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Dr Kalam Inaugurated NACLIN 2014

The 17th National Convention on Knowledge, Library and Information Networking – NACLIN 2014 jointly organized by DELNET-Developing Library Network and French Institute of Pondicherry, Pondicherry was inaugurated on December 9, 2014 at Hotel Anandha Inn Convention Centre, Pondicherry by Hon’ble Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, Former President of India.

NACLIN 2014 is supported and sponsored by organizations including RRRLF, ICSSR, DRDO, ICCR, Cengage Learning India Pvt Ltd, Balani Infotech/I Group, Kinsey Bros, Taylor and Francis
Group and Sabari. Mrs Anurupa Naik, Chief Librarian, French Institute of Pondicherry and Organising Secretary, NACLIN 2014 welcomed the delegates.

It was followed by the Introductory Address by Dr H K Kaul, Director, DELNET. In his opening remarks he said that there are three reasons to celebrate the holding of NACLIN 2014 in Pondicherry. Firstly, it has been the preferred centre of residence of the great Indian mystic, Sri Aurobindo who researched here and wrote extensively on yoga, philosophy, poetry and politics of India. Secondly, the presence of Hon’ble Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam who is not only the former President of India but also the venerated learned scientist and poet who has exhibited in several ways his great love for learning and literature and thirdly the reason that the city of Pondicherry is the serene French architecture which is in regular conversation with the waves of Bay of Bengal. A pleasant, clean and calm city that should be the ideal place for in-depth deliberations for all the participants of NACLIN 2014. Dr Kaul stressed about the changing scope of resources sharing in the digital age and laid emphasis on the role being played by DELNET. He said that the libraries anywhere in the world have to pass through a great deal of transformation in this day and age in order to serve their users in best possible ways. He further said that the libraries are facing a major challenge in archiving of E-resources due to technological, manpower, financial and copyright restrictions. He further opined that the Government of India and State Governments who spends billions of rupees on acquiring the digital content should discuss with the publishers and aggregators. He also emphasized on the need to provide personalized services to the users.

It was followed by the release of NACLIN 2014 publications comprising of the preconference proceedings containing 30 conference papers and the Souvenir by the Hon’ble Chief Guest, Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

Dr Pierre Grard, Director, French Institute of Pondicherry in his Chair’s remarks thanks DELNET for collaborating with FIP to organize NACLIN 2014 and also apprised the delegates about the activities of FIP.
Hon'ble Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, Chief Guest delivered the Inaugural address. He started his address by mentioning that "Great books ignite imagination, Imagination leads to Creativity, Creativity blossoms thinking, Thinking provides knowledge, Knowledge makes you great'. He stressed that coming into contact with good books and possessing them was indeed an everlasting enrichment of life. Books becomes a permanent companion, "sometimes they are born before us; they guide us during our life journey and continue for many generations". He also stressed that India had embarked on the mission of skilling 500 million people by 2022. These 500 million people, mostly youth will need to be empowered with knowledge from books and journals. He said that we should create mobile based books which can be shared by mobile libraries across the nation and also with the multi-lingual translation. He also said that the voice-enabled titles can be added so that the visually impaired people can get benefited. He suggested that DELNET should make knowledge reach common man and use the technology for this purpose. He narrated several of his experiences in order to uphold the purpose of reading and the use of books. He felt that every home should have a home library as home library was the greatest wealth than any other wealth. Reading and studying habit for one hour per day in the home library would transform our people into great teachers, great leaders and great professionals in different fields. Hon'ble Dr Kalam further said that DELNET should use social media to provide services to the public on 'Great Books'.

The inaugural function ended with a Vote of Thanks by Dr Sangeeta Kaul, Network Manager, DELNET & Co-Organising Secretary, NACLIN 2014.

Hon'ble Dr APJ Abdul Kalam inaugurated the Exhibition. The companies including Cengage Learning India Pvt Ltd, Balani Infotech/I Group, Kensey Bros, Taylor and Francis, Thieme, Emerald, McGraw Hill Education, PCG, Tourism Dept, Govt of Puducherry are exhibiting at NACLIN 2014.

