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CALIBER - 2007

Gen. (Retd.) S F Rodrigues, Governor of Punjab and Administrator, Union Territory of Chandigarh is releasing CALIBER-2007 proceedings. Also seen in the picture are Sh. Manoj Kumar K (Acting Director, INFLIBNET), Prof. R C Sobti, VC, PU, Dr. V K Anand (Organising Secretary), Prof. S K Kulkarni (Dean, PU) and Sh. Prem Chand (Scientist-C, INFLIBNET)

DIRECTOR'S DESK

For the Information professionals, the new year began with a lot of hopes from INFLIBNET in the changing economic scenario. The Centre geared up itself with adequate preparations for the International Convention CALIBER 2007 which was held in Panjab University, Chandigarh and proved to be a grand success. In this Convention, a new experiment with Chairman, National Knowledge Commission, Dr. Sam Pitroda, who gave a live talk through video-conferencing from US, was a unique experience for all the library professionals to interact with him on the eve of submission of the recommendations of NKC to the Hon'ble Prime Minister for revamping the Library and Information Sector in the country.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the eminent speakers and delegates who were kind enough to travel to Chandigarh from every nook and corner of the country and abroad to participate in the Convention for sharing their experiences. More details are included in this issue. It was right time to review the existing services and introduce innovative programs for the XI Plan period. Emphasis was laid on digitization of theses, Database development, expansion of E-journal consortium to cover more universities and colleges, adding of more e-resources, massive awareness programmes, library automation, implementation of the college model, associate membership etc while preparing the XI Plan document. SOUL, the Library Management Software, has reached over 1300 institutions with more academic institutions showing interest to go for library automation using SOUL at the end of financial year. In the month of February 2007, Estimate Committee of Lok Sabha visited the Centre on a study tour.

On retirement of Shri S M Salgar, Scientist-G, I had to take charge as Acting Director again on 1st Feb 2007. I hope that with your instinct support and encouragement, the Centre will continue marching on the path of progress and realizing its objectives in the year 2007.

Manoj Kumar K.



Participants of 56th Training Programme on Installation and Operation of SOUL Software, held during 26th February to 2nd March, 2007



Participants of 57th Training Programme on Installation and Operation of SOUL Software, held during 19th to 23rd March, 2007



The Estimate committee of the Lok Sabha, visited the INFLIBNET Centre on study tour on 12th February, 2007



Dr. T R Kem, Secretary UGC along with Chairman, Estimate Committee, Lok Sabha during the visit of the Committee to INFLIBNET Centre



Sh. S.M. Salgar, Acting Director of the Centre hoisting the National Flag at the centre during the 58th Republic day of the country. Shri Manoj Kumar K, Sh. Shyam Yadav and Sh. D.P. Negi also seen in the picture.

CALIBER 2007 Report

The fourteenth in the series and 5th International CALIBER 2007 (Convention on Automation of Libraries in Education and Research Institutions) convention was organized this year in collaboration with Panjab University, Chandigarh during February 8-10, 2007. The theme was "Information and Knowledge Management in Networked World"

Tutorial

Mr. Yatrik Patel, Scientist-B (CS) INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad, presented a pre-conference tutorial on "Building Digital Library using Open Source Software – DSpace". Around 80 delegates attended this tutorial and it was held during 9 AM – 10.50 AM on February 8, 2007.

Inauguration

Inaugural function of CALIBER – 2007 was held at the Panjab University auditorium on 8th February 2007 at 11.00 AM. 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 appreciated the role of INFLIBNET Centre in providing elbow support to university libraries throughout India.

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 and the library and information services must be based on feedback from users. 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 Steering Committee Chairman of CALIBER-2007, briefed about the convention - its theme and sub themes. 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. 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.

Technical Sessions

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, DLIS, Mysore University and Director, International School of Information Management, Mysore, chaired the session.

