

# Librarian Development Programme

## Series– 2

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**Two days workshop on Open Access Resources: application in the Libraries during June 15-16, 2012 Jointly organized by MANLIBNET and Parul Group of Institutes, Dist Vadodara**

Inaugural function started with Ganesh shloka and Saraswati vandana while lighting the ceremonial lamp. Dr Dhaval Bhatt welcomed all the dignitaries and spoke about the host institution and the theme chosen for the workshop, its importance, its relevance in present context of this IT era.



At the outset, Dr D J Patel, Trustee, Parul Group of Institutes, appreciated the services rendered by their library and team members. He wished that all the librarians assembled here would have a good brainstorming sessions and will benefit greatly by this workshop by coming up with new resources and increase its usage for the benefit of the end users and further hoped that their library staff will benefit mutually.

After the release of souvenir by the dignitaries, Prof. Laxman Rao in his key note address, appreciated the infrastructure of Parul Campus and recalled his early conversation with Dr Jayesh Patel and that how he actually saw that dream turned into a reality. He stressed on the importance of the theme chosen and its relevance in the present context and the role of a Librarian in providing freely available resources to the users. He informed the gathering about how the term open access concept came into

existence and its evolution and the need for it. He stressed on the importance of finding out authentic sources necessary for research. He hoped that the information gained through this workshop will be very much useful to the participants. He named a few resources which were freely published but also informed that copyright issues should be taken care of and expressed hope that academicians and researchers will benefit greatly through this workshop. He further informed that UNESCO also supported open access journals. He concluded by requesting the authorities of Parul Group to make this Library a promoter of Open Resources and that the researchers should submit their research / theses/dissertations in soft copy.

Dr Shailesh Yagnik of MICA informed how the data available could be used to its optimum for better use. Dr Akhtar Parvez in his speech, opined and agreed with Prof Laxman Rao that getting free and easy access to resources is an indication to growth and development of any nation. He also informed the gathering about MANLIBNET and its activities including the conferences. He also informed about the awards instituted during the conferences- viz – best paper award and best presentation . He further informed about launching of journal and urged the members to attend a conference.

Prof Pandya, agreed to carry out this task and opined that they should be able to carry out this task with the help of their authorities.

Inaugural Function ended with vote of thanks by Mr Chirag Patel, Organising Secretary .



The workshop was attended by 100 plus participants from every corner of Gujarat state and from across the country. Eminent speakers like Prof. Laxman Rao, Osmania University,

Hyderabad, Dr Akhtar Parvez, IIM,Indore, Dr. M G Sreekumar, IIM,Kozhikode, Dr. Shailesh Yagnik , MICA, Ahmedabad enriched the delegates with their knowledge.

First technical session by Dr Akhtar Parvez was on Open Access : an overview. He informed the history of Open Access Literature, its concept and open source software; difference between open access software and free software; beneficiaries of open access; Open Access Repositories ; Advantages and benefits of open access; Demerits – issues like filtering and censorship, language and connectivity barriers. Complex issues of e-resources subscription were discussed and explained. Including licensing.



Prof Laxman Rao discussed the Open Access educational Resources; Open source software and free software; need for OA Content Scientific research tools, journal content pages; accessibility to research papers in various disciplines , Gateways, OPACs, glossary etc.





Fourth session on Open Govt Data Access was taken by Dr Shailesh Yagnik in which he informed about different kind of data generated by Government Departments and Ministries and its usefulness.



On the second day, first session, Dr M G Sreekumar discussed the changing Landscape of scholarly publishing and the paradigm shift. He informed how a print journal article took nearly 52 weeks to reach the end user; e- publishing 3-4 weeks; Open Access publishing takes only 2-3 hours to reach the end user. How Open access system has revolutionized the time taken to reach the end user was discussed. How the crisis in scholarly publishing led to rise in journal subscription; increase in price is disproportionate in comparison to use; further described the remedial measures to overcome this crisis.

In session 2, Repository concepts were explained by Dr M G Sreekumar. Basic issues like difference between Repository, an archive and scholarly archives; Types of IR software; Dspace, its functionality, Architecture, system; model features of DSpace; crucial issues to be kept in mind while downloading; different File formats; search features; customization facilities available; Strength and the checkpoints to be kept in mind, while data entry.



Delegates were also provided with hands on experience on installation of Dspace and its functionality. Support staff from IIM, Ahmedabad and Deen Dayal Petroleum University, Gandhinagar helped the delegates in practical session.

Hands on experience was followed by Valedictory session where, Prof Laxmanrao, Dr Sreekumar, Dr Akhtar Parvez had remained present. The participants expressed their views. In general, they were of the view that the duration of such workshops should be more and that more time should be devoted towards hands on experience.





Dr. Meeta Rathod, LDP Coordinator, informed about the journey of LDP Programmes, its concept, importance, past and upcoming programmes. Ms Jyoti Bhatt, read out the report followed by Vote of Thanks on behalf of MANLIBNET by Dr Akhtar Parvez, General Secretary, MANLIBNET. He thanked the participants and the organizers for the success of the workshop and requested Dr Meeta Rathod and Ms Jyoti Bhatt to present memento to Dr Dhaval Bhatt and Chirag Patel on behalf of MANLIBNET.





Dr Dhaval Bhatt ended the valedictory function with Vote of thanks to authorities of Parul Group of Institutes, Organizing Secretary, Dr H Anil Kumar, President MANLIBNET, Dr Akhtar Parvez, General Secretary, MANLIBNET, Dr. Meeta Rathod, LDP Coordinator and also Ms. Jyoti Bhatt for accepting to be the reporter of the workshop; Parul Library family for their whole hearted cooperation, delegates for their presence and sponsors for the financial support.

