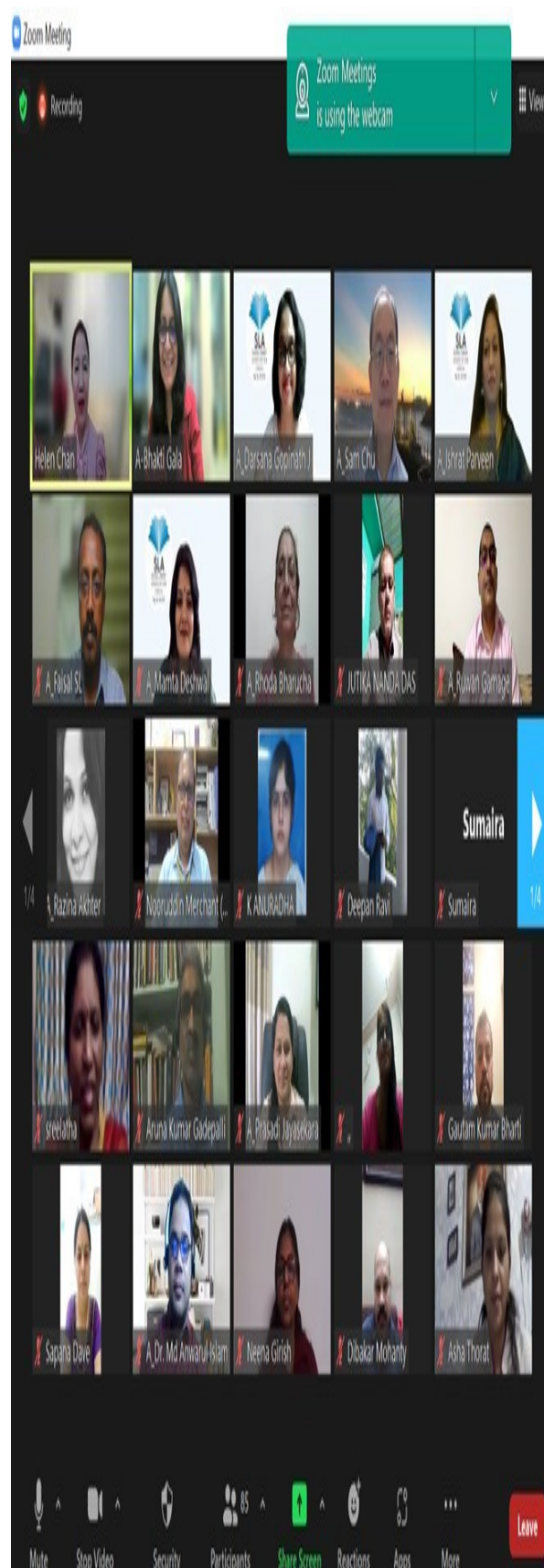
The event began with a brief welcome from Ms. Madhu Bhargava, President, and S L Faisal, Secretary, School Library Association (India). Dr. Bhakti Gala, Principal Investigator for the ASIS&T South Asia Chapter Special Project on "Dealing with COVID-19 and saving people's lives in South Asia (SA) areas & beyond - A health informatics promotion project" introduced the project details and the project team members from different South Asian countries. Dr. Gala gave an overview about the purpose behind organizing the International Digital Storytelling Competition. To capture the narrative of students during these pandemic times, the project in collaboration with Academy 22 for all Educationhas organized this global competition for students from age group 5 onwards to 18 years. Dr. Sam Chu shared their experiences of holding the Asian Digital Storytelling previously and explained the Reading Battle designed by them. He further shared that his research in this area has proved that digital storytelling can help develop student's writing, reading, and speaking abilities.The third speaker,Ms. Helen Chan spoke about the 20+ free workshops organized from 1st January onwards for school students. Ms. Helen shared videos of award winners from the previous competitions.

Ms. Helen further described the details of the competition. The broad theme of this competition is " AI& Health" and the narrow theme of the competition is "COVID-19: Imagine, Create & Share"". To prepare students to participate in this competition, ten workshops have been organized for the primary students and ten workshops for the secondary students. Celebrated authors, artists and experts from different South Asian countries have been invited to conduct these workshops. The titles of the workshops range from How to write a creative story, how to create a digital story, how to write a story on

AI, Techniques of digital art creation, how to translate your story from one language to another among many others. There are 10 special awards for winners from the South Asia Region.

The concluding session included special words of support from Mr. Ruwan Gamage, Chair, South Asia Chapter (ASIS&), the promotional partners represented by Ms. Rhoda Bharucha, Honorary Director, ADINET, Ms.RazinaAlam, Director, Bangladesh Shishu Academy and Mr. Nooruddin Merchant, Director, School Libraries Association, Pakistan. The vote of thanks was given by SLA (India) Team members Ishrat Parveen, MamtaDeshwal and Darshana Gopinath.

The event was live streamed on the SLA (India) YouTube and Facebook pages.

The recording of the event is available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2mRCxX0FsYQ

Competition registration and workshop details: https://www.asist.org/2021/10/15/international-digital-story-writing-competition/

Know more about the project athttps://www.asist.org/chapters/saasist/blog/

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