

National Seminar on Leveraging Design Thinking for Introducing Innovative Information Services

A One-day National Seminar on 'Leveraging Design Thinking for Introducing Innovative Information Services' was organized by J K Lakshmipat University (JKLU), Jaipur, Rajasthan in collaboration with Rajasthan Technical Library Association (RTLTA), Jaipur, recently. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Dr S D Vyas, Adjunct Professor of Library and Information Science, Banasthali Vidyapith, Rajasthan and Former Librarian, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad, Telangana. During Inaugural Ceremony, Dr R L Raina, Vice Chancellor delivered the welcome address. He said that new age technology plays a significant role in every sphere of life. He urged the audience to use the concept of design thinking for introducing innovative information services. He further said that design thinking should be reflected not only in our thinking but in actions as well. In the context of innovative information services, he discussed three things i.e. what we acquire, how we process it and how to serve it to the end users.

Dr Sanjay Goel, Director, Institute of Engineering and Technology (IET), JKLU said that there is a dire need to revisit the definition of the library- it is a concept, not a place. He further said that the concept of 'book' is evolving with the passage of time. The library is a place to create communities. It should be a place to attract people. The library is not a resource centre but a learning centre. Institute library is the intellectual heart of the institute. He asked the audience to adopt the principle of 'Learning by Doing' while rendering library services. Thereafter, he discussed how JKLU is bringing transformation in learning by adopting the Principle of 'Learning by Doing'.

Dr Raj Kumar Bhakar, Patron, Rajasthan Technical Library Association (RTLTA), while throwing some light on the Association said that on September 04, 2017, about 562 librarians joined in Government of Rajasthan, the vacancy was the result of RTLTA's regular efforts. He further discussed various hardships and challenges which RTLTA encountered since its inception. He also announced that next International Conference of RTLTA will be held at JJTU, Jhunjhunu,

Rajasthan. Thereafter, Mr Mukesh Pathak, Organizing Secretary threw some light on the theme of the seminar. Dr Purnima Kaushik, Guest of Honour, in her address emphasised on KISS (Keep it Simple and Short) Principle. Further, she said that information services should be simple and user-friendly. Dr S D Vyas, Chief Guest of the occasion said that there should be a seamless collection of print and digital resources. He asked the participants to have a mutual discussion through such type of associations. He further said that 21st Century means, quality. Finally, vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Roshan Lal, President, RTLTA.

After inauguration, plenary session on 'Technological Innovations for Information Services' started with the keynote talk by Dr. Jyoti Prakash CR Naidu, Dean (R&D), JKLU. He started with 'Necessity is the Mother of Invention'. He emphasised on the learning of new cutting edge technologies. He raised the issue of decreasing footfalls and how librarians can increase readership in the library by introducing innovations. Librarian and publishers should work to minimize the costing of e-resources without effecting copyright laws.

Thereafter, Dr S D Vyas delivered his talk on 'Innovative Services in Library and Information Science. He discussed on technical skills and relevancy of five laws of library science in present situation, challenges for professionals and emphasized on survival of the fittest, danger of extinction, skills of 21st Century, critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration, networking, agility, adaptability, communication skills, etc.

Dr Purnima Kaushik talked on 'ICT Skills and Competencies for Library Professionals'. She emphasised on 'ICT Skills and Tools like DBMS, HTML, Library Blog, Automation, Digitization, etc'. Ms Sapna, Assistant Professor, Central University of Haryana, Mahendergarh, Haryana discussed on 'Digital Preservation and Accessibility Issues for Future Libraries'. She also discussed on the 'Relevance of Library in the Google Era'.

During Technical Session, Dr Pawan Kumar Saini, Assistant Professor, Central University of Haryana chaired the session and the Rapporteur was Dr Bhoop Singh, Librarian, Bhartiya Skill

Development University, Jaipur. Dr. Anita Jain, Ms Hilala Ariyana, and Ms Seema Sharma presented their papers on 'Study on Challenges and Opportunities for Academic Libraries', 'Electronic Resource Management: An Overview', and 'Role and Impact of E-resources in Digital Library and Information Centres', respectively.

Valedictory Function was started with report presentation by Dr Bhoop Singh. Vice Chancellor, Dr R L Raina gave concluding remarks and said that the librarians must be equipped with cutting edge technology, innovative approach, proactive and future ready. RTLA gave appreciation letter to Ms Manju Jopat and Ms Sunita Choudhary to recognize their contribution in the university. The best librarian award for the year 2015 was awarded to Mr Q Abbas, Assistant Librarian, SMS Medical College and for 2016 was awarded to Ms Heeramani Dadhich, Librarian, Shri Bhawani Niketan Institute of Technology and Management to recognize their contribution in the field of Library and Information Science. Dr R L Raina handed over the appreciation letter and award to the recipient and congratulated them. Mr Mukesh Pathak, Organizing Secretary proposed the vote of thanks to the participants, dignitaries, guests, invited speakers, volunteers, etc.