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CALIBER – 2007 Inaugurated

Inaugural function of CALIBER – 2007 was held at the Panjab University auditorium on 8th February 2007 at 11am. The Convention was inaugurated by His Excellency Gen. (Retd.) S F Rodrigues, Governor of Punjab and Administrator, Union Territory of Chandigarh. After Saraswati Vandana, Prof. R C Sobti, Vice Chancellor, Panjab University, Chandigarh welcomed the dignitaries on the dais and the delegates from India and abroad. In his welcome address, he emphasized the need for timely access to quality information. He further emphasized that the professional focus must be on latest trends in ICT applications, information management and knowledge networking. He appreciated the role of INFLIBNET Centre in providing elbow support to university libraries throughout India.



His Excellency Gen. (Retd.) S F Rodrigues Inaugurating the Convention

Speaking on this occasion, **His Excellency Gen. (Retd.) S F Rodrigues** said that although change is an effect of initiatives somewhere yet people have the tendency to resist change. There is a need for attitudinal change the library and information services must be based on feedback from users.

Government of India is spending huge amounts of money on library and information services through various agencies but the usage feedback is not available. Thousands of libraries are not being used optimally. It is good to talk about knowledge management and National Knowledge Commission but we should also learn to focus our attention on application of knowledge. We must know what we are going to do with the available knowledge. Creativity, innovation and equity are the emerging issues need continuous attention. We must look beyond knowledge and become sensitive to information needs of respective communities. Our educational system must be spiritually and culturally very strong. There should be a shift from rote learning to critical thinking. We should follow holistic approach to put things together and emphasis must be on using information and knowledge for effective decision making.

Sh. Prem Chand, Scientist-C, INFLIBNET and Convener of CALIBER-2007, briefed about the convention - its theme and sub themes. He informed that till today INFLIBNET has organized 13 National and 4 International conventions. Panjab University, Chandigarh, is hosting the 5th international convention on the cutting-edge theme - "Information and Knowledge Management in the Networked World". He further told that out of 160 papers received, 76 full text papers and 40 abstracts have been accepted for publication and presentation. A total of 400 delegates from India and abroad are attending this convention.

Sh. Manoj Kumar K, Acting Director, INFLIBNET Centre highlighted the role and activities of INFLIBNET and expressed that it will have to initiate new programme to face the challenges of future and will play a major role in the light of recommendations of National Knowledge Commission. He also informed that the Panjab University is one of the top ten universities for making highest use of e-resources provided by the INFLIBNET under UGC Infonet e-journal consortium.

On this occasion, a souvenir and the conference proceedings were also released by His Excellency Gen. (Retd.) S F Rodrigues, Governor of Punjab. Dr. V K Anand, Organising Secretary CALIBER – 2007 and Librarian, A.C.Joshi Library, Panjab University, Chandigarh proposed vote of thanks. Mrs Jaspal Kaur, Librarian, Dev Samaj College, Chandigarh conducted the stage.

Tutorial

Mr. Yatrik Patel, Scientist-B(CS) INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad, presented a live demo-cum-tutorial on "Building Digital Library using Open Source Software – Dspace". Around 80 delegates attended.

Technical Sessions

Technical Sessions Dr Ravi Gaddagimath is the Conference Director and Prof. S L Sangam is the Rapporteur General of the convention.

After the inaugural session, Prof K R Srivatsan, Director IITMK, delivered the keynote address wherein he emphasized the need for interactive services to provide information to farmers. Prof. Shalini Urs, Director, International School of Information Management, Mysore, chaired the session.



Prof K R Srivatsan, Director IITMK, delivering the keynote address

The First Technical Session was chaired by Dr P V Konnur, Librarian, Bangalore University, Bangalore. Sh. Rupak Chakravarty, Lecturer-cum-Assistant Librarian, DLIS, Panjab University, Chandigarh and Sh Ranjan Barik, Lecturer, DLIS, Bhavanagar University, Bhavanagar acted as rapporteurs. Theme paper entitled “ Digital Libraries: the road ahead” was presented by Prof. Shalini Urs. Besides, 3 more papers were presented and followed by a demonstration of Oxford University Press presented by Mr. Ian Hames.

The Second Technical Session was chaired by Dr. Devinder Kaur, OSD, Bhai Kahana Singh, Nabha Library, Punjabi University, Patiala. Mr. M Maltesh, Deputy Librarian from Arunachal Pradesh University and Mr. Umesha Naik, Lecturer, Department of Library and Information Science, Mangalore University, Mangalore served as Rapporteurs for the session.

Cultural Evening

A colourful evening of folk dance and music of Punjab was organized. Prof. R C Sobti, Vice Chancellor of the university hosted the dinner for the delegates.



Snapshot of Punjabi folk dance Bhangra on the occasion of cultural evening

Highlight of the Day Two (9th February 2007):

Dr. Sam Pitroda, Chairman National Knowledge Commission will address the gathering from Chicago at 6.30PM through Video Conferencing mode at the Panjab University Auditorium.