Following were the sub-themes of the convention

1. Digital Libraries
2. Information and Knowledge Management
3. Innovations in Information and Communication Technology(ICT)
4. Towards Virtual Libraries

In all, there were 8 technical sessions which were chaired respectively by Dr. P V Konnour, Dr. Devindar Kaur, Prof. Pravakar Rath, Mrs. Predepa Wijetunge, Dr. M K Bandi, Dr. S Majumdar, Dr. Ranjana Vohra and Prof. Jagtar Singh.

Mr. Ranjan K Barik, Mr. Vinod Garg, Mr. Rupak Chakravarty, Mr. M Maltesh, Mr. Umesh Naik, Mr. H G Hosamani, Mr. Rajesh Singh, Dr. Ashwini Tiwari, Mr. P Venkata Rao, Dr. Amar Nath, Dr. Payare Lal, Dr. Promila, Ms. Meena Jatana and Mr. Ajay Patil served as rapporteur for these technical sessions.

Three theme papers were presented by Prof. Salini Urs, Ms. Kalpana Dasgupta, Dr. A R D Prasad respectively, where as the fourth theme paper could not be presented because of the non availability of Dr. Muttayya Kognuramath.

Springer, Oxford University Press, Nature, ProQuest, INSPEC, Wolters Kluwer Health, Emerald, ACS, Elsevier, GIST and Taylor & Francis has kindly sponsored the convention and demonstrated their products between the sessions.

During the three days of the convention CALIBER Updates were brought out by the team consists of Prof. Jagtar Singh, Editor-in-Chief and Editors were Dr. Ashu Shokeen, Dr. Preeti Mahajan, Dr Trishanjit Kaur, Mr. H G Hosamani and Mr. Suresh K Chauhan

Dr. Ravi Gaddagimath, Librarian, Gulbarga University was the Conference Director and Prof. S L Sangam, DLIS, Karnatak University, Dharwad was the Rapporteur General for the "Technical Sessions" of the convention. Mr. K Prakash, Joint Convener, CALIBER-2007 and Scientific/Technical Officer, INFLIBNET acted as Conference Associate Director and Mr. H G Hosamani, Scientist B, INFLIBNET was the Conference Associate Rapporteur.

Valedictory Session

Mr. Randeep Singh Surjewala, Hon'ble Minister of Transport and Parliamentary Affairs, Govt. of Haryana was the Chief

Guest of the valedictory function. Prof. R. C. Sobti, Vice Chancellor, Panjab University Chandigarh, presided over the function. Dr. Ravi Gaddagimath, Director of the Convention shared his perception about the deliberation and proceeding of CALIBER-2007. Prof. S.L. Sangam presented comprehensive report of the Convention as well as 13 resolution adopted at the Convention Mr. Surjewala appreciated the resolution adopted by the Convention delegates and hoped that CALIBER-2007 would have been a rich learning experience for everyone. Prof. Sobti, in his presidential address thanked the INFLIBNET team for choosing Panjab University as a venue for the CALIBER-2007 and announced that in future also would love to host many more such Conferences. Mr. Prem Chand thanked the local organizers, Director of the convention, Rapporteur General, chairpersons and reporters of various technical sessions, authors, presenters, delegates and sponsors for their contribution and support. Besides Mr. Prem Chand, INFLIBNET Centre was represented by Mr. K. Prakash Joint Convener of CALIBER-2007. CALIBER Mementos were presented to the local organizers and foreign delegates. Dr. V K Anand, Organising Secretary and University Librarian, A C Joshi Library, Panjab University Chandigarh proposed the vote of thanks and Mrs. Jaspal Kaur demeanor the stage.

A colourful cultural evening of folk dance and music of Punjab was organized on February 8th evening. Prof. R C Sobti, Vice Chancellor of the university hosted the dinner for the delegates.

Dr. Sam Pitroda addressed during CALIBER -2007: A Report

The delegates of the CALIBER-2007 were indeed enthralled by an interactive Video Conference Session held on the 9th February evening. Mr. Sam Pitroda, Chairman, National Knowledge Commission (NKC) firstly addressed the delegates from Chicago and later on interacted with audience. In the beginning, he told about the mandate of the National Knowledge Commission and its composition as well. He further explained that the work of the Commission has been organized around five facets of the knowledge paradigm, i.e. Access to Knowledge, Knowledge Concepts, Creation of Knowledge, Knowledge Applications and Delivery of Services.

