

# Two day National Seminar on “Future of Academic Libraries: Issues and Challenges”

## A Report:

The two day National Seminar on ‘Future of Academic Libraries: “Issues and Challenges”’ was organized by School of Humanities and Central Library, UPRTOU, Allahabad on 22-23 March 2015. As per our tradition the seminar began with lighting of lamps and flowers were offered to Maa Saraswati. Over all 154 participants registered themselves for the Seminar. They represented different institutions of variety of cities and states of India like Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Telangana, West Bengal etc...

Dr. T. N. Dubey, convener of the programme in his welcome address happily announced that this is the first seminar of the Library Science in the University. Organizing Secretary Dr. R. J. Maurya while explaining about the objectives of the seminar, said we are shifting **from print information to electronic information**, so the role of library in processing and disseminating information in this ICT age is the major challenge of today.

Key note speaker Prof. Laxman Rao Nagubandi Retd. Professor, Deptt. of Library & Information Science, Osmania University, Hyderabad in his address said libraries are unutilized or underutilized in our country, actually sharing of knowledge depends on opportunity to access. Issues of language is sorted out with the application of technology. This is the age of open access, billions of books and journals on websites are available free of cost. He talked about **E-PG Pathshala** and highlighted the need of resource sharing.

Souvenir of Research Abstracts was inaugurated on this occasion.

The Chief Guest Hon’ble Justice of Allahabad High Court Mr. Arvind Kumar Tripathi while addressing the scholars of different Universities said that libraries are **boon for the Academic world**. He further said that digitalization is the need the hour but

of after uploading book it should be regularly checked and modified and uploaded. Libraries should aim providing information to students residing at remote areas.

Prof. M.P. Dubey, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of UPRTOU in his Presidential address said, '**knowledge is Power**'. He highlighted the growth & historical perspective of libraries from print to electronic. He said online access has revolutionized the library system. He also familiarized the participants with the latest development of cloud technology.

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 the Seminar was divided in four technical sessions in order to achieve its objectives.

#### Technical Session

- i. Academic Library Services and User need
- ii. Copy Right, IPR Issues and Digital Resources
- iii. ICT Applications
- iv. Digital Library Developments: Management and Technical Issues.

Two Technical sessions were held on 22.03.2015. The first technical session was chaired by Dr. S S Chandel, Associate Professor, MPISSR, Ujjain and an invited talk was delivered by Dr. Sanjiv Saraf, Deputy Librarian, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi on "Academic libraries and its services in present scenario and future prospective". In this session total 14 papers were presented and deliberately discussed.

The second session was conducted on 22.03.2015 after lunch entitled as "Copyright, IPR Issues and Digital Resources". The session was chaired by Dr. B.K. Singh, Deputy Librarian, University of Allahabad and an invited talk was delivered by Dr. Maneesh Kumar Bajpai, Deputy Librarian, Dr Ram Manohar Lohia National Law University, Lucknow on "IPR related issues in Academic Libraries". In this session total 15 research papers were presented and deliberately discussed.

On the second day of the seminar i.e. 23th march, 2015 two sessions (session 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>) and valedictory session were conducted. In first half before lunch both sessions were conducted. The 3<sup>rd</sup> session was chaired by Dr H K Chakravorti, Associate Professor, Deptt. of Lib and Inf. Science, Sampurnanad Sanskrit Viswavidyalay, Varanasi and an invited talk was delivered by Dr. A. P. Singh, Associate Professor, Deptt. of Lib. and Inf. Science, BHU, Varansi on the topic “ICT application in Academic Libraries: “Issues and Challenges”. There were 18 papers presented in this session and deliberately discussed.

4<sup>th</sup> session started at 12:00 pm on 23th March, 2015 was chaired by Dr. Niranjn Singh, Librarian, Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra and an invited talk was delivered by Dr. M Mustafa, K.Q. Jaidi on the topic “Digital Library development: Management and Technical Issues.” Total 13 research papers were presented and discussed in the session on several topics like concept of total quality management in libraries, resource sharing, concept of job satisfaction etc.

All above four technical sessions were very interactive and lively. Several Issues and challenges of the Academic libraries were discussed and as the conclusion it was found that the application of new ICT technologies in management and services of libraries will meet the users’ need. At the same time it is the responsibility of the library professionals to make aware and educate their users in making proper and by hesitation free use of the reading materials.

After lunch on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2015 valedictory session of the seminar was conducted at 3:00 PM. The session was chaired by Dr. M.N. Singh, Director, School of Social Science, UPRTOU, Allahabad and Prof. H.N. Prasad, Deptt. of Library and Information Science, BHU, Varanasi was the Chief Guest of the occasion. The comparing was done by Dr. H.C. Jaiswal. Dr. R.J. Maurya Organizing Secretary of the seminar presented the report of the two day National Seminar. He said that the participants from more than 8 states of the county have participated like- West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Telangana, Rajsthan, U.P. etc. to make this seminar a grand success. The chief Guest Prof. H.N.

Prasad 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. Dr. M.N. Singh in his presidential address pointed out the importance of the libraries in an academic Institution and said that no research and development activity can take place without good library. Dr. T.N. Dubey convener of the seminar extended the vote of thanks at the end of the session.

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Organizing Secretary