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Jointly with

Society for the Advancement of Library and Information Science (SALIS)
Tirunelveli Chapter

RRRLF Sponsored Two-Day National Conference on "Emerging Trends for Sustainable
Development in Libraries: A Perspective of Self-Reliant Learning (NCETSDL 2023)"

20th & 21st January 2023

Report of the Conference (NCETSDL 2023)

INAUGURAL FUNCTION

The Inaugural function of the National Conference on "Emerging Trends for Sustainable Development in Libraries: A Perspective of Self-Reliant Learning (NCETSDL-2023)" was organized by the Fr. Utarid Library, St Xavier's College of Education, Tirunelveli and the Society for the Advancement of Library and Information Science (SALIS), Tirunelveli Chapter at St. Xavier's College of Education, Palayamkottai on 20th January 2023, at 10.00 a.m. A total number of 153 delegates from all the over India participated in the conference. The inaugural function began with a prayer song followed by Tamilthai Vazhthu.

Rev. Fr. A. Loyala, SJ, Library Director of St. Xavier's College of Education, Palayamkottai, extended a warm welcome and introduced the dignitaries.

Dr. K. Vinitha, Conference Director & Librarian of St. Mary's College, Thoothukudi presented the dynamics of the conference and explained the objectives and sub-themes of the conference.

Dr. A. M. Venkatachalam, President, SALIS and Library Director of KSR College of Technology, Tiruchengode explained the organizational structure of SALIS, its chapters and conducted programmes. Further, he briefed the activities of SALIS in promoting Library and Information Science (LIS) profession by conducting conferences, providing information through e-groups and presenting awards and scholarships to the deserved members.

Dr. S. Thanushkodi, Professor and Head, Department of Library and Information Science (DLIS), Alagappa University, Karaikudi, and Mr. S. Meenakshisundaram, District Library Officer, Tirunelveli district, were the guest of honor and shared their expertise in library and information science.

Dr. P. Balasubramanian, University Librarian and Head, DLIS, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, delivered the felicitation address.

Rev. Fr. S. Maria Singarayar SJ, Secretary, St. Xavier College of Education, delivered the felicitation address.

Rev. Dr. D. Thomas Alexander SJ, Principal, St. Xavier's College of Education Palayamkottai felicitated and highlighted the importance of sustainable library development.

Dr. K. Elavazhagan, Librarian and Chief Knowledge Officer, Indian Institute Of Management, Tiruchirapalli, delivered the key-note address and insisted the role of libraries for sustainable development goals.

Rev. Dr. V. Henry Jerome, SJ, Rector, St. Xavier's Institutions, Palayamkottai, delivered the presidential address and pointed out the importance of libraries in self-reliant learning.

Honorable Thiru. M. Appavu, the Speaker, Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, Government of Tamil Nadu inaugurated the conference by lighting the lamp *kuthuvilakku*, released the Proceedings, the Souvenir and delivered the inaugural address. He highlighted the role of the Jesuit Institutions in imparting education to all sections of the society. Asserting the value of Libraries in promoting book-reading habit from the school level, he assured that the appeal of SALIS to appoint the Librarians in the Schools and Colleges would be submitted to the Chief Minister's consideration.

INVITED TALKS

The Invited Talks on the following topics were delivered by the LIS Professionals in the conference.

1. Prof. T. Stephen, Head, P.G. Department of Library and Information Science, Vellalar College for Women, Erode, delivered on "Self-Reliant Learning with Technology"

2. Mr. K. Ramasamy, Librarian, Government Branch Library, Sengottai delivered on **'Extension Services in Public Libraries'**.
3. Dr. B. S. Shivaram, Joint Head, Information Centre for Aerospace Science and Technology, NASL, Bangalore presented on the topic **"Innovative Library and Information Services for Digital Literates of 21st Century"**.
4. Dr. R. Sevukan, Professor, Dept. of Library and Information Science, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry delivered on **"Re-skilling of Library Professionals in the Changing Scenario"**.

TECHNICAL SESSIONS

Ninety-two papers were presented and published in the Proceedings on the following topics in seven parallel technical sessions during the conference.

1. LIS Education, Profession, Research, Transforming Library Space and Green Libraries.
2. Marketing the Library Resources, Innovative Services and Public Libraries as Community Development Centre
3. Digital Libraries, Digitization and Library Automation
4. Big data, Semantic Data, Ontology in Libraries and Information Retrieval and metrics Studies
5. Open Access Resources, Electronic Resources , Databases and IPR
6. Internet, Social Media and Mobile Applications in Libraries
7. Self-Reliant Learning in Teacher Education, Management and Allied Social Sciences

PANEL DISCUSSION

On the second day of conference, a panel discussion was held on the theme "Role and Responsibilities of the Librarians Vs Rewards of Authorities in the Present Scenario".