He underlined that access to knowledge is a prime concern of the Commission. Literacy, libraries, translation, language and knowledge networking are major areas of interest under this category. Knowledge sharing via networking must be order of the day. Under the 'Knowledge Concepts', overhauling of Indian education system is conceived by the Commission. School education, vocational education, open and distance education, professional education, i.e. medical education, legal education, management education and engineering education are thrust areas of this facet. The 'Creation of Knowledge' facet deals with intellectual property rights, innovation and development of science and technology for socio-economic development of the nation. The 'Knowledge Application' focuses upon agriculture and traditional knowledge. He said that just like telecommunication revolution in India, the benefit of the NKC would be visible during the next decade. There is strong need for diversity and holistic approach to the

emerging challenges in the 21st century. But diversity does not mean disagreement every time. Equity, diversity and flexibility can go a long way to ameliorate the Indian economy.

Under the 'Delivery of Services' aspect he explained the need for e-governance by making effective use of the ICT. With the help of the ICT, we can reach the people at the periphery. He also explained the modus operandi of the Commission. He told that a three page letter has been sent to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. Then, there is a plan to discuss with the PMO Office, the implementation of the recommendations made by the Commission. During the third phase, discussions would be held with the Planning Commission and the concerned Ministries. He said that he is deeply committed to the development and use of the library and information infrastructure in India. He advised the delegates that they must make the cause of Library development in India a movement. He asked for quality feedback and suggestions on the recommendations made with respect to 'Access to Knowledge' aspect of the recommendations.

He shared his perceptions with the audience that people have tendency to resist change and majority of people want status quo. That attitude needs to be changed. Decisions are required to be made at the top to extend the benefits of knowledge services to the info-poor. These must be extended to the grassroots. Education, healthcare and sanitation must be the top priorities for us.

Public libraries in India have a pivotal role to play by serving as local gateways to knowledge. Community participation must be the backbone of the knowledge economy. A local library can not be managed from a remote place. Local community is required to take active interest in the development of public libraries. There is an urgent need for digitization of resources and than linking these resources through the proposed 5,000 nodes. He said 30,000 villages have fiber networking and access is now possible to the rural communities. Most important thing is the decision about what is to be digitized and how fast it is to be digitized. We must also learn to learn and adapt to the changing environment. We must rise above narrow political considerations and broaden our vision. Instead of focusing on personal benefits, we must focus upon public good. He recalled his sweet memories of his visits to Chandigarh, the city beautiful. Dr. S Majumdar, Librarian, University of Delhi enquired about the model to be followed for the National Commission on Libraries. Sam said we are not going to follow the USA model, but we are open to the best practices of any model. Dr. Ravi Gaddagimath, Director CALIBER – 2007 asked about the linkage between the recommendation of the Kothari Commission and the National Knowledge Commission. Sam said the vision and recommendation of the Kothari Commission are still valid. Dr. Jagtar Singh, Professor, DLIS, Punjabi University, Patiala asked about the ways to bridge the gap between the info-rich and info-poor. Sam told that by identifying with the local communities and using the existing infrastructure we can do a lot. If telecommunication revolution is an indicator, the recommendation of NKC would certainly facilitate digital inclusion in the near future.

Mr. Manoj Kumar K, Acting Director, INFLIBNET Centre also interacted with Sam from Ahmedabad through teleconferencing. This interactive video conference was really a rich learning experience for all. The delegates were able to

witness the power of ICTs to facilitate information communication and knowledge sharing, transcending traditional constraints of space and time. Towards the end, Dr. Ravi Gaddagimath, Conference Director and Dr V K Anand, Organising Secretary thanked Sam for sparing his valuable time for the conference delegates. (This special report prepared by Prof. Jagtar Singh, Punjabi University, Patiala).

SOUL News

SOUL software has been installed at 1342 institutions till April 2007.

