

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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DEVELOPING LIBRARY NETWORK

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I INTRODUCTION

The year was ushered in with the preparations and celebrations of the Silver Jubilee Year of DELNET. It has been celebrating its 25th anniversary since June 30, 2017. A number of programmes have been organised and we continue holding them as part of the Silver Jubilee for a period of one year. The Silver Jubilee Year has been the milestone from where we retrospected the work done during the past 25 years and are also looking ahead to next 25 years to chalk out our strategies for the future to offer services to the library users, faculty, researchers and scholars in the country and outside. The vision, mission and driving force of DELNET works around the objective “Networking Libraries, Spreading Knowledge”.

In DELNET’s journey since its registration as a Society on June 30, 1992 and for four and a half years before this date in its project mode since January 1988, DELNET has encountered deadlocks, successes and the openings of new passages for its growth and development. For us, it has been a pleasant experience, a source of learning and a vital means of serving the society by disseminating information and knowledge resources, far and wide, among students, scholars, teachers, researchers and the public.

During the last 25 years we have moved from a cubicle in the IIC Library to our own building of DELNET in JNU Campus, with two floors in its administrative block and four floors in the hostel block. We have compiled union catalogues and union lists with about three crore records, organised professional discussions, training programmes, seminars and conferences on library networking and application of ICT in libraries. Several such conferences and seminars were organised periodically besides the National Conventions on Knowledge, Library and Information Networking (NACLIN) which was started in 1998 and organised every year at premiere institutions in India. Organising orientation programmes in various parts of the country for member-libraries has been one of DELNET’s star attractions as these programmes enabled LIS professionals to make better use of DELNET resources and services and gain access to new technologies and resources. During the last year we have also organised orientation programmes in many cities and will continue doing so in future. The inter-library loan and document delivery have remained the prized features of DELNET services and serve as a great tool for teaching, research and reference.

During the Silver Jubilee Year, DELNET not only organised the 20th National Convention on Knowledge, Library and Information Networking (NACLIN) at the India International Centre from November 28-30, 2017 but also organised an “International Conference on Reshaping Libraries: Emerging Global Technologies and Trends” at Jaipur from February 1-3, 2018 in association with Ambedkar University Delhi and SLP & SLA, Asian Chapter. The library experts from countries including USA, Russia, Germany, Belgium, Singapore, Switzerland and Indonesia participated in

the conference and shared their expertise. These conferences served as bridges for exchange of information and technology know-how among library professionals.

The next 25 years of DELNET are going to be much more promising with vast opportunities for offering services to more and more libraries and their users in personalised manner. DELNET will act as an effective bridge between the quality information resources and intelligent users who need to access the latest and the best information on given subjects in well-tailored ways. It will contribute towards offering knowledge-based services to scholarly users. This will make it necessary for us to open more coordination centres within the country and may be outside the country to promote the exchange of published information resources and help in contributing to developing more informed and knowledge-based societies. We are also committed to serving the Library and Information Science professionals in making them empowered to execute their jobs well. This process will continue and will be a part of our future programmes and activities.

II MEMBERSHIP

The membership of DELNET has witnessed a steady growth during the year. As more and more institutions are becoming aware of the DELNET services, we receive a regular inflow of new institutional members.

Also, as part of the Silver Jubilee year, we sent intimations to those member-institutions that were unable to renew their membership earlier but can now renew membership by paying the annual membership charges only. This was a special incentive to member-institutions that had used DELNET services before. I am glad to inform you that 616 new institutions joined DELNET during 2017-18, out of which 406 were new libraries and 210 were those that availed themselves of the Silver Jubilee incentive and rejoined DELNET to avail of its services. This increase in membership is reflected in the increase in membership from almost all states. However, the states from where the number has been relatively more include Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Telangana. We notice that Academic and Science & Technology libraries are greater in number in last year's membership. The detailed breakup of DELNET membership is given in Appendix I.

III FINANCE

DELNET is able to self-sustain its operations without receiving any external funding. Our principle for continuing financial independence has been to relentlessly provide better timely services to member-libraries so that they can benefit from its resources and services. The by-product of this ideology has been to cover the expenditure without increasing the membership fees. However, by having more members we needed to add more staff and incur more related expenses but we are making every effort not to increase the annual membership fee and are balancing between funds generated and the expenses incurred. DELNET has also registered with GST Department with GSTIN

07AAAAD2288G and 18% GST is applicable on the DELNET membership charges since July 1, 2017.

The details of income and expenditure for 2016-17 are given in the audited statements of accounts. The auditing of the accounts was done by M/s. S. S. Kothari Mehta & Co.

IV BUILDING

I take pleasure in informing the members that work on the building was completed this year and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) issued the Completion and Occupancy certificate to DELNET on December 21, 2017. The construction of the Hostel Block was fully completed. The furniture for the dining hall and the lounge has also been obtained. We have placed the order for the kitchen and lounge equipment. The furniture for the rooms have already been received.

Mr. A. L. Rawal, former Deputy General Manager of the India International Centre and Mr. K.D. Saddi, former Supt. Engineer, JNU & Consultant Engineer, DELNET have been advising us on making the Hostel Block operational. The Hostel Advisory Committee comprising Director, DELNET; Mr. Rajiv Khera, ICSSR; Mr. Yashpal Yadav, ISID; Mr. K. D. Saddi, Mr. A. L. Rawal and Dr. Sangeeta Kaul has been constituted to look into the issues such as Rules and Regulations of the Hostel; Catering Services; Housekeeping; purchase of equipment and gadgets, etc., staff appointments, software for billing, etc.; electrical load; waste management; security arrangements and other issues that are necessary for making the Hostel Block operational.

The property tax for 2017 was paid to the MCD.

V NETWORK OPERATIONS

5.1 DELNET Discovery Services

The Discovery portal of DELNET was made operational in January 2017 and thereafter more and more libraries are using it. We had requested all member libraries to provide Static Public IP Addresses and related details through a questionnaire. It has been noticed that some libraries have not yet filled in the questionnaire and sent the required details for activating the Discovery services. We are approaching such institutions from the New Delhi Office as well as through the coordination units. All those members who have not yet done so are requested to fill in the questionnaire and send it to the Network Manager at the earliest.

5.2 Network Operations

The DELNET online services have been operational 24/7. Currently both the old and the new servers are operational. The 2 Mbps lease line with NIC is working satisfactorily.

5.3 Knowledge Gainer Portal

DELNET is working on developing a major Knowledge Gainer Portal which will offer anytime and anywhere intuitive access and learning environment on a wide array of subjects in Engineering & Technology, Management, Science and Technology, Medicine, Pharmacy, Social Sciences and Humanities, etc. for Graduate and Post Graduate students including researchers and teachers. It will give access to millions of resources including E-books, E-articles, E-journals, Institutional Repositories, MOOCS and audio and video content. The package would be available for additional subscription by the member libraries. The work is in progress and it is hoped that the portal would be made operational in the next few months.

VI INTER-LIBRARY LOAN (ILL) AND DOCUMENT DELIVERY SERVICES (DDS)

The Interlibrary Loan (ILL) and Document Delivery Service (DDS) have continued to remain as one of the essential activities of DELNET during the year. Borrowing of books and delivery of articles through DELNET by member libraries serve several purposes. While we want that due to lack of having access to necessary documents the research work of students and faculty should not remain incomplete and suffer as a result, we also want library professionals of member-libraries to be proactive in knowing on one side what documents students and faculty are in need of and on the other should remain regularly in touch with DELNET to obtain the necessary documents for them from member libraries. While the students can also send requests for books and documents on their own to DELNET but they will be able to receive them only through the Head of their library. This service also enriches the research output of India and empowers all users of the libraries with satisfaction that they have access to much larger resources of books and journals through DELNET. It is a great aid for teaching and moreover the out of print books are also referred to by the students and faculty. This service empowers library staff in each institution and makes DELNET staff feel satisfied that effective ILL services are rendered to users of member-libraries. It may be noted that ILL and DDS of DELNET are personalised and are well coordinated by the Network Manager and ILL/DDS staff of DELNET. We are satisfied that during the last year this service has further improved.

I am happy to note that during the last year Reference Service to library professionals of member-libraries and their users was also effectively provided. The Network Manager and her staff have been making concerted efforts to offer this service without any delay as far as possible. DELNET Coordination Units in Bangalore, Hyderabad and Pune have also contributed to ILL/DDS work from their respective regions effectively.

