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I   INTRODUCTION

The year 2024-25 has been a year of notable achievements, steady progress and purposeful transformation across key priority areas for DELNET. The year has witnessed significant milestones in the institutional journey of DELNET. There was an expansion in its resources, membership, setting up of new offices, imparting new skillsets to the LIS professionals, faculty members, etc. through its programmes, webinars, new initiatives enhancing national and international collaboration and cooperation with the member-institutions. It was made possible with the collective commitment and unwavering cooperation of the member-institutions. DELNET's dedicated vision and mission to network libraries and to empower LIS professionals and the users' community with the best resources and services remains its driving force during 2024-25.

DELNET remains committed to foster connections and collaborations among the member-institutions and to strengthen the resource sharing. The accessibility, discoverability, affordability, equitability and inclusivity of resources, services for diverse group of library users remains priority areas of focus for DELNET. It is committed to work proactively for the libraries of member-institutions and to make them future-ready and relevant for the generations to come.

II   MEMBERSHIP

The year 2024-25 was among the best ever year on the membership front as DELNET brought 830 new members under its library networking umbrella, further widening its coverage of institutions and reach of its resources and services. These new members joined from across the country. The states from where the maximum number of members joined included Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, etc.

DELNET continued with its dedicated efforts to increase its membership by approaching various universities, colleges and specialised institutions in India. Besides the New Delhi office, the Coordination Units also helped in the membership drive by approaching the institutions in their respective states/regions. The detailed breakup of DELNET Membership is mentioned in Appendix I.

III   FINANCE

DELNET with its modest approach and self-sustainable model is striving and thriving, committed to provide affordable access to its vast networked knowledge resources and services to its member-institutions. It is a unique and inspiring cooperative model, wherein through the meagre finances generated through the only source, i.e. the membership fee which has not been increased for more than two decades (GST applicable since July 1, 2017), DELNET is able to consistently expand its library networking horizons, benefiting its member-libraries.

IV   DELNET BUILDING

4.1   DELNET Hostel Block

During the year 2024-25, DELNET hostel block/ guest house facilities at New Delhi were regularly used by institutions from across the country for accommodation, organising meetings, interviews, seminars, workshops, etc. It is most popular among the institutions. These facilities, services and support offered by DELNET were greatly admired by the institutions. Many renowned institutions located across the country availed themselves of the facilities at DELNET.

The property tax for 2024 for DELNET, New Delhi was paid to the MCD. Also the property tax for DELNET Bengaluru, Lucknow and Pune offices were paid.

4.2   Inauguration of DELNET Pune Office

We are pleased to inform members that the DELNET Pune office at O-445, Boulevard Towers, Phase I, Connaught Road, Sadhu Vaswani Road, Pune-411001 was inaugurated on January 23, 2025 by Shri K. Jayakumar, President, DELNET. Dr. P. R. Goswami, Treasurer, DELNET, other DELNET officials and a number of professionals from Maharashtra attended the in-person programme. We are glad to mention that the DELNET Pune office started its operations from the new premises since February 1, 2025. It contributes significantly to strengthening the DELNET activities in the state of Maharashtra.

4.3   DELNET Lucknow Office – Interior Work

The Interior work at the DELNET Lucknow Office located at Shalimar Iridium, Opp. Indira Gandhi Pratishthan, Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh is currently in progress. The electrical, networking, air-conditioning and false ceiling work has been completed. It is hoped that the new DELNET Lucknow office will be made operational with staff soon.

4.4   Purchase of DELNET Vadodara Office

We are pleased to inform members that DELNET has purchased a fully furnished 1668 sq. ft. carpet area office space located at Office Nos. 309, 310, 311, 312, 3rd Floor, Neptune Edge, Sarabhai Campus, Near Genda Circle, Vadiwadi, Vadodara-390023, Gujarat for setting up its Vadodara office to provide proactive support to its member-institutions in Gujarat.

V   NETWORK OPERATIONS

DELNET Online Services and Digital Network Infrastructure

During the year 2024-25, DELNET online services were operational 24/7 to ensure a seamless access to its resources by the users of its member-institutions. The access was made through static IPs as well as through Login/Password.

The two Internet links, i.e. 2 Mbps leased line of DELNET-NIC and 20 Mbps Airtel connectivity worked well during the year.

VI   DELNET DISCOVERY PORTAL

6.1   It is worth mentioning that the member institutions of DELNET greatly utilised the DELNET discovery portal for accessing more than 4.2 crore resources of various member-libraries. It is of immense help for faculty, researchers and scholars for their academic, research and scholarly needs.

We may also highlight that in the usage statistics report an additional feature of generating the usage report by "Resource Access" was added in addition to "System Access". This helps the libraries to know the types of resources being used by their faculty and students.

Furthermore, the most effective Inter Library Loan and Document Delivery Services were also availed of by member-libraries which helps the member-institutions immensely to meet their requirements for academic, research and reference in a timely manner. The libraries also contribute their records for merging in DELNET Portal and were benefited. The member-institutions participate actively in the resource sharing activities.

6.2   Knowledge Gainer Portal

The Knowledge Gainer Portal provides an access to more than 1.6 crore full-text E-books, E-journals, E-articles, etc. which were used extensively by member-libraries during the year.

6.3   DELNET also provides access to the following online resources which were regularly updated and used greatly by members:

1.   E-BOOKS

   a.   Autobiographies and Biographies

   b.   E-books: Read and Download them online

   c.   Full-Text Medical Books

   d.   Audio Books [New]

   e.   Ayurveda E-books [New]

2.   E-JOURNALS (Full-Text)

   a.   Aerospace Sciences

   b.   Agriculture and Horticulture Science

   c.   Architecture

   d.   Arts and Commerce

   e.   Ayurveda

f.   Dental

g.   Divyangjan (Persons with Special Needs)

h.   Education

i.   Engineering and Technology

j.   Fashion Technology

k.   Food Technology

l.   Homoeopathy

m.   Hotel Management

n.   Law

o.   Library and Information Technology

p.   Management

q.   Mass Media

r.   Medical Sciences

s.   Nursing

t.   Paramedical Sciences

u.   Pharmacy

v.   Physiotherapy

w.   Police Research

x.   Science

y.   Skill and Entrepreneurship

z.   Social Sciences

aa.   Startups, Innovation and Entrepreneurship

bb.   Women and Child Development [New]

cc.   Yoga

3.   DIVYANGJAN RESOURCES [New]

4.   THESES/DISSERTATIONS

a.   EBSCO Open Dissertation

b.   Global Full-text Theses and Dissertations

c.   Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations

d.   Yale Medicine Theses Digital Library

5.   OTHER ONLINE DATABASES

a.   Directory of Open Access Repositories

b. india.gov.in-National Portal of India

c. MEDLINE and other databases of NLM

d. US Patents : Full Text

e. Cambridge Dictionary Online

f. ODLIS : Online Dictionary for Lib & Inf. Science

g. Hobbies

h. Hindi E-Resources [New]

i. Sanskrit E-Resources

j. JSTOR (Multidisciplinary)

6. LANGUAGE LEARNING Portal

The portal is used for improving the spoken and writing skills in English and other foreign languages. The students from member-institutions used it extensively. On the demand of the member-institutions, the resources on Hindi learning was also added during the year which is used to capacity by the foreign students.

7. MANUSCRIPTS AND RARE BOOKS

DELNET provides access to full text manuscripts and rare books.

8. E-NEWSPAPERS

The DELNET "E-Newspapers" section in the Online Portal provides an access to many E-newspapers published in Hindi, English and other regional languages.

9. E-JOURNALS STATISTICS : SUBJECT-WISE [New]

DELNET has made "E-journals Statistics : Subject-wise" available to member-libraries. The details including the Impact factor, indexing information, ISSN of E-journals are made available. There are separate listings of National and International E-journals. This is of great use by the member-institutions.

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

The Inter-Library and Document Delivery Services continues to remain as highly relevant and used services of DELNET during the year 2024-25. The physical copies of books were arranged through Inter Library Loan and also the select journal articles. These timely services by DELNET are highly appreciated by member-institutions. The DELNET, New Delhi and its Coordination Units provides a proactive support to the member-institutions.

VIII   DELNET PPP Initiative

During the year 2024-25, DELNET launched a special *PPP (Participate, Promote and Progress) Initiative for Strengthening Knowledge Sharing, Innovation and Research Among its Member-Institutions*. Under this new PPP initiative, the member-institutions were requested to come forward in adopting new innovative best practices in their respective institutions which will go a long way in realising the envisioned roles of libraries and to empower its users' community. A very detailed communication was sent to member-institutions and DELNET received a favourable response from member libraries. DELNET also sent a poster of "DELNET Digital Knowledge Hub" to the member-institutions and requested them to create an exclusive space for the library users to access DELNET online resources.

