

# **Professional Development Program**

## **ICT Applications in Library and Information Science**

The Academic and Administrative Development Centre (AADC) of Shri Vaishnav Vidyapeeth Vishwavidyalaya (SVVV) and the Association of Indian Universities, Indore jointly organized a Professional Development Program on “ICT Applications in Library and Information Science”, from July 10 – July 14, 2023. In this PDP, 67 participants were registered.

It was 5 days online Administrative Development Program wherein eminent experts across the nation deliberated on ‘ICT Applications in Library and Information Science’ in online mode in 10 sessions. Experts shared their perspectives and knowledge with the faculty members.

The inaugural session began with the worship of Goddess Saraswati, followed by the welcome of the guests. Dr. Anand Rajavat, Dean Academic, SVVV, and Nodal Officer AIU-SVVV-AADC, introduced the ADP, organized under the aegis of AIU-SVVV-AADC, and its objectives. He informed about the different organizations and cities, where the participants have registered from. He introduced the speakers who are from industries and renowned academic institutions across the nation for this ADP. Dr. Rajavat also explained the use of ICT in providing efficient Library services.

Dr. Upinder Dhar, Vice Chancellor, in his welcome address stressed on the importance of library in any academic institution.

He also highlighted three components of the library system: Service Provider, The process, and the user. He stressed that the library professionals need to update themselves with the latest technologies to provide efficient service to the library users.

He further, highlighted that the library is nerve centre of any academic institute.

Dr. Dhar said that the SVVV, is one of the University amongst the 10 Universities in India, Selected by AIU for organizing such Administrative Development Programs.

The guest on the occasion was Dr. Sangeeta Kaul, Director, Developing Library Network, New Delhi. Dr. Kaul said that there is a need to understand the requirements of the library users and devise and develop user friendly services using the Information and Communication Technology to promote the library services. She also stressed how the library user requirements can be fulfilled in a network environment.

The inaugural session concluded with words of thanks by Dr. GHS Naidu, Chief Librarian, SVVV, Indore.

The first session was conducted by Dr. Shivpal Singh Kushwah, Rani Laxmibai Central Agricultural University, Jhansi on “Planning Library Automation using Open Source Software’ on June 10, 2023. He discussed the status of libraries in the past and present forecasting the future of libraries. While planning for libraries, he advocated for hybrid libraries. He Highlighted the initiatives in introducing ICT and library services

He also discussed and give examples of the universities where he worked and told how the technical and legal issues have been sorted out using KOHA.

Next session was conducted by Dr. Kishor John, Director, IT, Library and Academics, M.P. Bhoj University, Bhopal on “NEP 2020: Role of Library, Librarian and LIS Teachers” on June 11, 2023.

Dr. John explained the salient features of NEP2020 and highlighted the objective of NEP 2020 in detail and discussed, what is needed by the Library. The qualities are required in Librarians to meet the needs of NEP 2020.

Dr. John also highlighted the initiatives to be taken by Library and Information Science faculty to make necessary changes in tune with the philosophy of NEP 2020.

Next session was conducted by Dr. Sandeep K. Pathak, IISER, Bhopal on “Open Access Publishing, Predatory Journal Publishing and What Librarians need to know” on June 11, 2023. He covered the various types of publishing and the journals. He introduced the concept of Open publishing and Open science publishing, Open journals in India. Open source electronic resources, theses and dissertations, research networks, awareness needed in predatory journals.

Next session was conducted by Dr. T.S. Kumbhar, Advisor(Library and Institute Archives), Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar on “Open Textbooks: An untapped Open Educational Resource for Librarians to promote” on June 12, 2023. Dr. Kumbhar explained the need for Open Educational Resources and Open textbooks and mentioned successful projects. Librarians should identify potential titles and create awareness among the faculty and students. Discussing various OER formats, resource types, and checklist to evaluate them, he mentioned notable global initiatives, Open Textbook projects, Introduced Open Textbook Search Tools: OASIS,

Mr. P. Kannan, Scientist-E, INFLIBNET, Gandhinagar conducted a session on User awareness about VIDWAN/IRINS” on June 12, 2023. He Explained, how the research activities are disseminated and the challenges in collecting the scholarly information metadata. Objectives and functions of VIDWAN and IRINS. How to create a profile, how to upload the research output details were also discussed. Importance of the faculty output in the university system, its use in accreditation, ranking and all other parameters were well explained.

Next session was conducted by Dr. Kishore Chandra Satpathy, Chief Librarian, ISI, Kolkata, on “New Generation Libraries on June 13, 2023.

Dr. Satpathy discussed the User engagement in terms of Agility, Collaboration, Virtualization, space, mentioned the need for democratization of library services, the need to change in the attitude to cope up with the technological developments, acquire open content, prioritize resources, create new connections to physical collections, lead with hybrid approach, invite engagement in physical space, to Build next generation libraries around the people, rather than technology, To match the changing paced expectations of the users, make it innovative, Quite and individual space to study seriously, relaxation, socialization, physical spaces, virtual space, dynamic, interactive. Redesign the library space, loanable technology, laptops. Library without books,

Next Session was conducted by Dr. Rajendra M. Kumbhar, Formal Senior Professor, Savitribai Phule University, Pune on “Opportunities for College and University Libraries in meeting the requirements of NEP 2020” on June 13, 2023. He Explained, the points in the NEP document, where the libraries should play a greater role to establish their identity in the HE system.

He discussed the basic philosophy of NEP, the nature of the colleges, member of the students in the HEIs, need for personalized services for the students. Librarian as a promoter and facilitator of reading, promote general reading/ holistic personality development, develop collection, Providing resources, plan outreach programs, Book Review, Book Talks, read aloud, relay reading, Bibliotherapy, reading therapy, Startup like Door Step Libraries. Gross Library User Enrolment ratio should be 100 percent

Next Session was conducted by Dr. Ajay Pratap Singh, Director-general, RRRLF, Kolkata on “ICT Applications in Public Libraries in India” on June 14, 2023. Dr. Singh highlighted that Public Libraries serve whole the society. The only agency to support public libraries in India is RRRLF. The National

Mission on Libraries in 2014 is a landmark in the progress of Public libraries. He discussed the initiatives of RRRLF in the development of Public Libraries like, Modernization of the public libraries, (one State central Library + one District Central Library). National Digital Library services for children and adolescents at the village level/ward level through Community Drawing rooms at the village level.

The ADP ended with the valedictory session on June 14, 2023. Dr. Ben Baliga, Director, Academics, St. Cloud University, Minnesota, USA was the chief Guest on the occasion. Dr. Baliga highlighted the need to develop innovative library services using ICT. Dr. GHS Naidu, Coordinator, ADP, AIU-SVVV-AADC, presented the ADP report. The welcome address was delivered by Dr. Upinder Dhar, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, SVVV. Feedback of the ADP was given by participants of the ADP. Dr. Anand Rajavat proposed the words of thanks. The session concluded with the National Anthem.