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Editorial

Dear Friends,

At first I congratulate you all on the occasion of releasing of first issue of e-newsletter of llisforum_orissa. I am highly thankful to you all for your active support towards the lisforum_orissa since its inception.

Over the years the LIS profession along libraries have undergone drastic changes. The LIS course have been also changed remarkably with the inclusion on new subjects., technology to prepare the new generation LIS professionals as per market demands. The libraries of all type have also changed significantly in terms of collections, organizations and services. Accordingly the age old traditional concept of libraries as store house of books and librarians as custodian of books has changed a to great extent , although the profession and professionals are suffering a lot for identity crisis and status.

In spite of all odds, the high reputation of profession and professionals has remain intact due to the professionals who works with passion not to earn bread and better only. No doubt LIS is a noble profession and the persons associated with this profession are lucky in the sense that we have a scope to work and contribute to develop a knowledge base society which contribute for the development of country.

Let us think and work for the development of profession through innovation and best practices.

Dr S.K.Satpathy

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Guest Column

Dear Professionals,

It is indeed a great pleasure and satisfaction for me that my students are actively engaged in bringing out a e-newsletter.

Please remember that the Library & Information Science is an ever-changing profession. Hence, it is highly necessary to keep oneself up-to-date always with the current time and to provide better services to users or to impart quality education. In the age of ICT, digital library in academic institutions has become an attraction for users of all categories. Therefore the library science professional must prepare themselves with adequate knowledge on the basic of library and information science and latest technology to grab the field, otherwise there may be chance of encroachment by other professionals to our field .The new age library professionals need to possess multifaceted personality for their successful existence.

I congratulate all members of the lisforum_orissa for their passion for the profession and their effort to bring out its e-newsletter "LIS Communications. " I wish all success in this endeavor.

Prof R K Rout

Feature Article
In Praise of Librarianship

D R Meher

What are you doing now, pal? If the answerer, of this interrogation of a classmate of one's early college days now a successful businessman, comes as 'librarianship', the interrogator might not be ascertaining the latter's position. They may just wonder of a teacher-like or clerk-like or between those positions. The works and social status of, and demand for the fellow may attract pity or amusement, or a muddle of both.

This is not the story of one pal's reaction; many myths and realities are associated with this profession. Most of the people of different rungs and walks think it is a book lender's job, and nothing beyond that. And in country like India librarianship is in identity crisis.

What the teacher of Dawnkinster II showed in his slides in a classroom is paraphrased as "Librarianship is a noble profession. We've all experienced what libraries have provided to us while growing up. Librarians are the gateway to the world of information; librarians make society more humane and more democratic. But librarians aren't held in much esteem. Many of you, when you told friends and family that you were going to school to become librarians, suffered the jokes and confusion of people outside the profession. Some people probably questioned your sanity and your economic future. Librarians aren't valued by society, and aren't compensated well. Your rewards won't be evidenced by your rate of pay. You're answering a higher calling; you'll be providing a service to society."

Steven Bell cracks on this issue—"While working academic librarians are far from destitute, I know the salary spectrum pretty well, and many who've worked in this profession for 20 or more years still make less than a first-year

could complain about the inherent unfairness of the situation, but as realists we know that society places limited value on those who work in the field of education. Nonetheless, college graduates and second-career seekers want to be academic librarians". He does not stop there. To supplement his observation he inscribes—'Making the decision to get a library degree is, I think, not entirely rational-analytical. There's a strong emotional component. Whether it's a love of books or a passion to serve the community that drives the decision, librarianship is still a respected, compassionate and dignified career—a noble profession. It's about making a difference, helping people, being part of something bigger than oneself, and improving the quality of the community. We connect emotionally with our work.'

Despite above disparities of pay and position convolution *Library Journal's Academic Newswire* reports on annual Salary and Placement Reports for 2010 and 2011 say that the total number of LIS graduates declined slightly in 2011, but there were still close to 5000 new librarians were entering the job market of United States.

