

Two days National Seminar on
“Technology Trends in Libraries” 26-27 March, 2016

A Report

National Seminar on “Technology Trends in Libraries” was organized by School of Humanities and Central Library, UPRTOU, Allahabad on 26-27 March 2016. The seminar began with lighting of lamps and by offering flowers to the goddess Saraswati. Over all 103 participants registered themselves for the Seminar representing different institutions of variety of cities and states of India like Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Telangana etc... The Inaugural session was chaired by hon’ble vice-chancellor of the University Prof. M.P. Dube. Prof. G.C.R. Jaiswal, hon’ble vice-chancellor of the Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya Awadh University, Faizabad was also present at this occasion as chief guest to grace the Session. The keynote address was delivered by Prof. Laxman Rao Nagubandi, Rtd, Professor, Osmania University, Hyderabad and president of Telangana Library Association.

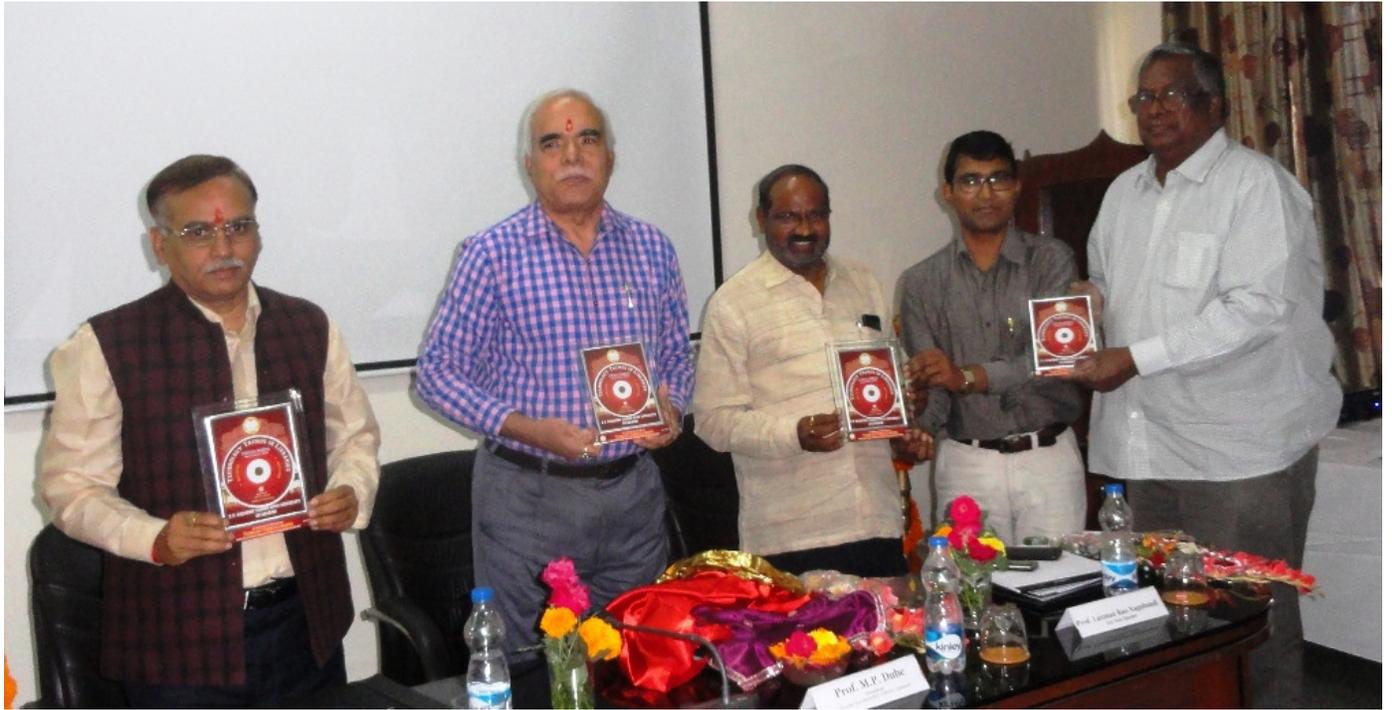
Dr. T. N. Dubey, convener of the programme; in his welcome address informed that this is the second seminar of the Library Science in the University. Organizing Secretary Dr. R. J. Maurya explaining the objectives of the seminar said that the technology is influencing every walk of human life and the libraries are not exception. New trends in technology are upcoming everyday and being obsolete rapidly. So it the responsibility of the library professionals as well as opportunities to grab the technology to utilize in processing & dissemination of information. Social media, mobile technologies and several other web 2.0/3.0 base tools can be a boon for library professional to reach masses in order to offer their services whether they are traditional one or new one.



Prof. Laxman Rao Nagubandi, delivering Key-Note address

Key note speaker Prof. Laxman Rao Nagubandi in his address focused on deferent applications of technologies in libraries from automation to e-marketing. At this occasion, he said that electronic publishing has become more convenient and time saving from the perspective of author and publishers both. Thus, it has given an opportunity to the librarians for rapid acquisition and disseminations of reading materials. He also threw lights upon open access resources where billions of e-books, e-journals & several other electronic documents are freely available. While talking about open resources, he gave example of several resources/websites like udacity.com, MIT open courseware etc. May be utilized for upgrading individual's knowledge and getting formal degrees with collaboration of institutions.

E-Souvenir of Research papers' Abstracts was also released at this occasion.