IX   SOFTWARE SUPPORT

9.1   DELNET during the year 2024-25 continued to offer Delplus software free of charge for library automation to the members which has gained wider popularity. DELNET undertakes remote installation of the software and also helps in migrating the existing records (from Access/Excel) in addition to generating Barcodes for the member-institutions. The software has user-friendly modules including Acquisition, Cataloguing, Circulation, OPAC, etc. adhering to library standards which are appreciated by the institutions. It helps in the modernisation of libraries.

9.2   Support for Open Source Software for Member-Institutions

DELNET also offered support for open source software. The requests for installation of Koha and DSpace were received periodically from the member-institutions. DELNET undertakes the remote installation work for Koha and DSpace. The non-availability of trained manpower in Linux in libraries was a major deterrent for the non-adoption of open source software.

X   DELNET CONSORTIUM

DELNET continues to offer the following E-journals/E-books packages through the DELNET Consortium.

10.1   DELNET Cengage Consortium

DELNET offered the following E-journals packages through DELNET Gale Cengage Consortium. Some of the DELNET member-institutions subscribe to them.

1.   InfoTrac Engineering, Science & Technology Collection (IESTC)

2.   InfoTrac Medical Collection (IMedC)

3.   InfoTrac Business and Management Collection (IBMC)

4.   InfoTrac Pharmacy Collection (IPC)

5.   InfoTrac Dental Collection (IDC)

6. InfoTrac Architecture Collection (IAC)

7. InfoTrac Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Collection

8. Gale Onefile Nursing and Allied Health

9. Business Insights: Global (BIG)

10. Gale OneFile: News

11. Gale in Context: Environmental Studies (GREENR)

12. Gale One: Hospitality and Tourism (HTC) and Gale One: Culinary Arts (CAC)

10.2   DELNET ProQuest E-journals Consortium

1. DELNET ProQuest Engineering/Technology Collection

2. DELNET ProQuest Management Collection

10.3   DELNET Consortium for eBooks

1. World eBooks Library Through IGroup

XI   ONLINE PORTALS

11.1   DELNET'S ViSiOn Portal of Video Lectures

We are glad to inform members that ViSiOn (Video Sites Online) Portal gained popularity during 2024-25 among the member-institutions as it contains a number of enriching video lectures delivered by the Subject Matter Experts (SMEs), Faculty Members, etc. in varied fields of knowledge. 25426 video lectures are currently available through the ViSiOn portal. A number of member-institutions have contributed the video lectures of their own faculty. We request the members to continuously contribute for the portal.

11.2   DELNET Online Courses Portal (COnCour)

We are pleased to mention that the COnCour Portal (COnCour - Continue with Online Courses to Conquer Your Future Now) which provides details of more than 4800 Online Courses in various disciplines provided through various institutions (both national and international) was used by the Students, Faculty and also LIS professionals. The courses can be searched through Subject, Certificate Granting Institutions, Title of the Course, Country, etc. It is further informed that the portal was effectively used by the students and other users of member-libraries and generating interest among the students' community.

11.3   New Portals

GRIP (Global Research and Innovation Portal)

We are glad to inform members that the "GRIP - Global Research and Innovation Portal" is made live for member-institutions. The metadata of more than 15,000 Research

Reports of Indian Research organisations (NIRF ranked) have been compiled so far. It will strengthen the research and innovation ecosystem in the institutions and also lead to enhancing research collaborations and knowledge sharing among researchers and institutions. The portal is updated regularly DELNET urges its members to contribute their Research Reports to the portal.

It is also to inform that "GRIP" (Global Research and Innovation Portal)" is registered under Certificate of Registration of Trademark under class 42 for 10 years period.

11.4   Portal on Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS)

We wish to inform members that DELNET has begun working on developing a dedicated Portal on "Indian Knowledge Systems". The portal designing work and data curation activities are currently in progress.

11.5   Portal on Museums

DELNET has also started developing a portal highlighting the museums located in India and other countries with a special focus on the collection coverage and uniqueness of resources, etc. It will help to promote our rich cultural heritage and will be of immense help to researchers and scholars.

11.6   DrillBit: Plagiarism Detection Software for Academic Integrity

We are pleased to inform members that DELNET has signed a MOU with DrillBit and offer subscription to Web-based DrillBit Software to its member-libraries for plagiarism detection for an annual subscription of Rs 48,000 (inclusive of GST) for 300 documents checking and Rs. 70,800 (inclusive of GST) for checking 500 documents. A number of member-institutions are subscribing to it.

XII   COORDINATION UNITS

We wish to inform members that the DELNET's Coordination Units at Bengaluru and Pune coordinated well for Inter Library Loan, conducting training sessions, the data collection, follow-up for membership renewals, new membership, etc. from the region during the year.

XIII   NATIONAL INITIATIVES

NACLIN 2024

We are pleased to inform our members that the 27th National Convention on Knowledge, Library and Information Networking – NACLIN 2024 on the theme "Smart Libraries: Inspiring, Engaging, Enabling and Connecting Users, Communities for Building Knowledge Societies" was organised by DELNET-Developing Library Network, New Delhi in collaboration with Medi-Caps University, Indore at Hotel Sayaji, Indore from September 25-27, 2024. Nearly 250 participants from different parts of India including Library experts, librarians, LIS professionals, students, exhibitors, product demonstrators

actively participated in the Conference. It was for the first time in the history of NACLIN that the Convention was held in the state of Madhya Pradesh. The city of Indore, having the proud distinction of being the cleanest city of India hosted the Conference.

The Inaugural function on September 25, 2024 began with an invocation of Saraswati Vandana by the students of Medi-Caps University, Indore. It was followed by the lighting of the lamp marking the inauguration of NACLIN 2024 by the Chief Guest Dr. Ram S. Shrivastava, Chairman, Maharaja Ranjit Singh College of Professional Sciences (MRSCPS) Indore and a well-known physicist and an academician, in the esteemed presence of Shri K. Jayakumar, President, DELNET (former Chief Secretary, Kerala and Jt Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Government of India); Prof. (Dr.) Dilip K. Patnaik, Vice-Chancellor, Medi-Caps University, Indore; Dr. Sangeeta Kaul, Director, DELNET & Organising Secretary, NACLIN 2024 and Dr. Anurag Kumar Khare, Librarian, Medi-Caps University, Indore and Co-Organising Secretary, NACLIN 2024.

The welcome address was jointly delivered by Dr Sangeeta Kaul and Dr. Anurag Kumar Khare. The special address was delivered by Prof. (Dr.) Dilip K. Patnaik, Vice-Chancellor, Medi-Caps University, Indore. He lauded the efforts of DELNET in organising NACLIN 2024 at Indore and expressed his gratitude for choosing Medi-Caps University, Indore as its partner for organising the Convention. Prof. Patnaik made an impressive, inquisitive statement "You know what you know, but you don't know what you don't know". He said that library professionals have to play a crucial role in discovering the unknown and to offer help for the betterment of the society. He observed that the roles of the LIS professionals are not just to safeguard the assets but to be prepared for the new emerging roles. He further emphasised that professionals needs to do smart work and hard work in the libraries to meet the growing demands of the users community. He also urged the need for sharing the best practices among the professionals. Dr. Patnaik said that the world has moved from the technology era to the social era and the libraries have to become vibrant places of interaction and places of learning.

It was followed by the release of NACLIN 2024 pre-conference publication containing 21 papers of the Conference, edited by Dr. Sangeeta Kaul and Dr. Anurag Kumar Khare and also the NACLIN souvenir was released on the occasion by the Chief Guest Dr. Ram S. Shrivastava, Chairman, Maharaja Ranjit Singh College of Professional Sciences (MRSCPS) Indore.

Dr. Shrivastava delivered the inaugural Chief Guest address. He dwelt at length on the genesis of computing technologies to the world of learning and spoke about his long time association with Holkar Science College, Indore. Dr. Shrivastava highlighted the difficulties which were encountered by the researchers and scholars some 3-4 decades ago wherein arranging the references through mechanical document delivery only which was very expensive in those days and times. He appreciated the path-breaking efforts of DELNET in establishing a digital library network which the distinguished Chief Guest felt that it is in line with the vision of 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat'

of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. Dr. Shrivastava stressed the fact that information and technology must reach each and every citizen in the country. He also shared an interesting fact that 2.5 billion research papers were published last year and the top contributing countries are USA, Russia, China, Japan, Germany, India and France. He said that more than 95 per cent of the research papers are in their regional languages, whereas in India nearly 99.9 per cent of the publications are in English language only. He urged the need to empower the regional languages in India. The chief guest concluded the address stating that the future is of quantum computation.