Sr. No.	State	No.
1	Andhra Pradesh	82
2	Colleges at Andhra Pradesh	101
3	Arunchal Pradesh	01
4	Assam	48
5	Bihar	09
6	Chandigarh	47
7	Chhattisgarh	08
8	Daman	02
9	Delhi	15
10	Goa	01
11	Gujarat	294
12	Haryana	15
13	Himachal Pradesh	11
14	Jammu & Kashmir	09
15	Jammu & Kashmir (Special Programme)	30
16	Jharkhand	02
17	Karnataka	25
18	Kerala	89
19	Madhya Pradesh	23
20	A-Commissioner of Higher Education (Madhya Pradesh)	91
21	Maharashtra	206
22	Manipur	04
23	Meghalaya	01
24	Mizoram	05
25	Nagaland	04
26	Nepal	02
27	North - Eastern Region (Special Programme)	49
28	Orissa	06
29	Pondicherry	02
30	Punjab	22
31	Rajasthan	33
32	Tamil Nadu	22
33	Uttar Pradesh	28
34	Uttaranchal	11
35	West Bengal	44
Total		1342

56th SOUL Training Programme was held during 26th February to 2nd March 2007 at INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad. 19 participants attended the programme from

across the Country. The programme was inaugurated by Sh. Manoj Kumar K, Acting Director, INFLIBNET Centre.

57th SOUL Training Programme was held during 19th to 23rd March 2007 at INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad. Twenty Participants attended the programme from across the Country. The programme was inaugurated by Smt. Geeta Gadhvi, In-Charge, Dept. of Lib. Inf. Science, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad. Technical Staff of the INFLIBNET were the faculty members for both the programmes. Sh C K Shah, Administrative Officer of the Centre served as the Course Coordinator for these training programmes.

News from the Divisions

UGC-Infonet

UGC-Infonet is an ambitious programme of University Grants Commission (UGC) for setting up nationwide high-speed communication network for Indian universities having 12B/12F status. Under this initiative, 149 universities have provided with the high-speed Internet connectivity through various mode of connectivity ranging from 256 Kbps to 2 Mbps raw. UGC-Infonet programme is successfully moving in to the next leap. The UGC has constituted a national level committee named Central Connectivity Monitoring Committee (CCMC) for smooth execution of this programme which is meeting regularly to discuss the issues related to the programme and releasing the guidelines to UGC and INFLIBNET for the process. Recently the committee met in Delhi and discussed the issues like Bandwidth enhancement, B/W subscription charges, Anti-Virus protection, additional connections etc.

As per the recommendations of the CCMC, the UGC had changed the pattern of funding to the UGC-Infonet Project since year 2005-06. In the new mode of payment the INFLIBNET Centre will be provided with the grants on behalf of the universities and the individual funding which earlier used to be provided to the universities individually was stopped. The centre is releasing payment after receiving of consolidated invoice for Bandwidth subscription charges from ERNET India, New Delhi and getting bandwidth certificate dully filled-in and signed by the Registrar and UGC-Infonet Contact person in prescribed format from the respective universities. The format of the certificate is available at http://web.inflibnet.ac.in/UGC-InfoNet/files/BW_format.pdf for download.

The Centre has already released the payment to ERNET India on behalf of the universities, who have submitted the bandwidth utilization certificates for the period of April-September 2006 and October 2006 to March 2007. In absence of the certificate, the Centre may not able to process the payment on behalf of the respective universities. Therefore, the universities are urged to provide the bandwidth utilization certificates to the INFLIBNET Centre on half yearly basis regularly so that there would not be any disruption in the network services.

The Centre has also lunched the new site for UGC-Infonet for providing updated information to the users. You may visit the site at <http://web.inflibnet.ac.in/UGC-InfoNet/> For any further query and information you may please contact to

Sh. Manoj Kumar K, Acting Director and Sh. S K Sharma, Scientist-B(CS), INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad.

Database Update

INFLIBNET Centre has been developing union databases of different type of materials. Ninety Eight Universities have contributed bibliographic records of Books of their library holdings, which has been merged into union catalogue. Following table depicts the number of records.