VII COORDINATION UNITS

The Coordination Units of DELNET in Bangalore, Hyderabad and Pune are working under the able supervision of Mr. O. N. Safapuri, Dr. S. S. Murthy and Dr. Neela J. Deshpande respectively. The staff working in these units regularly visit libraries to conduct orientation sessions, collect data and help in the ILL and DDS activities. The visits are also made to non-member libraries by them to familiarise new libraries with the DELNET resources and services and encouraging them to join DELNET. These Coordination Units are functioning well. On an experimental basis we had opened a unit at Hamirpur in Himachal Pradesh to coordinate activities in Northern India. However Hamirpur Unit was closed for not getting the expected results.

VIII UNION CATALOGUES AND DATABASES

The discovery portal started by DELNET in January 2017 offers access to millions of networked library resources which include 2,66,00,000 books; journal articles; E-books; full-text E-journals and theses/dissertations. We have been updating the databases regularly as and when the catalogue records from member libraries were received. DELNET staff also approaches the member-libraries for records sharing. We notice that there is a need to have a regular inflow of catalogue records from member libraries. Our fellow librarians have to know that the advantages of sending catalogue records are many, though all member libraries of DELNET sign the MOU to send the records on a regular basis for being part of the DELNET union catalogues to promote resource sharing. By using DELNET the academic institutions and colleges can fulfil many requirements of accreditation bodies concerning libraries. Also in the event of any loss of data they can get their data back from DELNET. Also, the DELNET portal serves as a Web OPAC for their own library collection. This is possible only if they share the data with DELNET. The following are the union catalogues and databases that are regularly updated by DELNET:

1. Union Catalogue of Books
2. Union Catalogue of Periodicals
3. Union List of Current Periodicals
4. Articles Database
5. E-books Database
6. CD-ROM Database
7. Union List of Video Recordings
8. Union List of Sound Recordings
9. Database of Theses and Dissertations

IX OTHER ONLINE RESOURCES

Though the Discovery Portal DELNET has been providing more and more full text content of books and journal articles, it is heartening to note that the peer-reviewed journals are also becoming part of the open access e-journals and we are including

them selectively in the databases of E-resources that we offer in addition to the catalogue resources. DELNET has been updating the following full-text online open source databases on the following subjects during the last year:

E-books (Full-Text)

E-books: Read and Download Them Online

Full-Text Medical Books

E-journals (Full-Text)

Dental E-journals

Architecture E-journals

Arts, Commerce and Science Collection of E-journals

Education E-journals

Engineering and Technology E-journals

Law E-journals

Management E-journals

Full-Text Medical Journals

Nursing E-journals

Pharmacy E-journals

Hotel Management E-journals

Engineering and Technology E-journals : TOC

Theses and Dissertations

Global Full-Text Theses and Dissertations

Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations

Other Online Databases

MEDLINE and other databases of NLM

US Patents : Full-Text

Cambridge Dictionary Online

ODLIS : Online Dictionary for Lib & Inf. Science

X NATIONAL INITIATIVES

10.1 National Convention on Knowledge, Library and Information Networking (NACLIN)

The 20th National Convention on Knowledge, Library and Information Networking (NACLIN 2017) was organised by DELNET-Developing Library Network, New Delhi at the India International Centre, New Delhi from November 28-30, 2017. It was inaugurated on November 28, 2017 by the Hon'ble Governor of Jammu & Kashmir Shri N. N. Vohra. Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, All India Council for Technical Education, New Delhi and Prof. C.R. Karisiddappa, Former President, Indian Library Association (ILA) & Former Professor and Chairman, DLISc, Karnatak University, Dharwad were the Guests of Honour. Ms. Aruna Adiceam, Deputy Counsellor

for Cooperation & Cultural Affairs, Country Director, French Institute in India, Embassy of France was the Special Invitee. Dr. Sangeeta Kaul, Network Manager, DELNET and the Organising Secretary of NACLIN 2017 welcomed the delegates. Dr. H. K. Kaul, Director, DELNET delivered the introductory address. In his address while stating DELNET's objectives and activities, he said that DELNET was networking more than 6,000 libraries and it had the capacity to network many libraries. He stressed that there was the need to offer networked information resources and services to an increasing number of libraries of Technical Institutes and government libraries. He said that as public libraries were mostly supported by state governments there was no unanimity in modernising them and offering better service to the public from a national point of view. Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, All India Council for Technical Education, New Delhi described the efforts AICTE was making in upgrading the level of technical education in the country. He appreciated the work being done by DELNET. Prof. C.R. Karisiddappa, Former President, Indian Library Association (ILA) & Former Professor and Chairman, DLISc, Karnatak University, Dharwad greatly appreciated the role played by the Founding Director of DELNET Dr. H. K. Kaul and the contributions made by DELNET during the last 25 years. Special Invitee Ms Aruna Adiceam, Deputy Counsellor for Cooperation & Cultural Affairs, Country Deputy Director, French Institute in India, Embassy of France said that DELNET was offering an important service in India and there was possibility of cooperation between similar institutions in France and DELNET.

The Hon'ble Governor of Jammu & Kashmir Shri N. N. Vohra stressed the need for modernisation of library services in the country to support the information needs of the public and researchers. He added that DELNET was started at the India International Centre Library and it has proved to be of great service to the academic community. Dr. H. K. Kaul in his concluding address thanked the management of the India International Centre in initially supporting DELNET. He observed that Shri N. N. Vohra had presided over the first NACLIN in 1998 and now on its 20th edition he was the Chief Guest at the inaugural function. He appreciated the vision and contributions of Shri Vohra. Shri Vohra released the Conference volume and Prof. Sahasrabudhe released the NACLIN Souvenir at the function.

The inaugural function was followed by tutorials. The first tutorial on "Communication Skills for LIS Professionals" was conducted by Prof. Vijay Vancheswar, Professor, Communication and General Management, International Management Institute (IMI), New Delhi. He explained the importance of good communication skills for librarians and also discussed in detail what steps LIS professionals should take in improving their communication skills. A special tutorial was conducted on "Total Quality Person" by Prof. (Dr.) C. V. Ramanan, Inspirational Speaker & Life Coach, Director, Centre for Joy @ Work, INMANTEC Group of Institutions, Ghaziabad. Both tutorials were greatly appreciated by the delegates. This year we introduced a special session on

“Poster Presentations” which was conducted by Dr. Neela J. Deshpande, Former Prof. & Head, DLISc. & University Librarian, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune & Consultant, DELNET Coordination Unit, Pune & Dr. S. D. Khan, Former Librarian, Waljat College of Applied Sciences, Muscat & former Consultant, DELNET Coordination Unit, Hamirpur (HP). The delegates who had set up posters were given the forum to elucidate the main concepts of their posters. This was followed by a visit to the Poster Presentation Area and to the Exhibition which was part of NAELIN 2017. The day concluded with a cultural evening and networking dinner in the Fountain Lawns of the India International Centre (IIC).

On the second day, the first Technical Session was devoted to “Digital Technologies and Trends”. The session was chaired by Dr. N. Vijayaditya, Former Director-General, NIC & Controller of Certifying Authority, MeitY. The first keynote paper was delivered on “Smart Cities and Big Data” by Dr. A.R.D. Prasad, Professor and Head, Documentation Research & Training Centre (DRTC), Bangalore. He gave examples of the relevance of big data in smart cities and the role LIS professionals could play in this work. The second keynote paper was delivered on “Research Data Management: Implications for Institutes” by Dr. Devika P. Madalli, Professor, Documentation Research & Training Centre (DRTC), Bangalore. She explained how the management of research data in the institutes should be done by LIS staff and be part of the national initiatives of research data management as is done by ICSSR. The third keynote paper on “Libraries in the Cloud Environment” was delivered by Dr. P.K. Upadhyay, Technical Director & Cloud Coordinator (Library Division), National Informatics Centre (NIC), MeitY, New Delhi. He elaborated on the cloud facility developed by NIC and hoped that libraries could use NIC cloud for managing their library data online.

The second technical session was devoted to “E-content Management”. The session was chaired by Dr. A.R.D. Prasad. The first keynote paper was delivered by Dr. H. K. Kaul on “Digital Collection Strategies for Libraries”. He explained in detail the strategies that libraries should adopt for developing and archiving of the digital collections. The second keynote paper was on “Digital and Physical Preservation Management: Best Practices and Strategies” by Mrs. Heather Brown, Assistant Director of Paper, Books and Preventive, Arlab Australia, Adelaide. She discussed the similarities between physical and digital preservation methods and also explained how archiving of digital data could be carried out.