It was followed by the Presidential Address by Shri K. Jayakumar, President, DELNET. He said that it is an immensely happy occasion for DELNET to organise NACLIN 2024 as it is growing from strength to strength. He affirmed that NACLIN serves an intelligent purpose for Library and Information Science professionals. He appreciated the resounding response received from the LIS fraternity with a massive participation of professionals. Shri K. Jayakumar said that NACLIN is a learning process for DELNET. Every NACLIN indicates the vision and mission of DELNET and DELNET feels extremely honoured that the library professionals appreciate the functioning and services of DELNET. He added that we are happy to be in a much celebrated city of Indore as every city in India compares them with Indore for being the cleanest city. He further emphasised that in a world where knowledge is capital and data is treasure, the task of the library professionals is under constant change. He concluded his Presidential address by mentioning that NACLIN urges all of us to be eternally vigilant and innovative and to be constantly aware of the changing contours of technology, challenges of information management, hitherto unknown opportunities, threat of obsolescence and the value of constructive involvement. He wished everyone a great learning experience and exploring the widened increasing opportunities for the benefit of the libraries and library professionals.

The inaugural function ended with the Vote of Thanks by Dr. Sangeeta Kaul, Director, DELNET.

It was followed by the Inauguration of NACLIN 2024 Exhibition wherein a number of leading companies exhibited their products and services. It included Balani Group, New Delhi; Beegees Computers Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai; Cyber Peace Foundation, New Delhi; Drillbit, Bengaluru; Gale, A Cengage Company, New Delhi; New Age International; RapidRadio Solutions Private Limited, Ahmedabad; M/s Spacious Book House, New Delhi and Trestle Labs, Bengaluru.

The first tutorial on "Emerging Trends and Technologies in Library and Information Services" was conducted by Dr. Nabi Hasan, Librarian & Head, IIT Delhi. The session was most enlightening, engaging and empowering and was greatly valued and appreciated by the participants.

It was followed by product demonstration by Balani Infotech Pvt. Ltd. Conducted by Mr. Anurag Gupta, Territory Manager (West) and Ms. Priyanka Harne, Product Associates. The presentation on Gale, A Cengage Company was conducted by Mr.

Utkarsh Shrivastava, Sales Manager, North India and and Mr. Micky Mehta, Digital Product Trainer. The second tutorial on "Redesigning Library Spaces of Smart Libraries" was conducted by Dr. Sangeeta Kaul, Director, DELNET.

DELNET has included a new feature in NACLIN 2024, i.e. NACLIN 2024-Ideathon-Best Ideas on the topic "Smart Libraries", "Smart Technologies" and "Smart Librarians". The session Expert Jury Members were Dr. P.R. Goswami, Former Director (Libraries), Ministry of Culture, Government of India, New Delhi; Dr. Vivek Patkar, Independent Researcher, Mumbai and Dr. Anurag Kumar Khare, Librarian, Medi-Caps University, Indore. The session witnessed the impressive participation from the participants and it was truly a knowledge sharing session. The three best ideas were selected in each category, i.e. Smart Libraries, Smart Technologies and Smart Librarians. The professionals who shared their best ideas included : for Smart Libraries : Mr Tapesh Sinha, DESIDOC; Ms. Sarita Waghate (Brahmos) and Mr. Sumit Sundar Ray, IIM Indore. For Smart Technologies – Mr. Tapesh Sinha (DESIDOC), Dr. K. Adhinarayana (Bharatidasan Institute of Management) and Mr Sumit Sundar Ray (IIM Indore). For the Smart Librarians category the best ideas were given by Ms. Sarita Waghate (Brahmos), Mr. Amitabh Saran (formerly with Allahabad High Court) and Ms. Priyatama Sharma (Azim Premji University, Bhopal).

In the evening, all the participants were taken to Nakhrali Dhani, Indore for a cultural evening. It was followed by a networking dinner and a musical evening which was enjoyed by everyone.

On the second day of NACLIN 2024, the first Technical Session was devoted to 'Emerging Trends and Technologies in Libraries and Cyber Security Concerns. The session was chaired by Dr. J. K. Pattnaik, Scientific Officer 'F', Incharge Library, SIRC, Raja Ramanna Centre for Advanced Technology (RRCAT), Indore and Rapporteur of the session was Ms. Sushma Zutshi, Librarian, Centre for Air Power Studies, New Delhi. The first keynote paper entitled "Emerging Trends and Technologies in Libraries: An Overview" was presented by Dr. M. G. Sreekumar, Director Libraries, Jio Institute, Panvel, Dist. Raigad, Maharashtra. The second keynote presentation of the session was delivered online by Major Vineet Kumar, Founder and Global President, Cyber Peace Foundation. Mrs Anindita Mishra, Senior Consultant and Master Trainer, CPF was present in-person. The last keynote paper of the session entitled "Kibo: Transforming Libraries with AI-Technology to Overcome Barriers of Literacy, Language and Disability" was delivered by Ms. Akshita Sachdeva and Mr. Bonny Dave, Co-founders, Directors, Trestle Labs, Kibo. The paper entitled "Harnessing the Power of Python for Data Mining in Libraries" was presented by Ms. Rachna Patnaik, Scientist/Engineer SG and Head, Library & Knowledge Management Division, Space Applications Centre, ISRO, Ahmedabad. Another paper entitled "SciSpace Copilot: Accrediting Research Through Artificial Intelligence: A Case Study Conducted" was delivered by Dr. Bipin B. Nargide, Assistant Librarian, Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics (Deemed University), Pune. The paper entitled "Artificial Intelligence (AI) Applications in Libraries: A Bibliometric Analysis from the Indian Perspectives" written by Dr. Prafulla Kumar

Mahanta, Librarian, Digboi College, Digboi, Tinsukia, Assam; Mr. Dulumani Sarma, Librarian, Habraghat Mahavidyalaya, Krishnai Goalpara, Assam and Dr. Tripti Gogoi, Assistant Professor, DLISc, Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai was presented by Dr. Tripti Gogoi. The paper entitled "The Role of Discovery Tools and Technologies in Modern Libraries: Revolutionising Information Access and Review of Discovery Tools Available at DESIDOC" written by Mr. Tapesh Sinha, Scientist 'F'; Mrs. Dipti Arora, Technical Officer 'C' and Dr. K. Nageswara Rao, Scientist 'G' and Director, Defence Scientific Information and Documentation Centre (DESIDOC), DRDO, Ministry of Defence, Delhi was presented by Mr. Tapesh Sinha. The paper entitled "Metaverse Libraries: Opportunities and Challenges for the Differently Abled Patrons" was delivered by Ms. Sarika Praveen Agale, Library Incharge, Symbiosis Institute of International Business, (SIIB), Symbiosis International Deemed University, Pune. The last paper of technical session I entitled "Smart Library Services: The Impact of QR Codes at TMI Learning Resource Centre, Pune" was presented by Dr. Rahul Viswe, Librarian, Tolani Maritime Institute, Pune. It should also be mentioned that the printed copies of the publication entitled *Cyber Peace Essential : Cyber Security Awareness Handbook* published by Cyber Peace Foundation and DELNET was also distributed to the delegates.

The second Technical Session II was devoted to the "Innovative Library Services and User Engagement". The session was chaired by Prof. (Dr.) Ramesh C. Gaur, Dean & Director (Library & Information) & Head, Kalanidhi Division, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi. The session rapporteur was Mrs. Mayuri U. Kendurkar, Assistant Librarian, Medi-Caps University, Indore The invited keynote presentation entitled "Libraries and User Engagement: British Council Experience" was delivered by Ms. Neeti Saxena, Senior Manager, Digital Libraries, British Council, New Delhi. The paper entitled "Library Space Framework for Academic Libraries" written by Ms. Melborine Nongspung, M.Lib.I.Sc.Student, Department of Library and Information Science, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal and Dr. Mahabaleshwara Rao, Associate Professor and Deputy Chief Librarian, Department of Library & Information Science and Health Sciences Library, Kasturba Medical College, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal, Karnataka was delivered by Dr. Mahabaleshwara Rao. It was followed by a product demonstration on DrillBit – Plagiarism Detection Software which was presented by Mr. Jayanna Belavadi, Founder & CEO, DrillBit, Bengaluru.

