



MUCLA Event Report

Third MUCLA National Conference on “Reinventing Academic Libraries for New Education System in Digital Age : Challenges and Opportunities”

Maharashtra University and College Librarians Association organized its third National Conference in association with Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University Sectional Council, Aurangabad of Maharashtra University and College Librarians Association on Feb 7-8, 2020.

The conference is inaugurated by Hon Shri Vikramji Kale, MLA (Marathwada Teachers Constituency, Aurangabad). On this occasion Dr Mohan Kherde, President of MUCLA; Dr S K Patil, Conference Director; Dr Dharmaraj Veer, Coordinator Dr BAMU Aurangabad Sector Council; Dr Daya Patil (Dalve), Organizing Secretary; Dr Veena M Kamble, Convener and Dr Shivshankar Ghumare was on the dais.

During inaugural function, Dr. Dharmaraj Veer highlighted the issues faced by library professionals in colleges as well as universities in Maharashtra. Dr. Mohan Kherde expressed the view that the government should think positively to solve the problems of Librarians and requested MLA to look into matter considering the benefits of library professionals. Dr S K Patil, as Director of the Conference highlighted the importance of the conference and briefly elaborated the selection of theme and sub themes. Chief Guest Hon' ble Shri Vikramji Kale presented his views on the different issues related to library professionals and agreed to look into this matter positively and purse the matter with the education ministry. Dr Kherde presented an appeal on behalf of all MUCLA Members to MLA and he accepted it and agreed to conduct a meeting with ministry at early time. Dr Daya Dalvi explained the organization of this conference at Aurangabad. Dr Veena Kamble, as a convener presented vote of thanks.

In the first technical session, the invited speaker Mr. Santosh Chaturbhuj highlighted future role of libraries, challenges and problems faced by library profession and suggested a few measures to overcome the problems. Dr. Madhukar Gharad chaired the session and Dr. Hariprasad Bidwe worked as session rapporteur.

The second session was on 'Digital Libraries and Social Media use in Library Services'. As a Invited Speaker Dr. N B Dahibhate highlighted the challenges in library services, problems faced by academic librarians in ICT era. He also focused on new dimensions of library services presented through digital libraries, using social media, ICT, development of library products and services for the sustenance of future, types of social media and useful sites for library and KRC, library services using SM and best practices. Dr Sanjay Desale chaired the session and Dr. Ganesh Kulkarni was the rapporteur

Being a invited speaker Mr Kishore Ingale compared the activities in the past and activities carried out in the present day technology era. He also highlighted the future of the libraries and how smartly librarians have to work. He also cited some examples in the real process carried out in corporate sector libraries. In this session delegates presented their papers. At the end of the session the formal vote of thanks was proposed by Chairperson Dr Subhash Chavan. Dr. Raju Tupe was the session rapporteur.

In the next morning in the fourth session the invited speaker Dr. Ranjit Dharmapurikar narrated the working of Institutional repositories, its administration, management, issues and challenges in detail. Speaker also highlighted benefit of consortia and development of IR. In this session 17 papers were presented on the themes IR with reference to Agriculture ETD, E-Content Management, E-Resource Management, Library Consortia, Marketing of Library

Services, Cloud computing and libraries, Development of Lib Websites, Intro to Online DB etc. The session ended with a lively discussion in which a number of delegates participated and raised issues pertaining to the content of the presented papers. At the end of the session the formal vote of thanks was proposed by Chairperson Dr Pradeep Rai. Dr. Govardhan Aute worked as rapporteur of the session.

After the fourth session as usual the felicitation program of retired librarians from BAMU Aurangabad was organized. MUCLA organizes such activity in every annual conferences. In this ceremony the dais was shared by Dr Mohan Kherde, Dr. Vinay Patil, Dr. S.K.Patil, Dr. N..B. Dahibhate, Dr. Dharmaraj Veer, Dr. Daya Patil Dalve and Dr. Veena Kamble. Twelve retired librarians felicitated in the function. Dr. Mrs. Shakuntala Lomte on behalf of all 12 retired librarians shared her views on this occasion.

Dr. Shibhangi Bidarkar and Dr. Anil Lahane were the anchors of master of ceremony. The felicitation of Dr. Daya Patil was also done on this occasion for Satarkar Memorial award. Dr. Kherde shared his views why librarian should join MUCLA in his closing remark. He also acknowledged efforts done by retired librarians in their days. Dr Bidwe gave vote of thanks.

After felicitation program MUCLA's General Body Meeting was held under the chairmanship of Dr.Mohan R. Kherde. The task of Rapporteur General was performed by Dr. Sambhaji Patil, Librarian, MET's Institute of Engineering, Bhujbal Knowledge City, Nashik. The report was also presented by him in the valedictory function.

Dr. Mohan Kherde was complimented the organizers for organizing such a successful convention and bringing together so many diverse stream and discuss some issues at a single platform. He hoped that participants will go back to their work places much wiser and keep the memories of this two days. The vote of thanks was extended by Dr. Daya Dalawi the organizing secretary of the conference.



Webinar-cum Lecture Series Jointly Organized by Indian Library Association (ILA) and Maharashtra University and College Library Association (MUCLA)

Indian Library Association (ILA) in association with Maharashtra University and College Library Association (MUCLA) conducted webinar-cum-lecture on 'Future Libraries' delivered by Prof. (Dr) Rajan Welukar, Former Vice Chancellor, Mumbai. The event took place on 12th May, 2020 on Zoom platform which was attended by more than 500 library professionals.

At the very outset, Dr. Priya Rai, the convener of ILA webinar series welcomed all the panelists including chief guest Dr. Rajan Welukar and briefed about the background behind organising this webinar. She told that scheduled webinar intended to update the knowledge and offer learning during Covid-19. She also informed about the earlier two webinar-cum lecture conducted by ILA.

Then Dr. Pradeep Rai, co-ordinator and Sr. Vice President of ILA gave information about ILA and its establishments, structure, functioning, association and activities.

Following this, Dr. Mohan R. Kherde being the President of MUCLA talked about the role played by it in conducting professional activities in Maharashtra and its association with ILA. He similarly introduced the chief guest and speaker of the webinar Dr. Rajan Welukar. Furthermore, he requested the latter to start the lecture.

Dr. Rajan Welukar initiated his lecture by saying thanks to organisers. Three major points were forcefully put by him relating to the role to be played by academic librarians in the present context.

- To promote public health awareness when cases of Covid-19 are too high.
- To intact the researcher with their resources.
- To create the ability to provide the content in digital format.

He tried to make listeners understand that their competition is with Google, Amazon, Netflix and Hulu. He asked if there could be reflection over 'access vs ownership'. Shared ownership can be solution to some extent; however, it will not be possible without embracing technology. Finally, he urged to use social media immensely and aggressively for the sake of profession. He concluded with positive remarks that real innovation from librarians has yet to come.

Dr. Rajan Welukar's speech is followed by presidential remarks. He said that he would not make any comment since it will not be correct to elaborate thing after such wonderful speech. He appreciated Dr. Welukar's speech and declared it to be a great intellectual feast.

Then some participant asked a few questions to the speaker which he answered to their satisfaction. Dr. O. N. Choubey, General Secretary of ILA summed up 3rd webinar-cum lecture series by proposing vote of thanks