In the very first session, after the Inaguration, a homage to Sri Aurobindo was offered. Shri Manoj Das, an eminent writer and recipient of Sahitya Akademi Award spoke at length on the contributions of Sri Aurobindo to the world. It was followed by product demonstrations by Balani Infotech India Pvt Ltd and Kinsey Bros.

In the post lunch session, a tutorial on "Managing Libraries through Open Source Software packages" was conducted by Dr Sangeeta Kaul, Network Manager, DELNET. It was followed by a session on "Open Access and Libraries" by Ms Shafina Segon, Marketing Head, Journals and Online Resources, Taylor and Francis India. A special issue of Ignite Newsletter with a coverage of NACLIN 2014 was also released on the occasion and distributed to the delegates.

A product demonstration by Orizin Technologies Pvt Ltd, Bangalore was also held.

A special invited talk on "Indo-French collaboration BnF Worldwide : Asserting an International Strategy" was delivered by Ms Isabelle Nyffenegger, International Relations Department, Bibliotheque Nationale de France (National Library of France), Paris, France. Dr H K Kaul chaired the session. Ms Isabelle apprised the delegates about the collections and services of National Library of France and also the international collaborations. She said that BnF is participating with 58 International Networks and have 19 bilateral partnerships. She also spoke about the digitization programmes, participation to namami.org, Exchange of expertise, training, exhibitions, etc. Also the future prospects for Indo-French collaborations were discussed during the question-answer session with the delegates.

A poster presentation session was held wherein the poster papers were presented by the professionals. Mr P Jayarajan chaired the session.

A networking dinner with live music at Hotel Bon Sejour was organized for the delegates which was enjoyed by the delegates.
The second day of the convention started with the technical session I entitled "Digital Libraries" chaired by Dr ARD Prasad, Director, DRTC. The keynote presentation on "Open Data Repositories and Big Data" was delivered by Dr ARD Prasad. He spoke at length about the open data repositories, open data licenses, Amazon Web services, Government data repositories. The aspects of digital curation, resource description in terms of metadata and ontology, no SQL DBMS, DBpedia Data sets and Entitypedia were also highlighted. He further apprised the delegates with the various DRTC projects namely Living Knowledge, ITPAR, Aglnfra, etc. Another keynote paper entitled "Managing Semantic Data" was presented by Dr Kavi Mahesh, Professor & Dean of Research and Director, KAnOE Centre for Knowledge Analytics and Ontological Engineering, PES University, Bangalore. The other papers in the session included a paper entitled "Linked Data : Emblematic Applications on Legacy Data in Libraries" by Mr Vikas Bhushan, Junior Research Fellow, DRTC, Bangalore. Mr Partha Sarathi Das, Assistant Library and Information Officer, National Library of India, Kolkata presented his paper entitled "Disaster Recovery Plan for Libraries with Special Reference to Cloud Environment as a Solution to ICT Disaster" co-authored with Ms Smitanjali Panda, Library and Information Assistant, National Library of India, Kolkata. The paper entitled "Design and Development of Gyansrota : DRDO Institutional Repository of Research Papers and Articles" was presented by Mrs Suman Negi, Technical Officer 'B', the paper was co-authored by Mrs Sumati Sharma, Scientist 'F' and Mr Atul Kumar Jaiswal, Senior Technical Assistant 'B', DESIDOC, Delhi.

The second technical session on Management of e-resources was chaired by Dr R B Gaddagimath. Dr H K Kaul, Director, DELNET presented the keynote paper entitled "E-content Management and Strategies". He discussed at length various sources of E-content and the E-content strategies adopted by the Universities. He also cited various examples of E-content developers and their impact on Libraries. The paper highlighted the importance of E-content archiving. The importance of sharing of E-content was highlighted besides the impact of copyright on development and use of E-content.

Another keynote paper entitled "E-book Acquisitions and Access in an Academic Setting : Challenges and
Opportunities” was presented by Dr Liladhar R Pendse, Librarian for Central Asian, East European and Slavic Studies, University of California, Berkeley, California, USA.