Sl.No	Database	Number of Records
1	Books	80,00,000
2	Theses	1,75,000
3	Current Serials	12,000
4	Serials Holdings	14,500
5	Experts	15,500
6	Research Projects	10,000

UGC-Infonet E-Journals Digital Consortium

UGC-Infonet e-Journals Consortium is offering access to 4450 Scholarly journals and Eight databases successfully for the last three years. Two portal services as well as Science Online have been discontinued. Now Science Online is available through JSTOR. The committee has met in UGC, Delhi to consider J-gate, Ingenta, Ebsco, Proquest, portals for colleges also. Colleges will be selected by the UGC based on the defined criteria such as Computers, Network and Internet facility etc.

Staff News

BIS Meeting

Sh. Rajesh Chandrakar, Scientific/Technical Officer - I of the Centre attended the 10th Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) Meeting of Documentation and Information Sectional Committee, MSD 5 held at Manak Bhavan on 16th March 2007. Sh. Chandrakar also attended the 5th Meeting of Panel to review Indian Standards Published by MSD 5/P-6 on 15th March 2007 being a member of the panel. Sh. Manoj Kumar K, Acting Director of the Centre has been adopted by the MSD 5 Committee as a Principal Member from the INFLIBNET Centre in the place of Dr. T A V Murthy, Ex-Director of the Centre. The BIS Committee MSD 5 has also nominated Sh. Rajesh Chandrakar as member of the Panel on Content Analysis, MSD 5/P-10.

Farewell to Sh. S M Salgar

Sh. S M Salgar has relinquished the service after superannuation. INFLIBNET Staff and Academic Community gave him a farewell ceremony on 31st January 2007. Sh. S M Salgar wished all the staff members and INFLIBNET to reach a greater height in serving the academic community. Sh. Manoj Kumar K, Scientist-D, Sh. S K Sharma, Scientist-B and Sh. H G Hosamani, Scientist-B also spoke on this occasion. Sh D P Negi, Administrative Officer managed the stage. Sh. Manoj



Kumar K has took over the charge of Acting Director once again. INFLIBNET staff welcome him to this interim position.

Sh. S M Salgar, Scientist-G after serving more than 15 years relinquished the service after attaining the superannuation at the age of 60 on 31st January 2007. He was serving as Acting Director from 27th November 2007 to till date. He was the senior most scientist working with the Centre, since its inception. During his tenure he has involved in taking several policy making decisions. He had M.Tech. from IIT - Roorkee (erstwhile University of Roorkee) was a communication engineer by profession. Before joining this Centre he was working with Space Application Centre, ISRO, Ahmedabad. During his tenure in ISRO he has guided many projects related to satellite communication. At INFLIBNET he was heading both the library and computer divisions. He has successfully organised series of conventions which is the popular platform where it brings library and other professional together. Sh. Salgar was a guide, philosopher and well wisher to all the staff in the Centre. His support, guidance and expertise in all the activities of the Centre in achieving its objectives are immeasurable. INFLIBNET Staff and all the academic community wishes him all the best in a long, healthy and enjoyable retirement.

Sh. B Ramesh after serving about 11 years in the Centre resigned from service in December 2006 due to his personal reasons. He was working with the Centre as Scientist-B (CS). He has B.E. degree in Computer Science and was heading the Web development group. He was responsible for managing INFLIBNET website and has successfully organised workshops on website development and CALIBER 2006. INFLIBNET Staff wishes Best of Luck to Sh. B Ramesh for his future endeavors.



Congratulations

Sh. Shashikant F. Vanikar working with INFLIBNET Centre as Office Assistant - II has secured First Prize for his essay titled as "The Quality of a Family Physician" organised by "The Federation of Family. Physicians' Associations of India, Chinchpokli, Mumbai on February 05, 2007. Currently he is pursuing his PhD in Tourism from Gujarat University, Ahmedabad. All the staff members of the Centre congratulate him for his achievement.