The third keynote paper was delivered on “The French Project DELI : Towards a Digital Dictionary of South Asian Literatures” by Dr. Nicolas Dejenne, Lecturer, Indian Studies, Sorbonne University, Paris and Researcher, French Institute of Pondicherry. He explained how they were developing the dictionary of South Asian literature with examples to elucidate the work being done. A paper on “ Digital and Traditional Preservation of Manuscripts: Care and Restoration in the Rampur Raza

Library, Rampur” was delivered by Mr. Zubair Mahmood, Professional Assistant, Dr. Zakir Husain Library, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi & Research Scholar, Shri Venkateshwara University, Gajraula, Amroha, Uttar Pradesh. He explained with illustrations how preservation work was carried out at Rampur Raza Library. A paper on “Awareness and Use of e-PG Pathshala Open Courseware by PG Students of Mizoram University: A Survey” was presented by Dr. Manoj Kumar Verma, Assistant Professor, Mizoram University, Mizoram co-authored with Ms. Krishna Brahma, Research Scholar, Mizoram University, Mizoram.

A special talk on “A Digital Universe of Infinite Possibilities for Libraries”, the theme topic of the national convention, was delivered by Dr. Roshan Lal Raina, Vice-Chancellor, JK Lakshmipat University, Jaipur. He gave examples of how digital content could be used by libraries working in different disciplines. Dr. S.S. Murthy, Former Director, DESIDOC & Consultant, DELNET Coordination Unit, Hyderabad presided over the lecture.

The third technical session was devoted to “Innovative Library Services for Users”. The session was chaired by Dr. Roshan Lal Raina. The first keynote paper in this session on “Re-engineering Library and Information Services Conforming to Contemporary Information Landscape : Challenges and Opportunities” was delivered by Prof. I.V. Malhan, Head, DLISc & Dean, SoMC&IS, Incharge, Library, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala. Prof. Malhan asked the LIS professionals to modernise their libraries on a priority basis so that they do not miss the opportunity in developing a digital library. He gave several examples to elucidate his arguments. The second keynote paper on “Expanding Horizons of Libraries : New Opportunities” was delivered by Dr. Vivek Patkar, Independent Researcher & Former Professor, Quantitative Methods and Operations Management, ICFAI Business School, Mumbai. He felt that the present-day libraries needed to be modernised as in future there would be a digital revolution in which libraries needed to adopt technologies to collect data, process it and serve it to users. The third keynote paper on “Innovations in French Libraries” was delivered by Ms. Heloise Courty, Independent Trainer & Library Consultant, Paris. She gave examples of how library spaces could be re-planned to include new services for users besides maintaining the existing ones. A keynote paper on “Library Services for Differently Abled Users” was delivered by Dr. Ramesh C. Gaur, Librarian, IGNC& former University Librarian, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. He noted how JNU Library was offering services to the differently-abled using new technologies. The paper on “Collections Development and Services of Special Libraries in Aizawl: A Survey” was presented by Dr. Lalngaizuali, Assistant Professor, DLISc Mizoram University, Mizoram and Ms. Lallawmawmi, Research Scholar, DLISc Mizoram University, Mizoram.

The fourth technical session was devoted to the “Management of Public Libraries”. The session was chaired by Prof. P.B. Mangla, Tagore National Fellow, Government of India, Ministry of Culture, with Co-Chair Dr. B. Shadrach, Founding

Chair IPLM, and Chair INELI-South Asia and Asia Coordinator, A4AI, US. The first keynote paper in this session on “Public Libraries as Learning Spaces and Local Gateways to Digital Universe of Infinite Possibilities” was delivered by Dr. Jagtar Singh, Professor Incharge Library, Punjabi University, Patiala. Dr. Jagtar Singh discussed the condition of public libraries in India which is not very promising and described in detail how digital services through public libraries could help in transformation of the society. The second keynote paper on “Digital Reference Services in Public Libraries” was delivered by Mrs. Neeti Saxena, Head, Library & Information Services, North India, British Council Library, British High Commission, New Delhi. She gave elaborate examples of the types of digital reference services that could be undertaken by public libraries. She also explained how digital reference service was being given in the UK in public libraries. The third keynote paper on “How to Increase Readership in the Libraries: Best Practices” was delivered by Ms. Geeta Malhotra, Country Director, Read India, Gurgaon. She noted how Read India was spreading reading habits in libraries and hoped that these systems were replicable in other public libraries as well. The fourth paper on “Users’ Study and Expectations in Labony Granthagar (Public Library) : A Case Study” was delivered by Dr. Lopita Mukherjee, Librarian, St. John’s Diocesan Girls’ Higher Secondary School, Kolkata, West Bengal and Ms. Sabita Kundu, Librarian, Techno India-Batanagar, Kolkata, West Bengal.

On the third and concluding day the fifth technical session was devoted to “Social Media Applications in Libraries”. Dr. P. R. Goswami, Librarian & Head (KN), Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi presided over the session. Dr. Debal C. Kar, Librarian, Ambedkar University, Delhi was the co-chair. The first keynote paper on “Library Services and Social Media : The East West University Library Experience” was delivered by Dr. Dilara Begum, Associate Professor and Chairperson, Department of Information Studies & Librarian (Acting), East West University, Dhaka, Bangladesh. She observed how the East West University Library was communicating with the students and faculty using the social media. She affirmed that this use had substantially improved the use of digital and other resources in the library and the students were performing well. The second keynote paper on “Crowdsourcing and Crowdfunding: An Opportunity to Libraries for Promotion and Resource Generation in the Changing Scenairo” was delivered by Dr. Nabi Hasan, University Librarian, Maulana Azad Central Library, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh. Dr. Hasan felt that in this day of growing digital resources and respective technologies it was becoming essential to use crowdsourcing and crowdfunding by libraries. The second keynote paper on “Embrace Digital Transformation” was delivered by Dr. Shantanu Ganguly, Fellow, Knowledge Management Division, TERI, New Delhi. He gave examples of important libraries in the world and the technologies they were using and getting benefited from as a result. A paper on “A Study on the Use of Social Media Among Mizoram University Students Who Visit the Central Library“ was presented by Ms. B. Lalhlimpuii, Assistant Librarian, Mizoram University, Mizoram.

The sixth technical session on “Human Resource Management in Libraries” was chaired by Prof. C.R. Karisiddappa, Former Professor and Chairman, Department of Library and Information Science, Karnatak University, Dharwad, Karnataka. The first keynote paper in this session on “Quality Assurance and Building Professional Competency in LIS Education and Training: Issues and Concerns in the Digital Environment” was delivered by Dr. Pravakar Rath, Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Mizoram University, Aizawl, Mizoram. He noted how major changes needed to be undertaken in LIS education to adopt new technologies and improve quality assurance in LIS education. The second keynote paper on “Total Quality Management at Brahmos Knowledge Centre, New Delhi (ISO Certified)” was delivered by Mrs. Surekha Kaul, Chief, Innovation and Strategic Analysis, BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited, New Delhi. She mentioned how they adhered to ISO specifications and maintained excellence in collecting and delivering the required information. A paper on “Open Educational Resources (OER): Transforming the Learning Landscape in the Digital Environment” was delivered by Mr. Amit Kumar, Assistant Professor, DLISc, Mizoram University, Mizoram. The paper on “Media and Information Literacy (MIL) Education and Training for LIS Professionals in the Digital Era” was delivered by Dr. Navkiran Kaur, Assistant Professor, DLISc, Punjabi University, Patiala. She commented on why media and information literacy should be part of the course curriculum of LIS students.

The seventh technical session was devoted to “Open Access Resources and User Studies”. Dr. S. Majumdar, Chief Librarian, India International Centre, New Delhi presided over the session. Dr. P. K. Jain, Librarian, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi was the co-chair. The first paper on “A Comparative Study of Information Resources in Central University Libraries in Delhi” was delivered by Dr. Ajit Kumar, Library and Information Officer, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi. He identified the gaps in the information resources in these libraries and described the collection development patterns in them. The second paper on “Library Use Patterns by Faculty Members: A Case Study” was presented by Dr. H.P. Shekar, Chief Librarian, The Oxford Educational Institutions, Bangalore, Karnataka and Ms. Nirmala Chigateri, Associate Librarian, J.S.S. Banashankari Arts, Commerce & S. K. Gubbi Science College, Dharwad, Karnataka. Soon after the delegates were shown the DELNET Silver Jubilee Documentary.

A panel discussion was organised on “A Digital Universe of Infinite Possibilities for Libraries”, the main theme of the national convention on November 30, 2017. The panel was moderated by Dr. H. K. Kaul, Director, DELNET. The participants included Mrs. Kalpana Dasgupta, Former Librarian, National Library, Kolkata; Prof. C. R. Karisiddappa; Dr. D. V. Singh, University Librarian, University of Delhi, Delhi; Ms. Heloise Courty, Dr. Usha Mujoo Munshi, Librarian, Indian Institute of Public Administration, Delhi; Dr. Jagtar Singh, Professor Incharge Library, Punjabi University, Dr B. Shadrach, Founding Chair IPLM, Dr. Dilara Begum, Associate Professor and

Chairperson, Department of Information Studies & Librarian (Acting), East West University, Dhaka, Bangladesh, and Dr. A.R.D. Prasad, Professor and Head, Documentation Research & Training Centre (DRTC), Bangalore

Dr. Kaul in his introduction said that a digital universe of infinite possibilities for libraries was emerging and it comprised the following:

- i. The digital universe of the growing ideas and needs of every individual on this earth.
- ii. The digital universe of growing information and knowledge resources.
- iii. The growing digital technologies to manage the digital universes to make it a unified digital universe.

