

A report on the National Seminar on "Dynamic Information Landscape and Its Impact on Libraries, LIS Education, and Information Professionals"

Organised by Department of Library & Information Science,
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The Department of Library and Information Science, Rabindra Bharati University, organised a daylong national seminar on 20th March 2024. The seminar aimed to explore the dynamic nature of the information landscape and its implications for libraries, LIS education, and information professionals.

Key Figures and Organizers:

Convener & Organizing Secretary: Dr. Snigdha Naskar

Seminar Director & Head of the Department: Dr. Ziaur Rahman

Seminar Advisor: Dr. Sudip Ranjan Hatua

Keynote Speaker: Professor Udayan Bhattacharya, Head of DLIS, Jadavpur University, delivered the

keynote address, offering valuable insights into the evolving information landscape.

Plenary Session:

The plenary session was featured with renowned speakers: Professor Sumeer Gul, Head of DLIS, University of Kashmir & Professor Babita Jaiswal, DLIS, Lucknow University. The plenary session was chaired by Professor Parthasarathi Mukhopadhyay, DLIS, Kalyani University. The plenary session provided a platform for in-depth discussions on the seminar theme.

Business sessions:

The seminar adopted a hybrid mode, combining two offline technical sessions with three online parallel technical sessions for participants' paper presentations. Despite challenges, the seminar attracted substantial participation. 44 papers were scheduled for presentation, out of which 38 were successfully presented. 98 participants attended the offline sessions, while 73 were participated online, demonstrating inclusive approach and reach of the seminar. The participants were not only from across the country but also from outside like Dubai, Saudi Arabia, etc. The said five business sessions were chaired and enriched by professors from University of Calcutta, Vidyasagar University, Jadavpur University and Netaji Subhas Open University. The seminar ended with certificate distribution and formal valedictory.

Conclusion:

The seminar highlighted the need for information professionals to adapt to the rapidly changing information landscape. It emphasized the importance of continuous learning and innovative approaches in library and information science education. The seminar was a resounding success, fostering meaningful discussions and collaborations among participants from various academic and professional backgrounds. It contributed significantly to the ongoing discourse on the impact of dynamic information landscapes on libraries, LIS education, and information professionals.

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