Welcome to New Council Members

Dr. Kamlakar Singh started his professional career as Assistant Professor of Zoology in a Govt. Postgraduate Girls College in Rewa. Dr. Singh appointed as Assistant Registrar in Bhopal University under State University Service by Public Service Commission of Madhya Pradesh in the year 1985 and completed his Doctoral Degree in 1987. Dr. Singh was selected for visiting fellowship-training program of the UNESCO, at International Institute of Education Planning, Paris, France. In June 1995, Dr. Singh was selected as Joint Secretary & Head, University Grants Commission, Central Regional Office Bhopal. He also served



as Registrar of Barkatullah University Bhopal and Additional Secretary of Department of Higher Education & Tourism of Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal. Dr. Kamlakar Singh Joined the M.P. Bhoj (Open) University, Bhopal on 21st February 2005 as a Vice Chancellor, where under his charismatic leadership the University got connected with EDUSAT through ISRO. He actively participated in many International Conferences.

Prof. A Balasubramaniam is the Director of Educational Multi Media Research Centre (EMMRC) of UGC & Professor of Geology, University of Mysore. He is also the Founder Director of Centre for Information Science and Technology, University of Mysore. He has done his Ph.D from James Cook University, Queensland, Australia. He has guided more than 13 Ph.D students and Published 2 Books and 92 Articles in National and International Journals. He is the recipient of Praja Ratna award for outstanding work in extension of ICT in Mysore. He is Chairman of many Committees. He was also visiting Professor, Karnatak University, Dharwad and Member of various National and International Committees. His areas of interests are Remote Sensing, Hydrogeology, Groundwater Modeling.



Welcome to New GB Members

Prof. Naresh Dadhich, Director of the Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA), Prof. Dadhich completed his Doctoral Research from Pune University in General Relativity under the guidance of Prof. V.V. Narlikar, Ex-Director of IUCAA. Prof. Dadhich joined the faculty of Mathematics, Pune University in 1971 and left in 1988 when he was invited to draft the project report for Inter University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA). In building up IUCAA he has been involved with Prof. Jayant Narlikar right from the conception of the dream of creating a world-class institute for the university scientists. Presently, Dr. Dadhich is serving the IUCAA as a Director since July 2003. Gravitation and Relativistic Astrophysics are the main areas of the research for Prof. Dadhich and he has published over 100 papers in international front rank journals in collaboration with many students and colleagues. He has visited several universities and institutes all over the globe. Prof. Dadhich has been elected to the Council of the International Relativity Society and nominated as Honorary Research Professor by the University of Natal, Durban, South Africa.



Prof. Rajeev Sangal is the Director of the International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), Hyderabad. He holds BTech(Elec.) from IIT Kanpur, and MS and Ph.D in Computer and Information Science from the University of Pennsylvania. Besides heading a new university, he also leads the largest academic centre on language technology in India, located at IIIT Hyderabad. His team is working on machine translation systems from English to Indian languages. His work on machine learning combines statistical methods with linguistics structures for the processing of language. He has authored 3 books, and a



large number of research papers in NLP and AI. He is the President of NLP Association of India, and a member of the editorial board of Computational Linguistics, journal of ACL. He has also developed and successfully implemented a radical new curriculum in Computer Science and Engg., and Electronics and Communications that promotes research and project work starting from an early stage in the undergraduate level.

Republic Day Celebration

INFLIBNET Centre celebrated 58th Republic Day on Friday January 26th 2007. Shri. S M Salgar, Acting Director hoisted national flag. All the staff members of the centre with their family members were present on the occasion.