He said that there was the need to manage these digital universes for growth and development, research, etc. and to offer relevant and sufficient information to every individual. Keeping in view the above factors, he observed that we needed to discuss how digital technology could be used to serve the needs of users, create smart knowledge, offer reference service to every individual and package information user by user; manage manpower to offer these services and manage efficient preservation and archiving of digital content. In response to this introduction the panel made the following suggestions:

1. National Digital Library Policy should be drafted by the Government.
2. Parallel digital infrastructure should be developed for youngsters in public libraries.
3. There is an urgent need to develop quality human resources for libraries.
4. Digital reference service should be provided to the public.
5. Train people to be able to access digital content.
6. Content analysis is essential and should be done by librarians in specialised areas.
7. Surveys should be conducted to find information behaviours of people.
8. Media and information literacy across the frontiers should be developed.
9. Change the mindset of professionals working in libraries. They should learn to unlearn and relearn.
10. Specialised professionals should be associated with training students in Library and Information Science Departments in Universities.
11. Libraries should become laboratories for Library and Information Science students.

12. The upkeep and relevant use of technology should be promoted in libraries.
13. Continuous professional development courses ought to be introduced.
14. Librarians should be trained in curating digital content.
15. International collaboration should be introduced for use of technology and disseminating quality content to libraries and their users.
16. Using technology for offering better service should be intensified.
17. Metadata on every aspect of knowledge should be developed using global standards.
18. Resource sharing among libraries through DELNET ought to be further expanded.
19. Librarians should offer quality information not only to the general library users but also to specialists who are doing research or writing assignments.
20. Content should be developed in various Indian languages in libraries; and
21. Efforts should be made to let more and more libraries of all types to benefit from vast resources and expertise available through DELNET.

At the valedictory function the Organising Secretary and the Rapporteur-General Dr. Sangeeta Kaul, presented the summary of the deliberations made during the last three days at NACLIN 2017. The special invitee Dr. Nicolas Idier, Attaché for Books & Ideas, French Institute in India, Embassy of France spoke on the occasion and elaborated on what type of programmes were being organised under the Bonjour India Festival. The valedictory address was given by the Chief Guest Prof. Lokesh Chandra, former President, Indian Council of Cultural Relations, New Delhi and Director, International Academy of Indian Culture, New Delhi. He stressed the importance of oriental libraries and how these libraries needed to be modernised and managed efficiently. Dr. H. K. Kaul, Director, DELNET, New Delhi gave the concluding remarks. The vote of thanks was given by Dr. Sangeeta Kaul, the Organising Secretary. NACLIN 2017 was supported by organisations including RRRLF Kolkata, ICMR, INSA, French Institute in India (Embassy of France), Balani Infotech Pvt. Ltd., IGroup Infotech (India) Pvt. Ltd., Gale Cengage Learning India Pvt. Ltd. and Elsevier.

10.2 International Conference on Knowledge Organisation, Library and Information Management

DELNET was among the supporters of the International Conference on Knowledge Organisation, Library and Information Management which was organised by Saradha Ranganathan Endowment for Library Science, Bangalore and other organizations at IIT, Madras from October 23-25, 2017 to mark the 125th birth anniversary of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan.

XI SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS OF DELNET

DELNET, registered as a Society on June 30, 1992 had completed 25 years of its operations. In connection with its Silver Jubilee celebration the following programmes, were undertaken:

11.1 DELNET Silver Jubilee Logo

DELNET had designed a special silver jubilee logo depicting its mission and vision.



11.2 DELNET Silver Jubilee Lecture

The DELNET Silver Jubilee Lecture was delivered by Dr Neeta Verma, Director-General, National Informatics Centre, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology on June 30, 2017 at DELNET on the theme 'Role of Libraries in Digital India'. Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, JNU presided over the lecture. He released the Silver Jubilee documentary on DELNET which was produced by Dr. Lavleen Thadani, followed by the release of the Silver Jubilee publication entitled 'DELNET : The Milestones in Sharing Knowledge' by Dr. Neeta Verma. In his inaugural address, Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar appreciated the role being played by DELNET in disseminating information to the scholarly community in the country. He said that libraries need to promote academic excellence. He observed that as academic institutions are ranked similarly the ranking of libraries should also be done. This would definitely bring competitiveness among the libraries and promote best library practices. He noted that libraries have to take new roles to offer better services in new innovative ways to their users. Dr. Verma began her lecture with the quote from Shri Narendra Modi, the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India: 'In this digital age, we have an opportunity to transform lives of people in ways that was hard to imagine just a couple of decades ago.' She said that the vision of Digital India, a programme to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy is centred on three key vision areas: (1) Digital Infrastructure as a utility to every citizen; (2) Digital Empowerment of citizens; (3) Governance and services on demand.

She described Digital India as the flagship programme of the Government of India. It ensures that government services are made available to citizens electronically by improved online infrastructure and by increasing Internet connectivity. She added that it will transform our nation and create opportunities for all citizens by harnessing digital technologies, and it will empower every citizen with access to digital services, knowledge and information. She highlighted nine pillars of Digital India which includes

Broadband highways; Universal access to mobile connectivity; Public Internet access programme; e-Governance: Reforming government through technology; e-Kranti: Electronic delivery of services; Information for all; Electronics manufacturing; IT for jobs and Early harvest programmes. Speaking about the use of smart phones, mobile phones and Internet users in India, Dr. Verma affirmed that India has become the second largest market of smart phones in India and from June 2014 to May 2017 there has been a dramatic growth in smart phone users which has risen from 22 crore to 40 crore; mobile phone users from 90 crore to 108 crore and Internet users from 24.3 crore to 50 crore. She said that Aadhar enrolments (Digital Identity) have increased from 63 crore in 2014 to 114 crore upto May 2017. She said that libraries could use a community's portal to give access to global information, knowledge, cultural and leisure resources. She affirmed that through the resources and services, libraries could create opportunities for learning, support literacy and education, and help shape the new ideas and perspectives that are central to a creative and innovative society. She added that libraries held valued and trusted resources close to people in different social settings. Dr. Verma observed that libraries played an important role in education, especially in the dissemination of knowledge to the public. She acknowledged the role being played by public libraries and said that public libraries offered free access to all as did libraries in most academic institutions. She referred to the information explosion in the present day with particular reference to the digital content in the form of E-books, E-journals, E-reports, etc. She referred to the growth of broadband access in India besides open access and open source content. She commented on how mobile penetration in India could promote digital literacy and the use of social media and stressed that today's world is a world of information explosion with all types of data. She informed the audience that globally, five exa-bytes of data were being created every day from a multitude of sources, within which Facebook processed 600+ terabytes of data daily; Twitter processed 12 terabyets of data daily besides other social media tools. She said that libraries needed to provide personalised services to people and emphasised that libraries could benefit from cloud computing in four basic ways:

1. Eliminate redundancy across distributed systems
2. Increase ability to collaborate
3. Reduce cost
4. Operate more efficiently and become "greener."

She also referred to the use of E-Granthalaya library management software developed by NIC. She added that with the transition of libraries towards e-Libraries, many users would also transit to online platforms as physical infrastructure becomes available with the libraries. She said that libraries with proper infrastructure could be leveraged as digital empowerment labs for training and handholding for using digital services.

11.3 Silver Jubilee Special Publication

A special booklet entitled “DELNET: The Milestones in Sharing Knowledge” was produced and published by DELNET. It was released by Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, Vice Chancellor, JNU at DELNET on June 30, 2017

11.4 DELNET Silver Jubilee Documentary

A documentary on DELNET entitled ‘Networking Libraries, Spreading Knowledge’ was directed and produced by Dr. Lavlin Thadani. The documentary was released by Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, Vice Chancellor, JNU at DELNET on June 30, 2017. It is available on Youtube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Buz5n3YjHaM>

11.5 DELNET Silver Jubilee National Paper Competition

DELNET has launched a ‘National Paper Competition Among LIS Professionals’. The best original and unpublished papers by LIS professionals on the theme ‘Transforming Library Services Through Networking Library and Information Resources’ and /or its sub-themes including ‘Resource Sharing Through DELNET’, ‘Quality Content for Libraies: Role of DELNET’; ‘DELNET’s contributions to Knowledge and Society’; ‘DELNET Training Programmes for LIS Professionals’, etc. The first, second and third prize winners will get Rs. 30,000, Rs. 20,000 and Rs. 10,000 respectively. The last date for submission is May 31, 2018.

