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Presently working as Librarian (University-Librarian) at Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Mohali .Prior to that she was with Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Dept. of Agricultural Research and Education, Min. of Agriculture, New Delhi for about 17 years .

Posses around 24 years of experience in various capacities in the field of Library and Information Science at different Institutes of ICAR across India. Before joining IISER Mohali in 2011 she was handling two libraries of ICAR (H.Qs Library at Krishi Bhavan and Indian Agricultural Statistical Research Institute (IASRI), PUSA campus, New Delhi) simultaneously as Chief Librarian and Head of Library Information System respectively and also handling two World Bank National, Multicrore, Mega Projects simultaneously.

Having PhD in Library and Information Science with dual post graduate Degrees in Computer Science as well as in Library & Information Science, published 60 Papers, edited 10 Books and 02 Journals in LIS. Compiled Bibliography on "Indian Ocean": 1970-1995, Compendium on IASRI Publications 1990-2000, and Annotated Bibliography on IISER Mohali Research publication 2007-12. Analyzed and Prepared Report on Research Output of all five IISERS and also analyzed research out put in Chemistry separately submitted to the Directors of IISERs.

Guided on PhD, no M.L.I.Sc., of MSc Computer Science and of PGDLAN of IGNOU, IARI, New Delhi, Global Open University, Nagaland . Evaluated the thesis of two years postgraduate Programme in Library Information Science being conducted by NISCAIR, CSIR. Delivered many talks at various Institutes in workshops, Conferences and training programmes as Resource Person to the professionals as well as user Community.

Organized National Conference of AALDI on "National Conference onKnowledge Management in Globalized era" in 2010, National Conference of Agricultural Librarians and User Community on "Agricultural Librarians in the Knowledge Web" in 2011, 11th Annual Meet & Workshop of INDEST-AICTE Consortium in 2015 with IIT Delhi and International conferences on "Dynamics of Library for Excellence in Electronic Revolution" in association with SLA– Asian Chapter in 2017.

She is the Life member of many professional bodies,. Presented papers in many National and International Conferences, organized and attended many workshops, seminars and training to both Library professionals and as well as to user community. Successfully, discharged duties as Chairman as well as an Expert in many screening, selection and promotion Committees in various Institutes across India.

Received one of the most Prestigious awards "Young Information Scientist - 2006 " by Society for Information Science (SIS), "The Best Citizen of India - 2011 " award by The International Publishing House: The world's most leading biographical Specialists and Selected for "Glory of India Award- 2013' by India International Friendship Society.

Handled successfully three national, multi Crore, mega library projects under National Agricultural Technological project (NATP) and National Agricultural Innovative Project (NAIP) under aegies of World bank. Prepared concept notes for these two projects and submitted to the ICAR authorities, which turned into two national mega Project proposals, 1. Strengthening of Digital Library and Information Management under NARS (e-Granth ") (2009-12 extended upto 2014) with objective to develop "WorldCat", Union catalogue of Agricultural libraries in association with OCLC and also to have repository of digital content of Agricultural literature' across India with capacity building of Ag.Library professionals. , 2. consortium of e-Journals in Agriculture (CeRA) (2008-2011, extended upto 2014) e-resources covering to 150 ICAR Libraries and 45 SAUs under National Agricultural Research System (NARS) submitted to the world Bank by ICAR. I am fortunate to be associated with these projects as the CPI , Co-PI, & Institute administrator (Consortium Project investigator) under above two projects successfully.

Got an opportunity to prepare a concept note / project proposal for library component entitled " *Library Resources reflecting National Perspective under AKI - agriculture knowledge Innovation Programme*" under *Agricultural innovative Project (AKI)* (2005) in partnership between National Agricultural Library (NAL) , USA and National Agricultural Library (IARI) , India and it turned out into very fruitful project and ICAR has completed the project successfully.

