Report on UGC Sponsored One day State Level Seminar on
Accessing Resource: New Avenues In Explorative Methodologies

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The UGC sponsored State Level Seminar, ideated by Dr T. M. J. Indra Mohan, Chair, Liberal Arts, supported by Rev. Fr A. M. Francis Jayapathy S J, Rector, encouraged by Rev. Dr M. Albert William SJ, Secretary, continuously monitored & advised by Rev. Dr G. Joseph Antony Samy S J, Principal, was meticulously planned by Rev. Dr S. Lazar, Library Director & methodically executed by Dr K. T. Dilli, Librarian with the ex-officio Samaritan support from Dr A Devaraj, Professor, Graduate Program, English. The entire administrative staff of the Loyola Central Library under the humane leadership of the Assistant Librarian, Dr M. Parthiban actively participated in realizing the Seminar a 100% successful one.

As the Pre-Seminar initiative, the brochure was sent to various libraries of Tamilnadu state through post as well as e-mail. The Seminar invitation had been sent to all the registered delegates. 130 delegates registered and actively participated in this Seminar. No registration fee was collected. Kit (Folder, Pen, and Scribbling pad) was provided to all the registered delegates and special invitees.

The registration started at 9:20 a.m. at Lawrence Sundaram Hall with 130 Librarians from across the state, hailing from Arts & Science Colleges, Professional Colleges, Universities and Research Institutes. The seminar started with invocation at 10 a.m. The dignitaries on the stage lit the kuthuvilakku. Dr M. Parthiban, Assistant Librarian, welcomed the gathering. The dignitaries were honoured with a memento (books). Dr K. T. Dilli, the Chief Librarian, spelt out the dynamics of the seminar. He said that the seminar was aiming at focusing the access in a simple and cost effective way with reachability for all in accessibility by throwing open further doors of knowledge repertoire in order to make this generation of learners and inquisitive readers to a new domain where nothing is scarce or wanting. Rev. Fr A. M. Francis Jayapathy, Rector, recalled his days at different institutions where the library was the center of activities. He insisted on the students, scholars & teachers updating their knowledge by acquiring new scholarship from libraries. Rev. Dr M. Albert William, Secretary, narrated his experience abroad where earlier everybody used to read books, but now, under the influence of the changed technology, mobile holds the sway, he observed. Rev. Dr G. Joseph Antony Samy, Principal, used a simile comparing the church & the library, and likened the librarian to the priest. The Chief Guest, Dr M. Saibaba, Associate Director, Resource Management Group, IGCAR, Kalpakkam, in his keynote address, Changing Phase in Access to Resources: Challenge & Opportunities, laid a strong emphasis on the importance of digitizing the local collections. He etched the character of the new millennial generation which is web savvy. In the changing
dynamics of the information collection, transfer and retrieval, he highlighted the challenges to the libraries and librarians. The highlight of his presentation was the requirement of **Semantic Digital Libraries adding contextual meaning to the search** by capturing the wisdom of the crowds. He exhorted the librarians to move from cooperation to collaboration (cloud). He wanted the idea of library to shift its focus from storage area to people’s space. He ended his speech by recalling the 5 laws of library science as given by Dr S. R. Ranganathan. **Rev. Dr S. Lazar**, Library Director thanked the Chief Guest & the audience.

After the Tea Break, the participants assembled at 11:25 a.m. for the I Technical Session by Mr **K. Hariharan**, the Librarian, Vivekananda College, Chennai, on **Accessing Resources in Users’ Perspective: Problems & Solutions**. His presentation highlighted the needs of the users and their rights in accessing the libraries. He listed out some of the initiatives to be taken by the Librarian and the management in providing an impartial service to the user. It was followed by II Technical Session by Dr **A. Hariharan**, Head, Knowledge Resource Division, CSIR – SERC, Chennai, on **Explorative Methodology in Identifying & Storing Unique Resources: Technical Perspective**. He highlighted on the various cost effective need based gadgets available for the Library professionals to support the user service.

When the participants reassembled after a sumptuous lunch at 2:45 p.m., Mr **Ramkumar Ramamoorthy**, the Senior Vice President, Corporate Marketing Research & Communications, CTS, Chennai, spoke on **Balancing the Ever Growing Needs & the Availability of Resources**. He outlined the importance of the librarian as an enabler, guide or facilitator, and not the custodian of resources or knowledge. The IV Technical Session was a Demo Session by Mr **Prem Anand** from USIS & Mr **Roby Mathew** from EBSCO. **Rev. Fr Anand Amaladass S. J**, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy delivered the valedictory address. He mentioned the role of memory power which existed before print media and advised the Librarians to develop their reading habit to serve the users in an effective way. **Rev. Dr S. Lazar**, Library Director proposed the vote of thanks by acknowledging the supportive roles played by the management, staff, delegates and sponsors. The participants after giving out their formal feed-back received their participation certificates. The seminar came to an end with snacks and tea at 5 p.m.

**Dr K. T. Dilli**  
Organising Secretary

**Rev. Dr S. Lazar, S.J.**  
Library Director
Registration

Delegates

Dignitaries

Honouring the Dignitaries

Dynamics of Seminar

Chief Guest Address

Resource Person

Resource Person

Resource Person

Valedictory Address