11.6 New Website of DELNET

A new website of DELNET will soon be made operational.

11.7 International Initiatives

International Conference on Reshaping Libraries (ICRL 2018)

In DELNET’s Silver Jubilee Year it was proposed to organise an international conference as part of the celebrations. To do so, we decided to organise the conference in collaboration with the Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD) and in association with the Special Library Association (SLA, USA) Asian Chapter and Society for Library Professionals (SLP), New Delhi under the title *International Conference on Reshaping Libraries: Emerging Global Technologies and Trends (ICRL 2018)* from February 1-3, 2018 at Jaipur. We had just completed organising the *20th National Convention on Knowledge Library and Information Networking (NACLIN 2017)* at the India International Centre, New Delhi from November 28-30, 2017. We definitely had very little time left to organise ICRL 2018. However, there has been a welcoming response to this international conference from the foreign delegates, and we and our partners were delighted to organise it.

The conference was organised at Hotel Orchid, Jaipur. At the inaugural function

on February 1, 2018, the welcome addresses were given by Dr. Sangeeta Kaul, Network Manager, DELNET and Dr. Debal C. Kar, University Librarian, AUD. The introductory address was given by Dr. P. K. Jain, Secretary, SLP. Dr. Labibah Zain, President, SLA (Asian Chapter), Indonesia addressed the participants. The Guest of Honour at the inaugural function Prof. Paul Nieuwenhuysen, Vrije Universiteit, Brussel, Belgium spoke about the role of knowledge in promoting a healthy society. The release of the conference publications was done by the Chief Guest Prof. R. L. Raina, Vice-Chancellor, J.K. Lakshmi Pat University, Jaipur followed by his inaugural address. Prof. Raina emphasised the modernisation of all types of libraries in this day and age and felt that any delay will reduce the importance and relevance of libraries. The presidential address was delivered by Dr. H. K. Kaul, Director, DELNET who stressed on how DELNET was giving importance to the relevance of networking knowledge and information resources with libraries and sharing of such resources among libraries and their users.

The first technical session was devoted to 'Reshaping Libraries' and it was chaired by Dr. R. K. Chaddha, Former Addl. Secretary, Parliament Library, New Delhi. The first invited paper on 'Emerging Global Trends: What is Relevant to Libraries and Why Should it Matter to You?' was delivered by Ms. Anjana H. Bhatt, University Librarian, Florida Gulf Coast University, Florida, USA. This detailed lecture on the subject was recorded as the DELNET Annual Lecture and its summary will be published. The second technical session was devoted to 'Digital Innovations and Technologies in Libraries'. Dr. Bernd Markscheffel, Chair of Information and Knowledge Management, Faculty of Economics and Media, Technische Universität Ilmenau, Germany, was the chairman of this session and Mr. N. K. Wadhwa, CSIR-NPL, New Delhi was the co-chair. The first keynote paper on 'Information Discovery Based on the Emerging Technology to Analyse Digital Images' was presented by Prof. Paul Nieuwenhuysen, Vrije Universiteit, Brussel, Belgium. He said that information discovery was enhanced by recent methods that involved accessing images. He added that search by images was evolving to a powerful method to tackle information needs that are difficult to handle with more classical methods. He added that information discovery was assisted by automatic classification of images and by recommendation services based on image similarities. The second keynote paper on 'S&T Development Strategies to Meet the Challenges of Emerging Technologies' was delivered by Prof. (Dr.) Vladimir Zavarukhin, Director, ISSRAS Moscow, Russia. Dr. Zavarukhin mentioned that there was the need to ensure the readiness of a country for major science and technology challenges, in particular caused by emerging technologies. He stressed the need for the creation of an efficient system of communication in science, technologies and innovations. He felt that there was the need to frame policies to develop the technology culture in a country. The next keynote paper on 'New Directions in Discovery' was delivered by Athena Hoepfner, Discovery Services Librarian, University of Central Florida, Orlando, USA. She observed that since an information explosion has taken place, the discovery of

appropriate information resources was becoming a must. She described the types of jobs discovery librarians had to do. Another keynote paper was on 'Memory of Dr. Eugene Garfield' and it was delivered by Dr. Hildrun Kretschmer and Theo Kretschmer of COLLNET Centre, Germany. They spoke on the contributions of Garfield to the world of scientometrics. The next paper on 'Digitisation of Cultural Heritage Information Resources at Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, India: A Case Study' was delivered by Dr. Ajit Kumar, Library & Information Officer, Nehru Memorial Museum & Library (NMML), New Delhi. He discussed the processes of digitisation of manuscripts, microfilms, microfiches, photographs, rare books and other materials and added that NMML had completed the digitisation of about 1.2 million pages. The next paper on 'The Implementation of Information Technology Infrastructure in Archival Management System at Municipal Archives of Palembang, Indonesia: Analysis Based on Read and Giin Life Circle' was delivered by Ms. Rusmiatiningsih, LIS Department, UIN Raden Fatah Palembang, Indonesia. She described the implementation of information technology in the archival management system at Municipal Archives of Palembang and said that it was partially applied and that there were three conditions in the implementation, namely already using information technology; semi-manual and manual methods. She emphasised on the full use of information technology infrastructure which was essential.

The third technical session was devoted to 'Cooperation and Networking for Building Collections and Connections'. This session was chaired by Dr. H. K. Kaul, DELNET. The first keynote paper 'Big Data Watch: Introducing National Income Statistics to the Librarians' was delivered by Dr. P. R. Goswami, Former Director (Library and Information), IGNSA & CSL (Government of India), New Delhi and Dr. P. K. Jain, Librarian, Institute of Economic Growth, University of Delhi Enclave, Delhi. They felt that the national statistical system was an integral part of the knowledge base of the countries in all developing and developed countries. The system created information in various forms and it was used in decision-making. LIS professionals should be conversant with such resources. The next keynote paper on 'Cooperation and Networking of Libraries Through DELNET: The Indian Experience' was delivered by Dr. Sangeeta Kaul, Network Manager, DELNET. She highlighted the contributions DELNET was making in offering networked resources to libraries and their users. The third paper on 'Effectiveness of Library Promotion Through Instagram at the Library of the Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta' was delivered by Sri Andayani, LIS, UIN Sunan, Kalijaga Yogyakarta, Indonesia. She affirmed that the use of Instagram was effective in library promotion and felt that the library of UIN Sunan Kalijaga needed to increase appropriate resources that could fulfil the needs of users.

The first day concluded with the dinner at Chokhidhani in Jaipur.

The fourth technical session on the second day was devoted to 'Managing Knowledge and Change in Libraries'. It was chaired by Mrs. Anjana H. Bhatt, USA.

The co-chair of the session was Mr. Nurdin Laugu from Indonesia. The first keynote paper 'Digitisation Sharing in the Canton of Jura, Switzerland' was delivered by Dr. Jean-Marc Comment, Project Manager, SIGMA, Cultural Office, Canton of Jurich, Switzerland. He observed that the Canton of Jura is a small state in Switzerland and the pilot project of the State Library was to archive 50,000 pages of paper documents including digitisation of photographs and maps. He felt that we did not know who were the final users of this archive and we had to adopt many marketing strategies to attract users. The second keynote paper 'International Cooperation Among Libraries: The Role of Knowledge Centres' was delivered by Dr. H. K. Kaul, Director, DELNET, New Delhi. He presented a detailed paper on how cooperation was essential among libraries around the world in developing and presenting quality content in several formats through knowledge centres. He conducted a survey of fifty knowledge centres around the world to elucidate his plan of international cooperation in information management. The next paper on 'Modes of Information Services and Resources in Libraries of Engineering Colleges of Rajasthan' was presented by Dr. Pradeep Kumar, Librarian, Government Women's Polytechnic College, Jaipur. He felt that there was a shortage of resources in terms of finance, manpower and materials in engineering colleges. He added that there was also a professional attitude in collecting and delivering information services.

