Meet of Library Professionals for Effective Resource Sharing

The Shiv Nadar University (SNU) Library organized a one day meet on March 11, 2013 at SNU campus for exploring methods of resource sharing, which can be implemented in the libraries of universities across Delhi and NCR. Many eminent Library professionals from reputed institutes like Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi, Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) , Delhi University, etc. participated in the event.

Inaugurating the meet, Dr. Nikhil Sinha, Vice Chancellor of SNU said that modern libraries should act as junctions for knowledge distribution in providing library and information services for the academic and research community. Sharing his valuable experiences on library resource sharing in India and abroad, Prof Sinha also advised the library community to build bridges between students and faculty by transforming libraries into modern knowledge community centers. Dr. T.R.B. Sarma, Librarian, SNU welcomed the guests on behalf of SNU and also thanked the Vice Chancellor for gracing the occasion. He also shared the wish of the SNU Library department to be incorporated in the mainstream of Delhi Academic Library Network for providing effective services to the SNU community.

The Presentation Session commenced with Dr. Ramesh Gaur, Librarian, JNU explaining the role of networks like INFLIBNET, INDEST, DELNET etc. in library resource sharing. He said that an upcoming university like SNU should take a lead role in creating Private University Consortium in India. Dr. Sudheer Arora from IGNOU gave a live presentation elaborating the Information Dissemination system of IGNOU that provides information to all distance education students and other academic and research community. Dr. Usha Mujoo Munshi, IIPA delivered lecture on resource sharing and put forth solutions to challenges from Copyright Act. Dr. Nabi Hasan, IIT, Delhi explained the services of IIT, Delhi and the role of INDEST-AICTE Consortium in sharing and acquiring the resources of academic libraries situated in India. Dr. Rajesh Singh, Delhi University Central Library presented how their library is catering to the needs of entire academic and research community at DU and briefed the participants on the services of DU Central Library.

The Panel discussion was immensely interactive with all the participants expressing their views and suggestions for effective resource sharing. Dr. P.K. Jain, Librarian, IEG was the coordinator of the session. Participants expressed their opinions on various topics like creation of Single Consortium, Copyright Act, Fair Use Policy, Procurement of journal articles directly from authors, Journal Subscription Agreements etc. All the participant institutions were unanimous on the need to share library resources and for more coordination in this filed.

The session concluded with the vote of thanks by Mr. Ernest Samuel Ratnakumar, Registrar, SNU. Prof. Amber Habib, Chairman, Library Committee explained the commitment of SNU Library in providing effective services to the academic and research communities.