

During the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of December, 2009, more than 150 library professionals, documentation officers, Information Scientists and teachers from across the country and other SAARC countries like Bhutan, Nepal, and Sri Lanka gathered at a TISS-IFLA-BOSLA International Conference to understand how Information Literacy programs especially in the digital age can help the information seekers to find, interpret and use the information.

The TISS-IFLA-BOSLA International Conference on “Capacity Building in the Knowledge Environment: Workshop to Train Library and Information Professionals was organized at Tata Institute of Social Science, Mumbai, India.

It was supported by International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA), Netherlands and co-sponsored by Bombay Science Librarians Association (BOSLA).

The workshop started off with an inaugural session beginning with Saraswati Vandana followed by welcoming the dignitaries and felicitating the Chief Guest, Prof. V G Talwar, Vice Chancellor, University of Mysore. (Former Librarian at BHEL, Bangalore, Mangalore University and Professor, DLISc, Mysore University).and Dr. B S Kademani for their recent outstanding achievements.

Prof. Talwar was felicitated by BOSLA represented by Dr.Muttayya Koganuramath, Chairperson, BOSLA; IATLIS represented by Prof.Jagtar Singh, President, IATLIS; ILA represented by Dr.D.V.Singh, President, ILA and IFLA represented by Dr.Pradeepa Wijetunge, Librarian, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka for his being one of the first Librarian to become a Vice Chancellor, University of Mysore.

Dr. B.S. Kademani, Scientist F, Scientific Information Resources Division, BARC, Mumbai was also felicitated by Prof.V.G.Talawar, Chief Guest, for being accorded with SIS Fellowship 2009.

This was further followed by an inaugural speech by Dr. K. Muttayya. Prof. V G Talwar gave a keynote address and the session concluded with Presidential remarks from Prof Karasidappa followed by a vote of thanks from Mr. Prabakaran.

The workshop consisted of around five sessions scheduled over two days.

#### Day 1

The technical session began with an informative presentation by Ms. Rowena Macrae-Gibson from the London School of Economics library, UK. She focused on the design, development and delivery of Information literacy program that their team has implemented. It reflected the relevance of the program by incorporating

it across the curriculum as an extension and the role of faculty, staff and administrators in implementing the program.

The second session presented the Information literacy skills required to enhance the learning process of the users. Dr. Pradeepa Wijetunge, Librarian, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka also talked about the need based training, orientation programs, and to blend the information literacy programs into the university curriculum.

The third session by Prof. Jagtar Singh, Professor, Dept. of Lib. And Information Science, Punjab University focused on promoting Information Literacy in Academic and Research Libraries. He cited a lot of simple instances where librarians can enhance and promote Information Literacy amongst the users.

## DAY 2

The second day session began with a presentation by Prof. Diljit Singh, Associate Professor, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. His talk concentrated on the Role of Library Associations in Promoting Information Literacy.

The first session was followed by a Case Study of IGNOU on Information Literacy for Distance Learners. The talk was presented by Dr. Sudhir Arora, University Librarian, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi

### Concluding Session: PANEL DISCUSSION:

The topic for panel discussion was "What should be India's National Policy towards Information Literacy?" Five experts from different regions represented the panel and addressed the issues related to National Policy and having significant goals in common. This can be achieved by working together and accepting it as valuable key to make an information literate citizen.

The panel was represented by Prof. C.R. Karisiddappa (Moderator), Ms. Rowena Macrae-Gibson, Prof. Diljit Singh, Prof. B. Ramesh Babu and Prof. B.D. Kumbhar

The workshop concluded with a Vote of thanks.