



National Conference Report (Short Summary)

Title of the conference: Two Day National Conference on “Sustainable and Modern Public Library System: Emerging Trends”

Organised by: Department of Library and Information Science, Maharaja Bir Bikram University, Agartala, Tripura

Sponsored by: Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata, West Bengal
Ministry of Culture, Government of India

Date: 15-16th March, 2022

Venue: Seminar Hall, Academic Building, Maharaja Bir Bikram University, Agartala, Tripura

Nature of attendance:

Participants: 103 numbers (including online and offline)

Name of Invited/ Resource Person with Designation:

- Prof. Ajay Pratap Singh, Director General, National Library of India and RRRLF, Kolkata
- Prof. Satyadeo Poddar, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, MBB University
- Prof. J. P. Singh Joorel, Director, INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmadabad
- Prof. Arunoday Saha, Chairman, Tripura State Council for Higher Education
- Dr. Sumanta Chakrabarti, Registrar, MBB University
- Prof. Manoj Kumar Sinha, Dean & Head, DLISc, Assam University
- Prof. R.K. Mahapatra, Head, DLISc, Tripura University
- Dr. K. K. Pandey, Librarian, NNM Deemed University Nalanda, Bihar
- Prof. Sanjay Kumar Singh, Head, DLISc, Gauhati University
- Dr. Kishor Chandra Satpathy, Chief Librarian, ISI, Kolkata
- Dr. Debal C Kar, University Librarian, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University, Delhi
- Dr. Champeswar Mishra, Deputy Librarian, Tripura University
- Dr. Hari Shankar Chakraborty, Dy. Librarian (Retd.), Central Library, Tripura University
- Sri. Saumen Datta, Senior Librarian, TPSC, Agartala



Program Summary

The conference had **two special lecture sessions and six technical sessions** excluding the inaugural and valedictory sessions.

Summary of Program held on 15th March, 2022 (DAY-I)

Sport Registration: 10:30AM- 11:30AM

Inaugural Session: 11.30 AM to 01.05 PM

Inaugural Session started with Inaugural Song by the students of the Dept. of Library and Information Science, MBB University, Agartala. Thereafter, release of Newsletter and edited book (by Dr. Sudip Bhattacharjee) were taken place. Welcome Address was delivered by Dr. Sudip Bhattacharjee, Organizing Secretary. Thereafter, Dr. Sumanta Chakrabarti, Registrar, MBB University, Guest of Honour, Prof. J. P. Singh Joorel, Director, INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmadabad, Special Guest, Prof. Ajay Pratap Singh, Director General, National Library of India and RRRLF, Kolkata, Chief Guest Prof. Arunoday Saha, Chairman, Tripura State Council for Higher Education, Prof. Satyadeo Poddar, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, MBB University addressed the gathering on the theme of the conference its necessity. Dr. Sucheta Bhattacharjee, delivered the vote of thanks.

Special Lecture:-I

Immediately after the "Inaugural Session"; Special Lectures were delivered by Prof. Manoj Kumar Sinha, Dean & Head, DLISc, Assam University, Prof. R.K. Mahapatra, Head, DLISc, Tripura University and Dr. K. K. Pandey, Librarian, NNM Deemed University Nalanda, Bihar. The Session was chaired by Prof. Satyadeo Poddar, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, MBB University.

Technical Session-I

Dr. Hari Shankar Chakraborty, Dy. Librarian (Retd.), Central Library, Tripura University has chaired the session and Dr. Mitu Anjali G, Assistant Professor, Tripura University acted as rapporteur. The following participants had presented their papers.

1. Augustine Zimik and Prof. R.K. Mahapatra, Role of Public Libraries in the documentation of Indigenous Knowledge: Literature review
2. Pranab Ghosh and Gouri Nath, E-Newspaper & News Portal uses OR code Merging trends of library system
3. Borna Nath, Public library during pandemic: An Overview



4. Parna Ghosh, Information dissemination through public libraries: a solution to information poverty
5. Hrituparna Debnath, Green Initiative in public Library system in India: An Overview.
6. Mousumi Debbarma, The impact of mobile Technology in public library

Technical Session-II

Prof. Sanjay Kumar Singh, Head, DLISc, Gauhati University has chaired the session and Sri. Saumen Datta, Senior Librarian, TPSC, Agartala acted as rapporteur. The following participants had presented their papers.

1. Mr. Shashi Rai, Dr. M.P. Singh, Role of libraries towards promotion of research ethics: a study of institutions of the department of biotechnology, India.
2. Nishant Pandey, Dheeraj Singh Negi, Role of Public library under to COVID 19 pandemic situation: a case study Delhi public Library.
3. Prem Prakash Kushawah, An Assessment of Disaster Management Approach in Central University Libraries of Uttar Pradesh: An Analytical Study.
4. Dr. Rajesh Kumar Singh, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia and Madan Lal Jat, Cloud Computing Technology In Public Library System: An Overview.
5. Chittaranjan Nayak, Assessing Correlationship of Public and Medical Libraries in Disseminating Health Information to Diverse Rural Inhabitants of the Balasore District of Odisha.
6. Mousumi Debbarma, The impact of mobile technology library in public library.
7. Debanjana Pal and Dr. Sucheta Bhattacharjee, Evaluation of public libraries of Tripura as partners in Youth Development

After Technical Session-II, Cultural Program was conducted by the Students of the Dept. of Library and Information Science, MBB University from 04.00 PM to 05.30 PM.

Summary of Program held on 16th March, 2022 (DAY-II)

Technical Session-III

Prof. Manoj Kumar Sinha, Dean & Head, DLISc, Assam University has chaired the session and Sri. Ramakrishna Bhattacharjee, Librarian, BCSCCL, Agartala acted as rapporteur. The following participants had presented their papers.