Conference Announcements

World Library and Information Congress: 73rd IFLA General Conference and Council on "Libraries for the future: Progress, Development and Partnerships" during 19-23 August 2007 at Durban, South Africa. For more information visit <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla73/index.htm>

IATLIS National Conference – 2007 on "Equity of LIS education in IT-based pedagogical environment of the knowledge society" will be held during 2nd week of November 2007 at Karnatak University, Dharwad, More information can be had from Dr. C.R. Karisiddappa, President, IATLIS or Dr. B.D. Kumbar, Secretary, IATLIS, Dept of LIS, Karnatak University, Dharwad – 580003. Tel. 836-2215260, 2742291

XXVI All India IASLIC Conference 2007 on "Digital Media and Library & Information Services" will be held during December 26-29, 2007 at Jamia Millia Islamia (A Central University), New Delhi. For more information please contact Dr Gayas Mukhdumi, Organising Secretary and University Librarian & Head, Dr Zakir Hussain Library, Jamia Millia Islamia (A Central University), Jamia Nagar, New Delhi – 110 025. Phone : 011-2698 4190 (Direct). 011-2698 8144 Extn 1500

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- Available at low cost
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- Does not need extensive training



The SOUL
Software has
been Installed in
1342 Plus
Institutions across
the Country

The SOUL, state-of-the-art library automation software is designed and developed by the INFLIBNET. It is user-friendly software and works under client-server environment. It is suitable for any library including university and college libraries. It has six modules viz. Acquisition, Cataloguing, Circulation, Serials Control, OPAC and Administration.

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INTERNATIONAL CALIBER - 2007



Prof. Shalini Urs, University of Mysore, delivering the theme paper on Digital Libraries.



Sh. Prem Chand, INFLIBNET presenting a paper on UGC Infonet E-Journals Consortium.



Prof. Ranjana Vohra Chairing the Technical session and also seen in the picture is Dr. Ravi Gaddagimath Conference Director.



Prof. A R D Prasad, DRTC presenting a theme paper on Innovations in Information and Communication Technology



Mrs. Predepa Wijetunge (Sri Lanka) presenting her paper.



Ms. Kalpana Dasgupta, NKC presenting a theme paper on Information and Knowledge Management



Prof. S L Sangam, Rapporteur General presenting the Conference report.



Dr. V K Anand, Organising Secretary, CALIBER-2007 proposing Vote of thanks.

INTERNATIONAL CALIBER - 2007



Gen. (Retd.) S F Rodrigues, Governor of Punjab & Administrator UT of Chandigarh inaugurating the CALIBER-2007 by lighting the lamp.



Inaugural session of the CALIBER-2007



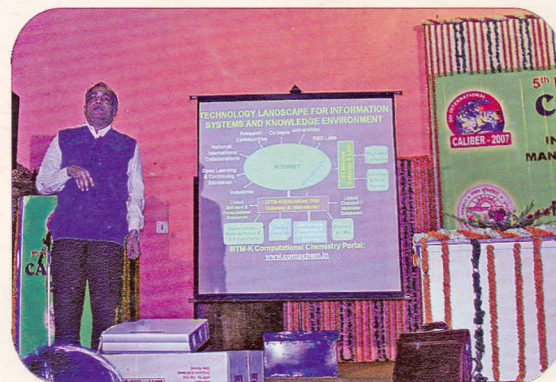
Audience during the inaugural session.



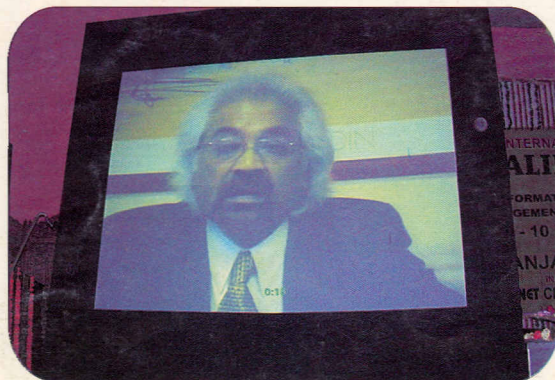
Cultural evening at CALIBER-2007



Sh. Yatrik Patel (INFLIBNET) presenting Dspace Tutorial



Prof. K R Srivatsan, Director-IIITMK, delivering the Keynote address.



Dr. Sam Pitroda, Chairman, National Knowledge Commission addressing the delegates from Chicago through Video Conferencing



Mr. Randip Singh Surjewala, Hon'ble Minister of Transport and Parliament Affairs, Govt of Haryana was the Chief Guest of the concluding session. Prof. R C Sobti, VC, PU also seen in the picture. .