Releasing of E-Souvenir in the Inaugural session

Chief Guest hon'ble vice-chancellor of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya Awadh University, Faizabad Prof. G.C.R. Jaiswal praising the effort of organizing this seminar on burning issue like 'Technology Trends in Libraries' said that libraries are very fast changing in terms of their collection and services both. The physical forms of reading materials are being replaced by electronic forms and traditional services are being added with new ones like SMS alert, tagging, RSS feed, social book-marking etc. He also pointed out that for the scholars of any academic institution library is power house of knowledge. He further said that digitalization is the need the hour but after uploading book on internet it should be regularly checked and modified. Libraries should aim to provide information within users their reach.



Prof. G.C.R. Jaiswal, V.C. AWADH UNIVERSITY

Prof. M.P. Dube, hon'ble Vice Chancellor of UPRTOU in his Presidential address sketched the picture of development of libraries from different ages. He highlighted the growth & historical perspective of libraries from print to electronic. He said, online access has revolutionized the library system. On the basis of his foreign visits in many western countries he threw light upon technology trends in library operations and services from users point of view. He also discussed the change in the format of catalogue which took place from book catalogue to MARC and CCF.



Prof. M P Dube , hon'ble VC, UPRTOU, Allahabad addressing the audience

At the end of Inaugural Session, coordinator of the programme Dr. R P S Yadav proposed a vote of thanks to all the dignitaries and participants.

Overall theme of the Seminar was divided in the following four subthemes (technical sessions) in order to achieve its objectives.

- i. New Trends in Library Services,
- ii. Digital Resources,
- iii. ICT Applications, and
- iv. Digital Library Developments: Management and Technical Issues.

Two Technical sessions were held on 26.03.2016. The first technical session was chaired by Dr. R.K. Chadhha, Additional Secretary, Parliament, New Delhi and an invited talk was delivered by Dr. Aditya Tripathi, Associate Professor, Department of Library & Information Science, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi on the topic of New Trends in Library Services. In his speech Dr. Tripathi threw light upon the uses of blogs, wikis, social networking in providing library services. In this session total 07 papers were presented and deliberately discussed.

After lunch on 26.03.2016 second session entitled as 'Digital Resources' was started. The session was chaired by Prof. H.N. Prasad, Head, Department of Library & Information Science, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi and an invited talk was delivered by Dr. V.K. Jain, Deputy Librarian, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi on theme of the session. In his talk Dr. Jain highlighted his experiences of users approaches and how the accessibility of the digital resources may be enhanced Total 13 research papers were presented and deliberately discussed in this session.

On the second day of the seminar i.e. 27th March, 2016 two technical sessions (session 3rd and 4th) and valedictory session were conducted. In first half, before lunch both sessions were held. The 3rd session was chaired by Prof. V.P. Khare, Head, Department of Library & Information Science, Bundelkhand University, Jhansi and an

invited talk was delivered by Dr. H.K. Chakravorti, Associate Professor, Department of Lib. and Inf. Science, Sampurnanand Sanskrit University, Varanasi on the theme of ICT Applications in Libraries. In his talk Dr. Chakravorti touched different issues of ICT applications in libraries from automation to digital services. He threw light upon RFID application, use of cloud computing for storage and retrieval of huge amount of information to solve the problem of hosting in-house server in cost effective manner. There were 16 papers presented in this session and deliberately discussed.

After a small tea break 4th session started at 12:00 Noon on 27th March, 2016 chaired by Dr. B.K. Singh, University Librarian, University of Allahabad, Allahabad, and an invited talk was delivered by Dr. A.P. Singh, Associate Professor, Head, Department of Library & Information Science, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi on the topic “Digital Library Development: Management and Technical Issues.” In his speech Dr. Singh was concerned with quality of services offered by libraries by promoting, sharing, archiving and effective retrieval of digital resources. In order to ensure the quality and freshness of information he talked about anti-plagiarism software’s to check the originality of information and content analysis. Total 13 research papers were presented and discussed in the session on several topics like information retrieval, sharing of digital resources, marketing & promotion of library resources and services etc.

All above four technical sessions were very interactive and lively. Several Issues of technological applications in the libraries were discussed and as the conclusion it was found that the new trends in technologies have created a lot of opportunities for the libraries to serve their existing users and reaching to new users. Though the ever-changing nature of the technology poses some problems before library professionals at the same time it provides new opportunities also. Thus the technology plays major role in quenching the thirst of information in very short time with most updated information.



Dr R K Chadha in Valedictory Session

After lunch on 27th March, 2016 Valedictory Session of the seminar was held at 3:00 PM. The session was chaired by Prof. M.P. Dube, hon'ble vice-chancellor, UPRTOU, Allahabad. Dr. R.K. Chadha, Additional Secretary, Parliament, New Delhi was also present as the Chief Guest of the occasion. Prof. V.P. Khare, Head, DLIS, Bundelkhand University, Jhansi, graced the occasion as special guest of the session. After offering flowers to the goddess Saraswati, the session was started. Dr. R.P.S. Yadav, Coordinator of the seminar welcomed all dignitaries, participants and other guests. With the permission of the hon'ble chair organizing secretary Dr. R.J. Maurya presented the report of the discourse and discussions done in the two days national seminar. He said that the participants from more than 05 states of the county have participated to make this seminar a grand success. In his address, Chief Guest Dr. R.K. Chadha said that the user education to use library resources is very much important in present scenario where technology is changing very rapidly and the library professionals have to play a very active role in this situation. He also pointed out that though the technology is growing rapidly and electronic formats are being very much popular among youngsters but the importance of printed books may not be marginalized. Prof. M.P. Dube, hon'ble

vice-chancellor in his presidential address pointed out the importance of the libraries in an academic institution. Further, he said that no research and development activity can take place without good library and technology can play great role in this. Dr. T.N. Dubey, Convener of the seminar extended the vote of thanks at the end of the session.

(R J Maurya)

Organizing Secretary