Keeping in view the emerging technologies in library science ,made a National study in the year 2001 on "Status of 150 ICAR Institutes and 38 State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) and prepared a project proposal based on findings of the study entitled "Strengthening of Libraries and Networking under NARS" (2002-2005) is one of the sub-Projects under ISD Sub Component of O & M , the component of NATP funded by World Bank. After completion of the project again made a national study to know the on Impact of NATP on Indian Agricultural Libraries" submitted the report to the ICAR and world Bank as an output of the project.

During the 24 years of experience apart from regular jobs of library, acquired knowledge in handling internal administration and management of library, Preparing budget Proposals for both Annual and Five year plans, Preparing QRT Reports on Library, Presentation to Accreditation Committee, Institute Research Advisory Committee, Foreign delegates Convene the meeting of different Committees.

Being a Chief Librarian at ICAR and Head, LIS of IASRI, got an opportunity to revamp the entire system of Library (both Physical as well as electronic) at both ICAR and IASRI into fully redesigned, refurnished, automated and computerized system.

Got an great opportunity at IISER Mohali to set up a eight floors library with concept of "Learning Commons" and " Walk-through-Institute" with self designed and styled interior decoration with mixture of knowledge in every corner of the building with Institute

mandate by giving vision / main emphasis on users requirement in IT era, pleasant ambiance, self designed attractive furniture & services, made the readers ecstatic .

As a part of study tour under project visited, worked very closely and got trained by OCLC -Dublin for World Cat, Library of Congress- Washington DC,, National Agricultural Library-Beltsville,USDA, Maryland, USA., Ohio State University- Columbus, Ohio., John Hopkins University- Baltimore., Stanford University - California to attend SITS meeting, DLF Conference at Palo Alto., libraries of New York, Philadelphia,, San Francisco, Chicago etc. Also visited De La Salle University library, Manila, Phillipines; Hong Kong Central library, Hong Kong; Singapore Public library Singapore, Bibliotheca of Nancy and Paris (France) etc.,

Having knowledge on various Library management Soft wares extensively worked on "Alice for Windows" (Commercial) "e-Granthalay" (Free) and "Koha" (open Source) developed online catalogues for IASRI (75,000 records) ICAR H.Q (One lakh records) and IISER Mohali. Applied Lib2.0 technologies, MARC-21, standards, Z35.50 protocols, bar coding in all above libraries.

Digitized and developed "Institutional Repository" of IASRI (Customized Software), ICAR (Dspace-through HCL) and IISER Mohali (Dspace) where we deposited Dissertation, Thesis, Research articles, Reports, PPTS, Press Clippings, Agriculture New clippings, Photo Galaxy, Videos, and many more.

Closely associated with INDEST-AICTE Consortium, e-shodh-sindhu (eSS),and IISER Consortium as a core Institutional member / Coordinator. Working as a member of National Advisory committee of Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) and also Cambridge University Press.

Being a General Secretary of "Association of Agricultural Librarians and Documentalist of Indian (AALDI) 'from 2008-11 ,made the society , revive, vibrant from dormancy since 1973 and made as a strong platform for Agricultural Librarians to discuss on Professional issues for improvement of services in Agricultural Libraries. Taken lead and put an hard work to enable the AALDI to organized three conferences within three years and also worked as Organizing Secretary of two National Conference on Theme "Knowledge management in Globalized era" -held in 2010 Delhi and National Conference of Agricultural Librarians and User Community- 2011 under Theme "Agricultural Librarians in the Knowledge Web" during 24-25 Feb 2011in memorable way bringing the users also into the fold. Prepared and submitted a report on the status of Ag. libraries in india to the Deputy Director General (DDG), Div. of Education, ICAR and sought additional funds to the libraries of NARS for the improvement of e-resources as well as infrastructure. To keep pace with the changing scenario and concept of librarianship , played a role as a part of the team to revive and bring out the 'Indian Journal of Agricultural library and Information service" regularly. Provided consultations to many libraries in ICAR in automation and digitization.

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