



## Guest Editorial

### **Homage to Dr.S. R. Ranganathan, Father of Library Science in India on his 128<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary (1892-2020): Remembering his contributions on account of Librarians Day**

August 12<sup>th</sup> is celebrated as National Librarian's Day in India, in remembrance of national professor of Library Science, and father of Library science Dr S R Ranganathan (1892-1972), who had a leading role in Library and library profession development in India. His contribution was acknowledged by interactional library professionals and respected him all over the world. His most notable contributions to the field were his five laws of library science and the development of the first major faceted classification system, the colon classification. A notable Indian librarian and educator who was considered the father of library science in India and whose contributions had worldwide influence. Though a mathematician, he took training in LIS and his contributions are recognized throughout the world. No area left untouched by him in the LIS profession.

A review of major contributions of Dr S R Ranganathan in LIS:

#### **Positions Held During the Career**

- Member Imperial Library Committee (1932-1934)
- Committee on National Central Library (1948)
- International Committee of Library Experts, United Nations (1948)
- Faculty, UNESCO International School on Public Librarianship (1948)
- Advisory Committee of INSDOC, New Delhi (1951)
- International Committee on Bibliography of UNESCO (1951-1953)
- Board of Studies in Library Science, Osmania University (1960)
- Madras University (1924-1944)
- Banaras Hindu University (1944-1946)
- Delhi University (1947-1955)

#### **Positions as a President, Vice-President and Chairman on different committees and commissions**

- President, Indian Library Association (1944-1953)
- Chairman, Documentation Committee of Indian Standards Institution (1947)
- Vice President, FID (1953-1956) (1958-1961)
- Vice President, Indian Adult Education (1953)
- Chairman, FID Committee on General Classification. (He was also the Secretary of the FID Committee) (1954-1964)
- President, Madras Library Association (1958)
- Chairman, Library buildings, fittings and furniture committee of the Indian Standards Institution (1958)
- Chairman, Library Committee University Grants Commission, New Delhi (1958-1959)
- Chairman, Review Committee on Library Science, University Grants Commission (1960)
- Chairman, Library Science Courses Committee, University of Madras (1960)
- Chairman, Expert Committee on Library Science, Banaras Hindu University (1960)
- Chairman, Committee for Library Science Course, Mysore University (1960)
- Chairman, Preservation of Documents Section, Indian Standards Institution, Kanpur (1961)
- Chairman, Committee to draft the Library bill for Mysore State (1962)
- Associated with UNESCO for public library development and established INSDOC

#### **Worked as Secretary in different associations**

- Lunch Club, Presidency College, Madras (1922-1923)
- Mathematics and Science Section, Madras Teachers' Guild (1922-1923)
- Madras Library Association (1928-1948)
- Library Service Section of All Asia Educational Conference, Banaras (1930)
- Indian Adult Education Association (1949-1953)
- FID committee on general classification. (He was also the Chairman of the FID Committee) (1954-64)

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