

4th Annual National Convention of MANLIBNET on

Paradigm of Information Technology Application to Business and Management Libraries from 2-5 April 2002 at NIFM, Faridabad

4th Annual National Convention of MANLIBNET on Paradigm of Information Technology Application to Business and Management Libraries was attended by about more than 50 participants from all over the country. Mr P Jayarajan, Head, Library & Information Services, The British Council, India inaugurated the Convention. Dr T A V Murthy, Director, INFLIBNET and Prof C R Karisidappa, Head, Department of Library and Information Science, Dharwad University, Karnataka delivered the theme address and keynote address respectively. Dr S D Khan, Librarian, NIFM and the Organizing Secretary of the Convention introduced the dignitaries on the dais and gave a brief introduction about the Convention and MANLIBNET.

Prof A N Saxena in his welcome address opined that the theme of the Convention is very useful and timely. Such events, he maintained, would not only help the librarian but also the faculty . He expressed his happiness for organizing the Convention at NIFM, Faridabad.

Mr. Ashok Jambhekar, President, MANLIBNET recalled the thinking that went behind the formation of MANLIBNET. He stressed upon the need for such networks and more so for management libraries that are facing various problems such as budget constraints, poor infrastructure, and improper pay scales of library staff. He wished and hoped that with the cooperation of all MANLIBNET would achieved it set goals.

Dr C R Karisidappa, in his keynote address entitled Application of Information Technology in Business and Management Libraries- Challenges and Opportunities highlighted the various issues concerning the business and management libraries.

Dr T A V Murthy in his theme address discussed the. paradigm of information technology. He informed that the Government of India has allocated Rs. 110 crore in the 10th Plan particularly for the modernization of libraries. He stressed upon the need for digitization of Indian management libraries. Dr Murthy concluded his address by highlighting the importance of e-factor such as e-commerce, and e-learning.

In his inaugural address Mr Jayarajan maintained that we should have some parameters to evaluate a library. The parameters for categorization may be based on such factors as: i) library resources; 2) infrastructural support; 3) interaction with the student and faculty; and 4) opening hours. He opined that benchmarking is very important in case of a library. Some libraries may be bench-marked to design and match the requirements of the users. The ultimate aim should be total user satisfaction.

The inaugural session ended with a formal vote of by Dr S D Khan.

Technical Sessions

In all sixteen papers were presented in seven technical sessions chaired by Prof R L Raina, Mr Akhtar Parvez, Mr M M L Goyal, Dr S S Shirunath, Mr Partha Bhattacharya and Dr P R Goswami. The papers covered such diverse areas as knowledge management, online information retrieval system, digital libraries, information services, information marketing and information technology.

Vendor Presentation

- A presentation of LIBMAN- library software was By R. S. Enterprises.
- Verghese Electronic Publishing also made a presentation of their products.

Panel Discussion on Challenges of Digital Libraries

Dr A Lahiri, Mrs Kalpana Dasgupta; Mr Ishwar Bhat; and Prof Ashok Hernal took part in the panel discussion and expressed their views.

The Convention came to an end with formal vote of thanks proposed by Dr S D Khan.