The post lunch session, Technical Session III was devoted to the "Digital Knowledge Resources and Building Knowledge Societies". The session was chaired by Dr. M. G. Sreekumar, Director Libraries, Jio Institute, Panvel, Dist. Raigad, Maharashtra. The session Rapporteur was Mr. Syed Shuaib Ahmad, Assistant Library and Information Officer, National Medical Library, Directorate General of Health Services (DteGHS), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, New Delhi. The keynote presentation entitled "Indigenous Knowledge Resources of India: A Brief Account with Suitable Examples" was presented by Dr. P. R. Goswami, Former Director (Libraries), Ministry of Culture, Government of India, New Delhi. The second keynote

presentation entitled "Harnessing Digital Knowledge Resources for Inclusive and Sustainable Knowledge Societies" was presented by Prof. (Dr.) Ramesh C. Gaur, Dean & Director (Library & Information) & Head, Kalanidhi Division, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi. The third keynote presentation entitled "Indian Knowledge Systems: Preserving the Past for Future" was presented by Dr. Anupam Jain, Professor of Mathematics & Director, Centre for Research in Ancient Indian Mathematics, DAVV, Indore (IKS Centre). The paper entitled "Effectiveness of Digital Learning Platforms Amongst Faculties, Librarians and Students of Affiliated Colleges of Goa" written by Mr. Sunil Madhukar Gauns, Librarian Grade – I, GVM's Dr. Dada Vaidya College of Education, Farmagudi, Ponda; Mr. Sudhir Baburao Halvegar, College Librarian, Vasant Joshi College of Arts and Commerce, Vasco; Ms. Manasi Dattatraya Rege, College Librarian, VVM's Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics, Margao and Ms. Padmavati S. Tubachi, College Librarian, DPM's Shree Mallikarjun & Shri Chetan Manju Desai College of Arts, Commerce, Science, Canacona, Goa, was presented by Mr. Sunil Madhukar Gauns. The Another paper entitled "Use of Open Access Resources and Software in Library Services in Developing Countries: Comparative Study of Libraries in India and Tanzania" was written by Dr. Vrushali Dandawate, Librarian, AISSMS College of Engineering, Pune; Mr. Deogratus Daniel, Library Officer Systems Librarian, The Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology, Arusha, Tanzania and Dr. Vishal Gaikwad, Librarian, D.Y. Patil Arts, Commerce and Science College, Pune and was presented by Dr. Vrushali Dandawate. The paper entitled 'Promoting Scholarly Interaction Through Digital Resources: Discovery and Accessibility at Jain University: A Case Study' written by Mrs. Prathibha D.P., Librarian and Mr. H.N. Manjunath, Chief Librarian, Jain (Deemed-to-be-University), Bengaluru was presented by Mrs Pratibha D.P. The paper entitled "Digital Library Services in Government Agriculture Colleges of Rajasthan: A Study" written by Mr. Mukesh Kumar Menaria, Research Scholar, Dept. of Library & Information Science and Dr. M. Suresh Babu, Associate Professor, Dept. of Library & Information Science, Mandsaur University, Mandsaur, Madhya Pradesh was delivered by Dr M. Suresh Babu. The paper entitled "Preserving Literary Heritage in the Digital Age: A Case Study of the Kerala Sahitya Academy Library, Thrissur" written by Sr. Jisna Jose, Librarian, Vimala College (Autonomous), Thrissur and Mr. Saji Shaijan, Student, M.L.I.Sc., Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi was presented by Sr. Jisna Jose. The last paper entitled 'Awareness and Attitude on Plagiarism Among Research Scholars: A Case Study of Selected Private Universities of Indore' written by Mr. Kishore Kumar Prajapat, Research Scholar and Dr. Anil Kumar Jain Professor, School of Studies in Library and Information Science, Vikram University, Ujjain, Madya Pradesh was presented by Mr. Kishore Kumar Prajapat.

The last technical session of the second day, i.e. Technical Session IV was devoted to "Human Resource Development in Libraries". The technical session was chaired by Dr. Vivek Patkar, Independent Researcher, Mumbai. The Rapporteur was Prof. Munmun Bhattacharjee, Assistant Professor & Librarian, Eastern Institute for Integrated Learning in Management, Kolkata. The Keynote Paper entitled "Role of the Library and LIS Professionals in the Society 5.0" was delivered by Dr. Vivek Patkar,

Independent Researcher, Mumbai. The paper entitled "Use of Soft Skills for Effective Digital Transformation Among New Age Library Professionals" written by Prof. M. Doraswamy, Professor, Department of Library & Information Science and Vice-Chancellor (I/c), Dravidian University, Kuppam, Chittoor Dist. and Dr. B. R. Doraswamy Naick, Professor & Head, University Library, Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University (JNTU), Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh was presented by Dr. B. R. Doraswamy Naick. The second paper entitled "Evaluation of Soft Skills Among Library Professionals of Meghalaya (India): A Study" written by Dr. Jacqueline J. Thabah, Assistant Professor and Ms. Betbhalin Lyngdoh, Research Scholar, Department of Library & Information Science, North Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Shillong was presented the next day by Ms Betbhalin Lyngdoh as she was unwell on the scheduled day of the presentation. The last paper of the technical session entitled "Issues of Employability Among Library Professionals in India" was presented by Dr. Deepak Sharma, Assistant Professor and Librarian, Indian School of Hospitality, Gurugram, Haryana.

It was followed by a visit to the Exhibition Area. The evening of the second day was made more memorable with the cultural evening at Hotel Sayaji wherein besides the cultural troupe, the participants wholeheartedly participated in the cultural evening with their delightful songs, poetry and dance performances. It is an evening which will always be cherished as a most memorable one.

On the last day of the conference the technical session V was devoted to "Public Libraries and Community Engagement Services". The session was chaired by Dr. P. R. Goswami, Former Director (Libraries), Ministry of Culture, Government of India, New Delhi and Co-Chaired by Dr. G.D. Agarwal, Chairman, Indore Division Library Association. The Rapporteur of the technical session was Ms. Priyanka Jain, Librarian/Documentalist, Centre de Sciences Humaines (CSH), New Delhi. The Keynote Presentation entitled 'Creating Safe Community Spaces in Public Libraries with Strong Community Connect' was delivered by Dr. Geeta Malhotra, Country Director, Read India, Gurugram, Haryana. It was followed by another keynote presentation on "Government Central Library, Gwalior: The First Digital Public Library of Madhya Pradesh" was delivered by Dr. Vivek Kumar Soni, Library Manager, Government Central Library, Gwalior. It was followed by a brainstorming session on Revitalising Public Library Services which generated many deliberations among the expert speakers, participants and was one of the most engaging sessions of NACLIN 2024.

The last Technical Session VI was devoted to the "Library Resource Acquisition/ Library Resource Sharing/Consortium Practices". The session was chaired by Dr. Nimai Chand Saha, University Librarian, Visva Bharati, Santiniketan, Birbhum Distt., West Bengal and Co-Chair by Dr. Rakesh Kumar Khare, Librarian & Head of the Department (Library and Information Science), Rabindranath Tagore University, Bhopal. The Rapporteur was Ms. Sarita Waghate, Deputy Manager, BrahMos Aerospace, New Delhi. The Keynote Presentation entitled 'Emerging Trends in Consortia Practices and Model for E-Resources Subscriptions' was delivered by Dr. Sandeep Kumar Pathak, Librarian, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Bhopal. Another

Keynote Presentation entitled "DELNET: Harnessing the Power of Library Networking" was delivered by Dr. Sangeeta Kaul, Director, DELNET, New Delhi. The paper entitled "User-Centric, Evidence-Based Resource Acquisition in DRDO's Special Library: A Case Study of Information Centre for Armament Technology (ICAT), ARDE, Pune" was presented by the authors Mr. A. R. Sarode, Technical Officer B and Mr. A. K. Pandey, Scientist E, Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE), Pune. The last paper entitled "Approaches for Effective Electronic Resources Acquisition in College Libraries of Goa" written by Mrs. Sonia Mukesh Desai, Research Scholar and Dr. Vaijanath Ramchandra Kamble, Research Guide, Kavayitri Bahinabai Chaudhari North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon, North Maharashtra was presented by Mrs. Sonia Mukesh Desai.

The panel discussion on the theme of the Conference "Smart Libraries: Inspiring, Engaging, Enabling and Connecting Users, Communities for Building Knowledge Societies" was organised after the technical sessions. It was moderated by Dr. Sangeeta Kaul. The panelists were Prof. M. Doraswamy, Professor, Department of Library & Information Science, & Vice-Chancellor (I/c), Dravidian University, Kuppam, Chittoor Dist.; Dr. M. G. Sreekumar, Director Libraries, Jio Institute, Panvel, Dist. Raigad, Maharashtra; Dr. Pramod S. Nair, Dean (Engineering) Medi-Caps University, Indore; Mr. Bonny Dave, Co-founders, Trestle Labs, Kibo and Dr. K. Adhinarayanan, Librarian, Bharathidasan Institute of Management, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu.

The participants of NACLIN 2024 shared their valuable feedback, appreciating the organisation of the most enriching and memorable conference.

