

## 5<sup>th</sup> National Seminar on “Leveraging Design Thinking for Introducing Innovative Information Services (LDT-IIIS)” (17<sup>th</sup> February 2019)

### Report

JK Lakshmi Pat University organised 5th National Seminar on “*Leveraging Design Thinking for Introducing Innovative Information Services (LDT-IIIS)*” in collaboration with Rajasthan Technical Library Association (RTLTA), Jaipur on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Dr S. D. Vyas. The inaugural ceremony started with lighting of the ceremonial lamp and invoking blessings of Goddess Saraswati. Dr R.L. Raina, Honourable Vice Chancellor delivered the welcome address. He said 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 design thinking should be reflected not only in our thinking but in actions as well. In the context of innovative information services, he discussed 3 things- what we acquire, how we process it and how to serve it to the end users.

Dr Sanjay Goel, Director, IET said there is a dire need to revisit the definition of the library- it is a concept, not a place. He further said 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, RTLTA, while throwing some light on Rajasthan Technical Library Association (RTLTA) said on 4 Sep 2017, 562 librarians joined in Government of Rajasthan, this vacancy was the result of RTLTA's regular effort. 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 gave emphasis on KISS (Keep it simple and short) principle. Further, she said information services should be simple and user-friendly. Dr S. D. Vyas, the chief guest of the occasion, said 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, 21 century is means quality. Finally, a vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Roshan Lal, President RTLTA.

After inauguration plenary session “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.

After that Dr S D Vyas delivered 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 emphasize on survival of the fittest, danger of extinction, skills of 21<sup>st</sup> century, critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration, networking, agility, adaptability, communication skills etc.

Dr Purnima Kaushik gave her talk 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, discussed on Digital preservation and accessibility issues for future libraries. She also discussed on the relevancy of library in the google era.

After lunch technical session was started, 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. Three authors presented their papers in this session as per following details:

1. Study on challenges and opportunities for academic libraries / Presented by Dr Anita Jain
2. Electronic Resource Management: an Overview / Presented by Ms Hilala Ariyana
3. Role And Impact Of E- Resources In Digital Libray And Information Centres / Presented by Ms Seema Sharma

Valedictory section was started with report presentation by Dr Bhoop Singh, thereafter Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr R L Raina gave concluding remarks and said the librarians must be equipped with cutting edge technology, innovative approach, proactive and future ready.

RTLTA gave appreciation letter to the Ms Manju Jopat and Ms Sunita Choudhary to recognize their contribution in the RTLTA. The best librarian awards for two different years for 2015 was awarded to Mr Q Abbas, Assistant Librarian, SMS Medical College and for 2016 was awarded to Mrs Heeramani Dadhich, Librarian, Shri Bhawani Niketan Institue of Technology & 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, the organizing secretary gave vote of thanks to the all participants, dignitaries, guests, invited speakers, volunteers, Ebsco Information Services India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi for financial support and organizing committee members for their continuous support.