The fifth technical session on 'Global Trends in Managing Human Resource in Libraries' was chaired by Dr. P. R. Goswami. The first keynote paper on 'Education in Library and Information Science (LIS): Results of Case Studies in the Special Field of Infometrics' was delivered by Mr. Bernd Markscheffel, Chair of Information and Knowledge Management, Faculty of Economics and Media, Technische Universität Ilmenau, Germany and Yuan Sun and Masaki Nishizawa, Asstt. Prof., Information and Society Research Division, National Institute of Informatics, Tokyo, Japan. They gave an overview of LIS education with special reference to informetrics in Germany and presented a comparative study of the educational situation in informetrics in Japan and Germany. The second invited paper on 'Communicating Our Value as Health Information Professionals: Are We Worth It?' was delivered by Ms. Nalini Mahajan, Medical Library Director & Web Master, Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital, Wheaton, Illinois, USA. She focused on how the library staff were contributing greatly to the health information system in the US. The next keynote paper on 'Between Imaging Politics and Professional Culture in Managing Islamic University Libraries in Yogyakarta: An Analytical Study of Inclusive Leadership' was delivered by Dr. Nurdin Laugu, Lecturer, LIS Dept, Faculty of Adab & Humanities, UIN Sunan Kalijaga, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. He felt that leadership roles were essential for LIS professionals in managing proper delivery of information to users. The next paper on 'Meeting LIS Competencies to Serve an Inclusive Community Through Curriculum: Case Study in LIS Study Programme, UIN Sunan Kalijaga, Yogyakarta, Indonesia' was delivered by Marwiyah, Library and Information Study Programme, UIN Sunan Kalijaga, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. She felt

that inclusive education in LIS schools was essential. They had developed a curriculum that considered the values of the parent institutions and inclusive campuses through offering five courses which comprised inclusive values.

The sixth session on ‘Library User Engagements and Services’ was chaired by Ms. Padmaja Muralidharan, Sr. Librarian, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. Mr. Deep Singh, Librarian, MNIT, Jaipur was the co-chair. The first keynote paper on ‘Promoting Library Services in the Academic World’ was delivered by Dr. Labibah Zain, President, SLA (Asian Chapter). She cited examples from Indonesian experience and felt that services to users needed to be done proactively. The second paper on ‘The Pattern of Utilisation of Digital Collection and its Level of Usability in the Electronic Repository at the University Library of Universitas Islam Indonesia (UII)’ was delivered by Dr. Nurdin Laugu, Lecturer, LIS Dept, Faculty of Adab & Humanities, UIN Sunan Kalijaga, Yogyakarta, and Arina Faila Saufa, LIS Dept, UIN Sunan Kalijaga, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. They felt that the average use of digital collections by users was low and needed to be enhanced. The next paper on ‘Service Quality in Academic Libraries: Case Studies from Delhi’ was delivered by Dr. K. Madhavan (GIBS, New Delhi); Sangeeta Narang (AIIMS, New Delhi); Neha Chandel (FIIB, New Delhi) and Jyoti Sharma (GIBS, New Delhi). They maintained that academic libraries were competing with many commercial and non-commercial services to provide access to appropriate information. There was a need to provide excellent personalised services to users. The next paper on ‘Users’ Study and Expectations in an Engineering College Library in Batanagar, a Town Situated in Extended Kolkata: A Case Study’ was delivered by Dr. Lopita Mukherjee, Librarian, St. John’s Diocesan Girl’s Higher Secondary School, Kolkata. She felt that mostly students came to libraries for academic purposes. They mainly took subject books and used very few magazines and journals. Also, she said that very few of them used E-books and E-journals. The last paper on ‘Revitalisation of Alternative Library, Yogyakarta, Indonesia’ was delivered by Okky Rizkyantha, Hadira Latiar and Fuad Wahyu Prabowo, LIS Department, UIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Their study described the relevance of Community Reading Parks. They also highlighted the role being played by TBM Asakura Ruma Asa in organising training and parenting activities.

A panel discussion was organised on February 2 after the last technical session on the theme of the conference ‘Reshaping Libraries: Emerging Global Technologies and Trends’. The panelists included Ms. Athena Hoepfner, Prof. Paul Nieuwenhuysen, Dr. Labibah Zain, Dr. P. R. Goswami and Dr. R. K. Verma. The panel discussion was chaired by Dr. H. K. Kaul. In his introductory remarks, Dr. Kaul said that the discussion was divided into the main six themes of the conference, namely, ‘Reshaping Libraries’; ‘Digital Innovations and Technologies’; ‘Building Collections and Connections’; ‘Managing Knowledge and Change’; ‘Managing Human Resources’ and ‘User Engagement and Services’.

On 'Reshaping Libraries', Dr. Labibah Zain felt that there was a shifting paradigm taking place in libraries which included from paper to the paperless environment; use of creativity in solving library problems, from exclusion to inclusion, from oral to written, from individual to networking among other issues. She observed that librarians needed to be empowered and should be imparted skills to handle the public and should have related skills including research skills, language skills and marketing skills. Dr. P. R. Goswami felt that the use of the physical library has diminished. While universities and other educational institutions need libraries but the relevance of these libraries was diminishing. There should be pressure groups to convince authorities to spend on the maintenance and functioning of libraries. He regretted that we were not able to get good talent in libraries. He added that we should have quality assurance measures applied in library schools. Ms. Athena Hoepfner, however, said that in the University of Central Florida adequate attention was given to group studies, Internet use, etc. While responding to Dr. Kaul's question of relevance of makerspaces, she felt that library users were showing great interest in the physical creation of objects in makerspace programmes.

Dr. Paul Nieuwenhuysen maintained that there were two trends emerging. The first is, as we buy many E-books and E-journals, physical libraries are becoming less important and secondly we were getting rid of physical journals and books. He felt that it was paradoxical not to read books but to get together to exchange information. Among the audience it was noted that there were technology-driven changes taking place and there was the need to change curriculum in library schools. It was also noted that library vendors were taking librarians for a ride as librarians did not maintain archives of what they subscribed. Mr. Deep Singh felt that libraries should work as multipurpose community centres. Dr. Anil K. Gautam said that there were competent librarians to manage libraries but administrators did not allow them to function. On the use of digital innovations and technologies, Dr. Labibah Zain noted that technology is only a tool and we have to work with it. Dr. Goswami said that in big libraries 80% time is spent on negotiations with publishers. He observed that social science literature was region specific and it needs to be developed and promoted.

Ms. Athena Hoepfner felt that artificial intelligence has a great deal to contribute but we will have to have librarians as scholars. She felt that librarians had a role on what we were buying and why? Dr. Paul Nieuwenhuysen maintained that librarians' main role was to manage collection development and create a user interface. Libraries need a high level of technology experts. Dr. P. K. Verma felt that we must improve digital literacy. On building collections and connections, Dr. Labibah Zain emphasised that we needed common ideas for the public to use licensed information. She felt that writing on the basis of government-sponsored research should become free for all to use. Dr. Goswami affirmed that we should promote the open access movement. Ms. Athena Hoepfner said that good content was becoming available through the open access movement. Dr. Paul felt that there was no problem in accessing content in

Belgium but when he went to smaller countries he faced many hurdles. He advised that sharing of resources was necessary and needs to be promoted. He felt that there was a divide growing among information rich and information poor people. Participants in the audience felt that the same job should not be done twice and there is a need for cooperation among libraries. Dr. N. K. Wadhwa said that the development of institutional repositories should be promoted. On managing the change in libraries, Dr. Labibah Zain said that we needed better human resources in libraries. Dr. Goswami felt that we needed good continuing education programmes and added that it was difficult to eradicate the present system. Ms. Athena Hoepfner recommended the use of sophisticated technologies in libraries. Dr. Verma maintained that technology can only inspire. We need to consolidate good content and experience its use. Mrs. Nalini Mahajan from the US said that in medical librarianship partnerships with hospital libraries and information centres was necessary. She added that the personality of a librarian and his persuasive efforts in collecting and offering the required information was very important. Dr. P. K. Gupta, Former Deputy Librarian, University of Rajasthan said that librarians were becoming a vanishing tribe. He observed that hardly a few colleges in Rajasthan and no Universities had librarians. There cannot be a good library based on students who are not bright and skilled in ICT. There should be alumni and associations of librarians that should promote talent among LIS professionals.

To promote user engagements and services, Dr. Labiba Zain said that there should be digital cafes in libraries. Dr. Goswami noted that libraries should introduce scholarships and fellowships for scholars to work on projects in their libraries. Dr. Paul said that electronic media should be used to serve library users and Dr. Sangeeta Kaul said that personalised services should be offered by librarians. The Chair Dr. H. K. Kaul in his concluding remarks observed that according to survey results the library profession will be marginalised by 2030 and that there are also predictions that the role of competent librarians and archivists will become important in future. He said that technology-driven changes are much faster than the LIS professionals can manage those changes. It is certain that the use of technology as a tool by scholarly LIS professionals will become necessary. He felt that the librarians' role in selecting quality content was becoming more relevant and important every day, and open access content needs to be made more standardised to allow everyone to have access to reliable content. He advised that there was the need to promote international cooperation and collaboration and the establishment of knowledge centres would help in conserving financial resources and increase access to necessary and sufficient quality content on each subject and topic around the world. Change in libraries exists but it is not being adopted by most libraries. Those that adopted it as per the needs of their users would progress well. He remarked that good students needed to be attracted to the LIS profession and qualified and skilled teachers needed to manage library schools. He added that the information requirements of users needed to be ascertained through surveys and offering of personalised services using IT which was going to be essential in future.