In the Valedictory session, the special address was given by Prof. (Dr.) P. Silavainathan, Registrar, Medi-Caps University, Indore. It was followed by an address by Dr. Pramod S. Nair, Dean (Engineering) Medi-Caps University, Indore. The Presidential Address was delivered by Shri K. Jayakumar, IAS, President, DELNET and Former Jt. Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Government of India and Chief Secretary, Government of Kerala.

The vote of thanks was placed by Dr. Sangeeta Kaul, Organising Secretary, NACLIN 2024 and Dr. Anurag Kumar Khare, Co-Organising Secretary, NACLIN 2024.

The certificates of participation were distributed to all the delegates.

XIV INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS AND INITIATIVES

We are pleased to inform our members that DELNET has successfully conducted the Workshop entitled "Transforming and Empowering Librarians and Researchers in Higher Education in Bhutan" held from January 6-10, 2025 at the Royal University of Bhutan, Thimpu organised in collaboration with the Institutional Association of DELNET-Developing Library Network, New Delhi. The workshop was organised under the HAPPY Project (Qualitative research in higher education teaching Approaches for sustainabilitY and well-being in Bhutan), co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of

the European Union. The workshop aimed to provide knowledge-enhancing training for librarians and researchers in Bhutan, acquainting them with emerging trends and tools in areas such as Research Data Management, Electronic Resource Management, Library Networking and Resource Sharing and Digital Literacy. By equipping participants with these essential skillsets, the programme contributed to empowering and transforming them, significantly enhancing their competencies in academics, teaching and research.

It was greatly appreciated by the participants and has helped DELNET to strengthen the library networking ties with the libraries in Bhutan.

XV   WEBINARS AND WORKSHOPS

The following online programmes were organised by DELNET during 2024-25. DELNET uses the Goto Webinar platform for conducting online sessions which functions very well.

15.1   Dr. H. K. Kaul Memorial Lecture

Dr. H. K. Kaul Memorial Lecture 2024 on "Data Protection and Data Privacy" was delivered online by Major Vineet Kumar, Founder & Global President, Cyber Peace Foundation (CPF) on July 1, 2024. It was attended by 764 participants from India and outside.

15.2   DELNET Workshops/Symposium/Programmes (In-person)

DELNET had organised the following One Day Workshops in-person at the following institutions which was attended by an appreciable number of library professionals, faculty, etc. from various institutions.

April 16, 2024	Lecture on "The Critical Role of Libraries in an Open Science World" by Dr Kathleen Shearer, Executive Director, COAR (based at Canada) held at DELNET, New Delhi. It was attended online by 615 participants from India and abroad besides a substantial number of in-person participation.
July 6, 2024	DELNET One-Day Workshop on "Transforming and Empowering Libraries, LIS Professional and Users: Emerging Trends", held in collaboration with Chitkara University Himachal Pradesh, Baddi, Himachal Pradesh at Chitkara University, Baddi.
August 24, 2024	DELNET One-Day Workshop on "Transforming and Empowering Libraries, LIS Professional and Users: Emerging Trends", held in collaboration with Dronacharya College of Engineering, Gurugram, Haryana at Dronacharya College of Engineering, Gurugram, Haryana.

August 27, 2024	DELNET One-Day Workshop on "Transforming and Empowering Libraries, LIS Professional and Users: Emerging Trends", held in collaboration with Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai at Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai.
August 31, 2024	DELNET One-Day Workshop on "Transforming and Empowering Libraries, LIS Professional and Users: Emerging Trends", held in collaboration with IIMT University, Meerut at IIMT University Meerut.
October 19, 2024	DELNET One-Day Workshop on "Transforming and Empowering Libraries, LIS Professional and Users: Emerging Trends", held in collaboration with Malaviya National Institute of Technology, Jaipur at MNIT, Jaipur.
November 16, 2024	DELNET Programme on "International Symposium on Management of Rare and Special Collections and UNESCO Toolkit for Disasters Resilience" by Ms. Makeswary Periasamy, Senior Librarian (Rare Collections), National Library of Singapore, National Library Board, Singapore (online) & Dr. Heather Brown, Librarian, Sector Standards and Education, Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA), Australia (in-person). It was attended by 791 participants from India and abroad, online and in-person.
November 18, 2024	A session on DELNET was held at IIM Visakhapatnam during the National Library Week.
December 3, 2024	DELNET Programme on "Challenges for Injecting Intelligence in Digital Libraries" by Prof Jean- Charles Lamirel, University of Strasbourg, France. It was attended by 507 participants from India and abroad, online and in-person.
December 13, 2024	DELNET One-Day Workshop on "Transforming and Empowering Libraries, LIS Professionals and Users: Emerging Trends", held in collaboration with Davangere University, Davangere at Davangere University, Davangere.

15.3   Webinars/Programmes on Special Professional Topics [Online]

May 11, 2024	DELNET-Trestle Labs Programme "Celebrating National Technology Day - Emerging Technologies to Make Libraries More Inclusive for All Users" by Mr. Bonny Dave, Co-Founder, Trestle Labs, Kibo. It was attended by 463 participants from India and abroad.
May 31, 2024	DELNET Book Talk on "The Fourth Industrial Revolution and 100 Years of AI (1950-2050)" Dr. Alok Aggarwal, Founder, CEO and Chief Data Scientist, Scry AI. It was attended by 551 participants from India and abroad.

June 21, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "Knowledge Graphs: Connecting Information Over the Semantic Web" by Ms Garima Gujral, Amazon, Germany. It was attended by 691 participants from India and abroad.
July 27, 2024	IEEE CS Madras, CSI Chennai, ACM Chennai and DELNET Webinar on "Decoding Disinformation: Mitigating Misinformation in the Social Media and Generative AI Epoch" by Dr. Shalini R. Urs, Founder and Chairperson, MYRA (Mysore Royal Academy), ED Emerita and Prof., International School of Information Management, Prof. (Retd.), Dept. of Library & Information Science, University of Mysore.
July 31, 2024	DELNET Webinar session on "DataCite: Unlocking Repositories with Persistent Identifiers and Supporting Open Research Practices" by Mr. Mohamad Mustafa, Regional Engagement Specialist, Middle East and Asia, DataCite. It was attended by 526 participants from India and abroad.
August 23, 2024	DELNET - LIRC, NIIT University, Neemrana, Alwar Webinar on "WordPress: An Open Source Web Content Management System" by Dr. Yogendra Pal, Assistant Professor, Educational Technology, NIIT University, Neemrana, Alwar. It was attended by 598 participants from India and abroad.
September 5, 2024	DELNET Webinar on "Teachers' Role in Integrating Indian Knowledge System in Implementing NEP 2020" by Dr. Satish Modh, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai. It was attended by 421 participants from India and abroad.
October 5, 2024	DELNET Book Talk on "Mastering the Data Paradox" by Mr. Nitin Seth, Co-Founder & CEO, Incedo Inc. It was attended by 154 participants from India and abroad.
October 26, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "User Centric Services and UX Design" by Dr. Shantanu Ganguly, Director (Library), Ashoka University, Sonipat. It was attended by 562 participants form India and abroad.
October 29, 2024	DELNET Webinar on "Transforming and Empowering Libraries in Bhutan - Emerging Trends and Technologies in Library Services" Dr. Nabi Hasan, Librarian & Head, Central Library, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi.
November 25, 2024	DELNET Webinar on "Transforming and Empowering Libraries in Bhutan: Research Data Management (RDM)" by

	Dr. Raj K. Bhardwaj, Chief Librarian, St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi.
December 16, 2024	DELNET-BITS Design School, Mumbai Webinar on "Research Landscape in UK" by Mr William Nixon, Deputy Executive Director, Research Libraries UK (RLUK), London. It was attended by 340 participants from India and abroad.
January 31, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "Open Access and the Humanities: Digital Approaches" [Pre-Recorded] by Prof. Martin P. Eve, University of London. It was attended by 553 participants from India and abroad.
February 15, 2025	DELNET Webinar on "Evolving Ebook Acquisition: From Shelf Experiments to AI-Powered Selection at IIT Jodhpur" by Dr. Kshema Prakash, Deputy Librarian, IIT Jodhpur. It was attended by 547 participants from India and abroad.
March 12, 2025	DELNET Webinar session on "Data Visualisation Tools and Techniques" was delivered by Dr Gopakumar V., Head, Knowledge Centre, Kerala University of Digital Sciences, Innovation and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. It was attended by 826 participants from India and abroad.

15.4 Webinars on "DELNET Resource and Services" for Member-Institutions

April 10, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for SNDT Women's University, Mumbai, Maharashtra.
April 23, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh.
April 29, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for IIMT University, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh.
May 3, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Supaul College of Engineering, Supaul, Bihar.
May 7, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Khalsa College (ASR) of Technology and Business Studies, Mohali, Punjab.
May 17, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for YMT Ayurvedic Medical College & Hospital, Kharghar, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra.

