

Report of 68thILA International Conference on Re-Engineering of Libraries in the context of Emerging Technologies: Myth or Reality (IC-RLCET 2023) [19-21April 2023]

68thILA International Conference on Re-Engineering of Libraries in the context of Emerging Technologies: Myth or Reality (IC-RLCET 2023) was Jointly organized by the Indian Library Association, New Delhi , Jawahar Lal Nehru Medical College, Ajmer and Rajasthan Technical Library Association, Jaipur duration for three days was held at J.L.N. Medical College, Ajmer during 19-21 January 2023. The conference received an overwhelming response from across the nation. The event was attended by more than 250 participants from both government organizations and reputed private institutions from all over India who came forward to share their thoughts, skills, expertise in these three days conference. The conference was educative mix of keynotes, technical sessions and a panel discussion.

The most awaited national event, after the Covid-19 pandemic, the 68th ILA International Conference on "Re-engineering of Libraries in the context of Emerging Technologies: Myth or Reality had a stylish take-off in a glittering but serene inaugural ceremony, witnessed by a large fraternity from LIS domain across the nation. The inaugural ceremony had a promising beginning with the lighting of Lamp and Sarswati Vandana. The dignitaries were invited on the dias and welcomed with flower bouquets. Dr. V. B. Singh, Principal, Jawahar Lal Nehru Medical College welcomed everyone in the conference and enlightened them with his words of wisdom. He was over joyed to see such a large congregate of LIS professionals participating in the conference. In the Presidential address, Dr. Mohan Kherde, President ILA, enumerated upon the various initiatives of the ILA and delve on Information and Communication Technology (ICT) tools and services facilitating easy discovery and location-independent access of library resources, much of which is available in electronic format today. The concept of the library itself is undergoing a paradigm shift and so is the profession. He also acknowledged the contribution of former ILA Presidents in taking the LIS profession to the greater heights. Guest of Honour Dr. Shashi Morolia discussed about relevance of libraries. Lt. Gen. S P S Katewa, PVSM, AVSM, the chief guest of the the inaugural ceremony described the origin and evolution of library and the crucial role played by LIS professionals in the growth of the society and nation. Retd. Professor Muttaiah Kognurmah, Guest of Honour emphasized upon the LIS Profession , Dr. Shashi Morolia, Executive Director (R&D), SKD University, Guest of Honour emphasized upon the the crux of teaching learning process i.e., reading of books as ultimate means to comprehend knowledge, which is an independent of mode of accessing the content. Dr. Raj Kumar Bhakar-Patron-RTLA discussed about RTLA. Dr. Ramakant Dixit & Mr. Jasraj Meghwal gave best wishes for successful conference then Prof. Shabahat Husain, one of the national icons of library fraternity & Conference Director Addressed about the theme of conference. Dr. O.N. Chaubey, the General Secretary-ILA presented an overview of the programme stating its twin objectives and announces the different award, the awards are mention below:

- i. ILA DR PSG KUMAR LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2022:-Prof. Shabahat Hussain , Former Professor , DLIS, AMU
- ii. ILA - KAULA BEST LIBRARIAN AWARD 2022:1. Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Director, National Resource Center, NIFT 2. Dr. Rishi Tiwari, Librarian, MNIT Jaipur
- iii. ILA-DR. L M PADHYA BEST UNIVERSITY LIBRARY AWARD 2022:Sayaji Rao Gaekwad Library, BHU
- iv. ILA-GIDWANI-DESHPANDEY BEST ACADEMIC LIBRARIAN AWARD 2022: Dr. Promod Kumar Singh, University Librarian, Cntral University of South Vihar
- v. ILA SM GANGULY BEST SCHOOL LIBRARY AWARD 2022:
Bal Bharti , Sector-31, Noida
Govt. Sorvodaya Viadyala, Sec-22, Dwarka

Mr. Qumar Abbas, Organizing Secretary of this Conference concluded the inauguration ceremony with giving vote of thanks.

The conference was one of the finest platforms to understand the excellence in the areas of smart Re-engineering of Libraries, Emergence of Digital Libraries including IRs and ETDs, Emerging Technologies and their impact on Resources and Services, Digital Transformation, Digital Archiving and Preservation and their impact, Social media and Social networks and their use in Re-Engineering, Re-engineering of Libraries and its impact on LIS Education, Professional skills of LIS professionals in the context of Re-engineering and Digital Open Data- Open Science- Big Data- Data Mining reflecting superior and practical research work.

There was Ten Technical sessions in three days & 90 papers were presented in following themes.

Day 01: Technical Session-1:Re-Engineering of Libraries: What? Why? How?

Day 01: Technical Session-2:Re-Engineering of Libraries: What? Why? How?

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Day 01: Technical Session-3: Emergence of Digital Libraries Including IRs and ETDs due to Reengineering

Day 02: Technical Session-4: Emergence of Digital Libraries Including IRs and ETDs due to Reengineering

Day 02: Technical Session-5: Emergence of Digital Libraries Including IRs and ETDs due to Reengineering. Continued...

Day 02: Technical Session-6: Digital Transformation, Digital Archiving and Preservation and their impact on Libraries

Day 02: Technical Session-7: Theme 6: social media and Social Networks and their use in Re-engineering Libraries

Day 02: Technical Session-8: Theme 7: Re-engineering of Libraries and its impact on LIS Education/Information Literacy including Open Education Platforms & Resources–SWAYAM/MOODLE/MOOCs/MOODLE/VLE

Day 03: Technical Session-9: Theme-8: Professional Skills of LIS professionals in the context of Reengineering of Libraries

Day 03: Technical Session-10: Theme-8: Professional Skills of LIS professionals in the context of Reengineering of Libraries Cont. & Theme 9: Digital Open Data – Open Science – Big Data – Data Mining

The Valedictory Ceremony held on 21.1.2023. The valedictory function has graced by the Chief guest Mr. Neeraj Jain, Deputy Mayor-Ajmer, Additional Principal Dr. Sanjeev Maheshwari, J.L.N. Medical College, Ajmer, Hospital Superintendent Dr. Neeraj Gupta, Dr. Mohan Kherde, President- ILA, Dr. O. N. Chaubey -General Secretary-ILA, Dr. Rajkumar Bhakar-Patron-RTLA & Dr. Ramakant Dixit-MOIC, J.L.N. Medical College Ajmer, Mr. Jasraj Meghwal-Coordinator gave enlightened words about Conference. Dr. Shabahat Husain Conference Director discussed about Conference. Dr. Projes Roy Rapporteur General gave detail report about Conference. Dr. O.N. Chaubey-General Secretary-ILA & Dr. Mohan Kherde-President-ILA gave mementoes to all Organizing Committee and special honor to Mr. Qumar Abbas-Organizing Secretary, Dr. Rajkumar Bhakar-Patron-RTLA & Mr. S.K.A.Kazmi, Retd. Librarian from Govt. College, Ajmer. Mr. Qumar Abbas gave vote of thanks to the all participants, dignitaries, guest, invited speakers, volunteers & sponsors & Participants. Program ended with National Anthem.

Dr. Shabahat Husain was Conference Director; Dr. Projes Roy was Rapporteur General & Mr. Qumar Abbas was Organizing Secretary of this event.

The Conference was indeed a great success and will definitely help in the evolution of modern libraries.

Qumar Abbas
Organizing Secretary,
68th ILA Conference-2023