Dr. Sadaik Batcha, Professor and Head, DLIS, Annamalai University moderated the panel discussion. The topics discussed were as follows:

- Dr. M. Mandhirasalam, Librarian ,CIT, Coimbatore spoke on 'Engineering College Libraries'
- Dr. J. Dominic, Librarian (Rtd). Spoke on 'Deemed University Libraries'
- Dr. P. Vijayalakshmi, Sankar Polytechnic College, Tirunelveli, spoke on Polytechnic College Libraries
- Dr. R .R. Saravana Kumar, Librarian, Sadakuthullah Appa College, Tirunelveli, spoke on Arts College Libraries
- by Dr. S. Dhanavandhan, Deputy Librarian, CUTN,Thiruvavur, spoke on University Libraries
- Dr.A.Muthukrishnan, Librarian (Rtd), DCL, Tirunelveli, spoke on Public Libraries
- Mrs. R. Priya, Librarian , the Indian Public School, Madurai, spoke on School Libraries

VALEDICTORY FUNCTION

The valedictory function of the conference was held on 21st January 2023 at 4.00.p.m. Dr. Major T. Magudeeswaran, General Secretary, SALIS and Librarian, Chikkaiah Naicker College, Erode, welcomed the gathering and introduced the dignitaries.

Dr. E. Sugirtha Kumar, Rapporteur General and Librarian, Sarah Tucker College, Tirunelveli presented the conference report.

Dr. C. Martin Arokiyasamy, Librarian, St. Xavier's College, delivered the felicitation address.

Dr. K. Karunai Raghavan, Librarian, National Engineering College, Kovilpatti and Dr. J. Dominic, Librarian (Rtd.), Karunya University, presented the awards for the Best conference Papers.

Rev. Fr. Dr. D. Thomas Alexander SJ Principal, St. Xavier's College of Education, Palayamkottai delivered the presidential address.

Mr. S. Gokul, IAS, Assistant Collector (Training) Tirunelveli district delivered the valedictory address. He highlighted the UNO Sustainable Development Goals and Self Reliant Learning in Libraries for the development of Students and academic community.

Dr. T. Raja, Organizing Secretary, Librarian, St. Xavier's College of Education, Palayamkottai proposed the vote of thanks.

The valedictory function came to an end with the National Anthem.



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Programme Schedule

Inaugural Function (20th January 2023 @ 10am)

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| 10. 00 a.m. | Prayer & Tamilthai Vazhthu
Lighting Kuthu Vilakku |
| 10.05 a.m. | Welcome Address
Rev. Fr. A. Loyola S.J.
Director of Fr. Utarid Library, SXCE |
| 10.10 a.m. | About the Conference
Dr. K. Vinitha
Conference Director & Librarian, St. Mary's College, Thoothukudi |
| 10.15 a.m. | About SALIS
Dr. A. M. Venkatachalam
President SALIS & Director (Library) KSR College of Technology, Tiruchengode |
| 10.20 a.m. | Guest of Honour
Dr. S. Thanuskodi
Professor & Head, DLIS, Alagappa University, Karaikudi

Thiru. L. Meenatchi Sundaram
District Library Officer, Tirunelveli District |
| 10.30 a.m. | Felicitations
Dr. P. Balasubramanian
University Librarian & Head, M. S. University, Tirunelveli

Rev. Fr. S. Maria Singarayar SJ
Secretary, SXCE

Rev. Dr. D. Thomas Alexander SJ
Principal, SXCE |
| 10.45 a.m. | Honouring the Chief Guest
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Releasing the Souvenir & Proceedings |
| 10.50 a.m. | Keynote Address
Dr. K. Elavazhagan
Librarian & Chief Knowledge Officer
Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Tiruchirapalli |
| 11.00 a.m. | Presidential Address
Rev. Dr. V. Henry Jerome SJ
Rector, St. Xavier's Institutions, Palayamkottai |
| 11. 10 a.m. | Inaugural Address
Honourable M. Appavu
Speaker, Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly
Government of Tamil Nadu |
| 11.30 a.m. | Vote of Thanks
Dr. T. Raja, Librarian & Organizing Secretary, NCETSDL 2023, SXCE |



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Valedictory Function

Valedictory Function	Day II	Saturday	21 JANUARY 2023
03.30 p.m.	Prayer		
03.35 p.m.	Welcome Address Dr. Major. T. Magudeeswaran General Secretary, SALIS & Librarian, Chikkaiah Naicker College, Erode		
03.40 p.m.	Conference Report Dr. K.S. Sivakumaran , Librarian, MIT, Anna University, Chennai Rapporteur General		
03.45 p.m.	Felicitations Dr. C. Martin Arockiasamy Librarian, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Palayamkottai		
03.50 p.m.	Awards for Best Papers Dr. K. Karunai Raghavan , Librarian, NEC, Kovilpatti Awards for Best Paper Presentation Dr. J. Dominic , Librarian (Rtd), Karunya ITS, CBE		
03.55 p.m.	Feedback by Participants		
04.05 p.m.	Presidential Address Rev. Dr. D. Thomas Alexander SJ Principal, SXCE		
04.15 p.m.	Valedictory Address Thiru. S. Gokul I.A.S Assistant Collector (Training) Tirunelveli		
04.35 p.m.	Vote of Thanks Dr. T. Raja , Organizing Secretary & Librarian, SXCE		
04.40 p.m.	National Anthem		