May 20, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Institute of Science, Poona's Institute of Business Management and Research, Wakad, Pune, Maharashtra.
June 10, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Ramachandra College of Engineering, Eluru, Andra Pradesh.
June 12, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Swami Vivekanand Homoeopathic Medical College and Hospital, Bhavnagar, Gujarat.
June 19, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Methodist College of Engineering and Technology, Hyderabad, Telangana.
June 26, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for DVR & Dr. HS MIC College of Technology, Kanchikacherla, Andhra Pradesh.
July 16, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Government Polytechnic, Nanded, Maharashtra.
August 5, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Sri Malolan College of Arts and Science, Chengalpattu, Tamil Nadu.
August 6, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Nirwan University, Jaipur, Rajasthan.
August 12, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for M.G.M's. Jawaharlal Nehru Engineering College, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, Maharashtra.
August 13, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for K. S. Rangasamy College of Arts & Science (Autonomous), Tiruchengode, Tamil Nadu.
August 14, 2024	DELNET Webinar on "DELNET Resources and Services" jointly organised with BMS College of Commerce and Management, Bengaluru, Karnataka.
August 16, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Srinath College of Pharmacy, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, Maharashtra.
August 29, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Yashoda Super Speciality Hospital, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.

August 29, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for S.I.E.S. College of Management Studies, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra.
October 7, 2024	DELNET Webinar on "DELNET: Resources and Services" organised with Mansi Bharat Gada Degree College of Commerce, Thane, Maharashtra.
October 23, 2024	DELNET Webinar on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Dr. S. C. Gulhane Prena College of Commerce, Science & Arts, Nagpur, Maharashtra.
October 25, 2024	DELNET Webinar on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Amubai Allana B. Ed. College for Women, Aurangabad, Maharashtra.
November 11, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET: Resources and Services" organised for Government Women's First Grade College, Gulbarga, Karnataka.
November 12, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya, Vadodara, Gujarat.
December 19, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for MEASI Institute of Information Technology, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
December 23, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Government Polytechnic, Parkal, Telangana.
December 24, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Madurai Gandhi N. M. R. Subbaraman College for Women, Madurai, Tamil Nadu.
January 9, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Alamuri Ratnamala Institute of Engineering & Technology, Thane, Maharashtra.
January 10, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Government College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Khandola, Goa.
January 21, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Adhiparasakthi College of Physiotherapy, Melmaruvathur, Tamil Nadu.
January 22, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Sri Malolan College of Arts & Science, Chengalpathu, Tamil Nadu.

January 23, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for SR International Institute of Technology, Keesara, Hyderabad, Telangana.
January 28, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Yeshwantrao Chavan College of Engineering, Nagpur, Maharashtra.
February 1, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Aster Prime Hospital, Hyderabad, Telangana.
February 3, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Urumu Dhanalakshmi College, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu.
February 7, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Lingayas Vidyapeeth, Faridabad, Haryana.
February 10, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Mahant Bachittar Singh College of Engineering and Technology, Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir.
February 11, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for National Law Institute University, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
March 1, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Tulsiramji Gaikwad-Patil College of Engineering & Technology, Nagpur, Maharashtra.
March 3, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for SVGSPM B.Ed College, Nanded, Maharashtra.
March 6, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Mukand Lal National College, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana.
March 10, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Shri Kamaxidevi Homoeopathic Medical College and Hospital, Goa.
March 11, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" rganised for Geeta University, Panipat, Haryana.
March 12, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Shri S. H. Kelkar College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Devgad, Maharashtra.

March 17, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Rajiv Gandhi College of Engineering, Research & Technology, Chandrapur, Maharashtra.
March 21, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for St. Aloysius College, Thrissur, Kerala.
March 26, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Pandaveswar College, Pandaveswar, Pachim Bardhaman, West Bengal.

15.5 Celebrating Library Networking Day: Commemorating the 83rd Birth Anniversary of Dr. H. K. Kaul, Founder Director, DELNET

| December 21, 2024 | DELNET Online Programme on "AI for Everyone-Myths Busted: Celebrating Library Networking Day 2024" Commemorating the 83rd Birth Anniversary of Late Dr. H. K. Kaul, Founder Director, DELNET. The lecture was delivered by Mr. Kanwaljeet Singh Arora, AI and Blockchain Consultant and Trainer, Gurugram, Haryana. It was attended by 1317 participants from India and abroad. |

XVI DELNET's Youtube Channel

The video recordings of all the webinars/selective in-person sessions of DELNET are uploaded on DELNET's Youtube channel "Webview" at https://www.youtube.com/@delnetwebview6284 and are viewed by professionals periodically. It also helps in digitally archiving the session deliberations for future use.

XVII   DELNET ANNUAL LECTURE 2024

The DELNET Annual Lecture 2024 on "Sharing as Strength: Libraries as Connection Machines" was delivered in-person at DELNET, New Delhi by Prof. Emily Drabinski, Immediate Past President, American Library Association (ALA), USA and Associate Professor, Queens College Graduate School of Library and Information Studies, New York on December 3, 2024. It was attended by 593 participants from India and abroad online and in-person.

XVIII PARTICIPATION OF DELNET IN AI IMMERSION WEEK WORKSHOP

DELNET officials participated in AI Immersion Week Workshop held on December 10, 2024 at Gurugram. It was organised by CII Centre for AI.

XIX   DELNET MEMBERSHIP FOR INDUSTRIES

We wish to inform members that DELNET has been approached periodically by certain industrial organisations (including those running R&D Units), wanting to

avail of DELNET membership. These usually do not have a physical library and subscribe only to limited digital resources. DELNET offers "Associate Institutional Membership" to Industries/R&D organisations with the following Membership charges:

Admission Fee (one time)	Rs. 5,000
Annual Institutional Fee	Rs. 25,000
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	Rs. 30,000 + 18% GST

XX   Recognition/Appreciation to DELNET

20.1   Jnana Jyoti Sammana

We are pleased to inform members that DELNET has been conferred with "Jnana Jyoti Sammana" by Central Sanskrit University, New Delhi at a conference held at IGNCA, New Delhi on March 26, 2025.

20.2   GST Certificate of Appreciation to DELNET

DELNET, New Delhi having GST registration number 07AAAAD2288G1ZV has received "Certificate of Appreciation" from the Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs, Ministry of Finance, Government of India "towards the prompt filing of returns and payment of Goods and Services Tax during the financial year 2024-25, thereby substantially contributing to building a strong and resilient nation".

XXI   PUBLICATIONS

1. Proceedings of 27th National Convention on Knowledge, Library and Information Networking : NACLIN 2024 / edited by Dr Sangeeta Kaul and Dr. Anurag Kumar Khare. New Delhi: DELNET, 2024. 312 p.

2. DELNET Newsletter 2024.

XXII   STAFF CONTRIBUTIONS

22.1   Dr. Sangeeta Kaul, Director

Membership of Panels/Committee, etc.

Member, Board of Studies, Department of Library and Information Science, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh.

Special Invitee, Board of Studies, Department of Library and Information Science, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.

Member, Editorial Committee, *DESIDOC Journal of Library & Information Technology* (DJLIT).

Member, Editorial Board, *International Quarterly Journal*, Department of Library and Information Science, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery, Kerala.

Reviewed Manuscript of NIDM's Journal on Disaster and Development.

Member, Rare Books Collection Development Policy Committee constituted by Central Secretariat Library, Ministry of Culture.

Member, Library Advisory Committee, Shri Vishwakarma Skill University, Dudhola, Palwal, Haryana.

Member, Editorial Advisory Board, Trends in Information Management published by the Dept. of Library and Information Science, University of Kashmir, Srinagar.

Member, Advisory Committee, ICKHI 2025 (4th International Conference on Knowledge Management in Higher Education Institutes) organised by Manipal University, Jaipur from February 13-14, 2025.

Member, ICSSR-NASSDOC Committee on Documentation Serives and Research Information (CDS&RI).

Member, International Advisory Committee, ILIPS 2025 Conference.