The second day was concluded by a valedictory session in which the Rapporteur-General Dr. Sangeeta Kaul presented a brief report of the conference which was followed by the views of the participants. The presidential address was given by Dr. H. K. Kaul and a vote of thanks was given by Dr. Debal C. Kar, Dr. Sangeeta Kaul and Dr. P. K. Jain. On the third day a visit to the library and museum in the City Palace, Jaipur was arranged.

XII SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

DELNET offers DELPLUS software for library automation to its member libraries free of charge. DELNET continued to promote the use of Koha, the open source library management software. The libraries that were already using DELPLUS, the library management software developed by DELNET, or opted to use it received operational support from DELNET.

XIII DELNET CONSORTIUM

DELNET continued to offer the following products to member libraries through the DELNET Consortium:

13.1 DELNET Gale Cengage Consortium

1. InfoTrac Engineering, Science & Technology Collection (IESTC)
2. InfoTrac Management Collection (IMC)
3. InfoTrac Medical Collection (IMedC)
4. InfoTrac Pharmacy Collection (IPC)
5. Health and Wellness Resources Centre (HWRC)
6. InfoTrac Educator's Reference Complete (ERC)
7. Business & Company Resource Centre (BCRC)
8. Business Insight Global (BiG)
9. Global Reference on the Environment Energy, and Natural Resources (GREENR)
10. Culinary Arts Collection (CAC)
11. Hospitality, Tourism and Leisure Collection (HTC)
12. National Geographic Magazine Archive (1995-Current) (NetGeo)

13.2 DELNET ProQuest E-journals Consortium

1. DELNET ProQuest Engineering/Technology Collection
2. DELNET ProQuest Management Collection

13.3 DELNET Consortium for E-books

1. World eBook Library through IGroup
2. Elsevier E-books

XIV WORKSHOPS and LECTURES

The workshops and lectures organised by DELNET during the year are listed below:

14.1 Workshops

April 11, 2017 DELNET One-Day Workshop on “DELNET Discovery Services, Open Source Software and Emerging Trends in LIS Services” was held at Christ University, Bengaluru. Mr. Sree Kumar Nair, Librarian, Christ University, Bengaluru was the Local Coordinator of the Workshop.

April 13, 2017 DELNET One-Day Workshop on “DELNET Discovery Services, Open Source Software and Emerging Trends in LIS Services” was held at S.R.M. University, Ramapuram Campus, Chennai. Dr. K. Thandavamoorthy, Chief Librarian, S.R.M. University, Ramapuram Campus, Chennai was the Local Coordinator of the Workshop.

May 5, 2017 Workshop on “DELNET-Resources and Services : Boundless Possibilities for Research and Reference” was held at Kamala Nehru College, New Delhi. Dr. Geetesh Nirban, Coordinator, IQAC, Kamala Nehru College, University of Delhi, New Delhi was the Local Coordinator of the Workshop.

May 10, 2017 Hosted at DELNET 2nd Day of “Médiathèques XXI: Library and Mediation Special Training & Workshop”, organised by Institut Francaise in India from May 9-11, 2017. DELNET was one of the collaborator.

July 29, 2017 DELNET One-Day Workshop on “DELNET Discovery Services, Open Source Software, Emerging Technologies in Knowledge Management and Academic Integrity: How to Stop Plagiarism in the Academic Environment” was held at Dr. O.P. Bhalla Central Library, Manav Rachna International University, Faridabad, Haryana. Dr. Vikram Kumar Sharma, University Librarian, Dr. O. P. Bhalla Central Library, Manav Rachna International University, Faridabad was the Local Coordinator of the Workshop.

August 2, 2017 DELNET One-Day Workshop on “DELNET Discovery Services, Open Source Software, Communication Skills for LIS Professionals, Emerging Technologies in Knowledge Management and Academic Integrity: How to Stop Plagiarism in the Academic Environment” was held at Kerala University of Fisheries & Ocean Studies (KUFOS), Kochi. Mr. V.S. Kunjumammed, Assistant Librarian, Kerala University of Fisheries & Ocean Studies (KUFOS), Kochi was the Local Coordinator of the Workshop.

August 5, 2017 DELNET One-Day Workshop on “DELNET Discovery Services, Open Source Software, Communication Skills for LIS Professionals, Emerging Technologies in Knowledge Management and Academic Integrity: How to Stop Plagiarism in the Academic Environment” was held at Thiagarajar

School of Management, Madurai. Dr. S. Sridhar, Librarian, Thiagarajar School of Management, Madurai was the Local Coordinator of the Workshop.

August 5, 2017 The Contributions of Dr. Siyali Ramamrita Ranganathan by Prof. A. Srimurugan, H.O.D. & Librarian (Retd.), Madurai Kamraj University. This lecture was organized to mark the 125th birth anniversary of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan. It was held at Thiagarajar School of Management, Madurai.

August 21, 2017 DELNET One-Day Workshop on “DELNET Discovery Services, Open Source Software, Emerging Technologies in Knowledge Management, Communication Skills for LIS Professionals, Academic Integrity and Plagiarism” was held at I.T.M. University, Gwalior. Mr. Vikas Dwivedi, Head Library, ITM University, Gwalior was the Local Coordinator of the Workshop.

September 8, 2017 DELNET One-Day Workshop on “DELNET Discovery Services, Open Source Software, Emerging Technologies in Knowledge Management, Communication Skills for LIS Professionals, Academic Integrity and Plagiarism” was held at Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University (JNTU) Hyderabad. Prof. N. Rupsing Naik, University Librarian, Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University (JNTU) Hyderabad was the Local Coordinator of the Workshop.

September 11, 2017 DELNET One-Day Workshop on “DELNET Discovery Services, Open Source Software, Emerging Technologies in Knowledge Management, Communication Skills for LIS Professionals, Academic Integrity and Plagiarism” was held at Aditya Engineering College, Surampalem, Andhra Pradesh. Mr. K. Ashok Kumar, Chief Librarian, Aditya Engineering College, Surampalem was the Local Coordinator of the Workshop.

September 16, 2017 DELNET One-Day Workshop on “DELNET Discovery Services, Open Source Software, Emerging Technologies in Knowledge Management, Communication Skills for LIS Professionals, Academic Integrity and Plagiarism” was held at D.A.V. University, Jalandhar. Ms. Maninder Kaur Sood, Assistant Librarian & Ms. Amandeep Kaur, Assistant Librarian, DAV University, Jalandhar was the Local Coordinators of the Workshop.

14.2 DELNET Annual Lecture 2017

Mrs. Anjana Bhat, University Librarian, Florida Gulf Coast University, Florida, USA delivered the DELNET Annual Lecture during the ICRL-2018 on February 1, 2018 at Jaipur. She started with a reference to the ‘Top Global Trends’ identified by ALA, ACRL and LITA. She said that we should not make our libraries just a storehouse of books with minimum staff and advised the library professionals to participate in library projects that can be worked collectively in order to develop shared interests and strategies. She stressed that we should develop user-friendly spaces in libraries and felt that we needed

to scrutinise the copyright laws concerning derivative and transformative works in relation to the fair use doctrine. She said that there has been a shift towards using E-resources in order to free valuable spaces in libraries and stressed that there was the need to have space for Collection Analysis Projects and introduction of Media Rooms. There is the growing need for having quiet study spaces for serious research in libraries. Mrs. Bhat felt that there was the need to collaborate with local organisations in order to offer them the library's digital content for short reading. She maintained that in order to increase the usage of our resources the use of LibGuides is turning out to be very useful. It would help in curating knowledge and sharing of information. In order to offer value-added services libraries could offer instruction to patrons for preparing bibliographies and offer regular and personalised services which forms part of the embedded librarianship.

Mrs. Bhat said that it would also be important if libraries offered instruction in new skills and introduced learning activities which would benefit students and the public. She added that there was the need for public libraries to introduce such strategies that would make libraries the centres of learning activities. Mrs. Bhat affirmed that the reference service should be technology-based as most of the content was growing in the digital form. Online and text-based reference services would expand the scope of services in libraries. This service would get further strengthened if libraries used cloud computing and offered help in using open source publishing. In connection with the outreach services of libraries she preferred to use the social media, especially Facebook, Instagram and Pinterest. She was of the opinion that the use of robots would be supportive to library professionals. With regard to the planning for the growth of library services she said that library professionals should look outwards and therefore, plan, move with the times, evolve, develop and educate their users. She felt the conducting of SWOT analysis would help in the better execution of library functioning and cited various examples of libraries where the latest ALA guidelines were being implemented.