Dr Rachel Guidoni, Head Librarian, Ecole francaise d’Extreme-Orient (EFEO), Paris, France presented her keynote paper entitled "Major South Asia Collections in French Libraries".

It was followed by the presentation of the paper entitled "Convergence of Open Access Academic Resources : A Case Study of Research Scholars of Assam University, Silchar” by Mr Apurba J Majumder, Assistant Librarian, Assam University, Silchar, Assam. The paper entitled "Utilisation of Directory of Open Access Books by Faculty Members of Sreenidhi Institute of Science and Technology, Ghatkesar, Hyderabad, RR District, Telangana : A Study” was presented by Dr M Suresh Babu, Librarian, Sreenidhi Institute of Science and Technology, Ghatkesar, Hyderabad.

The product presentations by Cengage Learning India Pvt Ltd (Mr Nirmal Bengani), OUP (Mr G H Subramaniam), Thieme Medical and Scientific Pub Pvt Ltd (Mr Vansh Kathuria) and Taylor & Francis India (Ms Sonali Bhardwaj) were also made.

In the post lunch, Technical session III on "Social Media and Libraries”, chaired by Dr Liladhar R Pendse, Ms Shafina Segon, Marketing Head, Journals and Online Resources, Taylor & Francis India gave a presentation on "Use of Social Media by the Libraries : Current Practices and Future Opportunities". It was followed by the paper presentation entitled "Promoting Corporate Communication through Online Social Media : A study based on Business Professionals of Kerala” by Mrs Mahjabeen Aydeed, Research Scholar, Dept of LISc., University of Calicut, Kerala. Mr Jawahar Babu R, Librarian, Srimad Andavan Arts & Science College, Tiruchirappalli (formerly Librarian, MSAJ Academy of Architecture, Chennai) presented his paper entitled "Use of Social Networking Sites (SNSs) in Bharathiar University, Coimbatore : A Study”. The last paper of this session entitled "Social Medial for Establishing User Connections by the Library Professionals : An Online Study" was presented by Dr Maltesh Motebennur, Librarian, Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh.

It was followed by a product presentation by Mr Prathap Das of Proquest.

The last technical session of the second day on "Innovative Library Services" was chaired by Dr S S Murthy, Former Director, DESIDOC, Delhi. The first keynote paper on "Innovative Library Services and Future Challenges” was presented by Dr R B Gaddagimath, University Librarian, Gulbarga University, Gulbarga. The other keynote paper entitled "Emerging vistas for the Library and Information Services in the Digital Era” was presented by Dr Vivek Patkar, Independent Researcher, Mumbai.

The papers entitled "Knowledge Services : Making Libraries Relevant for the Future" by Dr Sangeeta Kaul, Network Manager, DELNET was presented followed by the presentation of the paper entitled "Awareness and Usage of Library and Information Services to Visually Impaired : A Case Study of Central Library, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan” by Mr Jishnu Mondal, Professional Assistant, Central Library, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, West Bengal. Dr K H Sunita, Associate Professor in Library and Information Science (Retd), Kasturba Gandhi Degree and PG College for Women, Secunderabad, Telangana presented her paper entitled "Empowering the Visually Impaired by Promoting Reading Habits and Learning Skills at L. V. Prasad Eye Institute : A Study”.

In the evening, a cultural evening supported by ICCR was organized at St James Court Beach Resort, followed by dinner and it elated the mood of the delegates.
December 11, 2014