22.11 Dr. Sangeeta Kaul, Director

Lectures Delivered/Panelist (In-Person)

April 17, 2024	Delivered an Invited Lecture on "Adopting Open Mantra in Libraries for Harnessing Knowledge Through the Power of Library Networking" at COAR Asia OA Meeting on "The Promise and Practice of Open Science" held at UNESCO Office, New Delhi from April 17-18, 2024.
July 6, 2024	Coordinated DELNET One-Day Workshop on "Transforming and Empowering Libraries, LIS Professional and Users: Emerging Trends", held in collaboration with Chitkara University Himachal Pradesh, Baddi, Himachal Pradesh at Chitkara University, Baddi and delivered Lectures on DELNET and Ways to Enhance Users' Satisfaction in Libraries.
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August 27, 2024	Coordinated DELNET One-Day Workshop on "Transforming and Empowering Libraries, LIS Professionals and Users: Emerging Trends", held in collaboration with Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai at Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai and delivered Lectures on DELNET and Ways to Enhance Users' Satisfaction in Libraries.
August 31, 2024	Coordinated DELNET One-Day Workshop on "Transforming and Empowering Libraries, LIS Professional and Users: Emerging Trends", held in collaboration with IIMT University, Meerut at IIMT University Meerut and delivered Lectures on DELNET and Ways to Enhance Users' Satisfaction in Libraries.
October 16, 2024	Delivered Lecture during a training course on "Transforming Libraries in Digital Environment" organised by the National Institute of Health & Family Welfare (NIHFW), MoHFW, Government of India held from October 14-18, 2024 at NIHFW, New Delhi.
October 19, 2024	Coordinated DELNET One-Day Workshop on "Transforming and Empowering Libraries, LIS Professionals and Users: Emerging Trends", held in collaboration with Malaviya National Institute of Technology, Jaipur at MNIT, Jaipur and delivered Lectures on DELNET and Ways to Enhance Users' Satisfaction in Libraries.
November 18, 2024	Delivered Lectures on "Transforming Users' Satisfaction to Users' Delight: Innovative Ways for Enhancing User Experience in Libraries" and "DELNET – Resources and Services : A Boon for Academicians, Researchers and Scholars" at Andhra University, Visakhapatnam during National Library Week 2024 Celebrations organised by Dr. V.S. Krishna Library, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam.
November 18, 2024	A lecture was delivered on DELNET at IIM Visakhapatnam during National Library Week Celebrations 2024.
November 29, 2024	Delivered a Lecture on "Transforming Users' Satisfaction to Users' Delight: Innovative Ways for Enhancing Users Experiences in Libraries" at the 12th International Library and Information Professional Summit (I-LIPS 2024) organised by Galgotias University, Greater Noida in Association with Gautam Buddha University, Society for Library Professionals and Bihar Library Association from November 29-December 1, 2024 at Galgotias University, Greater Noida.

December 13, 2024	Coordinated DELNET One-Day Workshop on "Transforming and Empowering Libraries, LIS Professional and Users: Emerging Trends", held in collaboration with Davangere University, Davangere at Davangere University, Davangere and delivered Lectures on DELNET and Ways to Enhance Users' Satisfaction in Libraries.
January 6-10, 2025	Coordinated as a Team Leader Happy Project Workshop on "Transforming and Empowering Libraries and Research in Higher Education in Bhutan" organised by Royal University of Bhutan (RUB), Thimpu in collaboration with the Institutional Association of DELNET, New Delhi, India held from January 6-10, 2025 at RUB, Thimpu, Bhutan, co-funded by the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union.
January 16, 2025	Panelist at Panel Discussion on "Open-Access Publishing" organised by IIT Delhi during the "International Workshop on Open-Access Publishing" held on January 16, 2025 at IIT Delhi.
March 7, 2025	Delivered the Guest of Honour Address at the Inaugural Ceremony of "Symposium on Digitising Cultural Heritage and Scholarship in India: Enhancing Discovery and Preservation" organised by IGNCA in association with JSTOR on March 7, 2025 at IGNCA, New Delhi.

22.12 Dr. Sangeeta Kaul, Director

Online Talks/Lectures Delivered

August 6, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Nirwan University, Jaipur, Rajasthan.
October 25, 2024	DELNET Webinar on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Amubai Allana B.Ed. College for Women, Aurangabad, Maharashtra.
November 14, 2024	Delivered online a Special Lecture on "DELNET Resources and Services – A Boon for Researchers and Scholars" during the National Library Week Celebration 2024 organised by Dr. G. Ramachandran Library, The Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed to be University), Dindigul Dist., Tamil Nadu.
January 28, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Yeshwantrao Chavan College of Engineering, Nagpur, Maharashtra.
March 1, 2025	Delivered online a Valedictory Address at National Conference on Sustainable Development Strategies for the Transformation of LIS Education & Research – SDSTLISER-2025 organised

by PG & Research Department of Library and Information Science, Bishop Heber College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli organised in collaboration with IATLIS.

| March 17, 2025 | DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Rajiv Gandhi College of Engineering, Research & Technology, Chandrapur, Maharashtra. |

22.2 Mrs. Ranjana, Senior Network Assistant, DELNET, New Delhi

Lectures Delivered (In-Person)

September 2, 2024	"DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Delhi Technological University Delhi.
January 17, 2025	"DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Gitarattan International Business School, New Delhi.
March 4, 2025	"DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Army College of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.
March 7, 2025	"DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Lingaya's Lalita Devi Institute of Management & Sciences, New Delhi.

22.21 Mrs. Ranjana, Senior Network Assistant, DELNET, New Delhi

Lectures Delivered (Online)

April 10, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for SNDT Women's University, Mumbai, Maharashtra.
April 23, 202	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh.
April 29, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for IIMT University, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh.
May 3, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Supaul College of Engineering, Supaul, Bihar.
May 7, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Khalsa College (ASR) of Technology and Business Studies, Mohali, Punjab.
May 17, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for YMT Ayurvedic Medical College and Services" organised for Institute of Science, Poona's Institute

	of Business Management and Research, Wakad, Pune, Maharashtra.
June 10, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Ramachandra College of Engineering, Eluru, Andhra Pradesh.
June 12, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Swami Vivekanand Homoeopathic Medical College and Hospital, Bhavnagar, Gujarat.
June 19, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Methodist College of Engineering and Technology, Hyderabad, Telangana.
June 26, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for DVR & Dr. HS MIC College of Technology, Kanchikacherla, Andhra Pradesh.
July 16, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Government Polytechnic, Nanded, Maharashtra.
August 5, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Sri Malolan College of Arts and Science, Chengalpattu, Tamil Nadu.
August 12, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for M. G. M's. Jawaharlal Nehru Engineering College, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, Maharashtra.
August 13, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for K. S. Rangasamy College of Arts & Science (Autonomous), Tiruchengode, Tamil Nadu.
August 14, 2024	DELNET Webinar on "DELNET Resources and Services" jointly organised with BMS College of Commerce and Management, Bengaluru, Karnataka.
August 16, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Srinath College of Pharmacy, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, Maharashtra.
August 29, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Yashoda Super Speciality Hospital, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.
August 29, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for S.I.E.S. College of Management Studies, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra.

October 7, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Mansi Bharat Gada Degree College of Commerce,Thane, Maharashtra.
October 23, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Dr. S.C. Gulhane Prena College of Commerce,Science & Arts, Nagpur, Maharashtra.
November 11, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET: Resources and Services" organised for Government Women's First Grade College, Gulbarga, Karnataka.
November 12, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya, Vadodara, Gujarat.
December 19, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for MEASI Institute of Information Technology, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
December 23, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Government Polytechnic, Parkal, Telangana.
December 24, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Madurai Gandhi N.M.R. Subbaraman College for Women, Madurai, Tamil Nadu.
January 9, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Alamuri Ratnamala Institute of Engineering & Technology, Thane, Maharashtra.
January 10, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Government College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Khandola, Goa.
January 21, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Adhiparasakthi College of Physiotherapy, Melmaruvathur, Tamil Nadu.
January 22, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Sri Malolan College of Arts & Science, Chengalpathu, Tamil Nadu.
January 23, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for SR International Institute of Technology, Keesara, Hyderabad, Telangana.
February 1, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Aster Prime Hospital, Hyderabad, Telangana.

February 3, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Urumu Dhanalakshmi College, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu.
February 7, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Lingayas Vidyapeeth, Faridabad, Haryana.
February 10, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Mahant Bachittar Singh College of Engineering and Technology, Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir.
February 11, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for National Law Institute University, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
March 1, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Tulsiramji Gaikwad-Patil College of Engineering & Technology, Nagpur, Maharashtra.
March 6, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Mukand Lal National College, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana.
March 10, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Shri Kamaxidevi Homoeopathic Medical College and Hospital, Goa.
March 11, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Geeta University, Panipat, Haryana.
March 12, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Shri S. H. Kelkar College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Devgad, Maharashtra.
March 21, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for St. Aloysius College, Thrissur, Kerala.
March 26, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Pandaveswar College, Pandaveswar, Pachim Bardhaman, West Bengal.