XV VISITS to DELNET

August 24, 2017	Visit of DRDO, CEP Course Participants.
September 14, 2017	Visit of DRDO Training Course Participants.
December 7, 2017	Visit of BLISc Students of DLISc, JMI, New Delhi.

XVI DELNET PUBLICATIONS

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XVII STAFF CONTRIBUTIONS

17.1 Dr. H. K. Kaul, Director

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| April 7, 2017 | Keynote lecture on “Challenges to the Library Profession in the Growing Electronic Revolution” at the Sixth International Library and Information Professionals Summit (I-LIPS 2017) on “Dynamics of Library for Excellence in Electronic Revolution” at IISER, Mohali. |
| April 11 | Lecture on “Challenges Before the Library Profession” at DELNET Workshop at Christ University, Bangalore. |
| April 13 | Keynote lecture on “Challenges Before the Library Profession” at DELNET Workshop at SRM University, Chennai. |
| May 4 | Chair, 27 th Library Lecture Series, JNU Library, New Delhi. |
| May 5 | Lecture on “Information Explosion and the Guidelines for Researchers”, Kamala Nehru College, New Delhi. |
| May 9 | Member, Lab Research Council, DESIDOC, DRDO. |
| May 10 | Lecture on “Challenges to the Library Profession in the Growing Electronic Revolution” at Mediatheques XXI organised by Institut Francais in India at DELNET followed by chairing the panel discussion on “Building Collections, Connections and Collaborations for Enhancing Research Facilities for French Studies in India”. |
| June 29 | Lectures on “Emerging Technologies in Knowledge Management” and “Academic Integrity and Plagiarism” at DELNET Regional Workshop at Manav Rachna International University, Faridabad. |
| August 2 | Lectures on “Emerging Technologies in Knowledge Management” and “Academic Integrity and Plagiarism” at the DELNET Regional |

- Workshop at Kerala University of Fisheries & Ocean Studies, Kochi.
- August 5 Lectures on “Emerging Technologies in Knowledge Management” and “Academic Integrity and Plagiarism” at the DELNET Regional Workshop at Thiagarajar School of Management, Madurai.
- August 21 Lectures on “Emerging Technologies in Knowledge Management” and “Academic Integrity and Plagiarism” at I.T.M. University, Gwalior.
- September 8 Lectures on “Emerging Technologies in Knowledge Management” and “Academic Integrity and Plagiarism” at Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Hyderabad.
- September 11 Lectures on “Emerging Technologies in Knowledge Management” and “Academic Integrity and Plagiarism” at Aditya Engineering College, Surampalem.
- September 16 Lectures on “Emerging Technologies in Knowledge Management” and “Academic Integrity and Plagiarism” at D.A.V. University, Jalandhar.
- October 9 Lecture on “Soft Skills for LIS Professionals” at a workshop at DESIDOC.
- October 24 Chair, Technical Session 2 at the International Conference on Knowledge Organisation, Library and information Management. IIT, Madras, Chennai.
- October 26 Plenary Talk on “Expanding Digital Footprints: Role of Libraries & Information Centres” at the 2nd International Conference of Asian Libraries, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.
- November 29 Keynote paper: “Digital Collection Strategies for Libraries” at NAACLIN-2017 at India International Centre, New Delhi.
- November 30 Chair, Panel Discussion on “A Digital Universe of Infinite Possibilities for Libraries” at NAACLIN 2017 at India International Centre, New Delhi.
- February 1, 2018 Presidential address, ICRL-2018 inauguration and Chair, Technical Session on “Cooperation and Networking for Building Collections and Connections”. ICRL-2018, Jaipur.
- February 2 Chair, Panel Discussion on “Reshaping Libraries: Emerging Global Technologies and Trends” ICRL-2018, Jaipur. Presidential Address, Valedictory Function, ICRL-2018.
- February 23 Chair, Panel Discussion on “Emerging Technologies in Libraries and Information Services” at 5th International Symposium on Emerging

Trends and Technologies in Libraries and Information Services; IEEE & Bennett University, Noida.

March 28 To mark the 125th Birth Anniversary of Dr. P. C. Mahalanobis delivered the lecture on “Library and Information Science Profession at the Crossroads: Challenges and Opportunities for a Great Future” at DRTC, Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore.

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17.2 Dr. Sangeeta Kaul, Network Manager

April 7, 2017 Lecture on “Ways to Boost Users’ Satisfaction in Libraries” during ILIPS 2017 held at IISER, Mohali.

April 11, 2017 Lectures on “DELNET” and Open Source Software Packages for Libraries” at DELNET Workshop at Christ University, Bengaluru, Karnataka.

April 13, 2017 Lectures on “DELNET” and Open Source Software Packages for Libraries” at DELNET Workshop at S.R.M. University, Ramapuram Campus, Chennai.

May 3, 2017 Lecture on “DELNET: Resources, Services and Facilities” at CCRUM, New Delhi during a workshop.

May 5, 2017	Lecture on “DELNET : Resources, Services and Facilities for Researchers” at DELNET Workshop at Kamala Nehru College, New Delhi.
May 28, 2017	Expert, Viva-Voce Examination, DLISc, JMI, New Delhi.
July 29, 2017	Lectures on “DELNET” and Open Source Software Packages for Libraries” at DELNET Workshop at Dr. O.P. Bhalla Central Library, Manav Rachna International University, Faridabad.
August 2, 2017	Lectures on “DELNET” and Open Source Software Packages for Libraries” at DELNET Workshop at Kerala University of Fisheries & Ocean Studies (KUFOS), Kochi
August 5, 2017	Lectures on “DELNET and Open Source Software Packages for Libraries” at DELNET Workshop at Thiagarajar School of Management, Madurai.
August 21, 2017	Lectures on “DELNET and Open Source Software Packages for Libraries” at DELNET Workshop at I.T.M. University, Gwalior
September 8, 2017	Lectures on “DELNET and Open Source Software Packages for Libraries” at DELNET Workshop at Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Hyderabad
September 11, 2017	Lectures on “DELNET and Open Source Software Packages for Libraries” at DELNET Workshop at Aditya Engineering College (A), Surampalem, East Godavari Dist., Andhra Pradesh
September 16, 2017	Lectures on “DELNET and Open Source Software Packages for Libraries” at DELNET Workshop at DAV University, Jalandhar.
November 28-30, 2017	Organising Secretary and Rapporteur-General, NAACLIN 2017 held at IIC, New Delhi
December 11, 2017	Keynote address delivered at National Workshop on “Open Source Software-Koha” held at RKGIT, Ghaziabad.
February 1-3, 2018	Organising Secretary and Rapporteur-General, ICRL 2018 held at Hotel Royal Orchid, Jaipur.
Member	INTACH Delhi Chapter Committee for the Digitisation and Computerisation of Library Services for HMPL.

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XVIII DELNET ELECTIONS

The DELNET elections are held every two years. The Board had constituted the Election Committee for the Elections of biennial term 2018-2019 & 2019-2020. The three nominees of member-institution have been elected. The work on the election process is in progress.

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H. K. Kaul
Director

March 31, 2018

DELNET Members as on March 31, 2018 - 6213**India**

Andaman and Nicobar Islands	2
Andhra Pradesh	449
Arunachal Pradesh	6
Assam	26
Bihar	30
Chandigarh	18
Chhattisgarh	77
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1
Delhi	274
Goa	15
Gujarat	259
Haryana	321
Himachal Pradesh	55
Jammu & Kashmir	28
Jharkhand	25
Karnataka	261
Kerala	205
Madhya Pradesh	419
Maharashtra	673
Manipur	4
Meghalaya	5
Mizoram	2
Nagaland	3
Odisha	110
Puducherry	26
Punjab	219
Rajasthan	317
Sikkim	7
Tamil Nadu	849
Telangana	567
Tripura	5
Uttar Pradesh	754
Uttarakhand	75
West Bengal	101

Outside India

Bhutan	1
Nepal	3
Sri Lanka	8
Pakistan	1
Oman	4
Philippines	1
United Arab Emirates	3
United States	4
Total	6213

Subject-wise Breakup

General	425
Science and Technology	5578
Social Sciences	179
Humanities	31
Total	6213

Types of Libraries

Academic		5755
Universities	317	
Colleges	2835	
Institutes	2598	
Schools	5	
Research/Special		322
Public Libraries		16
Government Libraries		45
Libraries of Diplomatic Missions/UN Agencies		8
Miscellaneous including Trusts		67
Total		6213