The last concluding day of NACLIN 2014 on December 11, 2014 started with the Technical Session V on "Managing Public Libraries and Reading Habits". The session was chaired by Shri K K Banerjee, Adviser, National Mission on Libraries, Govt of India and former Director, RRRLF, Kolkata. The keynote paper entitled "Public Library Movement : The New Trend" was presented by Mr P Jayarajan, Library Advisor, Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University, Tirur Kerala and Former Member, RRRLF, Kolkata. He highlighted the new trends emerging in the Public Libraries including the Community Engagements, building partnerships, utilizing public library spaces for multi-purpose use, readership development programmes, showcasing local talents, etc. He cited some best examples of public library services globally. He also dwelt upon the condition of public libraries in India and the need to bring some drastic change. He said that government will have to make some serious, determined, conscious decision to invest in public libraries. He also highlighted some initiatives being taken up in India for revamping the Public Library Services in India including Vanche Bharat, Smart City Project, Model Villages and CSR&Libraries. It was followed by a paper presentation by Mr Manojkumar Thakur, Librarian, Ness Wadia College of Commerce, Pune entitled "Reading in Digital Age : A Study of Reading Habits Among Students of Ness Wadia College of Commerce, Pune". Ms Shobhna U Karekar, Librarian, SV's Sridora Caculo College of Commerce and Management Studies, Mapusa, Goa presented her paper entitled "Reading Habits in Academic Institutions in the Digital Age".

We are the third scientific community of the world. Our dreams to convert public libraries into knowledge society and India into Knowledge Society are not getting realized. The public libraries are not equipped to play a vital role. We have not think of seriously the perception of public library. One lagging area is the professionals. They are making themselves fossilized in this profession. Unless and until we change the mindset of the professionals working in the public libraries, we can not expect the much desired results. All across the country we have a post office and a public library. If you want to do any work, there is no dearth of money which can be given by the government. The public libraries in Kerala are run by the voluntary participation besides the State central libraries. The visibility of the National Mission on Libraries will be visible in next 6-8 months. Training the trainers and capacity building are also on the agenda. Atleast 8000 public librarians will be trained in 12th Five Year Plan. There is a lot of scope for improvement. The perception of a library by a user is very important.
It was followed by Technical session VI on "LIS - From Teaching to Technology", chaired by Mrs Heather Brown, Assistant Director, Artslab, Australia and State Library of SA BIM/LIM Project Officer, Adelaide, Australia. Mrs Heather made her presentation entitled "Employers and Educators work together to give today's graduates tomorrow's skills". She spoke at length about the skills, knowledge and attributes to transform librarians. She said that we need to work on collaboration and teamwork, user focus, business savvy, personal traits. She said that we need to transform, the pace has changed, the skills needs to be transferrable, there is a need to change the mindset and to remove barriers between knowledge and users. The paper entitled "Library Manpower in Allopathic Medical Institutions in Kerala : A Critical Appraisal" was presented by Mr Saji S Nair, Assistant Gr I, Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram. It was followed by a paper presentation by Ms Manisha Gupta, Govt College of Art, Chandigarh entitled "Motivation for Library Professionals : A Study".

The Technical session VIII on "Transforming Libraries : Be the Change" was chaired by Dr H K Kaul. Dr P Y Rajendra Kumar, Director-General, National Library of India, Kolkata delivered his keynote paper entitled "Transforming Libraries in the Knowledge Era". Another keynote paper entitled "Transforming Libraries : Be the Change" was delivered by Dr M Sai Baba, Associate Director, Resource Management Group, Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research, Kalpakkam.

It was followed by a product demonstration by Bridge People Technologies, Bangalore.

The Technical session VIII entitled "Human Resource Management in Libraries and User Education" was chaired by Dr P Y Rajendrakumar. Dr R Sevukan, Associate Professor and Head, Dept of Library and Information Science, Pondicherry University presented his paper entitled "Qualitative methods in Assessing Libraries, Users and ICT Applications". The last paper of NACLIN 2014 entitled "Information Use Pattern and User Expectations in the Digital Environment at Kasturba Gandhi Degree & PG College for Women, Secunderabad was presented by Dr K H Sunitha.

A panel discussion on the central theme of NACLIN 2014 i.e. 'From Building Collections to Making Connections : Transforming Libraries in the Knowledge Era' was chaired by Dr H K Kaul. The panelists were Dr S S Murthy, Dr ARD Prasad, Dr Leeladhar R Pendse, Dr R B Gaddagimath, Dr Vivek Patkar and Dr P Y Rajendra Kumar.

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