22.3   Mr. Rohidas B. Rathod, Senior Network Assistant, DELNET Pune

Lectures Delivered In-Person

April 15, 2024	DELNET Orientation Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for BSDT's Ayurved Mahavidyalaya, Pune.

April 22, 2025	DELNET Orientation Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Maharashtra State Bureau of Textbook Production & Curriculum Research, Pune.
June 5, 2024	DELNET Orientation Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for CMF's College of Physiotherapy, Pune.
July 23, 2024	DELNET Orientation Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Smt. Kashibai Navale College of Pharmacy (SKNCOP), Kondhwa, Pune.
August 2, 2024	DELNET Orientation Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Arihant Institute of Business Management, Pune.
August 2, 2024	DELNET Orientation Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Ramachandran International Institute of Management, Bavdhan, Pune.
August 23, 2024	DELNET Orientation Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Suryadatta College of Hospitality Management & Travel Tourism (SCHMTT), Pune.
August 23, 2024	DELNET Orientation Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Suryadatta Institute of Management & Mass Communication, Pune.
August 27, 2024	Interaction with Participants at DELNET One-Day Workshop on "Transforming and Empowering Libraries, LIS Professionals and Users: Emerging Trends", held in collaboration with Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai at Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai.
September 2, 2024	DELNET Orientation Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Sir Parashuram College, Pune.
September 11, 2024	DELNET Orientation Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for MKSSS's Smt. Hiraben Nanavati Institute of Management and Research for Women, Pune.
October 15, 2024	DELNET Orientation Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for P.D.E.A's College of Ayurved & Research Centre, Pune.
November 19, 2024	DELNET Orientation Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Yashaswi Education Society's International Institute of Management Science, Pune.

January 28, 2025	DELNET Orientation Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Dr. D. Y. Patil B-School, Pune.
January 31, 2025	DELNET Orientation Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Siddhant Institute of Business Management, Pune.
February 7, 2025	DELNET Orientation Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Siddhant Institute of Business Management, Pune.
February 10, 2025	DELNET Orientation Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of Cooperative Management (National Council for Cooperative Training), Pune.
February 12, 2025	DELNET Orientation Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, Pune.
February 17, 2025	DELNET Orientation Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Neville Wadia Institute of Management Studies & Research, Pune.
February 20, 2025	DELNET Orientation Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Suryadatta International Institute of Cyber Security (SIICS), Pune.
February 20, 2025	DELNET Orientation Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for SEF's Suryadatta Law College (SLC), Pune.
March 19, 2025	DELNET Orientation Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Dhareshwar Shikshanshastra Mahavidyalaya, Pune.
March 21, 2025	DELNET Orientation Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for KJ College of Engineering & Management Research, Pune.
March 28, 2025	DELNET Orientation Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Chetan Dattaji Gaikwad Institute of Management Studies, Pune.

22.31 Mr. Rohidas B. Rathod, Senior Network Assistant, DELNET Pune

Lectures Delivered (Online)

April 10, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for SNDT Women's University, Mumbai.

May 17, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for YMT Ayurvedic Medical College & Hospital, Kharghar, Navi Mumbai.
May 20, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Institute of Science, Poona's Institute of Business Management and Research, Wakad, Pune.
July 16, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Government Polytechnic, Nanded.
August 12, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for M.G.M's. Jawaharlal Nehru Engineering College, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.
August 16, 2024	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Srinath College of Pharmacy, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.
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March 1, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Tulsiramji Gaikwad-Patil College of Engineering & Technology, Nagpur.
March 3, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for SVGSPM B.Ed College, Nanded.
March 10, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Shri Kamaxidevi Homoeopathic Medical College and Hospital, Goa.
March 17, 2025	DELNET Webinar Session on "DELNET Resources and Services" organised for Rajiv Gandhi College of Engineering, Research & Technology, Chandrapur.

XXIII GST REGISTRATION FOR DELNET OFFICES OUTSIDE DELHI

This is to inform members that DELNET has registered successfully for GST with GST Department, Government of Karnataka and Government of Maharashtra for its offices in Bengaluru and Pune respectively as per the regulatory requirements and compliances.

The DELNET GSTIN for Bengaluru office: 29AAAAD2288G1ZP

The DELNET GSTIN for Pune office: 27AAAAD2288G1ZT

This is in addition to DELNET GSTIN 07AAAAD2288G1ZV registered in 2017 for New Delhi Office.

XXIV AUDITING OF DELNET ACCOUNTS

The DELNET audit for the financial year 2023-24 has been completed. The Income Tax Return for the AY 2024-25 has also been filed.

XXV GST ANNUAL RETURN

The annual GST return for the financial year 2023-24 has been filed.

XXVI ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

My sincere thanks and gratitude are due to distinguished members of the Governing Board of DELNET for providing their tremendous support, guidance and advice including Shri K. Jayakumar, President; Dr. S. S. Murthy, Vice-President; Dr. P. R. Goswami, Treasurer. I also express my thanks to other esteemed members of the Governing Board including The Director-General, National Informatics Centre (NIC), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, New Delhi; Dr. Pratishtha Pandey, Head (FIST, PURSE and R&D Infra), Department

of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, New Delhi; Prof. (Dr). Usha Natesan, Director, NITTTR Chennai and Former Advisor, AICTE, New Delhi; Dr. (Prof.) B. Srinivas (MD), Deputy Director-General, Medical Education and Director, National Medical Library, Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, New Delhi; Dr. Raj Nehru Former, Founding Vice Chancellor, Shri Vishwakarma Skill University, Haryana; Mr Pavan Shrikishan Sharma, Librarian, Yashaswi Education Society's International Institute of Management Science, Pune; Dr. Gopakumar V., Head, Knowledge Centre, Kerala University of Digital Sciences, Innovation & Technology, Trivandrum and Dr. Dattatraya S. Bormane, Principal, All India Shri Shivaji Memorial Society's College of Engineering, Pune.

My thanks are due to officials at NIC for their continued support and guidance on the communication link between DELNET and NIC.

Thanks are due to Mr. Amit Goel of M/s S.S. Kothari Mehta and Co. for auditing the accounts of DELNET for the financial year 2023-24.

I would like to thank the expert speakers from India and outside of various in-person Programmes/Webinars of DELNET who have been very gracious in sharing their vast expertise and knowledge with professionals.

I would like to convey our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Heads, Librarians, library staff, faculty, students, researchers and scholars of member-institutions for their splendid support to DELNET. We would also like to thank them for using DELNET resources and services and also for their kind support for ILL and Document Delivery Services. For organising webinars for the member-institutions, we received enormous support from Heads, Librarians, Library staff and other officials of various institutions, I would like to thank all of them for their support. We would also like to thank the collaborating institutions, oficials, library staff, etc. with whom DELNET organised joint webinars and workshops during 2024-25.

I would like to profusely thank and appreciate the diligent efforts of the highly dedicated staff of DELNET at New Delhi and its Coordination Units for their tireless efforts in successfully managing the work in most effective and fulfilling ways. I remain most appreciative of their high level of commitment and dedication for strengthening the mission of DELNET and for contributing to the significant progress of DELNET in a highly meaningful manner.

We have received assistance from various professionals, mentioning them individually may not be possible here. I thank all of them for their immense help and admirable support.

I would like to convey our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has played a pivotal role in strengthening the networking of libraries through DELNET. The contribution of every individual professional, esteemed member-libraries and the users' community is commendable. We are truly grateful to receive a gracious, unwavering

and cooperative support from the entire fraternity of our member-institutions which always motivates DELNET. We look forward to receiving their continued support and cooperation. We assure our members that DELNET remains committed to provide our best services and support and for meeting the demands of the users' community and to surpass their expectations.

As I conclude, I would like to say that we should all be inspired, engaged, enabled, connected and networked for building libraries for a sustainable future through the digital transformation bringing in infinite possibilities for Libraries and LIS professionals. Let us work and move together for envisioning the libraries of the future through DELNET.

Dr. Sangeeta Kaul
Director
March 31, 2025   **DELNET, New Delhi**

DELNET Members as on March 31, 2025 - 9351

Andaman and Nicobar Islands	2
Andhra Pradesh	575
Arunachal Pradesh	7
Assam	65
Bihar	87
Chandigarh	22
Chhattisgarh	144
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1
Daman and Diu	2
Delhi	349
Goa	40
Gujarat	360
Haryana	430
Himachal Pradesh	76
Jammu & Kashmir	37
Jharkhand	76
Karnataka	392
Kerala	402
Madhya Pradesh	602
Maharashtra	1442
Manipur	12
Meghalaya	9
Mizoram	4
Nagaland	3
Odisha	190
Puducherry	37
Punjab	304
Rajasthan	407
Sikkim	10
Tamil Nadu	1173
Telangana	714
Tripura	11
Uttar Pradesh	1047
Uttarakhand	120
West Bengal	173
Outside	26