1. Dr. Sucheta Bhattacharjee, History and Modern Public Library in Special Reference to Tripura
2. Athulya S. and Dr. S. Thanuskodi, Sustainable Development Policies and Practices in the State of Tamil Nadu with Special Reference to MSSRF Library.
3. Chittaranjan Nayak, Assessing Correlationship of Public and Medical Libraries in Disseminating Health Information to Diverse Rural Inhabitants of the Balasore District of Odisha
4. Anjali Saha, The Role of Public Library in Modern Society.
5. Ankita Das, The Standard Use For Green Initiative In India.
6. Anamika Debbarma, Rekha Debbarma, Runi Jamatia, Subina Debbarma
Bibliometric study of article published in various journals on "Public Library" from 2016-2021.

Technical Session-IV

Dr. K. K. Pandey, Librarian, NNM Deemed University Nalanda, Bihar has chaired the session and Sri Surendra Kumar Pal, Assistant Librarian, Tripura University acted as rapporteur. The following participants had presented their papers.

1. Praveen Kumar, Pandey and Dr. Praveen Babel, An Assessment of Users Perception Towards Current Status of Bundelkhand University, Jhashi and University of Lucknow Libraries, Lucknow: A Comparative study.
2. Santa Debbarma, Social Networking sites and effect in public library
3. Shraddha Dixit, Prof. M. P. Singh, An Assessment of Challenges faced by NITs libraries in Transforming to Green Library: A Analytical Study.
4. Dr. Joseph I Thomas, Salient Features of Prevention of Corruption Act 1988.
5. James Agbodjinou, "Public library acts and it needs" Library: Technique to boost "rereading" with an audience that no longer reads or not.
6. Mamta Singh and Dr. Praveen Babel, Exploring the Usage of ICT-Based Services by Users of Selected State University Libraries in Uttar Pradesh: A Study.

Technical Session-V

Dr. Debal C Kar, University Librarian, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University, Delhi has chaired the session and Rajesh A. Assistant Professor, Assam University acted as rapporteur. The following participants had presented their papers.

1. Suparna Bhattacharjee, Impact of Public Library Services on Children Education.

2. Bina Debnath, Best Practice used of American Library in Kolkata.
3. Ms. Neha Goel, Emerging Trends in Modern Public Library System with Reference to Social Networking Sites.
4. Sourav Malakar and Borna Nath, Activities of Public Libraries During Pandemic in North-Eastern India: A Survey
5. Kishmita Debbarma, The Changing Role of Librarians of Public Libraries in Tripura.
6. Rajesh Debbarma, Effect of RFID Technology Used in Birchandra State Central Library.

Technical Session-VI

Prof. R.K. Mahapatra, Head, DLISc, Tripura University has chaired the session and Augustine Zimik, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Library and Information Science, Tripura University acted as rapporteur. The following participants had presented their papers.

1. Rajesh A. and Prof. M.K. Sinha, Role of Public Library System in modern time
2. Dipti Nilesh Vankani, Digital public library: new way of public library consortium.
3. Surendra Kumar Pal, Sustainable Development of Public Libraries: An Overview.
4. Boyar Debbarma, Effect of advertisement in public library Tripura
5. Rozi Debbarma, Status of khumulwng public library at west Tripura, Tripura.
6. Kakoli Chakraborty and Dr. Sudip Bhattacharjee, Users' Perception towards Birchandra State Central Library: A Survey
7. Payel Goswami, The history and status of public library act at Tripura.

Valedictory Session

Valedictory Session started with welcoming the guests with felicitation of dignitaries by the students of Department of Library and Information Science, MBB University. General report of the National Conference was delivered by Sri. Saumen Datta, Senior Librarian, TPSC, Agartala. After that participant feedback were taken which was very good in term of discussion and catching the objective of the program. Then, Valedictory Address was delivered by Prof. Manoj Kumar Sinha, Dean & Head, DLISc, Assam University. Prof. Satyadeo Poddar, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, MBB University offered presidential address. Thereafter, Certificates were distributed among the participants and resource persons. Lastly, vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Sudip Bhattacharjee, Organising Secretary.



Outcomes/ Recommendations of the Conference:

Total twelve key papers are addressed by the experts in the field of Library and Information Science in this conference; where it is tried to describe objectives of the conference; including shortcoming and challenges of the theme. Further, more forty papers are discussed by paper presenters. Some key discussions of this conference mentioned below:

- Issues and Challenges faced by public library for modernization of Public Libraries of North East India with Special Reference to Tripura:
- Changing Pattern of information seeking behaviour of library users
- New role of librarian in 21st Century for developing ICT Infrastructure in library
- Marketing and Promotion requirement for Public Library System
- Users' Perception about the Public Library
- Impact of Social Networking Sites on Public Libraries Services
- Role of Public Libraries in Promotion of Indigenous Knowledge System
- Growth and Awareness of Internet and Social Media
- Mobile Technology, Cloud Computing, Social Networking Service, RFID in Public library system
- Sustainable Environment for Public Library

Thus, in this conference, it is try to find out the solution for the issues generally Library and Information Science Professional faced in their day to day activities especially with Public library system. It was observed form the discussion that lots of participants are unaware of Sustainable Environment for library system. Government should provide more awareness program for solve the problem. Higher level organization/ NGO also should take this as a new area of study. There is also a huge demand from the experts and participants for marketing and promotion of Public library Material.

Further, it was proposed from the experts/ participants that library should develop their contexts to cope with digital environment. Along with adoption of Digital Skill; LIS professional should also need to further research on classification of subject.

Lastly; it was expected by the participants to improve the reading habit among student by various ways and the process should be start from the primary school level. In conclusion, it can be said that the conference was a grant success.


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