Many those think that Internet will replace library and Google (or any of the search engines) will replace librarian. But Jamie McKenzie's observation is different. She remarks—"While the Internet offers many treasures, it also confronts the erstwhile researcher with plenty of rubbish. There are those who have compared it to a huge information landfill." And assessing the virtual truth of Google, --Search engines like *Google* really are remarkable, but they do not offer reliable information in all cases. Without training in search logic, many users wander about drowning in data

that may be distorted, inaccurate, irrelevant or biased." The preceding sentences are illuminating the real self of Internet, library, Google and librarian.

There is discussion that who should be a librarian; either a university degree holder or a learned person of a given subject—this is how some non-librarians have been arrogantly capturing librarians' positions in various universities. "The librarian of today, and it will be true still more of the librarians of tomorrow, are not fiery dragons interposed between the people and the books. They are useful public servants, who manage libraries in the interest of the public. . . Many still think that a great reader, or a writer of books, will make an excellent librarian. This is pure fallacy"---says Sir William Osler.

Librarians have been sustaining much criticism from people of various walks despite their noble service to mankind. If the learned community does not recognize librarians' service and venture to discourage them or curtail their population in the pretext of some unknown reasons it is alarming the society will experience, in the words of McKenzie, "intellectual disarmament."

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GIET, KNOWLEDGE CENTRE- A KNOWLEDGE HUB

Siba Prasad Panda

Gandhi Institute of Engineering and Technology (GIET), Gunupur, Rayagada of Odisha was established in the year 1997 with only two hundred odd students and now it has been flourished into one of the best technical institutions of India with more than four thousand students from India and aboard. It offers the B.Tech, M.Tech, MCA, MBA and MSc degrees in different disciplines. This institution is accredited by NBA and NAAC.

The central library of GIET is known as "Knowledge Centre". Everybody knows that library is one of the central pillars of an intuition. So GIET's Knowledge Centre is situated in the middle of the campus so that users can use the library at any time. The total seating capacity of the library is around 400 and extension of building is going on. The knowledge Centre of GIET has circulation section, reference section, digital library, photocopy unit, teacher reading room, property counter, librarian's office and back volume section.

One of the most important point of this library is its reference section which is open round clock — 365 days and 24 hours; even most of the boarders of the hostel use this library whole night. The library is automated with the LIbsys Software, and it provides the Web-OPAC and OPAC facility to its users. The Knowledge Centre of GIET has more than 8000 of titles of the different disciplines. One of the specific features of this library is that besides the academic books it also provides the fiction, nonfictions, biography and other inspirational books to its users. Besides the central library each and every department have a separate library for the ready reference. The library subscribed to 35 magazines and 20 newspapers of the different languages like Odia, English, Telugu, Hindi and Bengali.

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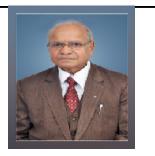ATTENTION PL.   ATTENTION PL.   ATTENTION PL.

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CONDOLENCE TO PROF. K.C.SAHOO

Prof. (Dr.) K. C. Sahoo, a retired Professor of Library and Information Science and Dean of School of Social Science, H. S. Gaur Sagar University, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh, passed away on 27th January 2015. at 5.00 am. Born on 22nd July 1947 at Jagatsinghpur, Odisha he did his High School from S. K. Academy, Jagatsinghpur and Graduation in Science from Ravenshaw College, Cuttack. He did his Post Graduation (MSc) from Utkal University and BLIS & MLIS from Delhi University. He got his Ph.D. in Library & Information Science from H.S. Gaur Sagar University, Sagar. He started his LIS career as Assistant Librarian at Ravenshaw College, Cuttack during 1980-81 and teaching career as Lecturer in Department of Library & Information Science, Sambalpur University, Jyoti Vihar, Burla and served there as Reader till 1999. Later, in 1999 he joined as Professor of Department of Library & Information Science, H. S. Gaur Sagar Univeristy, Sagar. He hold the post of Dean, School of Social Science till his retirement on 31st July 2012. He had many books and articles in the area of Library & Information Science, specifically in the field of Bibliometrics, Informetrics and Scientometrics to his credit. He was an institution in library classification.

The lisforum_orissa deeply mourns for his sad demise. MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE.

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