

MANAGEMENT LIBRARIES NETWORK



5th Ashok Jambhekar Memorial Seminar-cum Lecture

Neo Information Environment & Library Profession: Changes, Challenges & Strategies

Dr. Sanjeev Singh, EU-India Network Fellow & Faculty, University of Delhi

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India International Centre Annexe, Lecture Hall II
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A BRIEF REPORT

MANAGEMENT LIBRARIES NETWORK (MANLIBNET) organized its 5th Ashok Jambhekar Memorial Seminar cum Lecture on **“Neo Information Environment & Library Profession: Changes, Challenges and Strategies”** at India International Centre Annexe on 25th April 2014. Dr. Sanjeev Singh, Faculty – University of Delhi and Fellow – EU-India Cross Cultural Innovation Network delivered the key note address on the topic **“Future of Libraries versus Libraries of the Future”**. Dr. H. K. Kaul, Director – DELNET was the Seminar Director. Other eminent panelists include Ms. Sunita Malhotra from World Bank, Mr. Sukhdev Singh from NIC and Dr. Shantanu Ganguly from TERI. Over 100 practicing librarians from government, private and public sector participated in the program.



Dr. Tariq Ashraf, Librarian, South Campus, University of Delhi introduced the speakers. Dr. P. R. Goswami, Director, IGNCAL Kalanidhi Division in his inaugural address briefed about history of MANLIBNET and role of Late Shri Ashok Jambhekar in pursuing a vision to develop a network exclusively for business and management librarians in the country and how MANLIBNET has evolved over last sixteen years as one among the prominent library networks in the country.

Mr. Sukhdev Singh presented his views about “Open Access Movement and Scholarly Communication”. Ms. Sunita Malhotra described about Open Data Initiatives at World Bank and Dr. Shantanu Ganguly explained how the “Infopreneurship” concept has been implemented at TERI.



Dr. Sanjeev Singh presented in his an hour long presentation how the libraries of future would be and how information landscape will undergo a complete change. A librarian’s role will become of a facilitator rather than a storekeeper of information. Libraries will change in shape and may become virtual but the basic concept of providing information and knowledge will keep the library and library profession in demand in the future to come.

The session concluded with vote of thanks by Mr. Jitender Sharma, Librarian, NIILM CMS, Greater Noida and Treasurer - MANLIBNET who summarized the thoughts generated during the program and thanked both the speakers and participants for making the session so interactive and lively.